

BLINDED  
BY  
SCIENTISM 1  
QUIZ

HUMAN ORIGINS:

HOW *EXACTLY* DID WE GET HERE?

WHAT

WE

“KNOW” -

“science”

(observation)

WHAT

WE *THINK*

“KNOW” -

“scienTISM”

(opinion)

**“SCIENTISM” :**

**MODERN,**

**PSEUDO-SCIENTIFIC**

**MYTHOLOGY and**

**“FUNDAMENTALISM???”**

# MYTHOLOGY DEFINED

## FOUNDATIONS OF MYTHOLOGY

### Objectives

1. Differentiate how the word *myth* is used popularly with how it is defined academically.
2. Identify mythological themes that are universal among world cultures.
3. Analyze the relationship between knowledge, belief, myth, and religion.
4. Explain how myths typify human experiences.

# “FUNDAMENTALISM” DEFINED:

## FUNDAMENTALISM

**Giddens** identifies 5 characteristics of Fundamentalists

- ✦ Seek to return to traditional basics
- ✦ Believe their view is the only true view of the world
- ✦ Justify their views by reference to sacred texts and dogma (narrow minded beliefs)
- ✦ Avoid contact with people who hold other views
- ✦ Rely on guardians of religion to interpret sacred texts and lay down rules which determines their lifestyle.

## dogma

**dog·ma** [dawg-muh, dog-]

*noun, plural dog·mas*

Prescribed doctrine proclaimed as unquestionably true by a particular group.

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that GIVE the *APPEARANCE*  
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**#1)** Phillip E. Johnson:

“The RULES of \_\_\_\_\_ SEEMED  
STRUCTURED to MAKE IT  
IMPOSSIBLE to \_\_\_\_\_ WHETHER ...  
WHAT WE WERE TOLD ... EVOLUTION ...  
was TRUE”.

- A) SCIENCE ... OBSERVE
- B) ARGUMENT ... QUESTION
- C) PHILOSOPHY ... SPECULATE

#2) Phillip E. Johnson:

”HARD QUESTIONS ANSWERED  
with ALL SORTS of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGE.”

- A) EVIDENCE ... SPECIFIC
- B) EVASION ... VAGUE
- C) OBSERVATION ... FACTUAL



**#3)** Phillip E. Johnson:

**”OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES ...**

**WERE BEING \_\_\_\_\_ by-with**

**TRICKY RHETORIC and REPETITION”**

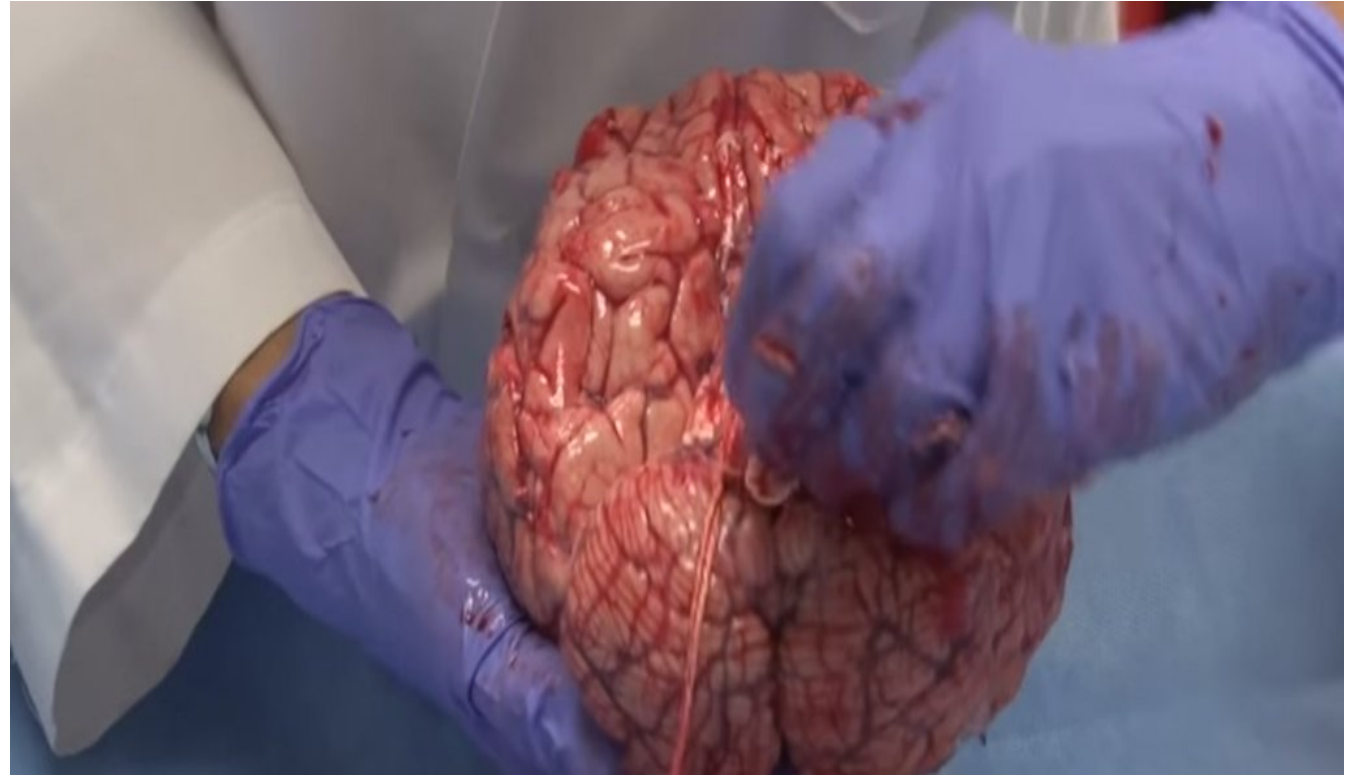
- **A) CONFRONTED**
- **B) IGNORED**
- **C) EVADED**



“OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES” – “*HOW*”?:  
“IN-ANIMATE to “ANIMATE”



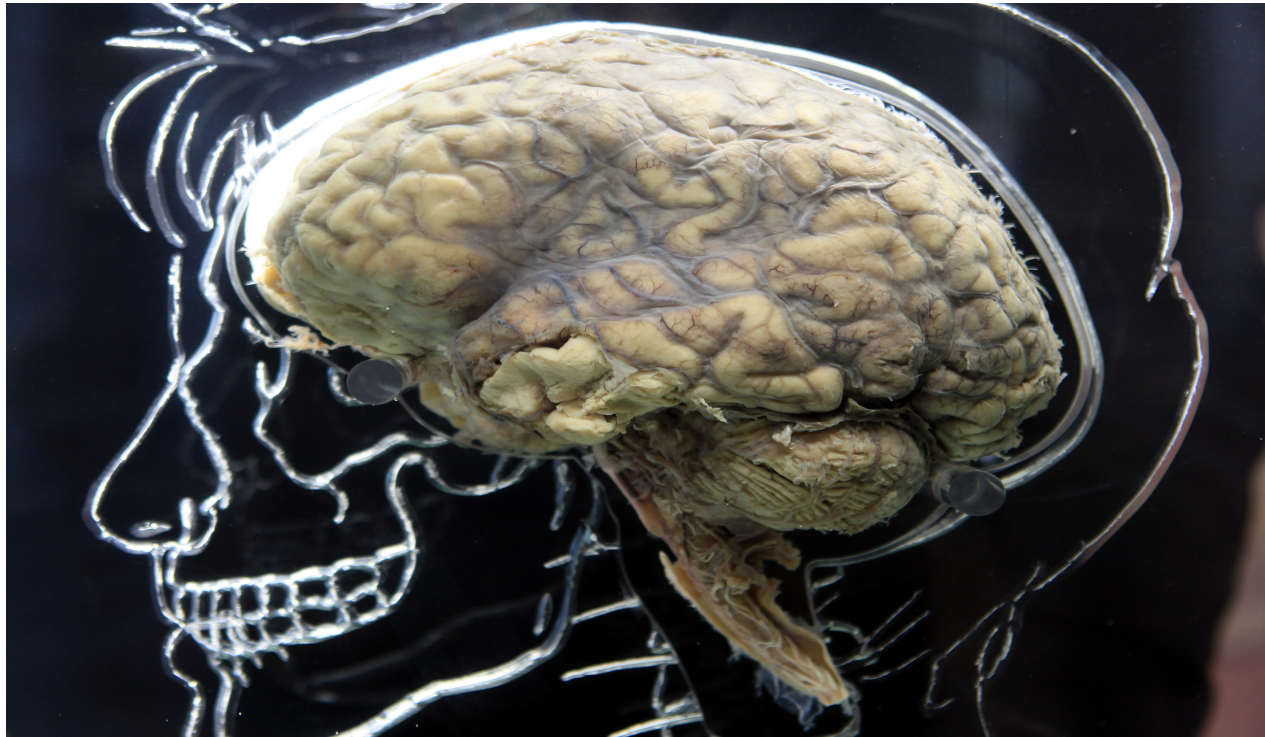
“OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES” – “HOW”?:  
The “MECHANISM” for CHANGE?  
“NATURAL” vs “SUPER-NATURAL”



