



Designed by God
Psalm 139:13-16

A person's _____ of the beginning affects his whole outlook on life. What we believe about our _____ will determine what we believe about ourselves and our place in life. If we consider ourselves merely as a complex _____ which evolved from a one-celled creature, we'll have a pretty empty view of life. But if we consider ourselves unique individuals made in the _____ of God with an eternal destiny, then there is great _____ and meaning to our existence.

Charles Darwin taught that man _____ over time from other species through a process of natural selection or what's better known as "survival of the fittest." A biologist who followed Darwin's thinking said that, "Man is the _____ of a purposeless and natural process that didn't have man in mind." The Bible, however, teaches in Genesis 1 that God _____ the world and all the creatures within it. Male and female, they were to reproduce after their own _____. About man, God specifically says in verses 26 and 27 that He made man in His own image and _____ man dominion over all the earth. These two views are very _____ apart and they cannot both be true. What we _____ about our origin does make a great difference in how we see ourselves. God's thoughts toward us are very precious (Psalm 139:13-16).

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God _____ the heavens and the earth." The word "created" means "to call into being something that _____ previously existed." God simply _____, and something came into existence. The Bible says, "By _____ we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is _____ was not made out of things that are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). Believing God intelligently created the world and everything in it is not a leap, a _____ leap of faith. It is built on _____ all the order and purpose evident in the world. Proverbs 3:19 says: "The Lord by _____ founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens." The more we _____ this world and even the human body, the more we realize the order and the purpose God put into everything He made.

Those who reject faith in God suggest a different way to _____ the existence of life. Some people _____ that life evolved from non-living matter; but if we rule out God, then the origin of life is truly a mystery. It's a great leap of faith to _____ that life could come from non-living matter. They think there was a gradual development of complex molecules from the basic elements until they finally become molecules that could reproduce themselves, and then they _____ that they're living. Sir Fred Hoyle, one of England's prominent scientists _____ that the chance of higher life-forms emerging accidentally from non-living matter is comparable to a tornado making a Boeing 747 jet out of a junkyard. What we know about airplanes _____ us that their flight is the result of creative design. What scientists know about the way living cells make protein suggests, just as clearly, that _____ also is the result of creative design.

Evolutionists once believed that man had vestigial organs; that is, body _____ that lost all or most of their original function through evolution. There were supposed to be _____ such vestigial organs in humans. That _____ is now itself obsolete. Medical science discovered that these organs played very essential roles and were not "_____." What these organs teach us is that God had a special _____ behind everything He has made (Psalm 139:13-15).

Evolution, according to Darwin, is in a continual state of _____, with gradual change happening over long _____ of time. He believed that the fossil _____ should be filled with examples of transitional forms from one species into another. But paleontologists did not _____ these transitional forms. What they found were _____ in the fossil record. There wasn't any _____ of transformational intermediates between documented fossil species.



Many people _____ the number of hoaxes that evolutionists have posed to support their theory. They put forth “_____” between apes and men. They believed that the fossil records would show how one kind of animal evolved into another; but _____ of the fossils ever showed a transitional link between one creature and another. One evolution scientist, S. M. Stanley, admits that, “Species that were once thought to have turned into others have been found to _____ in time with these alleged descendants. In fact, the fossil record does not convincingly document a _____ transition from one species to another.”

Read the five hoaxes that are discussed.

Rather than look to fossils for imaginary missing links, perhaps we should look to the amazing _____ that’s right in front of us. This _____ design all around us argues for an intelligent designer; and that designer is _____. He is the only one with the unlimited _____ and _____ to create us (Revelation 4:11). Microbiologists tell us of the utter complexity of a single, _____ cell in our bodies. Benjamin Miller and Ruth Goode describe a single living cell in our bodies as being like a “a power plant, a furnace, a chemical laboratory” and its reproductive functions “as a factory complete with a manager’s office, files of blueprints and plans, intercommunication systems, assembly line and workers.” They then draw a conclusion, “None of these fanciful analogies does _____ to the living cell. All of these man-made systems put together, however ingenious and efficient, could not reproduce the functioning of this single unit of life, too small to be seen with the unaided eye.” Wayne Jackson, in his book, *The Human Body—Accident or Design*, asks, “If the living cell is more ingenious than any man-made system, _____ made it? Are we to conclude that it just _____? That’s _____ illogical.” The human body is an engineering _____. It’s indeed fearfully and wonderfully _____.

You’re watching me because God gave you _____ and you’re listening because God gave you _____. Bioengineer John Lenihan said that, “The eye is an exceptionally sensitive optical instrument displaying many striking _____ of design and performance.” Your eye can see _____ images by the thousands as they change. Your eye _____ adjustments to the amount of light, to the distance, to the angle automatically. Every _____ we own was patterned after the eye. If the function of the camera _____ that it was made, doesn’t it stand to reason that the more complex human camera, that is the eye, must also have a _____. Likewise, the ear is a _____. Using membranes like the eardrum, small bones, muscles that amplify the sound inside your ear, and 25,000 auditory receptors, the _____ is able to receive these vibrations and interpret whether they come from thunder, or a voice, or from thousands of other tones that we hear. One authority says, “Amazingly, the inner ear, although no bigger than a _____, contains as many circuits as the telephone system of a good-sized city.” Can you _____ that a city’s telephone system could design itself or just happen by accident?

Let’s be _____ for all that God has done in giving us this marvelously designed world and our lives (Romans 1:20). The fossil record doesn’t give us any “missing links” or intermediate forms showing the transition from one species to _____. The body itself shows us an incredible amount of _____. These _____ make it reasonable to believe that we’ve been created, not the products of natural selection. It takes far more _____ to believe that non-living matter produced life than it does to believe in God.

To enter into a relationship with the _____, believe in Him with all your heart, turn away from sin and follow His Word, confess the name of Jesus as the Son of God, and out of love be baptized into Christ.