

WHY WE BELIEVE: in God Text: Genesis 1:26-27; 2:4-7

Intelligent Design of Human Beings

1. We're examining the Evidences of why we Believe in God:

- a. How our Faith is based on Evidence such as the existence of the cosmos,
the Fine-Tuned Universe, the Intelligent Design of Life...
- b. Now we will look at the mystery of God's Intelligent Design of us in His Image.

I. THE INTELLIGENT DESIGN OF HUMAN BEINGS

A. THE HUMAN BRAIN

1. **EXPLANATION:** *"The human brain is the most marvelous and mysterious object in the whole universe."* (Anthropologist Sir Henry Fairfield Osborn)

- It only weighs 3.3 pounds and yet it can perform what 500 tons of the most advanced electronic equipment cannot do.
- 86 billion neurons, As many neurons as there are stars in our galaxy.
- 100 trillion synaptic connections.
- More powerful than the most advanced supercomputers.
- More circuits than all the technology on the planet combined.
- The human brain simultaneously regulates emotion, memory, movement, morality, language, attention, and consciousness.
- It dreams, improvises, adapts—It doesn't just compute, it creates.¹
- Neuroscientist David Eagleman said the human brain is:

"the most complex device we've found in the universe."

2. **OPTION 1—EVOLUTION:** Atheists claim the human brain assembled itself through random, unguided processes over millions of years by accident.

a) First there was nothing, and then nothing exploded and created everything.

b) **Life began from non-life by accident: from Molecules > to Mutations > to Man.**

3. **OPTION 2—CREATION:** God created time and space and created man in His own image with intelligent design.

a) The complexity and intelligent design of the universe, the galaxy and solar system and life is a creative act of a super intelligence. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7)

4. **IMPLICATIONS:** Oxford mathematician John Lennox asks evolutionary scientists: How do you do your science?

- They say they do their science in the lab with their scientific instruments.
- But when Lennox points his finger to his head...they begin to say with their mind...
- but stop themselves to say brain. Because MIND is immaterial & not made of matter.
- So Lennox says: Ok and how did your brain get here?
- A: Well Millions of years of random mutations and unguided processes.
- Ok so what if you found a computer that assembled itself over millions of years through random unguided processes—would you trust it?
- They admitted NO! —> Then why would you Trust Your Brain?
- It was not made for TRUTH — it was only made for survival!

¹ Kay Rubacek, 'Billions of Dollars for AI, but No Clue About Ourselves', Epoch Times 8/11/25

B. HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS: The Mystery of the Mind

1. **EXPLANATION: Rene Descartes famously said: “I Think therefore I am.”**
 - a) Rocks and Plants don’t think. Matter Does Not Have a Mind.
 - b) And Yet Humans Have Conscious Mind that allows personal Reflection and Introspection, Meta-Cognition: The ability to think about your own thoughts.
 - c) Consciousness is so personal and yet universal that some fail to even realize it!
 - d) CS Lewis: “The Naturalists have been engaged in thinking about Nature. They have not attended to the fact that they were thinking. The moment one attends to this it is obvious that one’s own thinking cannot be merely a natural event, and therefore something other than Nature exists.”
 - e) Materialists are so caught up in their own atheist world-view they don’t even realize that their own thinking proves there is more to reality than matter!
 - f) The Mystery of the Mind cannot be explained by science—it’s beyond physical science—and yet science relies on the mind for science to function!
2. **OPTION 1–EVOLUTION: cannot explain the Mind or Human consciousness.**
 - a) **Atheists and Evolutionists are naturalists—not supernaturalists.**
 - (1) They only believe in the existence of matter, nothing immaterial beyond matter.
 - (2) But Matter Does Not Have a conscious Mind!
 - (3) So they pretend it is an illusion or they deny that it even exists!
 - “How can mere matter originate consciousness? How did evolution convert the water of biological tissue to the wine of consciousness? Consciousness seems like a radical novelty in the universe, not prefigured by the aftereffects of the Big Bang. So how did it contrive to spring into being from what preceded it? (McGinn)²
 - “The emergence of consciousness then, is a mystery, and one to which materialism fails to provide an answer.” (Geoffrey Mendell)
 - **Atheist Francis Crick**: “The Astonishing Hypothesis is that ‘You’, your joys and your sorrows, your memories and your ambitions, your sense of personal identity and free-will, are in fact no more than the behavior of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules.”
 - b) **IF Atheism is True then he is correct. But Notice the Problem...**

‘You’ is in quotation marks b/c there is no you, only molecules and mutations!