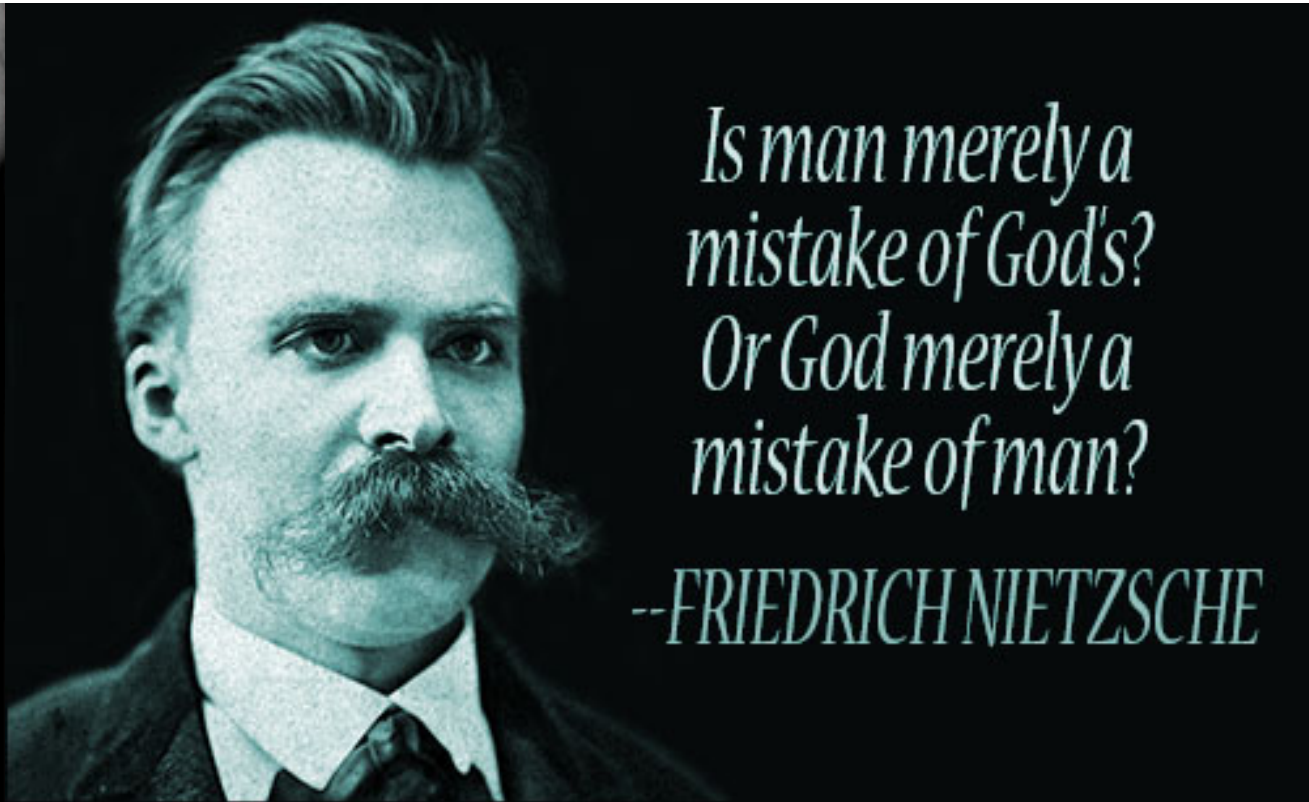
“OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES”:

“SENTIENT ‘MEAT’ ”?

(“matter” vs “spirit”)



WHAT IN “NATURE” **SELF-REPLICATES** (by itself)  
WITHOUT DESIGN, PURPOSE, COMPLEXITY?  
WHAT is the “SOURCE”?  
(the “secret” – sacred or secular?)



(mathematical odds)

random accident + unchanging laws = "creation"

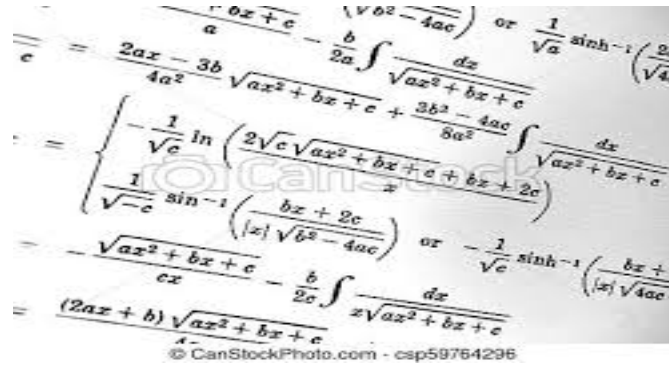


JUNK YARD + TORNADO = JUMBO JET ?

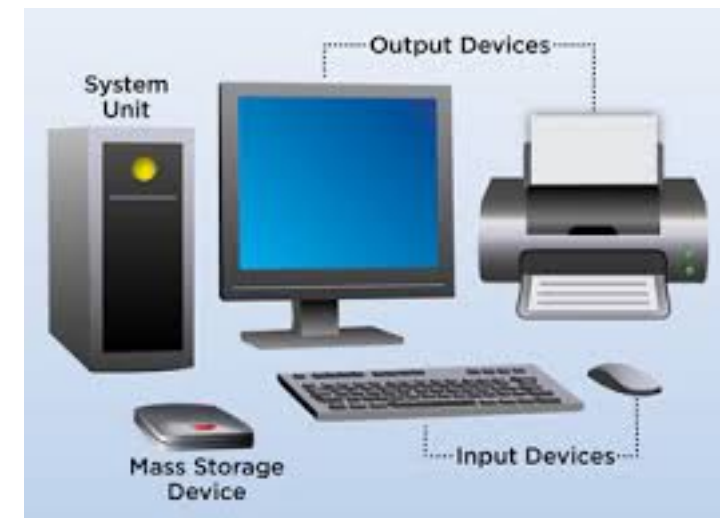
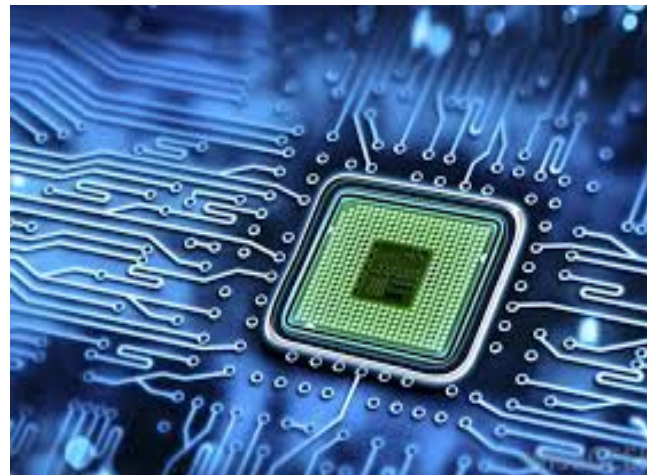
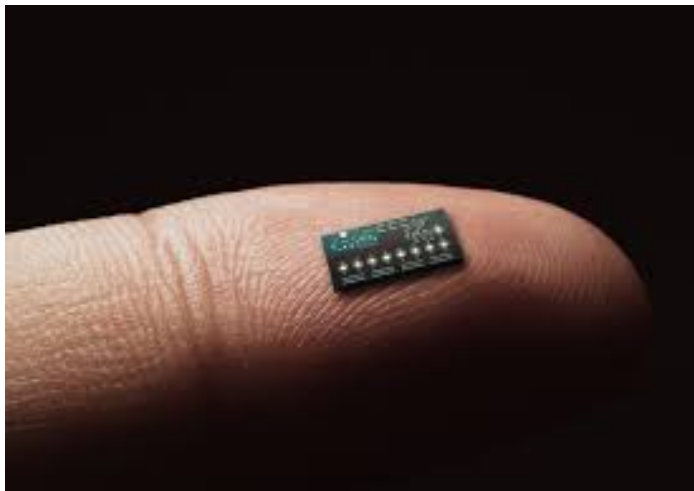


# “SYSTEMATIC SYNCHRONICITY”

(mathematical odds = random chance + unchanging laws)



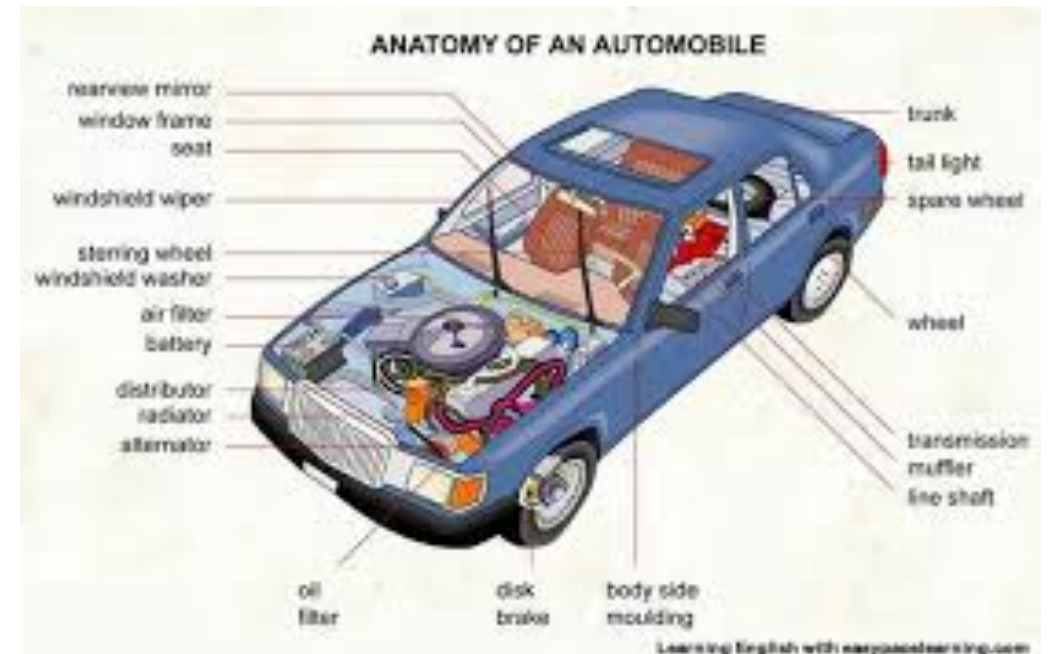
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# HOW DID *THESE*?



# GET *THAT* WAY?





## RHETORIC

**ALL MEN HAVE  
TWO LEGS**

*(INdirect  
generalization)*

**THIS HAS  
TWO LEGS  
THEREFORE,  
THIS is a  
MAN**

**NO, IT's a CHICKEN**

“TRICK-Y”  
RHETORIC  
VS  
TRUTH



## TRUTH

**THIS is a  
MAN (or chicken)**  
*(direct - observed  
conclusion)*  
**THEREFORE  
IT HAS  
TWO LEGS**

#4) "FAITH IS NOT a  
LEAP in the DARK". ["blind"]  
IT is BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_." – John Lennox

- A) EVIDENCE
- B) ANECDOTES (stories)
- C) ANALOGIES

"The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; **the rest is inference**, however reasonable, **not the evidence of fossils.**"

Stephen Jay Gould  
Harvard University  
"Evolution's Erratic Pace"  
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# ”WHO-WHICH ‘SIDE’ PRACTICES ‘BLIND FAITH’? (fundamentalism”)

No fossil is buried with its birth certificate. That, and the scarcity of fossils, means that it is effectively impossible to link fossils into chains of cause and effect in any valid way... To take a line of fossils and claim that they represent a lineage is not a scientific hypothesis that can be tested, but an assertion that carries the same validity as a bedtime story-amusing, perhaps even instructive, but not scientific.

— *Henry Gee* —

AZ QUOTES

#5) "CAN MATERIALISTS PROVE that the UNIVERSE is \_\_\_\_\_?" (not ordered from the "outside")



- A) OPEN
- B) CLOSED
- C) ACCIDENTAL

Electrostatics	Gravity
Force: $F_e = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$	Force: $F_g = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$
Field Strength: $E = \frac{F_e}{q}$	Field Strength: $g = \frac{F_g}{m}$
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Electrostatic Constant: $k = 8.99 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{C}^2}$	Gravitational Constant: $G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$
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IN A “BOX”?

