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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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Richard Jeffus - In Memorium

by Tom Willis

One interesting aspect of being in the Creation Science ministry is that occasionally people show up on my doorstep saying, "I need to meet Tom Willis." Among these have been a space physicist from MIT, turned inventor; and a science teacher/ amateur geologist, both good friends today. Rich Jeffus stands out. Too humble to come or call himself, his wife called saying her husband was dying to meet me. Rather than invite themselves over, she invited us to dinner, beginning an eternal friendship. Sharon called March 28, 2002, within a couple hours of when Rich's truck fell on him while he worked on it. When I hung up I rushed to look up, "*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil*" Eph 5:15,16. I rejoiced that Rich followed that advice.

In the first Earth, Rich resembled, in personality and appearance, an untidy teddy bear. He thought and lived like a Christian. A profound thinker, he also gave himself to countless people. When we met, he had six prison-ready boys living in his house, to whom he ministered the Word of the Lord, and the joy of living with a teddy bear. He loves God's Word, CSA, Creation Science and people.

Rich, among his other talents, is a unique artist, who calls his art "Parables in Paint." It truly merits the title. Full of visual metaphor, a walk through his art show gives you the substance of the Gospel from Genesis to Revelation. Those boys loved to travel with Rich. They joyfully carried his pictures around the room while Rich explained the parables to the audience.

When a Christian departs, we who remain ought to rejoice for him, but we selfishly weep because of our own loss. I cannot begin to tell you how much Rich means to me. I'm not sure even I understood, until I realized it could be a long time before we again fellowship into the wee hours. All through a sleepless night, the muddled, but memorable, words of Shakespeare's Mark Antony, when Brutus departed, kept mixing with the profound words of the Apostle Paul when he was leaving us. Correcting the ignorance of Shakespeare and adding insight from Paul, this is what I think the Lord gave me to say about Rich:

Rich is the noblest American I know. Brutus can not accuse him of ambition, nor Antony of conspiracy. He has a powerful intellect, but it has not lead him, as it did Brutus, to kill a friend, even "for his country." During his stay on the 1st earth, Rich took no captives, raised no ransom, and showed little interest in filling his own coffers, much less Rome's.

Antony claimed Caesar was his friend. But, Rich still is my friend, now and forever. His life here was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Yahweh, his creator, might stand up and say to all the world, "*This is a man! Like Paul, he has fought the good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith. Now I have called him to me. Those who remain would do well to learn and follow his example, that you too may receive a reward like his, not in the way he left the 1st earth, but in what I have planned for him henceforth!*"

Is Creation Science? - Part III

by Tom Willis

In the first two installments we outlined the "Scientific Method" of Bacon and Popper, its application by Newton, and its present atheist perversion by the National Academy of Sciences. Consistent with the history and philosophy of science, we proposed...

The First Law of Complex Systems:

"All complex systems owe their existence to acts of creation involving plan and work by one or more intelligent living beings."

We reminded the reader that, a la Bacon, Popper and Newton, this law has been "rendered general" by millions of experiments and observations, without one falsifying exception. It qualifies as one of the (if not **the**) most proven propositions in the history of empirical science.

Using the deductive method as employed by all good scientists, we asserted, in a preliminary sense, that it can therefore be deduced ("it necessarily follows") that the extremely complex systems whose origins we did not witness: matter, stars, galaxies, life and the basic kinds of life were also all created.

As I proceed in this essay, I must confess there are myriad paths that could be followed. Obviously some folks will have objections, though in over ten years, no one has ever tendered any meaningful objection. Others will want to see how far this process of reasoning can take us in the origins debate, and how much confidence it can reasonably offer. It seems to me both paths must be pursued. We must respond to objections, and it seems obvious we should explore how far good science can take us in these issues.

For the sake of fairness and completeness, let's consider the objections I have heard. They take different forms but these are representative:

1. "That is just the argument from design."

Ans: It does sound a little like the 2000-year-old argument of Cicero (The existence of a sun dial is proof of a sundial maker), Newton (If I had to offer evidence for God, my thumb would suffice.), Paley (The existence of a watch is proof of a watchmaker.) and von Braun (When asked to give evidence for God, he replied, "Do I have to light a candle for you to believe in the sun?"). Even if it were, their argument has never been refuted. But, it is **not**. Rather it takes the obvious fact, enunciated by

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Paul in Romans 1:18-22, and acknowledged by these brilliant men (and many others), and **restates it as a proposition of empirical science**, which has survived billions of experiments without exception, clearly “rendering it general,” thus, a law of science. Any critic is free to falsify it. Simply produce a complex system by any process other than creation. It would be truly impressive if a critic would produce a thumb by such a process!

2. “In Quantum Physics, complex particles appear for a few nanoseconds, violating the First Law of Thermodynamics and proving matter can be created out of nothing.”

Ans: As Paleontologists, *prove* fishes sire salamanders millions of years before the “experimenter” lived, Quantum Physicists operate in space filled with unseen particles from which they pretend particles appear for a few nanoseconds, and to which they assign names, like *Quark*. The experiments show something is happening. Other theories explain the same experiments without such particles. Thought experiments are useful for explaining what you do not understand, and for deceiving the gullible, but that does not qualify them as experimental fait accompli.

