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There Is A God In Heaven

“...but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days” – Daniel 2:28

I. Complexity

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Where did matter come from in first place?

Does scientific method observe
something coming from nothing?

How do skeptics react to Lord’s miracles?

Complexity of human cell (1/2)

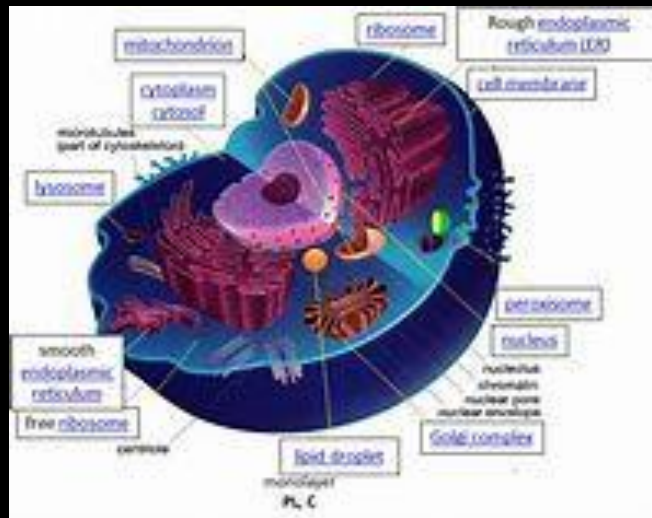
- Professor Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory In Crisis...*
- “To grasp the reality of life as it has been revealed by molecular biology, we must magnify a cell a thousand million times until it is twenty kilometers in diameter and resembles a giant airship large enough to cover a great city like London or New York.
- What we would then see would be an object of unparalleled complexity and adaptive design.

Complexity of human cell (2/2)

- On the surface of the cell we would see millions of openings, like port holes of a vast space ship, opening and closing to allow a continual stream of materials to flow in and out. If we were to enter one of these openings we would find ourselves in a world of supreme technology and bewildering complexity... (a complexity) beyond our own creative capacities, a reality which is the very antithesis of chance, which excels in every sense anything produced by the intelligence of man...
- Chance did this ... but men built the cities??

Complexity of human cell

- “Multiple thousands of scientists accept the Bible’s message that there is a Creator Who planned the creation, designed the intricate engineering efficiencies into that creation, etc.”
– Jeffrey Tomkins, *The Design and Complexity of the Cell*.





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Irreducible Complexity

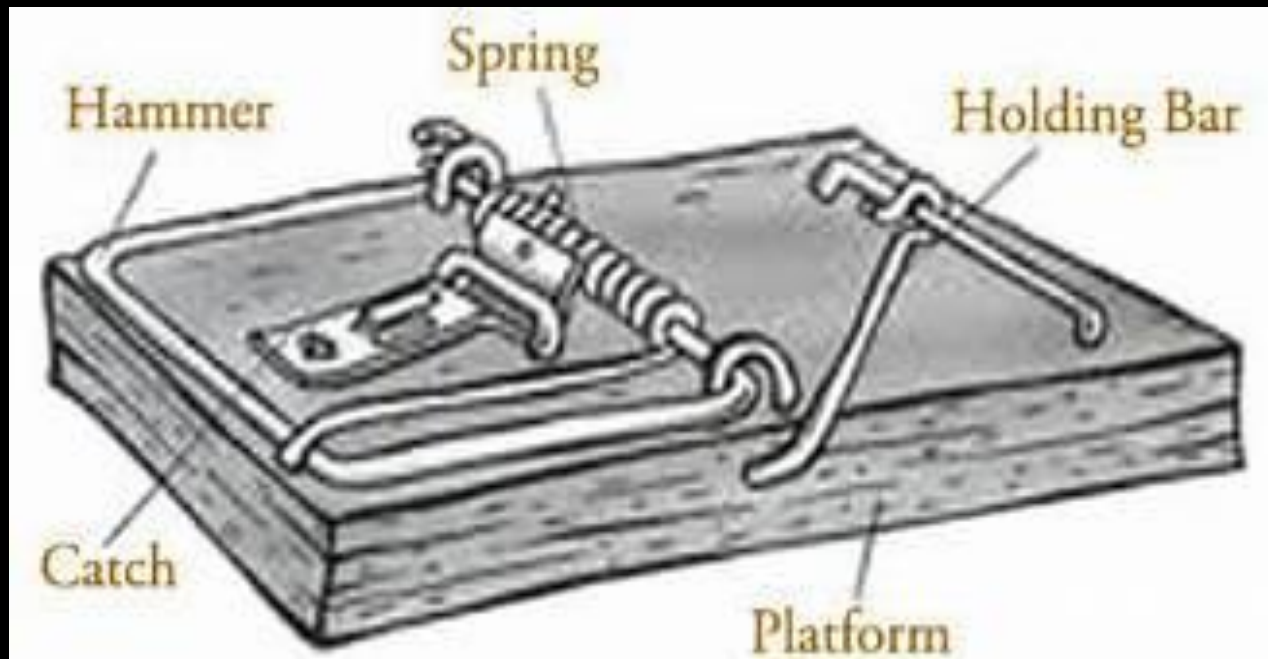
- Michael Behe
- Modern biochemistry has revealed features of life that have previously been unknown – processes such as X-Ray crystallography have enabled scientists to investigate far further than a Darwinian understanding.
- Some aspects of nature are “irreducibly complex” – if you took away any of its parts it would not work at all.