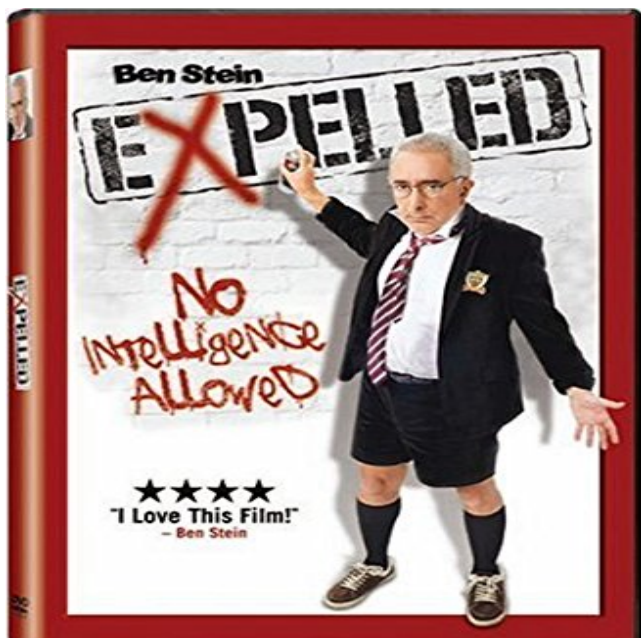


WHO-WHAT'S  
BEHIND  
THE  
DOOR?



a  
“CLOSED” BOX?

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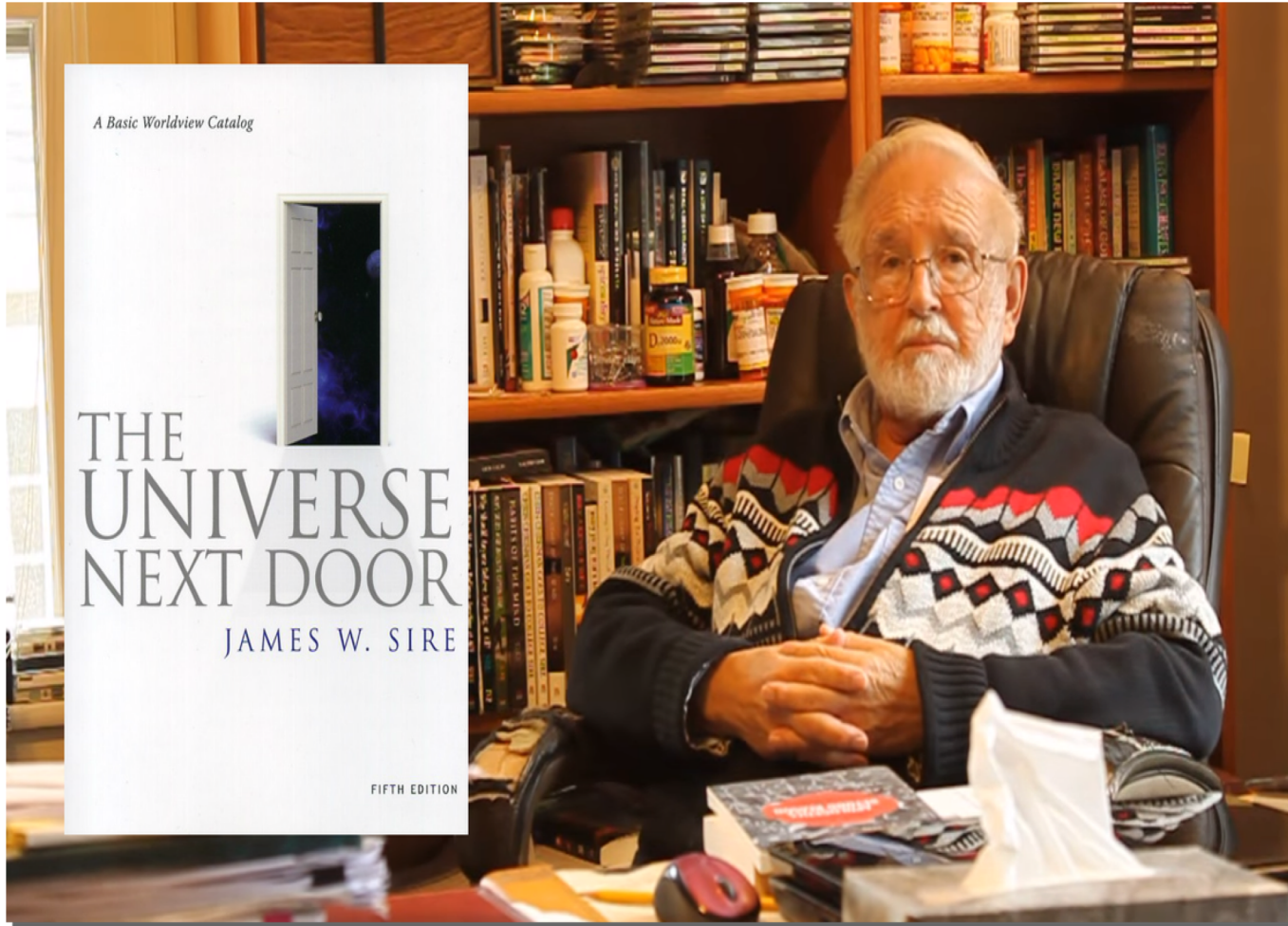


“SUBSTANCE” BEHIND the “SHADOW”?





# The “UNIVERSE NEXT DOOR” (WORLD-VIEWS) “VISIONS in COLLISION”



“HISTORY” (human experience) –  
**CYCLICAL CIRCLE?** (nowhere) or **END DESTINATION”** (somewhere)



#6) A “*CLOSED*” UNIVERSE –  
“NOTHING IS \_\_\_\_\_ the  
‘BOX of REALITY’ SO THEREFORE  
CANNOT BE TRUE”.

- A) OUTSIDE
- B) INSIDE
- C) UNDERNEATH



The most important scientific revolutions all include, as their only common feature, the dethronement of human arrogance from one pedestal after another of previous convictions about our centrality in the cosmos.

Stephen Jay Gould

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Harvard evolutionist Stephen Jay Gould once admitted:



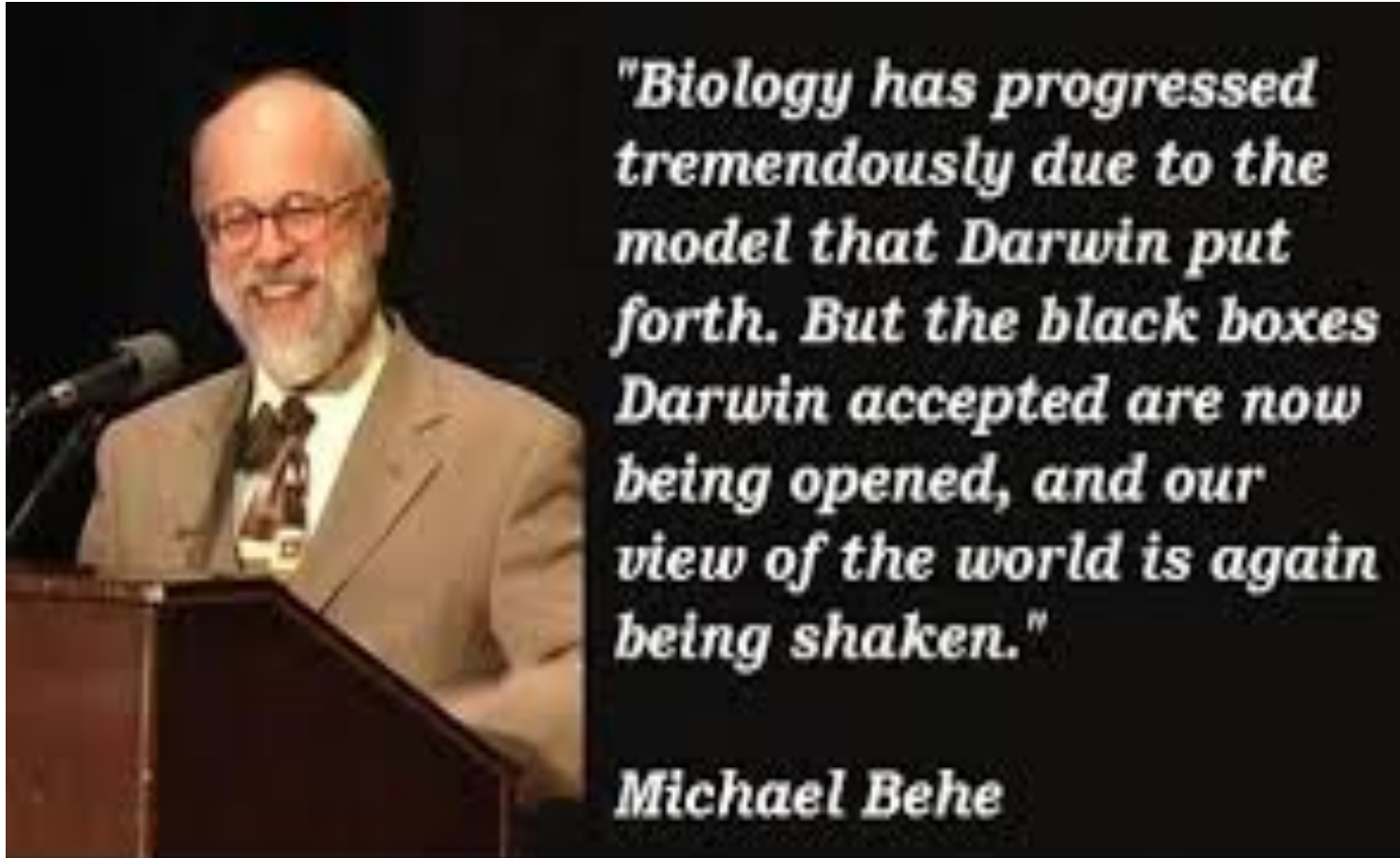
"The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology."

Think About It! submitted by Gerda Peachey

“DETHRONEMENT  
of  
HUMAN  
ARROGANCE”?

WHAT WE “KNOW” (observe) – “SCIENCE”

WHAT WE *THINK* WE KNOW (opinion) – “SCIENTISM”



#7) IN a NATURALISTIC UNIVERSE,  
CAUSATION PROCEEDS \_\_\_\_\_,  
FROM *SIMPLE* to *COMPLEX*”

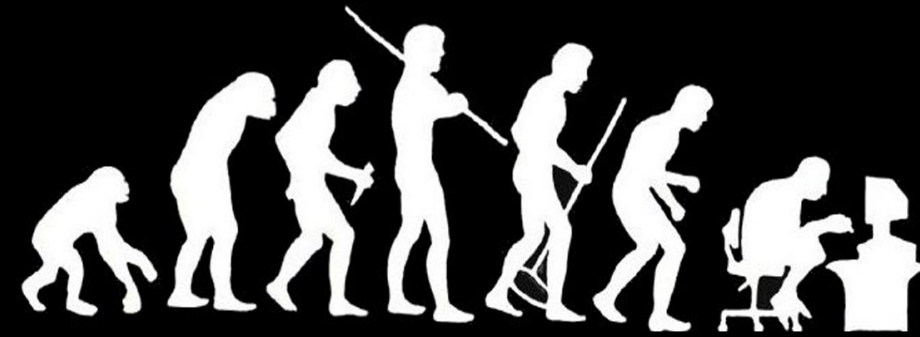
- A) DOWNWARD
- B) UPWARD
- C) HORIZONTALLY

# DARWIN – ON TRIAL

Charles Darwin viewed the fossil record more as an embarrassment than as an aid to his theory...