3. “You are trying to prove the existence of God, science can’t deal with that issue, it can propose only natural explanations.”

Ans: The proposition does not mention God. The obvious truth of the proposition does seem to require sensible men to admit that, since simple machines (combs and airplanes) require creation, incredibly complex ones (like frogs) clearly do too. That is not a flaw in the proposition. Therefore this objection comes not from evidence, but the heart of those who reject valid science because its clear implications contradict their religion. Later we will show that deduction from the most proven “laws” of science further demands the existence of a non-material, intelligent, transcendent, living being to create matter and life. Would it be more scientific if we called him “Quark” rather than “God?”

This is an essay, not a book. But, I believe that deals with the purported challenges to the First Law of Complex Systems.

The Second Law of Complex Systems:

“Everyone knows complex systems are created, many deny it.”

Romans 1:18-22 says there is overwhelming empirical evidence for creation, but men suppress the truth. Anyone finding an arrowhead or tin can knows it is created. If Carl Sagan and 100 other atheists landed on Mars and found a pocket comb, they would all know it was created and quickly conclude, “*Intelligent life preceded us to Mars.*” The same atheists, with 500,000 pages of intricately coded information in every cell of their infinitely complex bodies, vehemently deny that intelligent life preceded them to Earth. They know science demands they too are created, but they deny it, mostly because the obvious implication is that their creator is the “captain of their souls” and “the master of their fate,” not themselves. They suppress the same science on Earth where it might interfere with their politics or behavior.

The Third Law of Complex Systems:

“More complex systems require more intelligence, design, planning and creative acts than simpler ones.”

The builders of airplanes may not **all** be more intelligent than the builders of, say, wooden spoons, but it is manifest that some were highly intelligent, and that the total intelligence, knowledge and creative effort required to build airplanes exceeds greatly that required to produce wooden spoons. We are discussing empirical science. Anyone remaining unconvinced, I invite to empirically demonstrate the building of a airplane on the budget

of a wooden spoon. He would both win the debate, and be a rich man.

The Forth Law of Complex Systems:

“The Creator of every complex system is outside of, essentially different than, transcendent to, the created system.”

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:9.” Regardless of how much of yourself you and your son invest in building and/or restoring a car, you are not and will not become a car, nor will the car become a man. In spite of the opinions of pantheists, man contains rock, but is not a rock. Man is outside of, essentially different than, “transcendent” to everything he creates, and everyone knows it. If this law is false, it can be easily empirically falsified. Simply produce a human, or frog, designed and built by a car, computer, or rock.

Incidentally, if it is scientific to call imaginary, unnecessary, particles “quarks,” and to call some dogs, “*Canis lupus*,” surely it is just as scientific to call the obvious conclusions of empirical science, “Spirit,” “Yahweh,” or “God.”

Coming up next (The Lord willing):

The Fifth Law of Complex Systems:

“All complex systems are continuously and inexorably subject to the Bondage to Decay.”

The Sixth Law of Complex systems:

“Because they are the most complex systems we know, matter, galaxies and life are created.”

The Seventh Law of Complex Systems:

“The creator of matter, galaxies and life is outside of, essentially different than, transcendent to, matter, life and Galaxies, therefore properly called 'Spirit' or 'God'”

The Art and Wisdom of Rich Jeffus



“You Must Be Born Again”

When a caterpillar is changed into a butterfly it is said to undergo metamorphosis. “Meta” is a Greek word meaning change. “Morphosis” is Greek for appearances. When we repent, the Greek word is “metanoia”. Meta = change, noia = mind. Like the butterfly, we have to allow God to change our appearance. Our old nature passes away and we renew our minds. This picture is in black and white. This is to say the issue of being born again is a black and white issue. Either you are or you aren't. *Rich Jeffus, founder of Visual Manna.*

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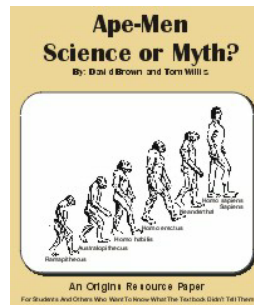
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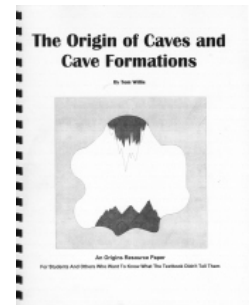
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I doubt if there is any single individual within the scientific community who could cope with the full range of [creationist] arguments without the help of an army of consultants in special fields. [Is that why they refuse to debate? Since they have a complete monopoly of money and resources, shouldn't it be the creationists with that problem? Ed]

David M. Raup, "Geology and Creation," *Bulletin of the Field Museum of Natural History* (Vol. 54: March 1983), p. 16.

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W. Herbert, "Hominids Bear Up, Become Porpoiseful,"
Science News (Vol. 123: April 16, 1983), p. 246

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