

and his curiosity finally led him to investigate. He conducted a thorough investigation, interviewing those on both sides of the issue. He read the writings of those on both sides of the issue and arrived at the decision that God created the universe and sent His Son Jesus to be the Christ and to die for our sins after we had turned our backs on Him. He indeed desired truth more than remaining in his comfort zone.

How refreshing this is for the Christian who daily endures assault after assault on his faith. I would encourage you to read his books; *The Case for a Creator*, *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for Faith*.

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### Truth Disturbs Our Comfort Zone Jim Stauffer

Nothing is more frustrating than having someone defend something that has no foundation in truth.

We see this often in government. While I am not a full fledged conspiracy theorist, I do doubt much of what politicians say about why various aspects of our government are unproductive. It is usually clear they have an agenda based in politics rather than in concern for the State.

Unfortunately this is true in other areas just as it is in government and politics. Scientists have defended and propagated Darwinism for years in spite of the facts that deny it. In reality they have stated as fact things untrue in order to support it in the face of intelligent opposition.

The usual charge made against those who challenge Darwinism and propose the world was created by intelligence is they are superstitious folks with a backwoods mentality who blindly follow the Bible against all reason.

A very well educated writer named Lee Strobel has written several books that chronicle his life as an atheist married to a woman who believed in God and Christ. The story ends with him being converted to Christ by the faithful life of his wife which caused him to examine the evidence to prove her beliefs invalid. Of course, what happened is he found the facts and the evidence supported rather than disproved her faith.

In his book, *The Case for a Creator*, he sums up his thoughts at the end of the book by reporting his conclusions on the hypotheses of Darwinism and Intelligent Design. He says of Darwinism; "Looking at the doctrine of Darwinism, which

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undergirded my atheism for so many years, it didn't take me long to conclude that it was simply too far-fetched to be credible. I realized that if I were to embrace Darwinism and its underlying premise of naturalism, I would have to believe that:

- Nothing produces everything
- Non-life produces life
- Randomness produces fine-tuning
- Chaos produces information
- Unconsciousness produces consciousness
- Non-reason produces reason

Based on this, I was forced to conclude that Darwinism would require a blind leap of faith that I was not willing to make. Simply put, the central pillars of evolutionary theory quickly rotted away when exposed to scrutiny.

On the hypothesis of design he broke it down into; Cosmology, Physics, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biological Information and The Evidence of Consciousness.

**On Cosmology** he says William Lane Craig states first, "whatever begins to exist has a cause." David Hume did not deny this and Quentin Smith's statement that, "we came from nothing, by nothing and for nothing" by comparison is absurd. Second he said, "the universe had a beginning". This is not overtly denied by most Scientists who defend Darwinism. Lane then concludes, "therefore the universe has a cause." It behooves man to search for that cause rather than deny it.

**On Physics** he says: One of the most striking discoveries of modern science has been that the laws and constants of physics unexpectedly conspire in an extraordinary way to make the universe habitable for life. For instance, said physicist-philosopher Robin Collins, gravity is fine-tuned to one part in a hundred million billion billion billion billion billion.

The cosmological constant, which represents the energy density of space, is as precise as throwing a dart from space and hitting a bulls-eye just a trillionth of a trillionth of an inch in diameter on Earth. One expert said there are more than thirty physical or cosmological parameters that require precise calibration in order to produce a universe that can sustain life.

**About Astronomy** he says: Guillermo Gonzalez and science philosopher Jay Wesley Richards said it would take a star with the highly unusual properties of our sun—the right mass, the right light, the right age, the right distance, the right orbit, the right galaxy, the right location—to nurture living organisms on a circling planet. Numerous factors make our solar system and our location in the universe just right for a habitable environment.

"If the universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could

never have come into existence," said Harvard-educated astrophysicist John A. O'Keefe of NASA. "It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live on."

**On Biochemistry** he says: Darwin said, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down." Biochemist Michael Behe has demonstrated exactly that through his description of "irreducibly complex" molecular machines."

These complicated, microscopic contraptions, such as cilia and bacterial flagella, are extremely unlikely to have been built piece-by-piece through Darwinian processes, because they had to be fully present in order to function. Other examples include the incredible system of transporting proteins within cells and the intricate process of blood-clotting.

**On Biological Information** he says: The six feet of DNA coiled inside every one of our body's one hundred trillion cells contains a four-letter chemical alphabet that spells out precise assembly instructions for all the proteins from which our bodies are made. Cambridge-educated Stephen Meyer demonstrated that no hypothesis has come close to explaining how information got into biological matter by naturalistic means.

**On the Evidence of Consciousness** he says: Many scientists are concluding that the laws of chemistry and physics cannot explain our experience of consciousness. Professor J.P. Moreland defined consciousness as our introspection, sensations, thoughts, emotions, desires, beliefs, and free choices that make us alive and aware. The "soul" contains our consciousness and animates our body.

According to a researcher who showed that consciousness can continue after a person's brain has stopped functioning, current scientific findings "would support the view that 'mind', 'consciousness', or the 'soul' is a separate entity from the brain."

As Moreland said, "You can't get something from nothing." If the universe began with dead matter having no consciousness, "how then, do you get something totally different—consciousness, living, thinking, feeling believing creatures—from materials that don't have that?" But if everything started with the mind of God, he said, "we don't have a problem with explaining the origin of our mind."

I have chosen to copy his thoughts for us to read. He is, after all not as many of us are. He was not raised by parents who believed the Bible and had faith in God and Christ so that we have patterned our lives after them. He was, rather, one who did not believe and ridiculed those who did. That is until he witnessed day after day the behavior and decision making of one, his wife, who did believe. He saw faith in action