

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: II Timothy 3:14-17 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Quote: If you do not believe that “In the beginning God created...” then what do you believe about the Bible and about God?

During the flight home from a mission trip, I sat beside a retired fish biologist. As we chatted, I asked him if I could pose a two-part question to him. I forewarned him that I was asking this as a Bible teacher who believes in creation. “How do biologists explain adaptation in animals for survival?” “Is adaptation a matter of random chance, an intelligent choice on the part of the animal, or by a design? He replied, “Well that is the question isn’t it? I KNOW adaptation is how it all happened, but how and why, I do not know.”

I have honestly sought out answers to the question about adaptation on secular web sites and found no credible explanation. On some sites and nature programs, the words design and engineered are used! Both words necessitate intelligence and purpose! One site for young students had as a heading, “Unbelievably Amazing Examples of Adaptation.” They defined it as “any change in the structure or functioning of an organism that makes it better suited to its environment. Adaptation, in essence, is a boon that every organism in nature is gifted with. It is because of their ability to adapt to change that living beings can survive in diverse kinds of environment.” *Who or what gives them that “unbelievably amazing” ability to change?*

An equally critical question is “What drives evolution in general? Dr. Masatoshi Nei, who received Japan’s prestigious Kyoto Prize in Basic Science, disagrees with the prevailing answer that natural selection is behind

evolution. “If you say evolution occurs by natural selection, it looks scientific compared with saying God created everything. Now they say natural selection created everything, but *they don’t explain how*. If it’s science, you have to explain every step... Just a replacement of God with natural selection doesn’t change very much. You have to explain how.” Nei, who is a renowned Evolutionary Biologist, went on to say, “Mutation is the most important, driving force of evolution.” “I presented such views in my 1987 book *Molecular Evolutionary Genetics*, but people didn’t pay attention. Only in the last chapter did I discuss *the problem of natural selection not being proven*. The chapter did not convince a lot of people, I think, *because they*

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already had a preconceived notion that natural selection must be the driving force

because Darwin said so. Darwin is a god in evolution, so you can’t criticize Darwin. If you do, you’re branded as arrogant. But any time a scientific theory is treated like dogma, you have to question it. The dogma of natural selection has existed a long time. Most people have not questioned it. Most textbooks still state this is so. Most students are educated with these books. Use common sense. You have to think for yourself, without preconceptions. That is what’s important in science.”

This is a refreshing admission by a secular scientist; however, he still clings to genetic mistakes adding new and advanced information to existing organisms to explain the immense diversity and complexity in our world. It is incredible to consider random chance and genetic mistakes as the origin of intelligence, human language, sexual reproduction, conscience, flight, hibernation, migration, camouflage, metamorphosis, bioluminescence, defense mechanisms, bio-sonar and a host of other unique features that scream design. Romans 1 makes it clear why Genesis 1 is mocked by those who will not and cannot embrace “in the beginning God.”³ Positions on origin are faith-based. I gladly and gratefully look to God as the Source, Sustainer and Sovereign of all that exists. How about you?

1 animalsake.com 2 Discover Magazine, 2014 3 I Cor.2:14