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## Evolution scientifically DEBUNKED



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#8) IN a *THEISTIC* WORLD,  
*CAUSATION* PROCEEDS \_\_\_\_\_,  
from SUPERIOR to INFERIOR.”

- A) RANDOMLY
- B) UPWARD
- C) DOWNWARD





#9) Phillip E. Johnson:

”UNLESS SCIENTISTS CAN  
PRODUCE and EMPIRICAL  
(observable) \_\_\_\_\_” ...

- A) HYPOTHESIS
- B) MECHANISM
- C) METHOD



(mathematical odds)

random accident + unchanging laws = “creation”



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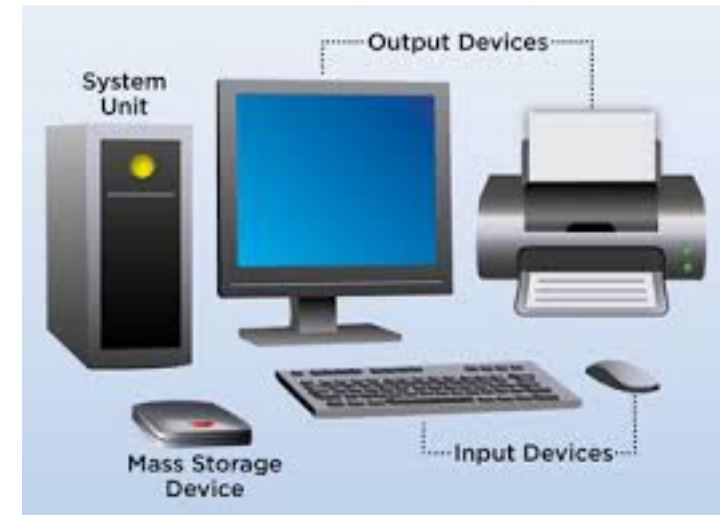
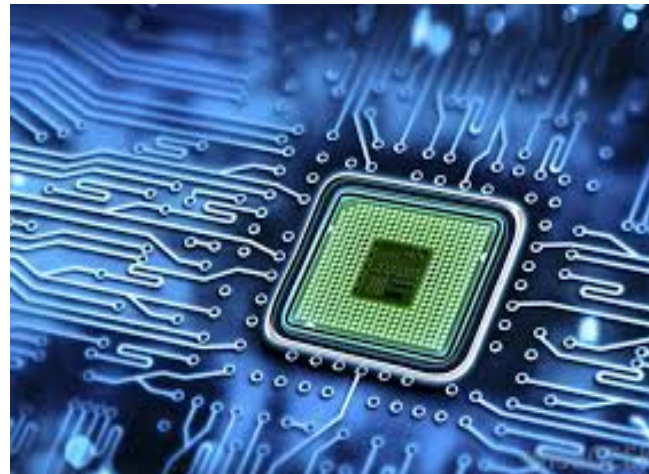
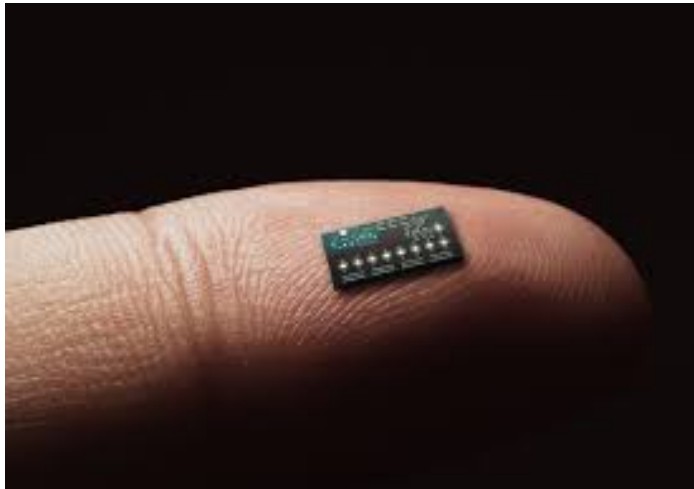


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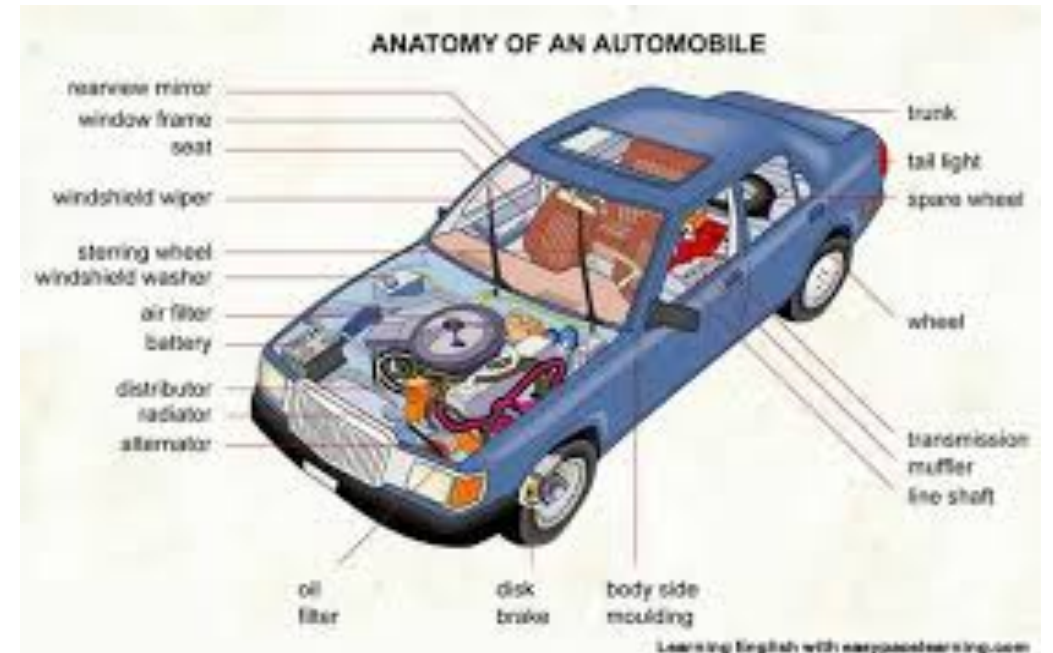
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# HOW EXACTLY DID THESE?



# GET THAT WAY?



#10) Phillip E. Johnson:

”The CORRECT ‘SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSION’ is that BIOLOGICAL CREATION is a[n] \_\_\_\_\_.”

- A) UN-SOLVED MYSTERY
- B) SOLVED PUZZLE
- C) DECEPTIVE DEBATE

**[Reality]** is  
not NEAT,  
not *obvious*,  
not what  
you **expect**.  
CS Lewis

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which no experience in this  
world can satisfy, the most  
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- C. S. Lewis

#11) A *"THEIST"* SAYS THERE is a  
"REALITY" THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
NATURE and HUMAN HISTORY."

- A) CONTRADICTS
- B) CONFUSES
- C) TRANSCENDS



#12) THEISM: HUMANITY is  
BEST EXPLAINED FROM the \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSPECTIVE of a[an] \_\_\_\_\_”.

- A) ULTIMATE ... CREATOR
- B) HYPOTHETICAL ... MYTH
- C) OBSERVED ... SCIENTIST



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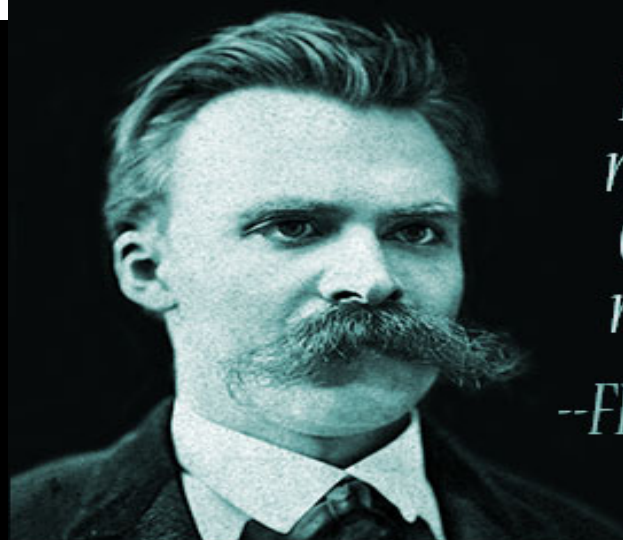




“If there is a God, it’s going to be a whole lot bigger and a whole lot more incomprehensible than anything that any theologian of any religion has ever proposed.”

