**THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH**

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**Dawkins begins by stating exactly what the problem is: ignorance on a grand scale, combined with, an aggressive, well-organized, and well-funded push by the ignorant masses, and their leaders, to combat the advances of science.**

**Dawkins goes into great detail to explain the Lenski experiments so that readers can see that scientists *have* proved evolution happening "before our eyes."**

**Then Dawkins gets to the heart of the controversy: human evolution. This is the only part that creationists really care about. If this is true - Genesis can't be.**

**His next topic is embryology which functions in a bottom-up fashion (self-assembly based on local rules of chemistry and physics) rather than in a top-down way (design).**

**In the 20th century molecular biology (which had the power to falsify evolution) added powerful evidence to support everything that Darwin had theorized. The molecular clock, based on pseudogenes, conclusively demonstrates the accuracy of evolutionary theory - and - it has no gaps!**

**Dawkins then goes after intelligent design with a series of examples in nature which prove that only a moron would have designed animals and humans the way God did. In every case, the design is easily explained by evolution.**

**I was surprised to learn that the phrase "having been originally breathed" in the first edition of Darwin's book, was changed because he was pressured by religious leaders to add "by the Creator" in subsequent editions.**

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