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BE A GENUINE DEFENDER OF TRUTH

Dragonfly Flight and the Designer
Throughout the course of human history, some of God’s most valuable and courageous servants have been teenagers. Our society has fed teenagers the lie that their actions are unimportant, they can wait until they are older to be productive citizens, and their teen years are a time for carelessness and worldly fun. In contrast to this false view, God’s Word explains that teens can be model soldiers in the army of the Lord (1 Timothy 4:12). In light of this truth, we at Apologetics Press diligently strive to give young people the tools they need to defend the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. V², which stands for Valor and Virtue, is a new resource designed to provide teens with exciting evidences that will strengthen your faith and give you confidence to defend it, as you sincerely strive to pattern your life after Christ.
The Truth of God’s Word is precious (Proverbs 23:23). God expects humanity to learn it and love it. Christians are then expected to defend it and let others know about it. The inspired apostle Peter even commanded first-century Christians to “always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). God is serious about His people teaching and defending His Word.

When you teach the Truth, however, you must keep in mind what Peter wrote at the beginning and end of 1 Peter 3:15: (1) You must sanctify God in your heart; and (2) Your defense of Truth must be made “with meekness and fear.”

First, Jesus is to be set apart in your life. Above all else (including social media, entertainment, sports, school, work, etc.), Jesus is to be given the seat on the throne of your heart. If you want to be a young person of valor and virtue, you must eagerly give Jesus “the keys to the car.” You must let Him “drive.” You must put Him first, and let Him direct your paths (Jeremiah 10:23). You must genuinely be a follower of Christ, if you want to be an effective soldier of Christ.

Second, your defense of Truth must be accompanied with the proper attitude. A Christ-like confidence is healthy, but an arrogant, unkind soldier has no place in the Lord’s army. Peter wrote that our teaching is to be characterized by “gentleness and reverence” (1 Peter 3:15, NASB/RSV). We are to “honor all people” as we “fear God” (2:17). As we “proclaim the praises of Him” who called us “out of darkness into His marvelous light,” we must be “clothed with humility” (2:9; 5:5).

Keep in mind what the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy shortly before commanding him to “preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:2). He described “a servant of the Lord” as one who “must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition” (2:24-25). May God help you to live according to the Truth as you seek to defend it!
Some scientists boldly make the claim that, concerning the origin of matter, “one usually assumes that the current laws of physics did not apply then.”

Jeff Miller, Ph.D.

It is relatively easy to disprove the idea that matter can spontaneously generate (or pop into existence out of nothing). Of course, even intuition does not back spontaneous generation. It does not matter how long you sit in your chair and stare at an empty desk. A pencil will not eventually materialize on the desk before you. Things—no matter how simplistic—do not pop into existence from nothing.

The idea of ordered, physical, law-abiding matter (i.e., like that which we see all around us in the Universe) coming into being from nothing is even more far-fetched. Beyond intuition, this matter is laid to rest when we consider the implications of the First Law of Thermodynamics and the Law of Conservation of Matter. To paraphrase, the amount of energy and matter in a system will remain constant unless there is input from some outside source. In other words, it does not matter how long you stare at the table, unless someone comes by your table and puts an already existing pencil on it, or you put the pencil on it yourself, or it falls on the table from some other place, a pencil will not appear on the table. This idea, when applied to the origin of the Universe, indicates that the Universe could not have popped into existence. It has either always existed (an idea which violates the Second Law of Thermodynamics) or Someone put it here (see Miller, 2013 for a more in depth discussion of the Laws of Thermodynamics and their application to the Creation/Evolution controversy).

In response, some scientists boldly make the claim that, concerning the origin of matter, “one usually assumes that the current laws of physics did not apply then” (Linde, 1994). Convenient. Granted—certain assumptions are often necessary in

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science. Assumptions can be fine. Granted—no one was around to make scientific observations about the origin of matter. But wait… that’s the point. How is it \textit{scientific} to make such a claim about the laws when all empirical evidence that has ever been observed by scientists leads to the conclusion that the laws of physics are and always have been \textit{immutable}? Scientific assumptions must carry the quality of being reasonable in order for them to be permissible in scientific discussion. The only way the claim that the laws of science did not apply in the beginning can be made and considered to be reasonable, is if the person has made another equally unscientific assumption upon which that claim is based. The person would have to assume, against evidence to the contrary, that there was no One here at the beginning that could have created and organized matter. The creation model in no way contradicts the laws of physics. On the other hand, the atheistic, evolutionary model contradicts the laws of physics in numerous ways. Yet, creationists are the ones who are somehow branded as unscientific.

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“I, as a natural selector, will eliminate all who I see unfit, disgraces of human race and failures of natural selection.”

Kyle Butt, M.A.

It is the bitter truth that the theory of evolution implies that no moral absolutes hold sway over the human populace. If it is true that humans evolved from non-living primordial slime, then any sense of moral obligation must simply be electric impulses firing in the brain. Many atheist scientists and philosophers admit this truth. In real life, however, when a person or group of people actually allow such an idea to influence their actions, the brutality of evolution’s immorality is brought to light, and its absurdity is clearly seen.

