WHY DON’T THEY SEE?*
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Mrs. Jones was showing Mary the internal parts of a fish and explaining how they worked. Mary’s fascination and interest reminded Mrs. Jones of the time when she had begun to learn the information she was now teaching her daughter. “Mary, I remember something that happened to me when I was a teenager. It was a rainy day and I sat on my bed watching the raindrops hit the window pane. I was feeling kind of down because I had argued with one of my best friends that day. I had shouted at Tiffany and told her she couldn’t be much of a Christian if she believed in that evolution stuff. Now, I was feeling sorry for the way I had treated Tiffany.

“We had been given the assignment of dissecting a fish in biology class. We were asked to compare the parts of a fish to that of a reptile and to that of a man. Tiffany saw lots of similarities between the fish, reptile, and man. She saw that they all were air breathing in one form or another, and that they all had appendages. Tiffany also saw they had eyes, digestive systems, and that they all reproduced. She thought they were very much alike and therefore, must have evolved from a common ancestor as our biology book claimed.

“However, I didn’t think that the fishes’ method of breathing and human’s were even remotely similar, and the differences between a hand and a fin were most obvious. I remember thinking that if Tiffany thought laying eggs and having a baby were alike, she needed her head examined! One look into that fish’s eye, and I knew that Tiffany and I were both looking at God’s creation through totally different eyes!

“How could Tiffany believe that the fish could develop lungs from gills, grow arms, legs, hands, and feet from fins, and somehow manage to lose a swim bladder? Didn’t she see how complex that tiny swim bladder was? Why couldn’t Tiffany see how impossible the odds were that a delicate gill filament, designed to take oxygen out of water, could change into a sac designed to take oxygen out of air? Why couldn’t Tiffany see that ALL the other organs would have to change AT THE SAME TIME, to make a new creature? It just blew my mind how Tiffany could believe that, by chance and accident, the many kinds of plants and animals we see today could have evolved. Where was the fossil evidence to support these changes? Didn’t she read her Bible? God made everything in six days. How could Tiffany be so in the dark?

“Then, I remember, as if it was yesterday, sitting at home and looking out my window. A bright ray of sun broke through the clouds and fell warm and reassuring on my bed. The clouds parted and a brilliant rainbow filled the sky. I felt a warm feeling go through my body and realized that it wasn’t Tiffany’s fault that she hadn’t seen the light. She had been told evolution was true long before she had become a Christian, and she was still growing ... changing ... ‘evolving’.

“That moment, I realized that I had to change my attitude. Tiffany needed my love and guidance, not my anger or scorn. I bowed my head and asked God to guide me in helping Tiffany see through the evolutionary misinformation and truly see the light of God the Creator!”

“Did Tiffany come to believe God as the Creator?” Mary asked.

“I don’t know, Mary. I asked Tiffany to forgive me for getting mad at her, and we remained friends. She began asking lots of questions. I was able to share many evidences for creation with her, but her family moved away and we lost contact with each other. I did what I could do, but the rest is up to the Holy Spirit.”

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Even though these two girls are looking at the same evidence, they have very different beliefs about how they were created. The girl on the left believes all things were made by the chance and accident of evolution. The girl on the right disagrees - she sees design by an Intelligent Creator!

“But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this,” Job 12:7-9 NKJV

Find the 21 differences between the 2 pictures.

Find the path through the maze, What does the path look like?