

Beyond The Azure Blue

I. If Atheism Is True –

If atheism is true . . .

- Our 'creator' is dirt and rocks. Ro.1:18-21
- We are only a glob of tissue.
- There is no standard of right or wrong.
- There is no sense of ought (obligations).
- Death ends it all.
- There is no justice. Ps.73.

I. If Atheism Is True

II. If Atheism Is False

If atheism is false . . .

- Our 'creator' is God. Gen.1:1.
- We have purpose here. Ec.12:1,13-14.
- We are accountable to a standard of right and wrong. Gn.18:25.
- There is a sense of ought (obligations).
2 Co.5:10-11.
- Death is just the beginning. Ph.1:21-23
- There will be justice for all. 2 Th.1:8.

If atheism is false . . .

- **Hitler:** never formally charged with war crimes. He never faced the families of the people he murdered.
- **Adolf Eichmann:** ‘My only mistake was not murdering all the Jews.’
- Nuremberg trials: **Robert Jackson** – ‘These men should be tried on this basis, on a higher law, a higher law which rises above the provincial and the transient.’

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II. If Atheism Is False

III. Two Alternatives –

Alternatives . . .

There is no God – we evolved, either from . . .

1. Eternal matter. How?
2. Nothing. What creator?

For something to create itself, it would have to exist before it exists –absurdity!

There is a God – the uncaused first cause.

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IV. Atheism's Impossible Task

Impossible . . .

- Spontaneous generation. **Even** if rocks & dirt are our parents, how can they create life?
- Consciousness comes from something that has no consciousness.
- Conscience comes from something that has no conscience. Can dirt give us a sense of right and wrong?
- Human beings came from something that is not human. Why don't we see this today?

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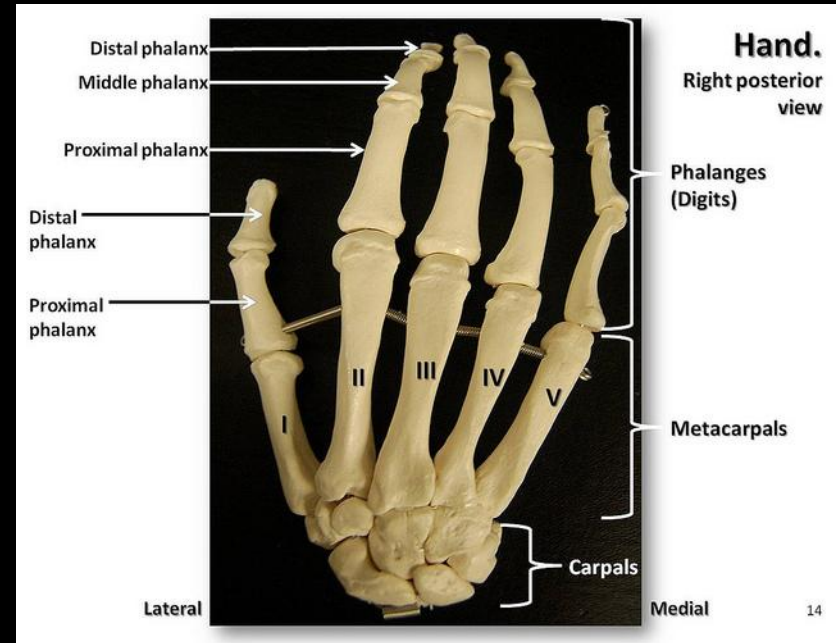
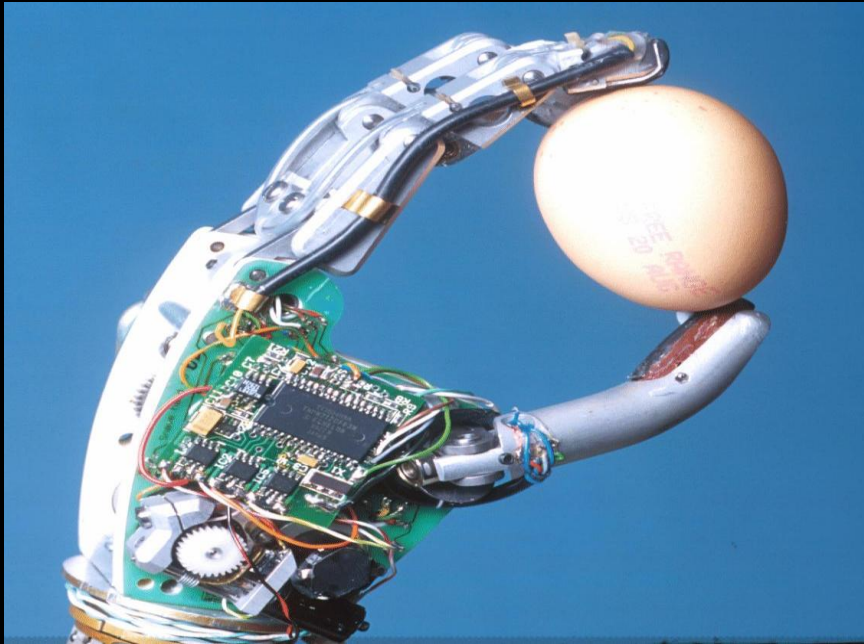
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V. Why I Believe
In God

