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## “There Can’t Be a God Because...” – Contradictory Atheist Claims

By Dave Nutting

**S**keptics offer many arguments when seeking to prove there is no God. Many times, those arguments contradict themselves and shed light on the true nature of mankind as a result of the Fall. Consider the following claims:

### 1. “There is no way a being could be powerful enough to create a universe.”

In other words, forget Genesis 1:1 – “In the Beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

### 2. “Things are too perfect for any God to accomplish.”

I almost laughed when a university instructor pulled that argument out of his hat. It’s amazing to see the lengths to which people will go in seeking to counteract the amazing evidence for design.

Actually, **both of these arguments fail** to understand the **power of our Creator-God**. Instead, both blindly ascribe incredible power to random processes to create an amazingly-balanced universe and mind-boggling complexity of living systems.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 1:20-22 states the evidence is there!

*“For since the creation of the world [God’s] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their*

*foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.”*

### 3. “Things aren’t designed perfectly!”

True, we live in an imperfect world with death and disease. This type of imperfection is the direct result of Adam and Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden. Another facet of this “imperfection” argument questions God’s design and ignores the possibility that our Creator had a specific reason for His design. This line of reasoning is heavily dependent on the opinions of scientists and their perceived expertise. In past issues of T&B, I answered some of these “imperfection” arguments regarding the eye (Jan-Feb, 2005) and for choking potential (Nov-Dec, 2014).

Another such argument in this “imperfection” category claims that if a God knew what He was doing, He would not have made the 4 different ways for DNA to code for the amino acid called glycine. Their claim is that this is wasteful. Therefore there can’t be an all-knowing God Who created it.

**Think about their logic.** If it is too perfect, there can’t be a God powerful enough to do it. If there are imperfections, then that also proves there is no God. Hmmmm...I guess if you don’t want to believe in God, you are forced into a mental “disconnect.”

True, each of the ways to make glycine differs by only the last of the 4 letters in the code. As a creationist who believes in the power of an almighty God, I would expect there is a purpose for His doing so.

Sure enough, recent research confirms this! Inside the cell, an extremely complex (amazingly-designed!) machine folds the string of amino acids into a functional protein. The “wasteful” last letter controls the precise amount of folding needed. **WOW!** Our Creator-God has just revealed to us His amazing power to make a **dual coding system!** Ironically, **this added knowledge forces** those arguing for wasteful imperfection into the “too perfect” category!

Contrast this with a university professor who came to our presentations in Mongolia. He was trained as an engineer in the Russian, communist schools where he was also indoctrinated to be an atheist. In broken English, he told us “I’ve been thinking and thinking and thinking. Things are just too complex and too designed for them to happen by accident. Then I saw the advertisement for your programs and decided to come.”

He received the evidence of a Creator gladly! I believe that the enormous complexity that God has placed all around us is meant to lead open-minded people like the Mongolian professor into recognizing that God is the powerful Creator!

Oh, God, let us see and accept your infinite power! You are a God worthy of our worship! **AOI**





## 1. Aren't all religions basically the same and don't they all lead to the same God?

Although many lay-people will make this claim, religious scholars would never say this. Though themes like love and goodness (morality) are often shared concepts, there are many contradictory and mutually-exclusive claims held by the world's various religions. In other words, the differences make all the difference.

For example, Mormons and Christians do not have the same understanding of God. Mormons believe that God was once a man and spiritually/supernaturally evolved to be the God of this world. Christians, on the other hand, believe that God has always existed and is the only God there is .

To say that these two views lead to the same God is like saying two little, round, white pills are the same. However, if one is aspirin and the other arsenic, they'll produce drastically different results.

## 2. What about people in other religions? Would God really send people to Hell who are so sincere?"

You can sincerely believe that your parachute works but you can be sincerely wrong. No student goes to the professor after a hard test and says, "I sincerely thought that I gave the right answers to the test, so can you please change my grade?" The important aspect of this is what is really true.



## 3. Why does Jesus have to be the only way, truth and life?

When I am asked this question, I immediately refer people to watch this powerful video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxX3kJT88g>. It is truly one of my favorite short videos of all time on this topic. Although I'm including a short synopsis, I highly encourage you to watch it.

Imagine this: A loving Creator creates a whole universe, but His most significant creation is

humankind – Adam and Eve as the first couple. He created them to enjoy life, love, and fellowship with Him forever. But, they disobeyed Him and plunged the Creator's desired world into a state of sin and death. Though continually

hurt by Adam and Eve and all their children, this Creator made the ultimate sacrifice in giving His beloved Son to die as the perfect substitute to save and reconcile any person who simply believes in Him and all He's provided.

