

A Fish Called Wanda Vs Intelligent Design

This article was written by Brendan Roberts in response to a Biological Scientist and Christian ridiculing of the Theory of Intelligent Design submitted to the New Zealand Herald.

Graeme Finlay began his article with “Intelligent Design Theory has become part of the creed of man Christian Churches.”

The Intelligent Design Theory (IDT) states that we did not originate by mere chance but that an intelligent designer and not necessarily God designed our universe and ourselves. Therefore it is quite natural for Christian Churches to have a creed of creation. They have done so for almost two thousand years.

The Evolution Theory can be split into two categories. The first, *micro evolution* merely means that a species adapts to its environment which is plausible. But the second, *macro evolution* is that we have evolved not only from the apes but from fish and even bacteria. Simply, it means a species evolves into another species. But it is materialistic evolution which states that God was not involved in the process that IDT have issues with.

Macro Evolution supporters such as Biologist Stephen Jay Gould claim we are the by-product of chance or accidents.

But the famous Sir Fred Hoyle equates the possibility that life happened by chance to lining up 10^{50} blind people, giving each one a scrambled Rubik’s Cube, and they all solve the puzzle at the same moment.

This number though stupefying is possible, but it would have to be continually repeated to form other compounds and even order to get life. But with Natural Selection it raises a fascinating question: How could Natural

Selection work on something that wasn’t alive?

Graeme claims that IDT is hostile to both science and faith. But all forms of science examine the data, whereby concepts are formed and insights gained. The data must be interpreted to produce the theory.

Therefore Macro Evolution and Natural Selection are theories. However it only works to the better, or positive mutations, just see the computer model experiments that Richard Dawkins uses to justify Natural Selection.

But as I explain in my book, “God:Fact or Fiction?” Natural Selection reflects mind-like qualities such as purpose.

Those involved in the Intelligent Design Theory have reflected on the data – such as the Big Bang Theory, Bacteria Flagellum, Astronomy with the Earth being fine tuned to support life, the irreducible complexity of the cell.

While Intelligent Design is a form of science, so is Theology which is a study of faith, a study of God.

It must be asked why the Materialistic Evolutionists in the US are afraid of the Intelligent Design Theory. Well known intellectual Materialistic Evolutionists are converting to the Theory of Intelligent Design; The most recent being Dr. Antony Flew who now supports Intelligent Design but not a personal God.

Graeme claims that there is conclusive evidence that we share ancestry with chimps. But though we may share 96 – 99% of the genes what is left is the same as millions of spelling differences our personal book of life. Plus these must be in sequence or they will not make sense. Is it Natural

Selection that controls the sequence? If so, then who created Natural Selection?

The Bacteria Flagellum touted by IDT is marvelous. It has a molecular propeller which rotates at a staggering speed of 100,000 revolutions per minute. It can then stop on a dime, and rotate at the same rate the other way.

Ask any high school student whether code and a designer go hand in hand. DNA contains a code of four base pairs (the computer, two). Something or someone had to create the code in order for the code to work.

IDT does not seek to make biology off-limits but like Dr Michael Behe provides another theory to the data of biology. IDT like most scientists marvels at what is studied such as the bacteria flagellum.

The reason why Intelligent Design is not represented in scientific journals is that it is rejected as unscientific. But it is gaining momentum as another scientific theory with various schools teaching it.

IDT does not discredit science but like two wings of a bird, we need both faith and reason to uncover the mysteries of our universe. Science can tell us how the universe came into existence, but it can not answer why? IDT responds by telling us that an Intelligent Being was involved. If the universe was created for us and we are so special then life is a gift. If our life is a gift then it was given to us by a Loving being. Therefore belief in such Intelligent Design does not sound so crazy and I don't believe my Aunty is fish called Wanda.

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