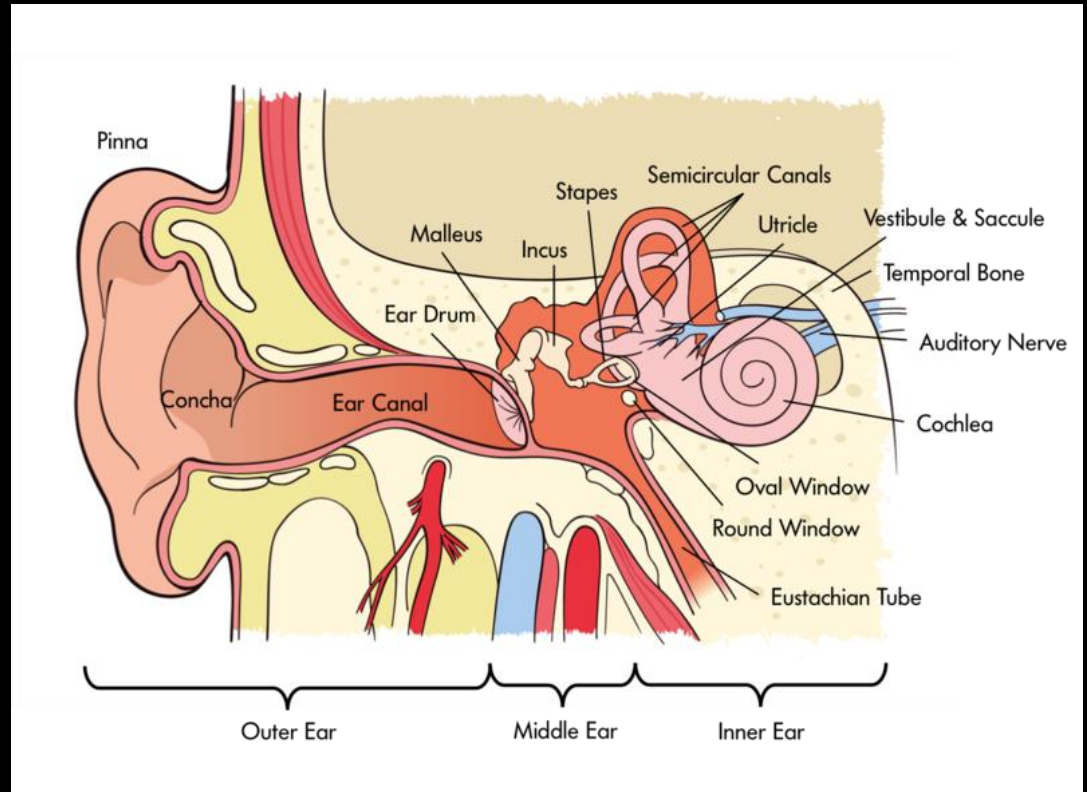
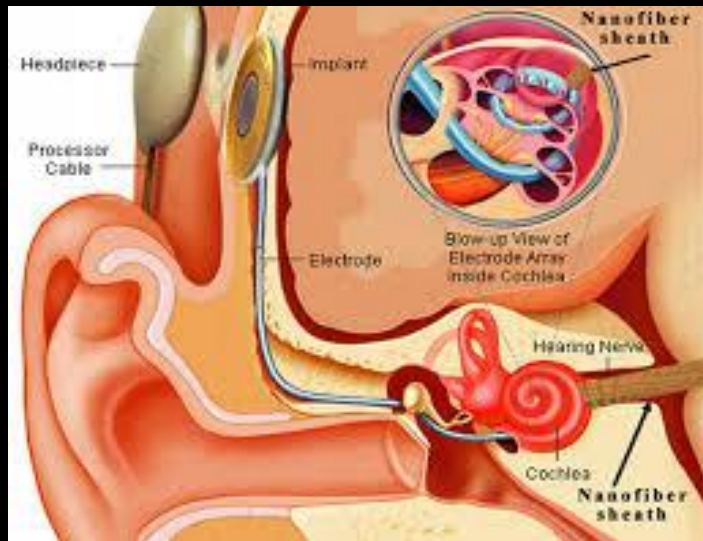
Design: the human body

