

Intelligent design; what is it? To many, the mention of these words evokes pictures of religious fundamentalism; people who stick their fingers in their ears and run screaming at the first mention of “science”. But it is a huge mistake to characterize them in this manner. Many prominent people in the world today, recognize the plain evidence of “intelligent design” in the world around us; indeed it is nearly unavoidable.

Intelligent design, in essence, is the recognition that certain systems within all aspects of nature, especially biology, appear to be designed to function in exactly the way that they do. It believes that Darwinian theories of evolutionary progression are completely unable to explain how what are essentially functioning machines came into being by purely naturalistic means. An automobile cannot create itself. If a group of scientist were to be walking through the woods, and were to find something as simple as a sundial, none would argue that it had come about by chance. Yet machines that are far more complex are argued to have just “fallen together” by modern evolutionists. This idea is preposterous to the logical mind.

These thoughts lead to the idea of what has come to be called “irreducible complexity”. Irreducible complexity is the point at which a machine is reduced to its most simple form, and at which point were one part of that machine removed or altered, it would cease to function. The classical example of this is the mouse trap. Were the spring to be removed from the classical mousetrap, it would cease to function. Likewise with all of the rest of it’s parts. It cannot be “reduced” any further; therefore, it must have been designed and assembled by an intelligent designer.

In nature, the giraffe is a good example of the “mouse trap” concept. The evolutionary roots of the giraffe are said to be the horse, according to the proponents of that theory. During times of drought, horses were forced to eat leaves off of the hanging branches of trees. Those horses that had longer necks, and were better able to reach an abundance of leaves, survived; those that did not died off. This seems logical, however, there is more to consider.

Within the neck of the giraffe, is a complex system of valves and arteries. This system is necessary because of the length of the giraffe’s neck, and the tremendous pressure caused by the rush of blood when a giraffe raises or lowers his head. Without them, the arteries in his head would burst when he lowered his head to take a drink. Likewise, when he raised it suddenly, such as to flee from predators, the sudden rush of blood leaving his brain would cause dizziness, or possibly cause him to faint, leaving him vulnerable to the aggressor.

Such a system could not have evolved gradually. The horse has no such system of valves, nor is there any living creature or intermediate fossil

that would account for them. One could not evolve before the other; they would necessarily have to come about rapidly, and at the same time. Hence, they must have been fully assembled and implemented by a intelligent creator.

This is clearly a scientific argument. Nowhere within it is any mention of religion. Evolution though, demonstrates CLEARLY its religious tenets in this debate, because it is unwilling to even consider this argument; it interferes with its Atheistic worldview. However, such facts are becoming unquestionable, as the complexity of life grows with our knowledge of it.