The image shows a slide titled 'Irreducible Complexity'. It contains a bulleted list with three points. The first point is 'Michael Behe'. The second point states that modern biochemistry has revealed features of life previously unknown, such as X-Ray crystallography, which has enabled scientists to investigate further than a Darwinian understanding. The third point states that some aspects of nature are 'irreducibly complex', meaning that if any of its parts were removed, it would not work at all. To the right of the text is a small image of the book cover for 'Darwin's Black Box' by Michael J. Behe, which features a black and white photograph of a dog's head. Next to the book cover is a small portrait of Michael J. Behe, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a suit and tie.

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Complexity of human body

“If a human being’s DNA were uncoiled, it would stretch 10 billion miles, from Earth to Pluto and back.”

“Your DNA is arranged as a coil of coils of coils of coils of coils. If you stretched the DNA in one cell all the way out, it would be about two miles long and all the DNA in your cells put together would be about twice the diameter of the Solar System . . . about ten billion miles.”

Systems

1. Digestive
2. Muscular
3. Integumentary
4. Lymphatic
5. Endocrine
6. Nervous
7. Skeletal
8. Reproductive
9. Respiratory
10. Circulatory

“I will praise You, for I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your
works,
And that my soul
knows very well”
– Ps.139:14.

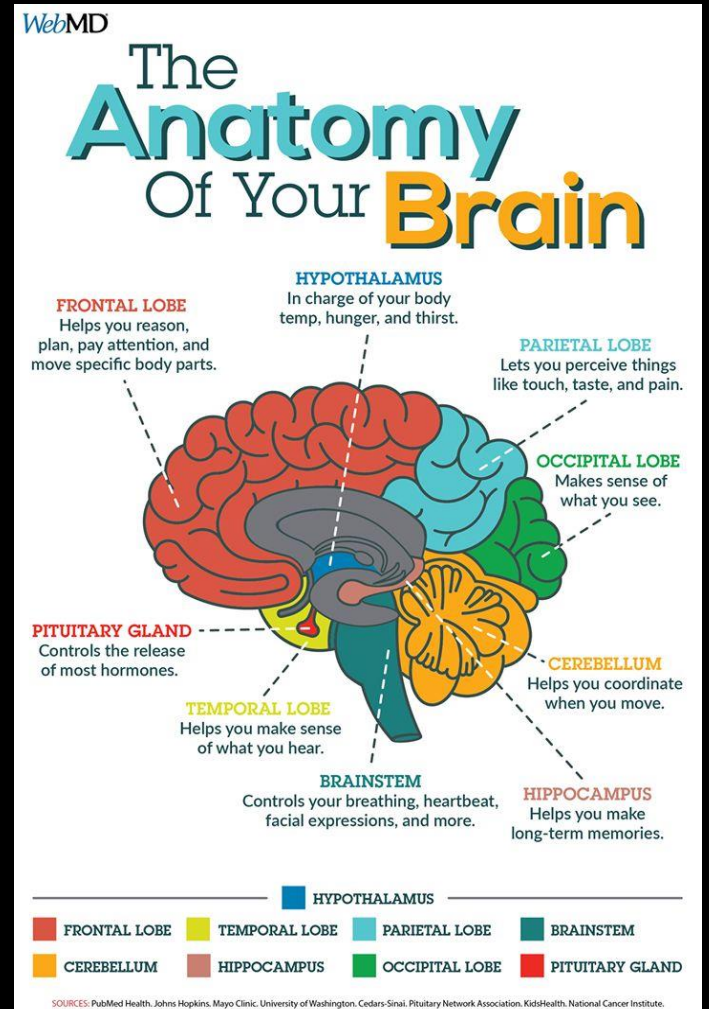
Awesomely wonderful;
awe inspiring

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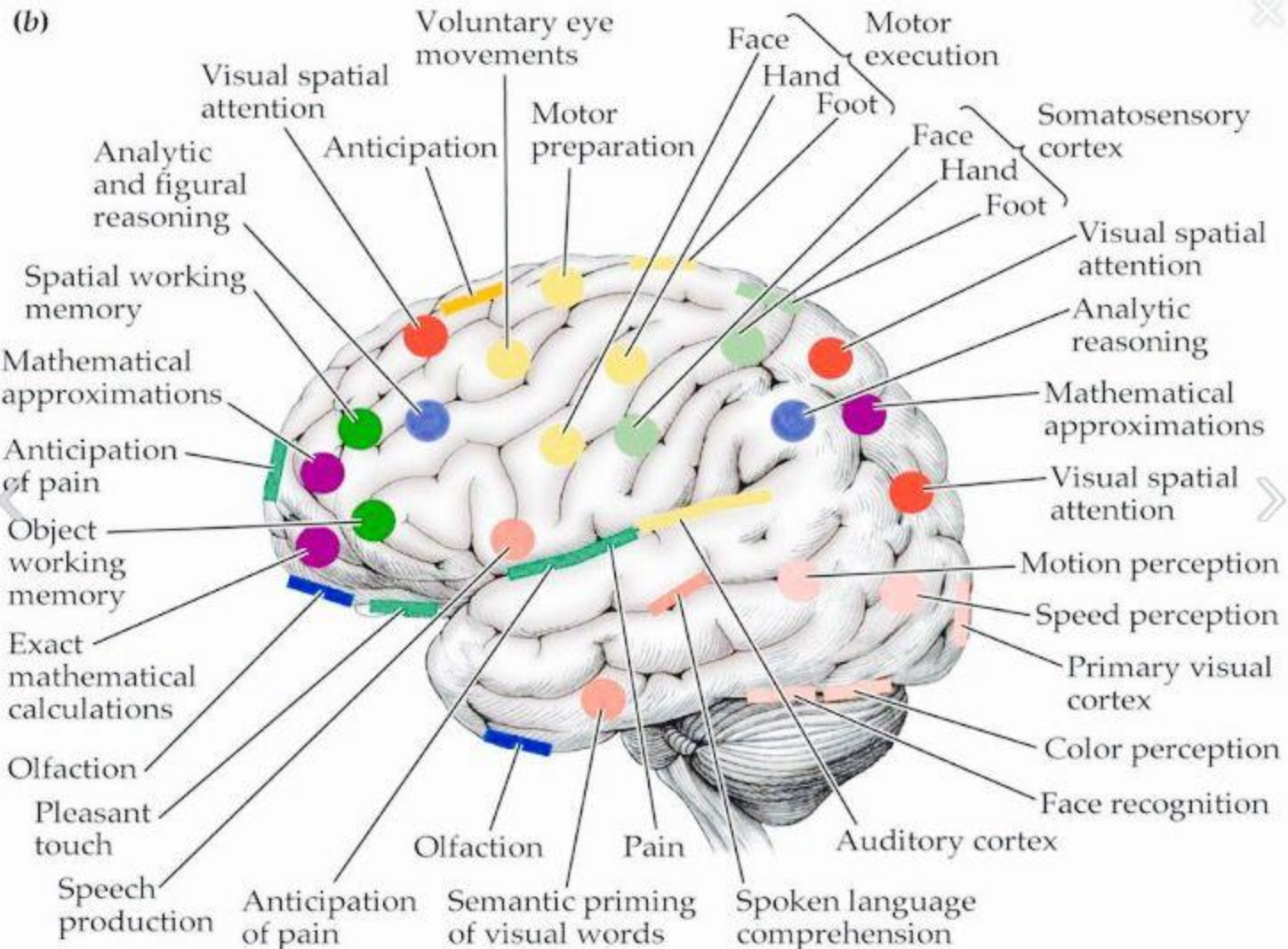
Complexity of human brain