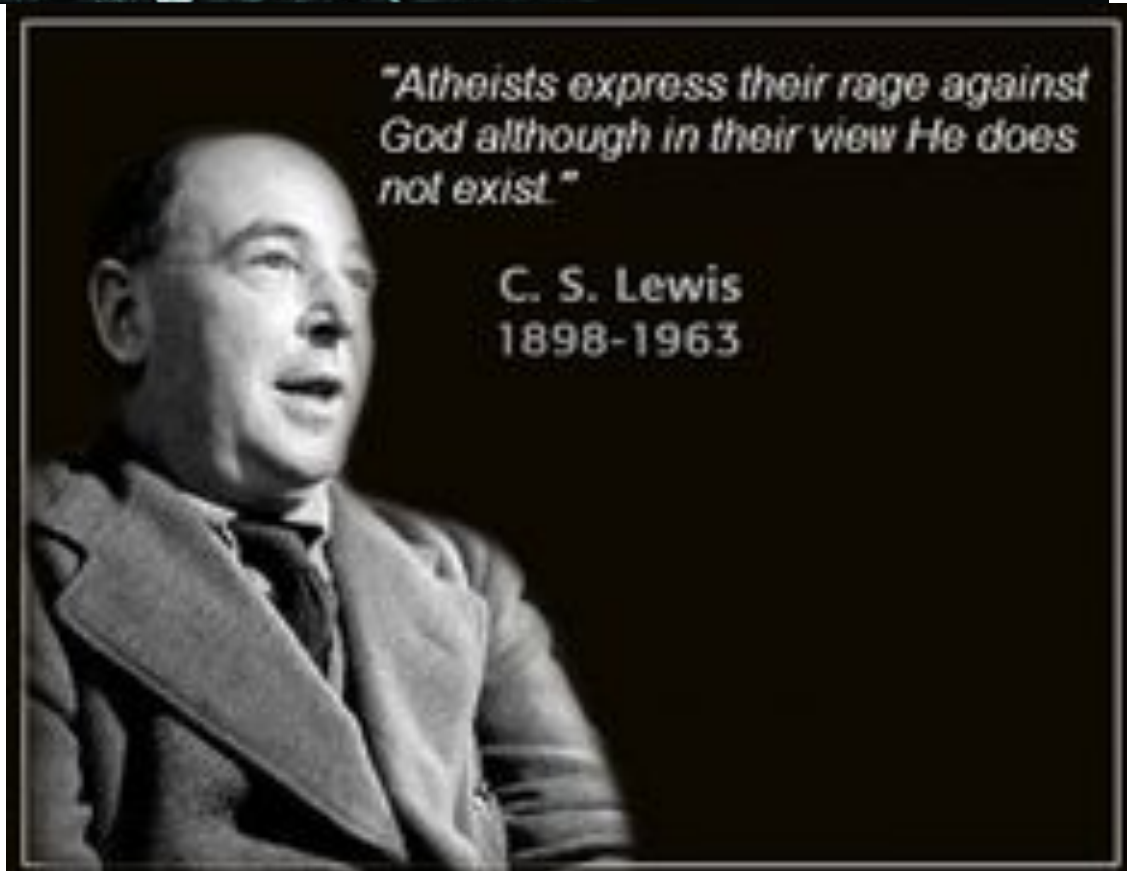
Richard Dawkins

“REASON”  
 (“facts”)  
 VS  
 “RAGE”  
 (feelings”)



*Is man merely a  
mistake of God's?  
Or God merely a  
mistake of man?*

*--FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE*



*“Atheists express their rage against  
God although in their view He does  
not exist.”*

C. S. Lewis  
1898-1963

**#13**) Phillip E. Johnson: "WHEN the METAPHYSICIANS of SCIENCE CONCEDE THAT **SCIENCE** HAS ITS **LIMITATIONS**, THEY USUALLY MEAN THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and NOT SCIENCE is LIMITED."

- **A) MYTHOLOGY**
- **B) REALITY**
- **C) PHILOSOPHY**

# “SCIENCE” and IT’S LIMITATIONS ...

“Molecular evolution is not based on scientific authority. There is no publication in the scientific literature in prestigious journals, specialty journals, or books that describe how molecular evolution of any real, complex, biochemical system either did occur or even might have occurred. There are assertions that such evolution occurred, but absolutely none are supported by pertinent experiments or calculations.”



In private many scientists admit that science has no explanation for the beginning of life.... Darwin never imagined the exquisitely profound complexity that exists even at the most basic levels of life.

— *Michael Behe* —

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#14) Johnson: "BECAUSE 'SCIENCE'  
HAS to *EXPLAIN* \_\_\_\_\_,  
**REALITY** HAS to be **LIMITED** to  
THINGS SCIENCE CAN EXPLAIN."

- **A) EVERYTHING**
- **B) SOMETHING**
- **C) HYPOTHSES**

I WOULD RATHER HAVE  
QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T BE  
ANSWERED THAN ANSWERS  
WHICH CAN'T BE  
QUESTIONED.

- RICHARD FEYNMAN

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which no experience in this  
world can satisfy, the most  
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I didn't go to religion to make me "happy." I always knew a bottle of Port would do that.

If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.

LIFE

**I BELIEVE IN CHRISTIANITY  
AS I BELIEVE THAT THE SUN HAS RISEN:  
NOT ONLY BECAUSE I SEE IT, BUT BECAUSE  
BY IT I SEE EVERYTHING ELSE**

**C. S. LEWIS**



#15) "BECAUSE 'SCIENCE' ONLY UNDERSTANDS *MATERIAL* CAUSES, WHATEVER CANNOT BE REDUCED to MATERIAL CAUSES MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_."

- A) EMBRACED
- B) BOYCOTTED
- C) IGNORED

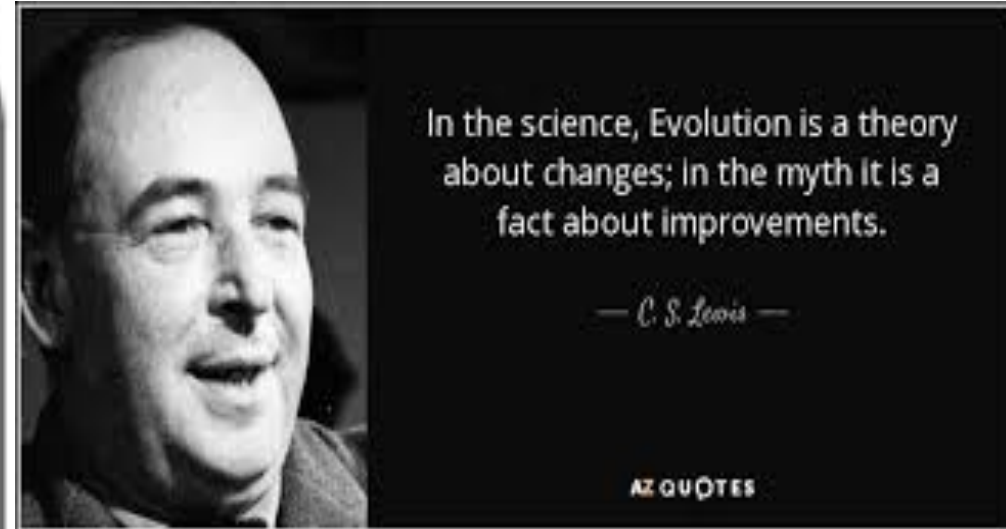
# PSEUDO-SCIENCE ... MYTHOLOGY ... FUNDAMENTALISM MODERN

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In the science, Evolution is a theory about changes; In the myth It is a fact about improvements.

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AZ QUOTES

## “IMPROVEMENTS ... NOT INNOVATION”

**#16) "GOD [SCIENTISM] FOR YOU IS WHERE YOU SWEEP AWAY ALL the MYSTERIES of the WORLD, the CHALLENGES to YOUR INTELLIGENCE. YOU SIMPLY TURN YOUR MIND OFF and SAY GOD [NATURE] DID IT".**

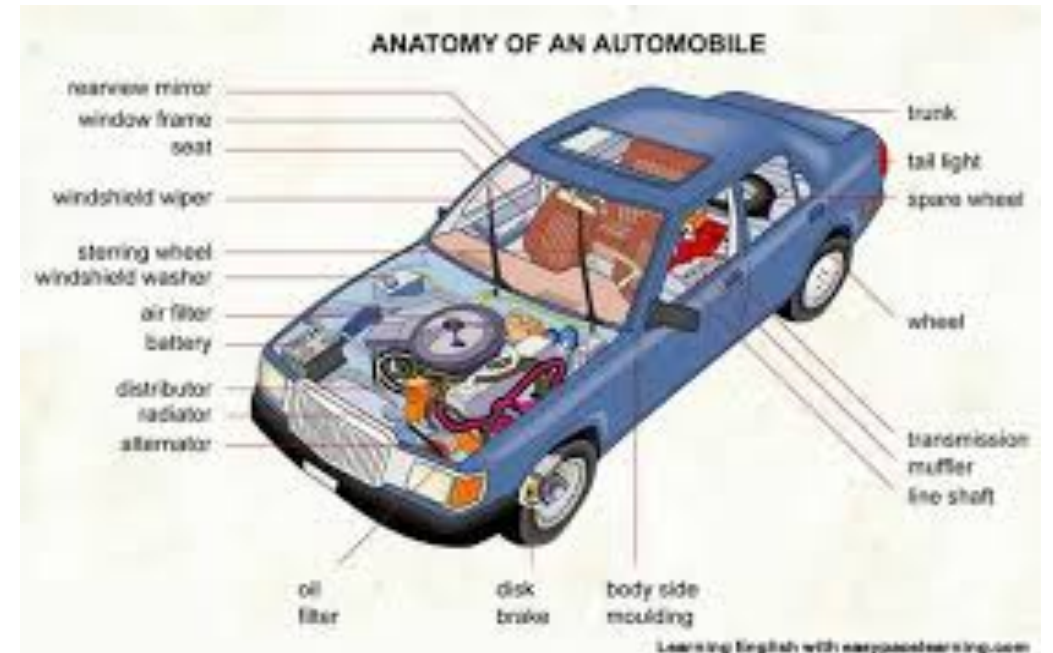
- Carl Sagan

- **A) "SCIENTISM" as "PROJECTION" ?**
- **B) "SCIENCE" OBSERVED**
- **C) "SPECULATION" CONFIRMED**

# HOW EXACTLY DID *THESE*?



# GET *THAT* WAY?



PSEUDO-SCIENTIFIC  
"FUNDAMENTALISM"  
("opinions")  
VS  
EXPERIENTIAL  
"SCIENCE" (*observation*)