Ps.139:14-16



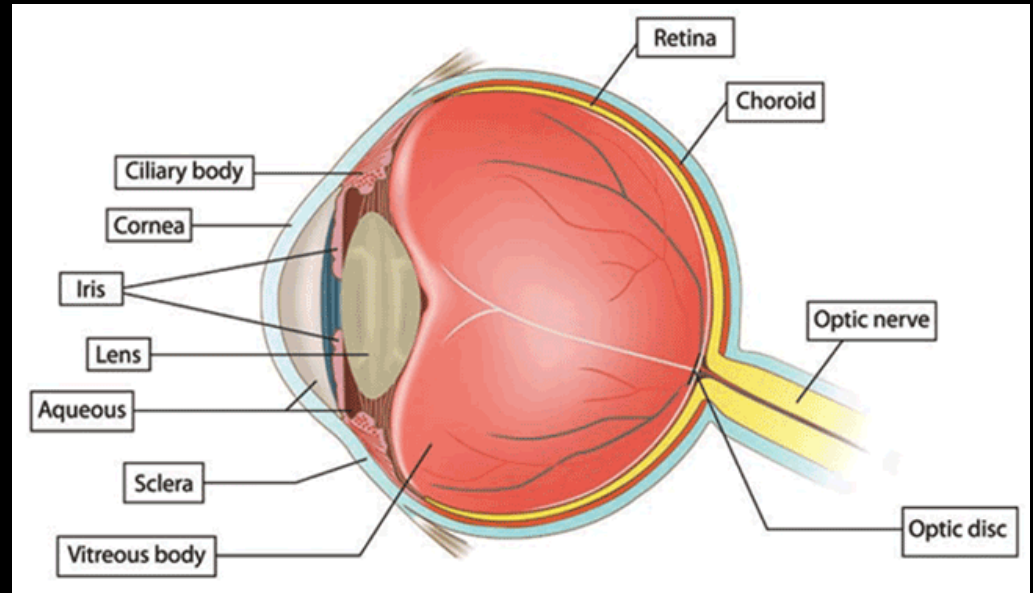
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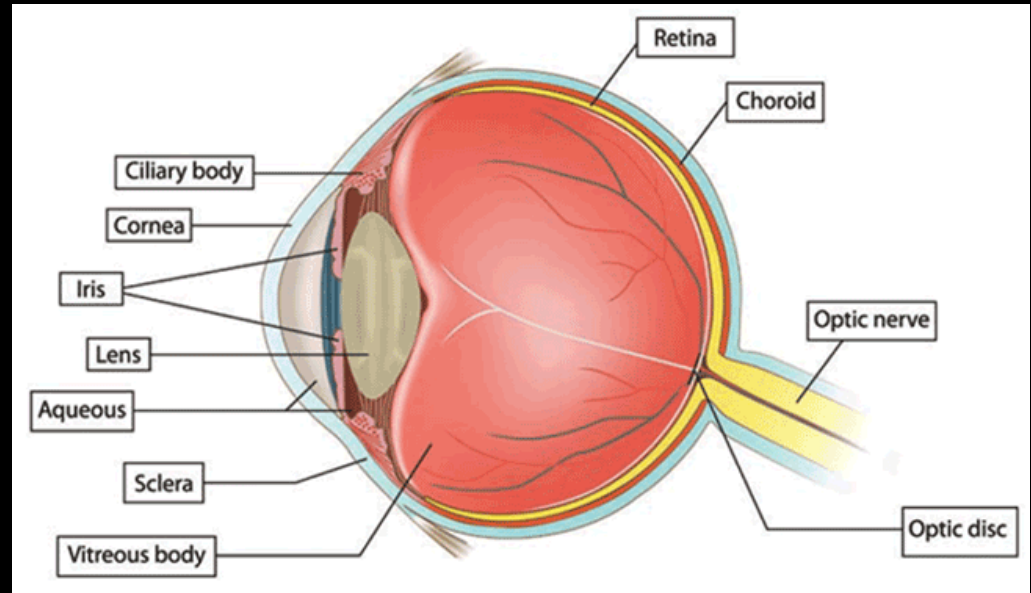
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“To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree” – Chas. Darwin, *Origin of Species*

Design: the human body

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“The eye appears to have been designed; no designer of telescopes could have done better. How could this marvelous instrument have evolved by chance, through a succession of random events?” – Robert Jastrow, agnostic

Design: the human body

Ezk.37:6-10

- Renewed hope for Babylonian exiles
- Secondly: creative work of God (Gn.1-2)

“A pair of pliers, a chain saw or even a missile guidance system doesn’t approach the lowliest parasitic worm in internal complexity. The human-made world is not nearly as intricate as the natural world” – Science Digest, 4/81

Design: the universe

Psalm 8

- David's problem: not finding it hard to believe in God
- Powerful Creator shows interest in man
- No one can doubt design in universe

Design: the universe

Three options:

1. Blind chance.

“I believe in a big bang; we arrived here by chance – random processes”

If true: brain / thought processes are product of randomness.

- ◆ David Hume
- ◆ Charles Darwin
- ◆ A. Einstein
- ◆ Mount Rushmore

Design: the universe

Three options:

1. Blind chance.

2. Created itself.

“Natural selection may explain the survival of the fittest, but it cannot explain the arrival of the fittest”

– Hugo DeVries, d. 1936.

Design: the universe

Three options:

1. Blind chance.
2. Created itself.
3. God.

Cause and effect: clock

Hb.3:4, house

Ps.19:1-4, universe

Design: the universe

Earth

Size, gravity

If smaller, no atmosphere

If larger, free hydrogen, like Jupiter

Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal, and human life

Design: the universe

Earth

Right distance from the sun

Moon: perfect size and distance from earth

Water: chemically inert

Unique surface tension

In plants: flow upward against gravity

Freezes from top down

97% in oceans... Ec.1:7

Anthony Flew

“A super-intelligence is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the complexity of nature.”