“The most complex
biological structure
in the universe”

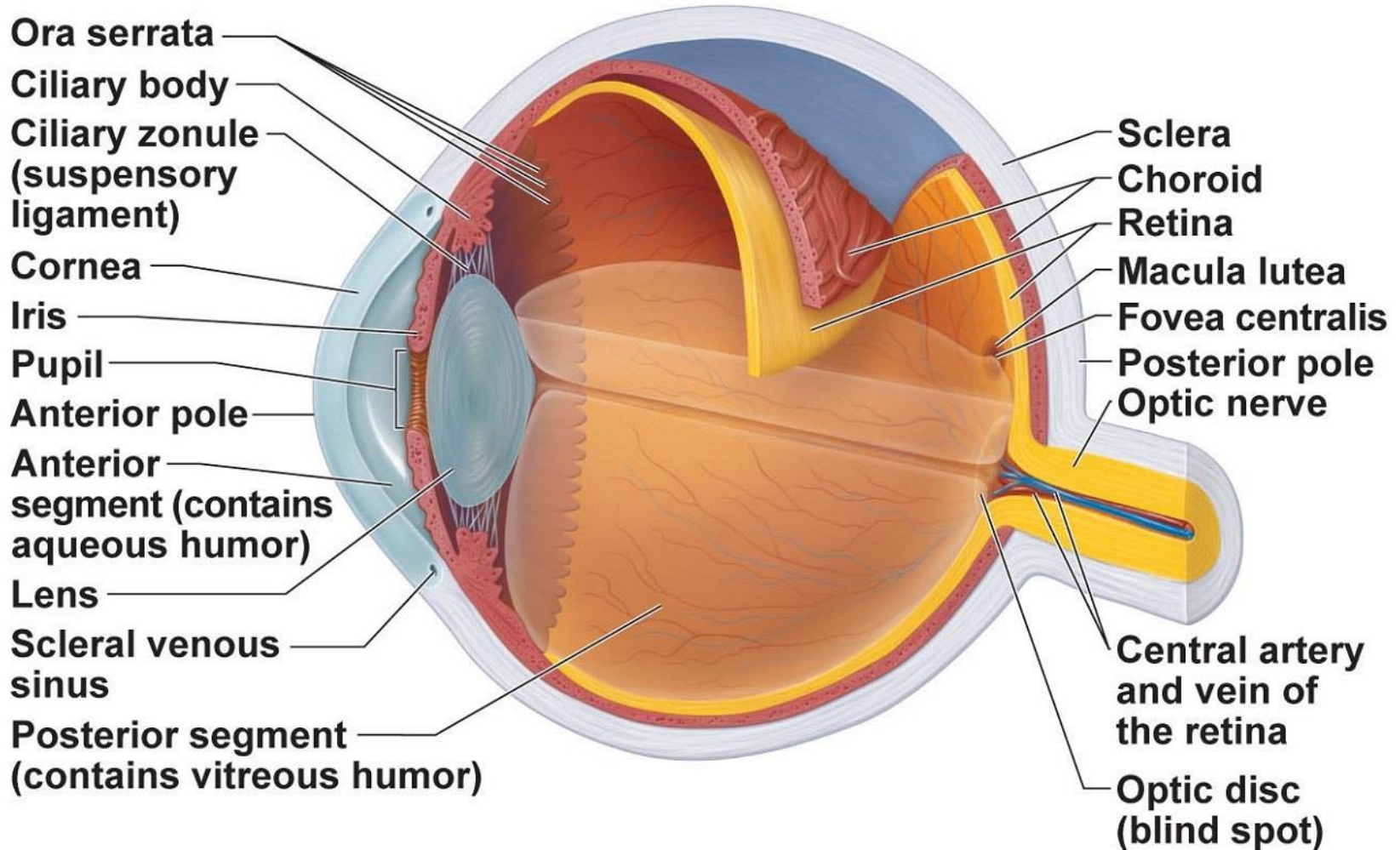
- Gn.1:27
- Job 38:36
- Pr.2:6
- Ja.1:5



Mk.5:...15



Contrast: camera and eye



(a) Diagrammatic view. The vitreous humor is illustrated only in the bottom part of the eyeball.

Modern evolution

1. No observers
2. Multiplied millions of years
3. Cannot be repeated
4. Therefore, matter of **'faith'**



House



1. Illusion?
2. Eternal, self-existent?
3. Create itself?
4. Intelligent design?

Hb.3:4

Hb.11:3

Ps.8:1-4

[Ex.8:19]

I. Complexity

II. Choices

God's Design

- Job 38:1-4 – earth
- Job 38:16 – sea
- Job 38:19-21 – light
- Job 38:31-33 – stars

Choices:

1. Something either is or is not.
2. What is, is either created or eternal.
3. Creator is either intelligent or unintelligent.

Is.40:26

Col.1:16

God's Anthropic Principle

- Oxygen level
- Atmospheric transparency
- Moon-earth gravitational interaction
