WELCOME TO THE MAILBOX CLUB!



A Ministry of Children's Bible Ministries of Virginia and Camp Red Arrow

# CAMP RED ARROW

## LIFE'S QUESTIONS



Where did we come from? How did we get here? Those questions, along with, "Why are we here?" have been asked for a long time. There are two basic beliefs – One is that we were created by a supernatural being or force outside of the universe. The other belief states that we, and everything there is, has come from nature, with no outside influence to guide or help the process. This belief says that organic matter (things that are living – plants, animals, and people) came from inorganic (non-living) matter over a long period of time. Let's compare these two views.

Evolutionists and creationists both examine the same facts – from cells to fossils and dinosaur bones. Yet they come to totally different conclusions. Why? Basically, it comes down to their worldview. Evolutionists look at the facts from a standpoint that there is no God or supernatural being. They take the facts and interpret them from a materialist viewpoint – all things came from matter apart from outside influence.

Creationists take the facts and explain our world with the viewpoint that God is the Originator of all things. They would also say that God is presently involved in His creation. They would say that everything has a cause and, in the case of the universe, it is an all-powerful, creative God.

Since no one was around when the world got started (and it did have a starting point), then there really is no way to prove either of these ideas by observation. No one saw God create the world and no one was there when that spark of life began according to evolution.

I'll assume that you live in a house, have ridden in a car, and have used a computer and a cell phone. Would you think that all of those things came about by chance? No, someone designed and made them. You will probably never meet that person, but you know that they have to exist somewhere. Look around you. Is there anything that you can see that wasn't made by someone or something?

Evolutionists, however, believe that men, animals, all the systems on the planet, and the planet itself are just the result of blind, pure chance. Here are some quotes from famous evolutionists.

"How did stupid atoms spontaneously write their own software, and where did the very peculiar form of information needed to get the first cell up and running come from? Nobody knows." P. Davies

"Biology is the study of complicated things that <u>give the appearance</u> of having been designed for a purpose." Richard Dawkins \*His view is that it was NOT designed, but chance did a great job.



"Chance alone is at the source of every innovation...Pure chance, absolutely free but blind is at the very root of the stupendous edifice of evolution." J. Monod

Let's examine the possibility that we arrived here by chance. The world EVOLUTION has 9 letters. What if we wrote one letter each on 9 cards and tossed them into a bag and mixed it? What are the chances that you could reach in the bag and pull out the cards in the correct letter order (E, then V, etc.) to perfectly spell Evolution on the very first try? One chance in 302,880. And that's only 9 letters.

DNA carries vast amounts of information to guide the building process of proteins within each cell. How much information? For instance, a single CD-ROM can hold thousands of pages of information. Sounds like an enormous amount, doesn't it? But the amount of DNA that would fit on the head of a pin contains enough information to fill a stack of books that would reach from the earth to the moon—500 times over! (Dazzling Design in Miniature – *AIG Dr. Werner Gitt 12-1-97*) Without this information, life would not be possible. No computer has ever been developed to rival what occurs in the cell. Bill Gates has said that "Human DNA is like a computer program, but far more advanced than any we've ever created." (*Heritage.org – Stephen Meyers lecture – Signature in the Cell 2009*)



This information is orderly, not random or repeating, but has purpose just as the sequencing of the letters on this page has meaning (when the writer spells them correctly). The machines in the cell are also able to read this code and build the cell as directed. It understands its language.

Where did this information come from? Evolutionists say "chance". They say the sequencing of the instructions found in DNA, which enables it to build proteins to form cells just came about. What are the odds? According to Stephen Meyers, Ph. D – impossible. In order to get the structure needed to make a protein function, you would need at least 75 amino acids. To get one protein you would need the right bond between the amino acids, they would have to be left-handed and be linked in a specific order. The odds of all of that happening on its own is one chance in a hundred thousand trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion or 10 to the 125 power. And that would only be one protein molecule. To get a very simple cell would require 300-500 protein molecules. (*Case for the Creator, Lee Strobel - pg. 229*)

The Bible tells us that God made the world and everything in it. Our world has *integrated complexity*, which means that all of the parts work together. Systems are in place both in our bodies and in the environment that makes life possible. It is not reasonable to believe that it all came together all by itself. While we can't see the Creator, the evidence points to His existence.



Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11

God made us to have a loving relationship with Him. He had that with Adam and Eve. Each night He walked with them in the garden. For a short time, things were as they should have been. However, they chose to disobey God and sin entered the world. Sin is why we have so much pain and suffering in the world. God hates sin and it is a wall between us and Him. It breaks the relationship He intended. He had a plan to restore what sin destroyed.

God dearly wants a relationship with us. He sent His own, beloved Son to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus was nailed to a Roman cross where He died in our place. Jesus was buried, but He came alive again on the third day. God accepted the work that Jesus did for us. To have your sins forgiven and to have Jesus save you and come into your life you must: **A**-Admit you are a sinner; **B**-Believe that Jesus paid the price for your sins; **C**-Commit your life to Him. You can begin enjoying fellowship with the God Who created all things and loves you more than anyone.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW AND FOLLOW THE TRUTH? Surveys have shown that the odds of dying are 100% no matter where who live, or who you are. What will happen to you when you die? The Bible says that there are only 2 destinations – Heaven and Hell. Where do you want to go? Don't bet your soul on a lie!

This is a BIG topic and you might want to know more. Here are some websites & books:

- Case For The Creator, by Lee Strobel (He set out to disprove Christianity, but the evidence led him to Christ)
- Signature in the Cell, by Stephen Meyer
- answersingenesis.org This website has a wealth of information about Creation/Evolution.

### MAILBOX CLUB ANSWER SHEET

- 1. How many basic beliefs are there on how we got here?
  - a. Ten
  - b. One hundred
  - c. Two
- 2. Evolutionists and Creationists both examine the same \_\_\_\_\_ but come to totally different \_\_\_\_\_ because they have different world views.
- 3. Evolutionists look at the facts from the viewpoint that there is no\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Creationists believe that God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.
- 5. Evolutionists believe that everything came about by blind, pure \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. What are the odds of putting 9 cards in a bag with the 9 letters of the word Evolution on them, mixing it up, and then pulling them out in the right order on the first try?
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ carries vast amounts of information to guide the building process of proteins within each cell.
- 8. Our world has \_\_\_\_\_ which means that all parts work together.
- 9. God made us to have a loving \_\_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

10. What is it that breaks our relationship with God?

- 11. What are the odds of dying? \_\_\_\_\_%
- 12. What are the 2 destinations the Bible says there are after death?

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13. What website has a wealth of information about creation and evolution?

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#### HOW TO JOIN THE MAILBOX CLUB AND EARN DISCOUNTS FOR SUMMER CAMP!

How would you like to join a club that provides FREE Bible lessons where you can learn more about God and the Bible? The Mailbox Club is a great way to do just that! You can read a lesson and answer the questions in about 15 minutes. Also, as an added bonus, if you complete and return this lesson, you will earn a discount to attend Camp Red Arrow next summer! After we receive your lesson, we will send you another through the mail. If you complete the next one and more lessons after that, your discount will be even bigger!

Here's how to join the Mailbox Club this year:

- Read and answer the questions from this lesson.
- Fill out the information below.
- Remove this page from the lesson page, fold it and tape it with the Camp Red Arrow's address on the outside.
- Put a stamp on the box in the corner and put it in the mailbox.

Your completed lesson will come to us and be graded. In the fall, after you've started back to school, you'll receive your next lesson in the mail. Every time you return a lesson you'll earn credit for camp, and we'll send you a new lesson!

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