 - **QUESTION: Why Didn’t Crick Apply This To Himself? Why Didn’t He Say:**

The Astonishing Hypothesis is that My Big Important Book With My Big Scientific Work was Written By My Brain which is really no more than a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules.”
 - **ANSWER: He Won’t Apply It To Himself Because it Defeats His Own Argument!**
 - (1) Why Should His Bundle of Nerve Cells Have any Reason or Truth when it is only chemical reactions like a can of coke fizzing?
 - (2) Non-rational molecules cannot reason—they can only react.
 - (3) British Biologist J.B.S. Haldane: “If my mental processes are determined wholly by the motions of atoms in my brain, I have no reason to suppose my beliefs are true... and hence I have no reason for supposing my brain to be composed of atoms.”

² Geoffrey Mendell and Colin McGinn cited by Lee Strobel, Case for a Creator, p.327

c) Atheists Claim Nothing Exists except Matter—therefore consciousness is just chemicals & the Mind Just the Brain. But is that true? NO...

1. FIRST: You and Your Thoughts Often Stay the Same Even Though Your Brain is Always Changing.³

- You're the same person now even though the molecules in your body change.
- Every minute trillions of cells are reproduced while others die.
- Every cell in your brain is different from 7 years ago but you are still you.

2. SECOND: Your Thoughts are immaterial, your brain is material.

- If You were to think or imagine your dream car or dream house, or a vacation...
- No matter how much Neuroscientists examine your brain, they cannot find a car or a house in your brain matter.

3. THIRD: Your Thoughts are subjective, but your Brain is an object.

- Your inner-thoughts and opinions and feelings are private to you.
But your Brain is an object that can be seen and observed.
- Scientists may see an area of your brain connected w/ certain thought or emotion
But only YOU can know your inner thoughts or emotions yourself.
- Ex: You can answer a space/time question like 'Where were you born?'
How would chemicals magically rearrange and realign themselves by random unguided forces to answer a space/time question with truth?

4. You can intentionally direct yourself and your thoughts to an end.

- Unlike Chemicals and molecules, you have intelligence, intention and will.
- **Dr. Wilder Penfield is called the father of modern neurosurgery.** He started out believing the mind was limited to brain activity. But over the course his career and thousands of surgeries he changed his mind.... While working with patients who were awake, he would challenge them to keep one hand from moving while he applied an electrical charge to the motor cortex that caused the hand to move. They would take hold with their other hand to keep it from moving. One hand under the control of electrical current, the other hand under the control of the patient's mind, fighting against each other. Proving that the patient had not only a physical brain that was stimulated to action, but a non-physical mind that interacted w/ the brain. (Case for Creator, p.310)

5. You have mind over matter: Your mind can actually change your brain.

- We know the brain can affect the mind... but the mind also can change the brain.
- The Placebo effect shows the power of your mind to change or heal the body.
- But this can be detrimental as well. Anxiety and stress can make you sick

3. OPTION 2—CREATION: (Romans 12:2)

- a) When you Examine the Evidence—where does it point? Accident or Intelligence?
- b) You are NOT just a Clump of Mutations & Chemical Reactions...
- c) If you were—then nothing you say or think can ever be Reliable, Rational or True.
- d) **"Unless human reasoning is valid, no science can be true." (CS Lewis)**
- e) You Created by God in the image of God **(Gen 1:26-27)**

4. IMPLICATIONS:

a) You are NOT a Mistake—You are fearfully and wonderfully made

b) (Psalm 8:3–5). Descartes said: "I Think therefore I am."

But really our ability to think shows that God is the I Am.

³ Five points on consciousness by Frank Turek, 'Stealing From God: Why Atheists Need God to Make their Case', p.42-43

C. THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE: The Moral Law Within

1. **EXPLANATION:** “Two things fill the mind with admiration and awe. The starry heavens above, and the moral law within.” (Kant)
 - a) Human Beings are unique in that they have an inner-conscience...
An internal, and moral sense of Right and Wrong.
 - b) It is so universal everyone knows it exists—everyone judges one another with it.
But WHY? Where did this moral conscience come from?
 - c) Everyday in the news we hear of about crimes, wars, killing, justice and injustice.
 - d) If Objective Moral Values Exist, then God Exists.
If Good and Evil Exists then God Exists.
If objective Justice and injustice exists then God exists.
 - e) Some Believe We descended from Apes—so this is really just an animal instinct...
But Animal Instinct is for Survival & Reproduction—not moral good & evil.
 - f) **CS Lewis explains the difference: —Imagine seeing a building on fire...**
 - (1) Survival instinct says to run away from the fire to be safe and survive.
 - (2) But another instinct says to run into the building and save people from dying.
 - (3) But a 3rd inner-voice that is above the 2 instincts—then judges between them.
 - (4) Where did that inner-voice—the moral sense of right and wrong—come from?
2. **OPTION 1—EVOLUTION: Atheists cannot explain the moral conscience.**
 - a) Morality is NOT Molecules. If Evolution is True Then there is No Good or Evil.
There is no right or wrong—only survival of the fittest
 - b) Atheism doesn’t have 10 commandments—it has 1: Eat or be eaten. (Dennis Prager)
 - c) **Biologist and Atheist Richard Dawkins:** “In a universe of blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt, and some people are going to get lucky; and you won’t find any rhyme or reason to it, nor any justice. The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is at the bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, and no good. Nothing but blind pitiless indifference... DNA neither knows nor cares. DNA just is, and we dance to it’s music.” (Richard Dawkins)
 - d) **Dawkins denies the existence of morality in evolution and was asked about it:**
 - **Justin: Brierly** “When you make a value judgment, don’t you immediately step yourself outside of this evolutionary process and say that the reason this is good is that it is good? And you don’t have anyway to stand on that statement.”
 - **Dawkins:** “My value judgement itself could come from my evolutionary past.”
 - **Justin:** “So therefore it’s just as random in a sense as any product of evolution.”
 - **Dawkins:** “You could say that. Nothing about it makes it more probable that there is anything supernatural.”
 - **Justin:** “Ultimately, your belief that rape is wrong is as arbitrary as the fact that we’ve evolved five fingers rather than six.” RD: “You could say that, yeah.”
 - e) **If there is no good or evil—then scientists don’t have to be ethical... “Science” becomes the higher ‘good’ and anyone who questions science is ‘evil’**
3. **OPTION 2—CREATION: (Romans 2:15)**
 - a) Our Conscience Convicts Us. — We know this intuitively but deny it intellectually.
 - b) “You can know what a book says while denying there is an author. But there would be no book to know unless there was an author. Likewise, atheists can know objective morality while denying God exists, but there would be no objective morality unless God exists.” (Frank Turek, Stealing from God, p.87)
 - c) Russian philosopher “Humans evolved from apes, therefore we must love one another.”
4. **IMPLICATIONS: Morality Demands a Moral Law Giver (Romans 1:20)**

D. THE HUMAN SOUL: ‘The Ghost in the Machine’

1. EXPLANATION: (Genesis 2:7)

- a) Your NOT Just a Body made of molecules, you are a living soul created by God
- b) The Bible teaches that we both flesh and spirit. Physical and Spiritual
“You don’t have a soul, you are a soul. You have a body.” (CS Lewis)
- c) You are a living soul! Your inner self. A Soul that will live forever. (Matthew 16:26)
For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
- d) This is why you are a unique person with your own first-person perspective.
- e) Your own private inner thoughts because they are unique to you
- f) You have free-will to make your own decision

2. OPTION 1–EVOLUTION: denies the existence of a soul

Because atheist deny the existence of anything non-material.

- a) And Yet their own conscious thought is immaterial... laws of logic and mathematics are immaterial. Reasoning... Morality... Love... Free-will choice are all immaterial!
- b) But atheists still believe matter somehow appeared out of nothing, by nothing, and morality, love reason and free-will are just illusions.
- c) Instead of conscious freewill—they claim you’re bound by Biological determinism
- d) You can’t love your spouse or children, or make your own decisions... because your just an animal running on chemicals—your brain is just molecules of meat.

3. OPTION 2–CREATION: (Genesis 2:7)

- a) We are created as both flesh and spirit. — Hebrew: Nephesh (lit. ‘living soul’)
- b) A Soul Created by God for Life After Death (Ecclesiastes 12:7)
- c) J.P. Moreland was praying with his family and his young daughter said,
“Dad if I could see God, it would help me believe in him.”
- d) He told his daughter that we can’t even see mommy...
- e) If it was possible, without hurting mommy, look inside her, we would never see her inner self, her thoughts or her feelings or plans.

4. IMPLICATIONS: We are both flesh and spirit (2 Corinthians 5:1–8)

CS Lewis: “If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

- a) Being flesh and spirit explains why we experience sorrow and joy (Psalm 42:5–8)
- b) It explains why there is a struggle between the flesh and spirit (Mark 14:38)
- c) It explains life after death—like Jesus statement to the Thief on cross:
“today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
- d) It explains The Resurrection of Jesus...
- e) It explains The Promise of Eternal Life (Titus 1:2)

CONCLUSION: A group of American soldiers were tortured and starved in a Japanese prisoner of war camp on the Malay Peninsula during WW2.

Ernest Gordon was a POW who wrote about it in his book ‘Through the Valley of the Kwai’ Through the course of torture and starvation they were turned into a group of animals, clawing and fighting and stealing food to survive. The treatment became so brutal that they decided to start reading from the New Testament. They chose Gordon to read even though he wasn’t a Christian. But reading the Bible transformed them from living like caged animals into a brotherhood of love. God is Spirit and He Created You in His Image with a Spirit—to live with Him and be transformed to be like His Son Jesus (Why I Believe, James D. Kennedy, p.53)

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