- Carbon dioxide level
- Gravity

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Intelligent Design

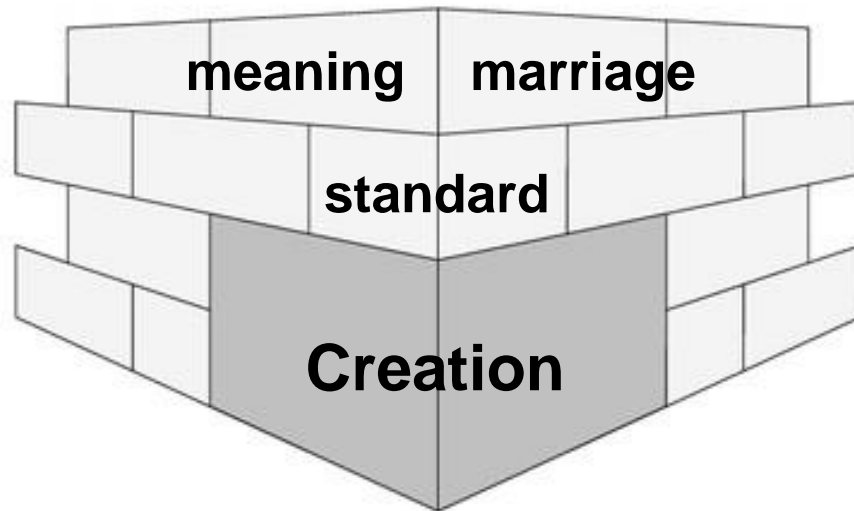
- Plane with lights . . . stars
- Statue . . . Man who posed for it
- Computer . . . human brain
- City water system, food stores, people cars, bridges . . . cell

Conclusion (1/2)

- No God = no morals
- “If there is no god – and there isn’t – then we made up morality. And I’m very impressed” – Jennifer Michael Hecht.
- “If there is no God, everything is permitted” – Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Conclusion (1/2)

- Without God, we have no explanation for being, no morality to embrace, no purpose in life, and no hope beyond the grave.
- Creation is foundation of meaning . . .



Conclusion (2/2)

- Ro.1:20
- Jesus . . .
 - Created (Jn.1:3)
 - Endorsed OT creation account
(historical, authoritative)
 - Mk.10:6, But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female'