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Subject: Re: Intelligent design vs Evolution  
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shippo wrote on Sat, 05 March 2011 07:01@ snpr and dover

I was trying to get accross the idea that it is easier to believe in the the idea that someing is created with a purpose as to something just randmoly coming together, especially with something as complicated as the eye.

According to evolution, in order for a genetic trait to be caried over from one animal to another, it must exhibit some sort of benifit to that animal that allows it to survive better than those who do not have it. (this is very closely related to Natural selection)

now with my eye example. the eye is made up of many parts that all must be there together for the eye to work. You need an optic nerve to cary the light to the brain for interpretation, you need a lense to focus the light, you need atleast rods to see in black and white, you need the ciliary muscles that control the amount of light into and out of the eye, and may more.

now, if you had the lense but not the ciliary muscle, you could not focus on things or zoom in or out.(this is assuming you were lucky in developing an optic nerve and a retina both at the same time) Also this is assuming your brain has the ability to interpret vission. Now anyone care to give me the odds of geting all of this together at the same time? and that is just the eye

So you're entire argument is "But it's so unlikely!?" You said it yourself, natural selection. You don't see the overwhelming odds of failure because most creatures without working eyes would be extinct at their species' formative period. It's not that unlikely at all. It would only take one or two beings with any given trait to pass it on, especially if it's something as undeniably advantageous as having the ability to see.

You know, I bet that if you put some effort into it, you could probably trace the development of the eye through the fossil record. Human knowledge has sort of gotten past the point of "I don't believe it! What are the odds?!"

Basically, even though it might be easier to believe that something was created with a purpose, it doesn't make it any less wrong to believe that. For proof, consider that the eye took eons to reach the state that it is in now, and if it were designed with purpose it would be much more efficient to do it all at once rather than leave the designer's work to the whims of fate. There are too many risks for an intelligent designer to take; A lucky predator or natural disaster at the wrong moment.

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