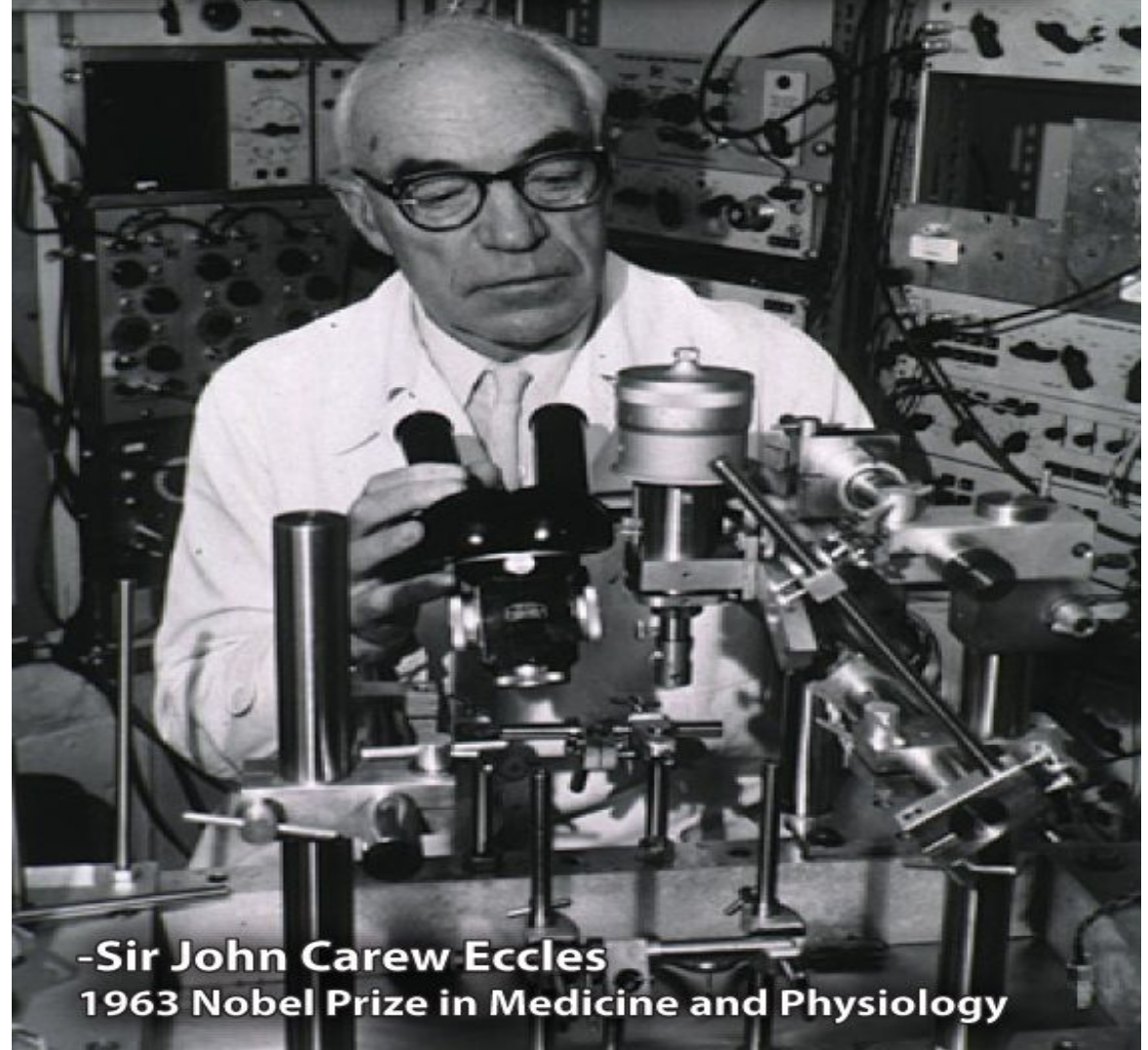


**The late Francis Crick once wrote:  
"Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved."**

**Sound to you like a case of denial? :)**

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**"We come to exist through a divine act. That divine guidance is a theme throughout our life; at our death the brain goes, but that divine guidance and love continues. Each of us is a unique, conscious being, a divine creation. It is the religious view. It is the only view consistent with all the evidence."**

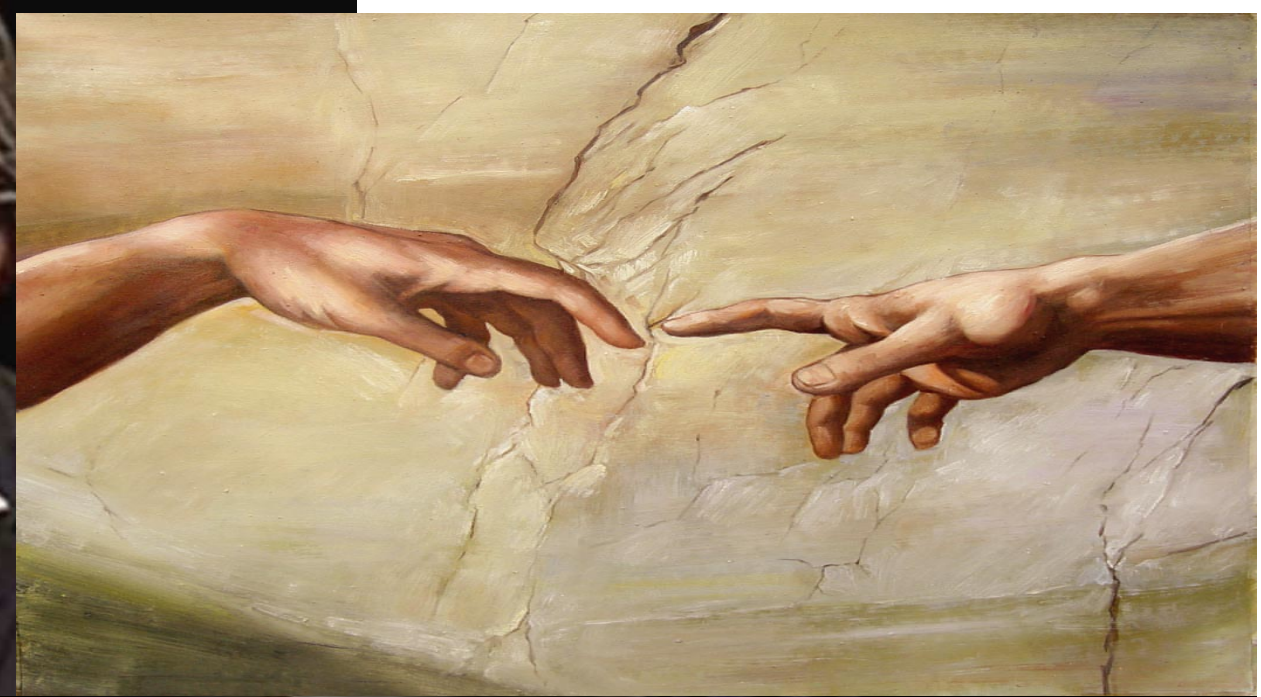


**-Sir John Carew Eccles  
1963 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology**

***detested religion*** is its sly tendency to insinuate that the universe is **designed with you in mind**. Or even worse, that there is a divine plan into which one fits whether one knows it or not.

**This kind of modesty is too arrogant for me.**

**-Christopher Hitchens**



**#17) DARWINISTS CRAFTILY SHIFTED  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
‘STACKED the DECK’ AGAINST  
THEIR OPPONENTS.’**

- **A) OBLIGATION of INQUIRY**
- **B) BURDEN of PROOF**
- **C) ASSUMPTION ... ACCIDENT**

#18) "BIOLOGY is the STUDY of  
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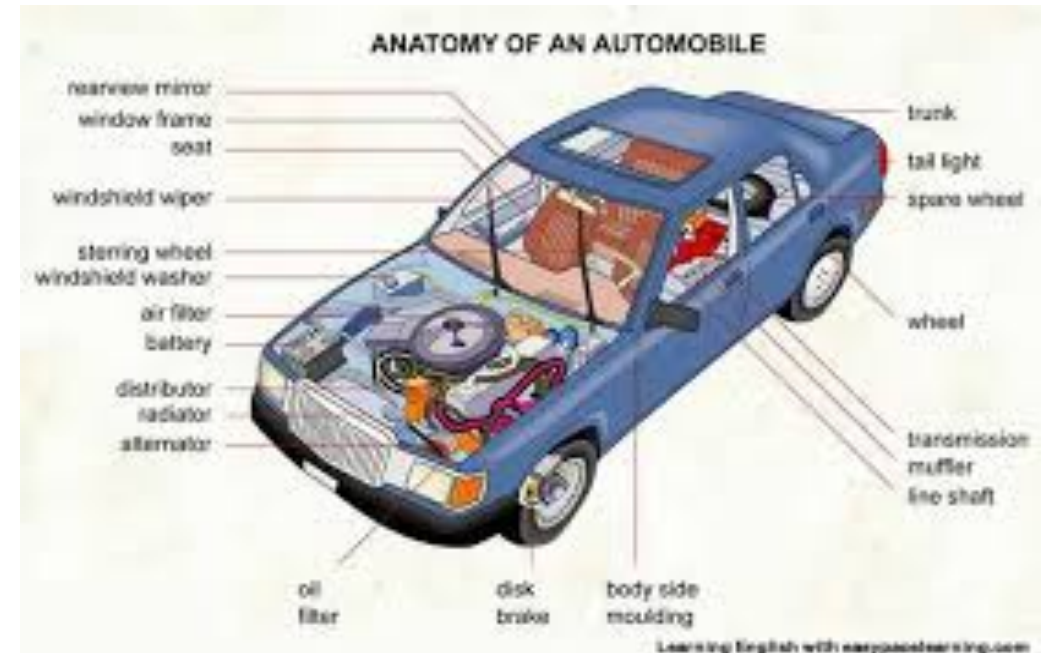
- A) ILLUSION
- B) CONFIRMATION
- C) APPEARANCE



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**#19) RICHARD DAWKINS HAS MANY TIMES PUBLICLY DENOUNCED the THEORY of \_\_\_\_\_ as 'COMPLETE and UTTER HOGWASH'."**

- A) RANDOM ACCIDENT**
- B) INTELLIGENT DESIGN**
- C) UNOBSERVED SPECULATION**

The GOD of ...  
**RANDOM  
CHANCE**  
and  
**NEVER  
CHANGING  
“LAWS”**  
of  
REPETITION



**THE ESSENCE OF  
LIFE IS STATISTICAL  
IMPROBABILITY ON A  
COLOSSAL SCALE.**

Richard Dawkins  
English Scientist



**“The God Delusion makes me ashamed to be an atheist.... Richard Dawkins in The God Delusion would fail any introductory philosophy or religion course. Proudly he criticizes that whereof he knows nothing.”**

**-Michael Ruse, Non-Theist and Philosopher of Science at Florida State University...**

# WHO is “LACKING”?

**THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD VIEW IS SO MUCH MORE EXCITING, MORE POETIC, MORE FILLED WITH SHEER WONDER, THAN ANYTHING IN THE POVERTY-STRICKEN ARSENALS OF THE RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION.**  
**- RICHARD DAWKINS**



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# MATHEMATICAL ODDS ...