For instance, in 2007 in Finland, an 18-year-old man named Pekka Eric Auvinen marched into his school, and shot and killed seven of his schoolmates and the headmistress. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide. When such gruesome carnage occurs, the question that naturally arises is, why? What would drive a young man like Auvinen to commit such horrific atrocities? In Auvinen’s case, the answer is clear.

Auvinen explained the philosophy that led him to commit this mass murder. On a Web site message board posted before the slaying, he explained that he was a self-avowed “cynical existentialist, anti-human humanist, anti-social social-Darwinist, realistic idealist and god-like atheist.” He went on to state: “I, as a natural selector, will eliminate all who I see unfit, disgraces of human race and failures of natural selection” (“Teen Dead…”). There you have it, the reason he murdered eight innocent people is simply because he considered them to be less fit than himself.

As much as evolutionists would love to distance themselves from such disgusting displays of immorality, the logical implications of their godlessness tie them to Auvinen’s actions. The only thing that separates Auvinen from other atheists is that he acted out the logical implication of his atheistic belief. It is high time that atheism’s immorality is recognized, rejected, and exposed for the horrible fruit it bears.

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How to Get the Most Out of A.P.’s Web Site

Over the past several years, God has used the A.P. Web site to reach thousands of people with valuable, soul-winning materials. In 2012 alone, the Apologetics Press Web site received over 9.5 million page views from 197 countries and territories worldwide. We hope the A.P. site can be useful to you in your studies. Here are some highlights from the site.

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6. One cool feature of the A.P. page is that when you click the “View Issue” link by the latest Discovery or Reason & Revelation issues, you will be able to use a state-of-the-art page flipper to browse the magazines—also for free!
Proof of the existence of the Master Designer comes from research conducted by Z. Jane Wang, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics at Cornell University (Gold, 2006). Centering on flying systems and fluid dynamics, Dr. Wang notes that the best way to learn about flight is by first looking at what happens naturally. Interesting. In order for the complex human mind to comprehend the principles of flight, that mind must focus on the natural order—the Creation. So mind must learn from that which, according to evolutionists, came into being and developed without any mind. Intelligence is dependent on non-

intelligence. Who can believe it?

Reporting her findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Wang observed that her research calls into question the conventional wisdom that ascribes to airplanes (human inventions) more flight efficiency than the flying creatures of the natural realm. Dragonflies, for example, are “a marvel of engineering” (Gold). “Marvel of engineering”—without an Engineer? So claims the evolutionist—despite the irrationality of such a conclusion.

Indeed, the dragonfly possesses four wings, instead of the standard...
two, enabling it to dash forward at speeds approaching 60 kph. Its unusual pitching stroke allows this amazing insect to hover and even shift into reverse. According to Wang: “Dragonflies have a very odd stroke. It’s an up-and-down stroke instead of a back-and-forth stroke.... Dragonflies are one of the most maneuverable insects, so if they’re doing that they’re probably doing it for a reason” (Gold). “For a reason”? But doesn’t “a reason” imply a reasonable mind behind such design?

The more scientists study dragonflies the more they are impressed with these “marvels of flight engineering” (“How Do Things...”, n.d.). They appear to twist their wings on the downward stroke, creating a whirlwind of air that flows across the wings, facilitating the lift that keeps them flying. Even more amazing, one Australian scientist, Akiko Mizutani, of the Centre for Visual Science at the Australian National University, has studied dragonflies at length in the past few years. She observes that, while chasing prey, dragonflies “shadow their enemies in complex maneuvers that military fighter pilots can only dream of. Their tricks create the visual illusion that they’re not moving” (as quoted in “How Stealthy...”, 2003, 2398:26). In fact, according to Dr. Javaan Chahl, the quick aerial movements allow the dragonfly to disguise itself as a motionless object (“Military Looks to Mimic...,” 2003). These insights are not lost on the military. Indeed, “scientists believe the insect’s flight control could have applications in new planes and helicopters” (2003).

Is it any wonder that one of the very first helicopters produced was named “Dragonfly” (“Sikorsky...,” 2003)? No one considers the helicopter as the product of time and chance. So why would any reasonable person believe that the insect to which scientists are looking for an understanding of principles of flight evolved from mindless forces of nature?

If the human mind, with all of its complexity and ingenious design, is necessary to engineer airplanes and helicopters, what must be said for the Mind behind the human mind? If scores of intelligent scientists must expend vast amounts of time, energy, intention, deliberation, knowledge, and thought in order to discover the secrets of the “efficient motions” of the dragonfly, what must have been required to create that dragonfly in the first place? Mindless, non-intelligent, unconscious, non-purposive “evolutionary forces”? Ridiculous! Time and chance do not and cannot account for the amazing design found in insects like the dragonfly. The only logical, plausible explanation is that dragonflies were designed by the God of the Bible, and they testify to His wisdom: “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

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