

Design? YES! Intelligent? NO!

Natural Selection is the designer. It's a design from the bottom up, not from the top down.

"If there is only one Creator who made the tiger and the lamb, the cheetah and the gazelle, what is he playing at? Is he a sadist who enjoys spectator blood sports?" - Richard Dawkins - Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University

A Message from the Rational Response Squad

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Why there can be no Intelligent Designer.

- Over 99% of the species that have ever existed are now extinct. If a basketball player only made one out of every hundred shots, he wouldn't make the team.
- As I am typing this thousands of animals are running for their lives from hungry predators. Lots of them aren't going to make it and will die cruel deaths. An Intelligent Designer could have made a world in which animals didn't have to eat anything, let alone other animals.
- Each year 500,000 women die giving birth. Before modern science, 1 out of every 4 women died giving birth. Millions of babies are born with birth defects, cancer and all sorts of other tragic ailments. Ask yourself— Is the baby that's born with leukemia intelligently designed?
- Our food and our oxygen both travel down the same pipe. Thousands of people die from choking each year.
- Wisdom teeth, tooth decay, phlegm, defecation, on and on... All of these things are things you would only expect to see if nothing intelligent was behind design in nature.

Intelligent Design proponents are forced to take their ideas to the public. They are forced to do this because their ideas do not hold up to honest scrutiny. They know that when their ideas are held up to the scientific method that all they have is a hypothesis that has been thoroughly refuted time and time again.

There is no controversy regarding whether or not the theory of evolution explains the diversity of life on our planet. The Intelligent Design proponents have created the controversy by taking their ideas to the public rather than trying to do real science to offer evidence for their ideas. The general public is, unfortunately, ignorant of science. Many think that a scientific theory is just a guess. This is not the case. A scientific theory describes a set of facts. If the Intelligent Design proponents have any evidence that contradicts the facts that make up the theory of evolution then they should present that evidence to be peer reviewed. They don't have this evidence. They have to rely on the public's ignorance of science to further their agenda.

Intelligent Design is the last refuge of the creationists. For thousands of years theologians have tried to plug the supernatural into gaps in people's knowledge. The gaps are quickly closing as science is progressing and now they are attempting to plug God in where knowledge has already been obtained.

Learning how things really work is much more beautiful and awe-inspiring than BS myths. Learning how things really work (Science) rather than accepting "God did it" (Faith) as an answer to questions is what led us out of the caves, has increased our life expectancies dramatically and has done more for humanity in the last 50 years than theologians ever have.

The Rational Response Squad is committed to increasing the public understanding of science for the benefit of humanity. We would love to answer any questions you might have and engage in a friendly dialogue about these important matters.

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