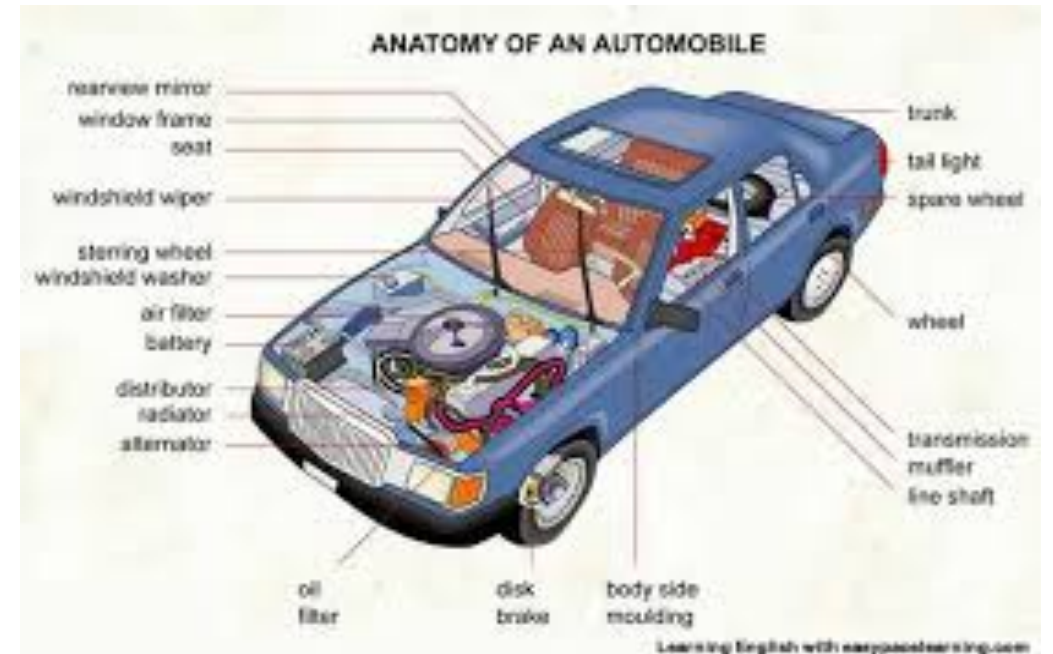
- A TORNADO
- BLOWING THROUGH  
A JUNKYARD
- ASSEMBLING a JUMBO JET



# HOW DID *THESE*?



# GET *THAT* WAY?



#20) David Berlinski:

“HAS ANYONE PROVIDED a  
*PROOF* of GOD’s \_\_\_\_\_”?

- A) RANDOM-ness
- B) MALEVOLENCE
- C) IN-EXISTENCE

#21) David Berlinski: “HAVE the SCIENCES EXPLAINED *WHY* OUR UNIVERSE *SEEMS* \_\_\_\_\_ to ALLOW FOR the EXISTENCE of LIFE.”

- A) RANDOMLY CONFUSED
- B) FINE TUNED
- C) ACCIDENTALLY FUNCTIONAL



#22) David Berlinski:

HAS \_\_\_\_\_ in MORAL THOUGHT  
PROVIDED US WITH an  
UNDERSTANDING of WHAT IS GOOD ...  
RIGHT ... MORAL? NOT ENOUGH.”

- A) INTELLIGENCE
- B) PHILOSOPHY (speculation)
- C) RATIONALISM



#23) David Berlinski:

“IS THERE a NARROW and \_\_\_\_\_  
ORTHODOXY of THOUGHT and  
OPINION WITHIN the SCIENCES?  
Close enough.”

- A) TRUTH SEEKING (open)
- B) RESTRICTIVE (closed)
- C) OPPRESSIVE (corrupt)

#24) David Berlinski:

“IS SCIENTIFIC ATHEISM a  
FRIVOLOUS EXERCISE in INTELLECTUAL  
\_\_\_\_\_ ? DEAD ON”

- A) CONTEMPT (DENIAL)
- B) ACCEPTANCE (TOLERATION)
- C) EXPLORATION (FACT-FINDING)

#25) The WORLD is *COMPLEX BEYOND*  
OUR FULL \_\_\_\_\_, EVIDENCE of  
DESIGN and PURPOSE.

- A) AGREEMENT
- B) COMPREHENSION
- C) SECULATION (guess-work)

The END

BLINDED BY SCIENTISM

Part One

Pseudo-Scientific Mythology  
and Fundamentalism

**ANSWER  
KEY**

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**QUIZ**

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• **B) EVASIONS ... VAGUE**

• C) OBSERVATION ... FACTUAL

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• A) CONFRONTED

• B) IGNORED

• C) EVADED

**ANSWER**

**KEY**

**RHETORIC**

**ALL MEN HAVE  
TWO LEGS**

*(INdirect  
generalization)*

**THIS HAS**

**TWO LEGS**

**THEREFORE,**

**THIS is a**

**MAN**

**NO, IT's a CHICKEN**

RHETORIC

VS

TRUTH

**TRUTH**

**THIS is a**

**MAN (or chicken)**

*(direct - observed  
conclusion)*

**THEREFORE**

**IT HAS**

**TWO LEGS**

#4) "FAITH IS NOT a LEAP in the DARK". ["blind"]

IT is BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_." – John Lennox

• **A) EVIDENCE**

• B) ANECDOTES (stories)

• C) ANALOGIES

**ANSWER  
KEY**

No fossil is buried with its birth certificate. That, and the scarcity of fossils, means that it is effectively impossible to link fossils into chains of cause and effect in any valid way... To take a line of fossils and claim that they represent a lineage is not a scientific hypothesis that can be tested, but an assertion that carries the same validity as a bedtime story-amusing, perhaps even instructive, but not scientific.

— Henry Gee —

AZ QUOTES

#5) "CAN *MATERIALISTS* PROVE  
that the UNIVERSE is \_\_\_\_\_?"  
(NOT ordered from the "outside")

• A) OPEN

• ***B) CLOSED***

• C) ACCIDENTAL



**ANSWER KEY**

#6) A “*CLOSED*” UNIVERSE –  
“NOTHING IS \_\_\_\_\_ the ‘BOX  
of REALITY’ SO THEREFORE  
CANNOT BE TRUE”.

- ***A) OUTSIDE***
- B) INSIDE
- C) UNDERNEATH



**ANSWER  
KEY**

#7) IN a NATURALISTIC UNIVERSE,  
CAUSATION PROCEEDS \_\_\_\_\_,  
FROM *SIMPLE* to *COMPLEX*”

- A) DOWNWARD
- **B) UPWARD**
- C) HORIZONTALLY

**ANSWER  
KEY**



#8) IN a *THEISTIC* WORLD,  
CAUSATION PROCEEDS \_\_\_\_\_,  
from SUPERIOR to INFERIOR.”

- A) RANDOMLY
- B) UPWARD
- C) DOWNWARD

**ANSWER  
KEY**

#9) Phillip E. Johnson:

”UNLESS SCIENTISTS CAN  
PRODUCE and EMPIRICAL  
(observable) \_\_\_\_\_” ...

- A) HYPOTHESIS
- **B) MECHANISM**
- C) METHOD

**ANSWER  
KEY**

HOW  
*EXACTLY*  
DID THIS?



GET  
THAT  
WAY?



#10) Phillip E. Johnson:

”The CORRECT ‘SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSION’ is that BIOLOGICAL CREATION is a[n] \_\_\_\_\_.”

- **A) UN-SOLVED MYSTERY**
- B) SOLVED PUZZLE
- C) DECEPTIVE DEBATE

**ANSWER  
KEY**

#11) A "THEIST" SAYS THERE is a  
"REALITY" THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
NATURE and HUMAN HISTORY."

- A) CONTRADICTS
- B) CONFUSES
- C) TRANSCENDS

**ANSWER  
KEY**

#12) THEISM: HUMANITY is **ANSWER**  
BEST EXPLAINED FROM the **KEY**  
PERSPECTIVE of a[an] \_\_\_\_\_”.

• **A) ULTIMATE ... CREATOR**

• B) HYPOTHETICAL ... MYTH

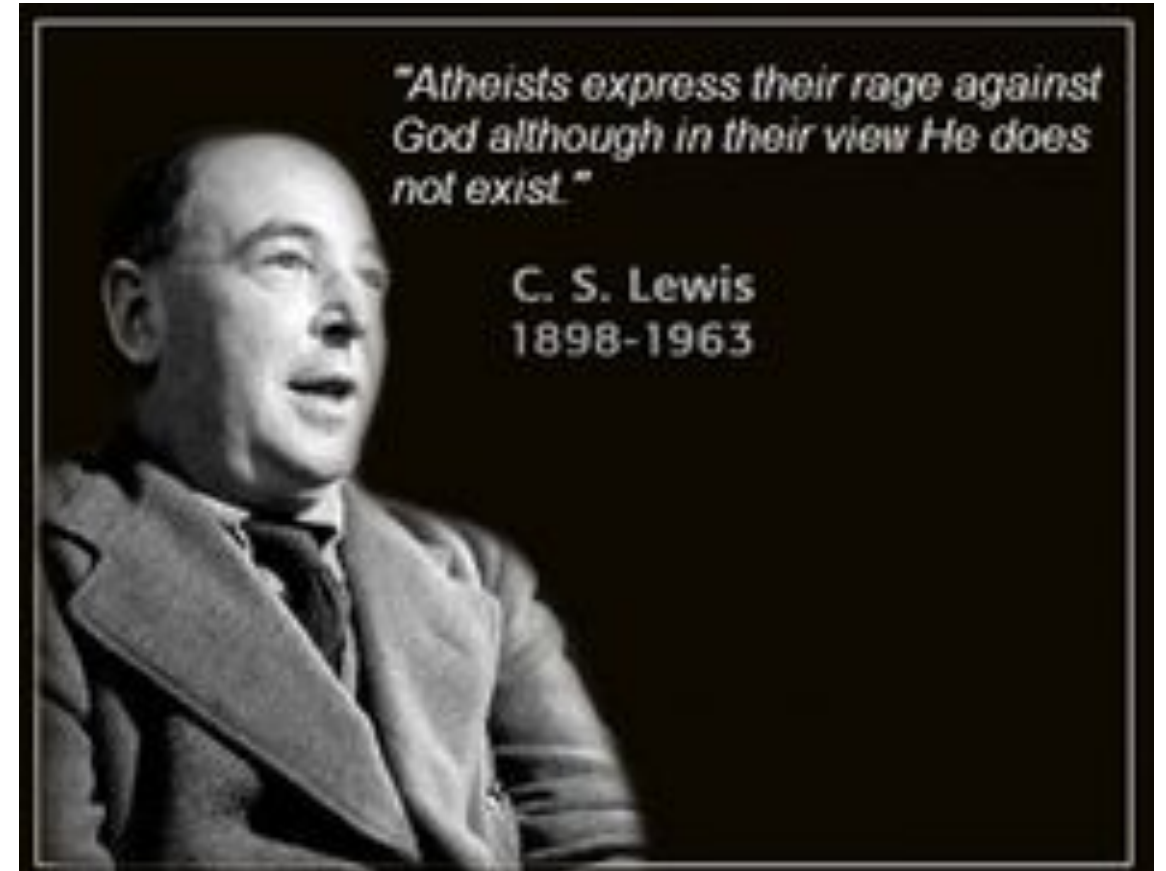
• C) OBSERVED ... SCIENTIST



“If there is a God, it’s going to be a whole lot bigger and a whole lot more incomprehensible than anything that any theologian of any religion has ever proposed.”

Richard Dawkins

“REASON”  
 (“facts”)  
 VS  
 “RAGE”  
 (feelings”)



**#13**) Phillip E. Johnson: "WHEN the METAPHYSICIANS of SCIENCE CONCEDE THAT **SCIENCE** HAS ITS **LIMITATIONS**, THEY USUALLY MEAN THAT \_\_\_\_\_ and NOT SCIENCE is LIMITED."

