

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; in *all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Job 12:7-10 “But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know That *the hand of the LORD has done this*, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?”

Quote: Atheist Michael Ruse wrote, “Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as *an ideology, a secular religion*—a full-fledged alternative to *Christianity*, with meaning and morality.”

The willful blindness of the unregenerate heart is well illustrated by George Wald, the Harvard biochemist who won the Nobel Prize in physiology/medicine in 1967. He said, “When it comes to the origin of life, there are only two possibilities: creation or spontaneous generation. There is not a third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved one hundred years ago, but that leads us to only one other conclusion, that of supernatural creation. We cannot accept that on philosophical grounds; therefore we *choose to believe the impossible*: that life arose spontaneously by chance. One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are, as the result, *I believe*, of spontaneous generation.”

Faith that our world was created by the God of the Bible is not without reason! The universe is too complex and earth too fine-tuned to be the product of blind forces randomly acting upon matter that has always been or that appeared out of nothing. Does the circumstantial evidence in our world point to random chance or reasoned choice, to development by defects or to Divine design? Decide for yourself as you think about some questions for which secularists offer imaginative and sometimes bizarre answers.

What is the origin of information and intelligence?

What is the origin of conscience or morality in humans? What is the origin of amazing instinctive behaviors in honey bees, ants, fresh water eels, spiders, herd/pack animals, mating ‘rituals,’ migration? What is the origin of language *that is unique to humans*? What is the origin of sexual reproduction that requires males and females within every species that reproduces sexually? What is the origin of flight/gliding? What is the origin of metamorphosis? What is the origin of bio sonar in bats, shrews, toothed whales and some birds? What is the origin of hibernation in bears, skunks, chipmunks, bats; and dormancy in some insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles and plants? How could the defense mechanisms of chameleons, skunks, porcupines, spitting cobras, mimic octopi, scorpions, turtles, puffer fish, bombardier beetles, and stonefish come about through genetic mistakes that happen for no purpose? How could the hunting abilities and techniques of angler fish, spiders, poisonous snakes, assassin bugs, pistol shrimp, archer fish, mantis shrimp, dragonfish, electric eels, come about through mutations that are predominantly harmful? How do we explain the amazing structures of beaver, termites, weaver birds, paper wasps, honey bees, and ants to name a few? The evidence for purposeful design is conclusive *for all who have eyes to see!*¹

Hard questions

Of eternal importance are the answers to Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where am I headed after death? Naturalism’s answer is that I am one of many “accidents” that evolved from an unknown common source for no purpose and who will one day cease to exist. The Bible offers purpose and eternal hope to any and all who will read and heed what it says about Jesus Christ as Source, Sustainer, Savior and Sovereign. I am a creation of God,³ the eternal, self-existent Spirit Who is everywhere-present, all-knowing and all-powerful; Who lies outside the bounds of time and space; Whose being defies mankind’s understanding and Who made all things for His own glory.³ As such, I praise God for the gifts of faith, hope and love! What about you?

¹ Hebrews 11:3 ² Psa.139 ³ Ephesians 2:8-9; I Peter 1:3; John 3:16; 13:34