The Origin of Life Itself

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INTRODUCTION

- This passage, as well as a number of other ones in the New and Old Testament, speak to the fact that God has left testimony of Himself in the natural world.
- And from the natural world, we can come to understand that God is, and that He's powerful, that He is divine.
- But I must tell you, ever since Darwin, that's not sufficient for an awful lot of people.

1 The Watchmaker and the Argument from Design

Romans 1:20

- No, what you would be doing is you would be searching for who made this thing.
- We look at things in nature, and we see things much more complex than a watch ever thought of being.
- By looking at the things that are made, you can come to see that there is God. That's the argument from design, ladies and gentlemen.
- Richard Dawkins presents the theory that natural selection produced all the complexities that we observe in living things on this earth.

2 Only Two Views on How Living Things Got Here

- When you look down inside living things and you examine what happens at the biochemical level, you open up a whole nother world of complexity.
- Something, someone made this. This did not come about by itself.
- You either believe we came about by natural means, or you believe there was an intelligent designer involved in the process somewhere. Those are the only alternatives.
- Now, those aren't both true. You're going to have to choose. And the basis for your choice should be what does the evidence of the natural world tell us?
- An evolutionist must explain first and foremost how did life get here in the first place.

3 Spontaneous Generation Defeated: Life Produces Life

- For centuries, men believed that life could arise from non life spontaneously. Abiogenesis, it's called.
- The meat didn't produce the maggots. The flies laid their eggs on there and produced the maggots.
- Louis Pasteur in the 1800s is credited with discrediting the theory of spontaneous generation.
- Pasteur was demonstrating once and for all that non living things do not produce living things. Life produces life.

4 Life Emerges from the Soup: A Theory from Thin Air

- Pasteur's experiments left an evolutionist with no mechanism by which life comes from non-life.

- Under those different conditions, they believed life could evolve from non-life, but not so now.
- It was a theory made up out of thin air.
- Did they have hard evidence to demonstrate that? No, they did not. But they proposed it anyway.
- There isn't one step in that process that can be well certified.

5 Miller's Experiment Never Got Past the Building Blocks

- If you face something for which you don't know the answer, and it's beginning to shake your faith, just wait a while. Give it some time.
- Miller's experiment has been run so many times you can't even count it. And they've never gotten anything past the simple building blocks.
- The fact that those simple building blocks are relatively easy to make given certain conditions, is light years from producing the single cell.
- We're farther from knowing how life got started, supposedly than we were 50 years ago. By far, because we found out how much more complex it is than we ever dreamed.
- Fred Hoyle is not a Christian, he's not a Bible believer, but he recognizes the complexity of life. It did not come about by natural means.

MY NOTES