- A) MYTHOLOGY
- **B) REALITY**
- C) PHILOSOPHY

**ANSWER  
KEY**



# “SCIENCE” and IT’S LIMITATIONS ...

“Molecular evolution is not based on scientific authority. There is no publication in the scientific literature in prestigious journals, specialty journals, or books that describe how molecular evolution of any real, complex, biochemical system either did occur or even might have occurred. There are assertions that such evolution occurred, but absolutely none are supported by pertinent experiments or calculations.”



In private many scientists admit that science has no explanation for the beginning of life.... Darwin never imagined the exquisitely profound complexity that exists even at the most basic levels of life.

— *Michael Behe* —

**C. S. Lewis wrote to a friend:**

**"What inclines me now to think that you may be right in regarding [evolution] as *the* central and radical lie in the whole web of falsehood that now governs our lives is not so much your arguments against it as the fanatical and twisted attitudes of its defenders."**



**Think About It!** *submitted by Gerda Peachey*

**"Religion teaches the dangerous nonsense that death is not the end."**

*- Richard Dawkins*



#14) Johnson: "BECAUSE 'SCIENCE'  
HAS to *EXPLAIN* \_\_\_\_\_,  
REALITY HAS to be LIMITED to  
THINGS SCIENCE CAN EXPLAIN."

- ***A)EVERYTHING***
- B)SOMETHING
- C)HYPOTHSES

**ANSWER  
KEY**

#15)” BECAUSE ‘SCIENCE’ ONLY  
UNDERSTANDS *MATERIAL* CAUSES,  
WHATEVER CANNOT BE REDUCED to  
MATERIAL CAUSES MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_.”

- A) EMBRACED
- B) BOYCOTTED
- *C) IGNORED*

**ANSWER  
KEY**

I WOULD RATHER HAVE  
QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T BE  
ANSWERED THAN ANSWERS  
WHICH CAN'T BE  
QUESTIONED.

- RICHARD FEYNMAN

If I find in myself a desire  
which no experience in this  
world can satisfy, the most  
probable explanation is that

I was made for another world



- C. S. Lewis

#16) "GOD [SCIENTISM] FOR YOU IS WHERE YOU SWEEP AWAY ALL the MYSTERIES of the WORLD, the CHALLENGES to YOUR INTELLIGENCE. YOU SIMPLY TURN YOUR MIND OFF and SAY GOD [NATURE] DID IT".

- Carl Sagan

- **A) "SCIENTISM" as "PROJECTION" ?**
- **B) "SCIENCE" OBSERVED** **ANSWER**
- **C) "SPECULATION" CONFIRMED** **KEY**



**The late Francis  
Crick once wrote:**

**"Biologists must  
constantly keep in  
mind that what they  
see was not designed,  
but rather evolved."**

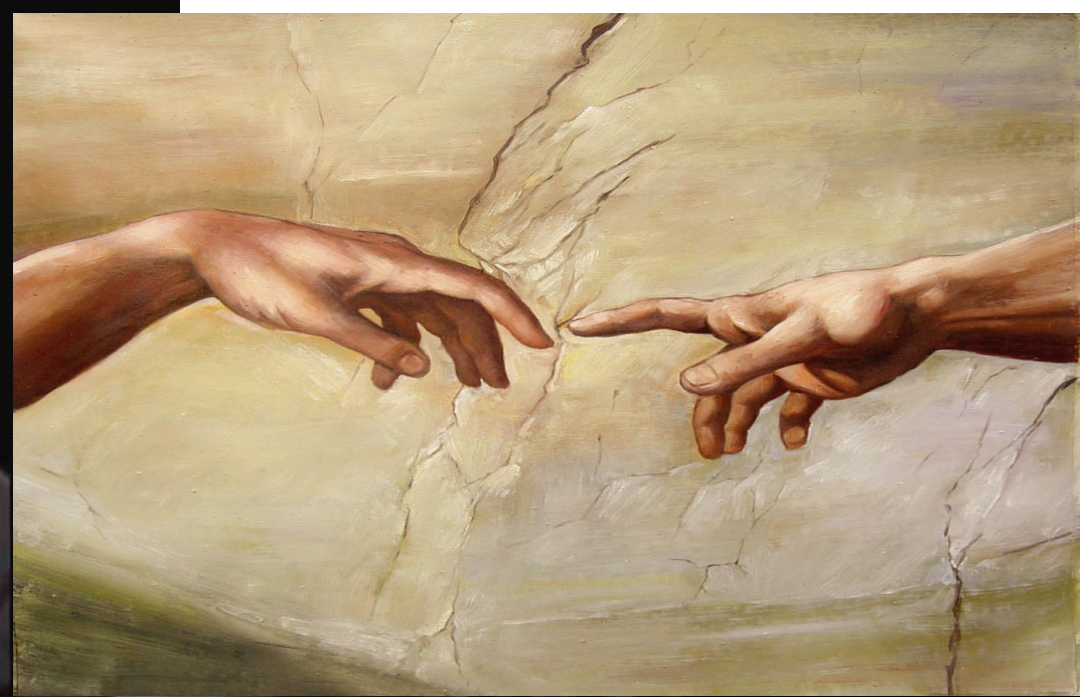
**Sound to you like  
a case of denial? :)**

*Think About It!* submitted by Gerda Peachey

*detested religion* is its sly tendency to insinuate that the universe is **designed with you in mind**. Or even worse, that there is a divine plan into which one fits whether one knows it or not.

**This kind of modesty is too arrogant for me.**

-Christopher Hitchens





#17) DARWINISTS CRAFTILY SHIFTED  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
‘STACKED the DECK’ AGAINST  
THEIR OPPONENTS.”

- A) OBLIGATION of INQUIRY
- **B) BURDEN of PROOF** ANSWER
- C) ASSUMPTION ... ACCIDENT KEY

#18) "BIOLOGY is the STUDY of  
*COMPLICATED* THINGS that  
GIVE the \_\_\_\_\_ of HAVING BEEN  
DESIGNED FOR a PURPOSE"

- Richard Dawkins

- A) ILLUSION
- B) CONFIRMATION
- C) APPEARANCE

**ANSWER  
KEY**

#19) RICHARD DAWKINS HAS MANY TIMES PUBLICLY DENOUNCED the THEORY of \_\_\_\_\_ as 'COMPLETE and UTTER HOGWASH'."

• A) RANDOM ACCIDENT



• ***B) INTELLIGENT DESIGN*** ANSWER

• C) UNOBSERVED SPECULATION  
KEY

The GOD of ...  
**RANDOM  
CHANCE**  
and  
**NEVER  
CHANGING  
“LAWS”**  
of  
REPETITION



**THE ESSENCE OF  
LIFE IS STATISTICAL  
IMPROBABILITY ON A  
COLOSSAL SCALE.**

Richard Dawkins  
English Scientist



**“The God Delusion makes me ashamed to be an atheist.... Richard Dawkins in The God Delusion would fail any introductory philosophy or religion course. Proudly he criticizes that whereof he knows nothing.”**

-Michael Ruse, Non-Theist and Philosopher of Science at Florida State University...

**THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD VIEW IS SO MUCH MORE EXCITING, MORE POETIC, MORE FILLED WITH SHEER WONDER, THAN ANYTHING IN THE POVERTY-STRICKEN ARSENALS OF THE RELIGIOUS IMAGINATION.  
- RICHARD DAWKINS**



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# MATHEMATICAL ODDS ...

- A TORNADO
- BLOWING THROUGH A JUNKYARD
- ASSEMBLING a JUMBO JET



#20) David Berlinski:

“HAS ANYONE PROVIDED a  
*PROOF* of GOD’s \_\_\_\_\_”?

- A) RANDOM-ness
- B) MALEVOLENCE
- **C) IN-EXISTENCE**

**ANSWER  
KEY**

A close-up portrait of Richard Dawkins, an older man with light-colored hair, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a light-colored collared shirt and a dark jacket. The background is dark and out of focus.

CNN

“Evidence is  
the only reason to  
believe something.”

-- *Richard Dawkins, atheist biologist*

**Atheists: Inside the World of Nonbelievers**  
**Tuesday 9PM ET**

**[CNN.com/Atheists](http://CNN.com/Atheists)**



#21) David Berlinski: “HAVE the SCIENCES EXPLAINED *WHY* OUR UNIVERSE *SEEMS* \_\_\_\_\_ to ALLOW FOR the EXISTENCE of LIFE.”

• A) RANDOMLY CONFUSED

• ***B) FINE TUNED***

• C) ACCIDENTALLY FUNCTIONAL

**ANSWER**

**KEY**

# MORTALITY: EXTINCTION or TRANSFORMATION? (The “Universe Next Door”)



#22) David Berlinski:

HAS \_\_\_\_\_ in MORAL THOUGHT  
PROVIDED US WITH an  
UNDERSTANDING of WHAT IS GOOD ...  
RIGHT ... MORAL? NOT ENOUGH.”



- A) INTELLIGENCE
- B) PHILOSOPHY (speculation)
- **C) RATIONALISM**

**ANSWER**

**KEY**

#23) David Berlinski:

“IS THERE a NARROW and \_\_\_\_\_  
ORTHODOXY of THOUGHT and  
OPINION WITHIN the SCIENCES?  
Close enough.”

- A) TRUTH SEEKING (open)
- B) RESTRICTIVE (closed) **ANSWER**
- **C) OPPRESSIVE (corrupt) KEY**

# REPLACE “RELIGION” WITH “SCIENTISM” (pseudo-science AND pseudo-religion

*Atheist Republic*

If religion were true, its followers would not try to bludgeon their young into an artificial conformity; but would merely insist on their unbending quest for truth, irrespective of artificial backgrounds or practical consequences.

*H. P. Lovecraft*



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## FOOLED ... *AGAIN*



#24) David Berlinski:

“IS SCIENTIFIC ATHEISM a  
FRIVOLOUS EXERCISE in INTELLECTUAL  
\_\_\_\_\_ ? DEAD ON”

**ANSWER**

- **A) CONTEMPT (DENIAL) KEY**
- B) ACCEPTANCE (TOLERATION)
- C) EXPLORATION (FACT-FINDING)

**THE VIRGIN BIRTH, THE RESURRECTION, THE  
RAISING OF LAZARUS, EVEN THE OLD  
TESTAMENT MIRACLES, ALL ARE FREELY USED  
FOR RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA, AND THEY ARE  
VERY EFFECTIVE WITH AN AUDIENCE OF  
UNSOPHISTICATES AND CHILDREN**

**- RICHARD DAWKINS -**

#25) The WORLD is *COMPLEX BEYOND*  
OUR FULL \_\_\_\_\_, EVIDENCE of  
DESIGN and PURPOSE.

**ANSWER**

• A) AGREEMENT

**KEY**

• **B) COMPREHENSION**

• C) SECULATION (guess-work)



The END

BLINDED BY SCIENTISM

Part One

Pseudo-Scientific Mythology  
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