Because this Creator gave sooo much, imagine standing on judgment day and having the audacity to ask, "Why aren't there 5 ways to Heaven? God, you did not do enough!" **AOI**

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## Patterns of Evidence: Exodus (DVD)

*(Review by Brian Mariani)*

Normally, in our Discover Creation seminars, the majority of our teaching is focused on Genesis and helping people see how evidence from science supports the biblical record. Generally, the discussion centers around findings within biology



and geology. However, there are times when it is important to acknowledge that significant portions of the Bible have been confirmed through Archaeology. This well-produced documentary by Timothy Mahoney examines evidence for the Exodus gathered from over 12 years of research. While the majority of scientists have been

duped by the theory of evolution and hold to the idea that the biblical account of the Exodus was made up, the evidence has been piling up to suggest that it did happen – just as the Bible says! Follow this filmmaker's journey to Egypt and Israel to speak directly to modern archaeologists and scholars who literally "dig" up evidence that confirms the truth of the Bible! Order several today! Single copy **\$20.00** plus \$4.00 S/H (total for each address). **AOI**

# Soft Tissue in “Ancient” Fossils – Update

by Dave Nutting

When I was in my teens, I cut and polished many pieces of petrified dinosaur bone to make rock jewelry. On occasion, while I was shaping the stone, a rotten-egg smell would exude from the “petrified” dinosaur bone. Sadly, as a young evolutionist, I never even thought about the significance of it. I later realized I was grinding through rotting soft tissue and thankfully, it wasn't mine! It wasn't until after the findings of Mary Schweitzer in the 1990's that scientists became aware of unpetrified, soft tissue in dinosaurs. (See Mark Sonmor's article relating to this in the May/June 2005 issue of Think & Believe.)

The question is obvious: How could any soft tissue have remained intact over all those supposed millions of years? All of it should have decayed! At first, there was just plain unbelief on the part of the scientific community. Many simply denied or ignored the research. In fact, Mary Schweitzer couldn't even get her research published for quite some time. When interviewed by Barry Yeoman of Discover magazine, she recalled:

*“I had one reviewer tell me that he didn't care what the data said, he knew what I was finding wasn't possible. I wrote back and said, “Well, what data would convince you?” And he said, “None.”<sup>1</sup>*

I've had people say: “Impossible! You are making this up!” I agree with it being “impossible,” but not with the making it up!

While speaking on the subject at the University of Minnesota, a professor shouted out, “It's just biofilm!” meaning that this is merely recent biologic activity that just looks like it was from the dinosaur. Today, it is fully acknowledged that the biofilm explanation is false. It is indeed

unpetrified dinosaur soft tissue.

So, what do paleontologists who are hoping to retain their millions of years, do with this? Evolutionary researchers are frantically trying to come up with a plausible explanation. The latest research is led by Schweitzer, herself. She found that if tissue is soaked in concentrated hemoglobin to provide ample iron, the tissue could be preserved for two years. That sounds promising to dedicated evolutionists and is now the explanation I am hearing at the universities. However, I don't think it solves the dilemma. Why not?

1. It is a huge stretch to extrapolate from two years to 140 million!
2. It doesn't explain where the buried dinosaur is going to get all of that concentrated hemoglobin.
3. The experiment required that the bone and tissue be kept dry. However, the dinosaurs in question were buried quickly by mud in what is reported to have been a river (or Flood?) deposit. How do you keep it dry? Petrification itself, demands

continual flow of groundwater.  
4. Many fossils containing soft tissue have no iron present.

Actually, many more fossils have recently been found with documented soft tissue. In 2011, ICR published a list of 42 such fossils. Pliable dinosaur skin was discovered in 2013. An Oct 3, 2017 article also reported the discovery of a “millions-of-years-old” salamander having intact soft tissue, nerves, and organs still preserved. It also showed evidence that it had just eaten a frog!<sup>2</sup> Many of the reports express amazement over the ability of soft tissue to remain intact over all those years!

These findings make me seriously question “all those years.” I believe the evolutionary paradigm, which requires vast amounts of time, clouds the minds of paleontologists. It keeps them from questioning their basic, underlying assumptions – or questioning the long-age time frame. Could there be another explanation – one that involves a huge, and much more recent Flood?

The last issue of T&B offered a great DVD concerning soft tissue in Dinosaurs. Once again, we offer that special price to you: **\$16.00** plus \$3.00 S/H. See <http://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/n2018-1-lo-res.pdf> for the description. **AOI**



<sup>1</sup>[Barry Yeoman, “Schweitzer’s Dangerous Discovery” Discover Magazine: April 2006, p. 37.]

<sup>2</sup>(<https://phys.org/news/2017-10-ancient-petrified-salamander-reveals-meal.html>)

## Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



**T**his year, April 1 is Easter, although I prefer to call it Resurrection Sunday. April 1 is also known as April Fool's

Day. With that realization, this director's column could go many directions. However, I choose to think about how our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fooled those who had crucified Him on a cross. On Friday, they thought they had indeed nailed Him. But on Sunday, oh that Sunday, the Resurrection Day 2,000 years ago, He fooled all His enemies – and death itself – by rising from the dead. He fooled Satan who likely thought himself quite victorious the day before but instead, found himself and his host to be real

losers. Jesus flat out stymied all of their victory parties! This resurrection was no joke; it was real! Today, we see how real it was with over 2 billion people claiming to be followers of the risen Christ!

Back then, who would ever have thought that small band of followers would see thousands of people come to the saving knowledge of the resurrected Savior on just one day? The numbers continue growing like wildfire. If you told the religious leaders of Jesus' day that this would occur, they would have said, "You're joking!" But, no joke! It happened! Jesus is the risen king of the universe! Isn't it great that we can join over 2 billion people world-wide in celebration of our risen Lord and creator? **AOI**

## Campus Ministry Call-To-Action

**A**re you or someone you know planning to attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction? We want to come alongside you to help fortify your faith so that you are not blown away by evolutionary indoctrination. We are also looking for students who want to pursue their education while making an impact on fellow students. AOI staff is available to mentor and equip you for ministry – both during your time at CMU, and beyond. Interested? Call Brian or Scott at 970-523-9943 **AOI**

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