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conference

# THE ORIGIN OF LIFE AND THE UNIVERSE



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## **A Detailed Account of The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on the Origins of Life and the Universe**

On May 21st, 2017, the Technics & Science Research Foundation (TSRF) held its second annual International Conference The Origin of Life and The Universe at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey.

Focusing on the question of “What is the origin of life?” the TSRF’s The Origin of Life and The Universe Conference drew a line in the shifting sands of the scientific community, declaring boldly that evidence for a God-driven creation exists plainly in such fields as genetics, biology, paleontology, physics, chemistry and astrophysics.

Unique among creation-oriented groups, TRSF is THE ONLY Islamic-based organization, and prides itself on its interfaith dialogue. TSRF frequently hosts events, which feature Christian, Jewish, and other leading theologians and scientists from around the world.

Attended by approximately 500 participants, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Origin of Life and The Universe Conference featured two sessions of speakers. (see attached)

In addition to the talks presented on topics ranging from the nature of viruses to the complexity of the DNA, conference goers viewed several exhibits of fossils, many dating back millions of years, and enjoyed performances of musicians and the Istanbul Dance Factory.

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TSRF has been working for quite a long time to bring to the public’s attention the latest scientific developments offering insights as to the origin of life and the universe, as well as the findings of modern science in an effort to highlight how this knowledge can be used to change our outlook on life.

The second conference provided answers from genetics, biology, paleontology, physics, chemistry and astrophysics to the question ‘How did life begin?’ with the valuable input of scientific figures who are experts in their fields and who have published many academic studies in respectable peer-reviewed journals.

In addition to discussing the latest scientific discoveries of the 21st Century, the speakers provided their insights as to how science can be utilized to build a peaceful world where people can live together harmoniously.

Guest speaker Fazale R. Rana, gave a presentation entitled ‘DNA’s Inspirational Design.’ In his presentation, he described how works in biomimetic and bio-inspiration—exemplified by the inspirational design of the DNA molecule—focuses fresh perspective on the elegant designs of biochemical systems—designs befitting a Creator’s handiwork.

Anjeanette “AJ” Roberts, in her speech ‘Why Did God Create Viruses?’ spoke of God’s fingerprints in every living thing.

Carlo Alberto Cossano, MD, with his presentation entitled 'Informatics Records and Proteins Production' shared the latest information on how bio-informatics and the design found in proteins show us the flawless Creation of God.

Psychiatry Professor Paolo Cioni's presentation was on 'Psyche and the Crisis of Materialist Reductionism', in which he talked about the failure of materialist reductionism in human mind.

Fabrizio Frautus, in his presentation titled 'Evolution: Myth or Truth?', talked about the scientific evidences which refute the theory of evolution.

Oktar Babuna, MD, presented a talk titled "Matter: The Other Name for Illusion", in which he pointed out a crucial secret of our lives. Throughout his talk, in the light of scientific evidences, he showed the whole material world is really a shadow, and that this is the key to understanding the existence of God, His Creation, and the fact that He is the one absolute Being.

And lastly, Jeff Gardner, in his closing speech, said "That is, at the heart of it, our challenge, our task is to instruct the world that each of us has been made purposefully, and with the purpose of being seen, of being heard and not being silenced, forgotten or disappeared."

The conference also hosted a 'fossil exhibition' along with the book stall, where the audience could see clear paleontological proof that living things haven't gone through any change over hundreds of millions of years.

The evidences and scientific arguments provided by our speakers included information that will lead the world of science to the good and right, and enlighten the Turkish youth as well as the whole world. For this reason, our international conference themed "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Origin of Life and the Universe" was an utterly important and influential initiative that shed light to the whole world and the future.

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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TURKEY

**10:00**

**Arrival at the Conference Venue**

**10:00-10:30**

**Morning Refreshments**

**10:30 / OPENING**

**Short movie on the Origin of Life and the Universe**

**Opening speech**

**Altuğ Berker on behalf of the TSRF Foundation**

**National Anthem and A Moment of Silence for our Martyrs**

**The presentation film of the Honorary President of TSRF**

**11:00 / SESSION 1**

**Moderator Zuhail Mansfield will introduce the speakers**

**Speakers:**

- 1. Dr. Fazale Rana - "DNA's Inspirational Design"**
- 2. Dr. Fabrizio Fratus - "Evolution: Myth or Reality?"**
- 3. Dr. AJ Roberts - "Why Did God Create Viruses?"**
- 4. Q&A Session**

**Dance Show By "Istanbul Dance Factory"**

**12:45 – 14:00**

**Lunch Break**

**14:00 / SESSION 2**

**Moderator Ms. Mansfield will introduce the speakers**

**Speakers:**

- 1. Carlo Alberto Cossano – "Informatics Records and Proteins Production"**
- 2. Dr. Paolo Cioni – "Psyche and The Crisis of Materialist Reductionism"**
- 3. Dr. Oktar Babuna – "The Secret Beyond Matter"**
- 4. Q&A Session**

**Percussion Show**

**Coffee break/Refreshments**

**Closing Speech**

**Jeff Gardner – "Picture Christians Project"**

**Plaques Ceremony**

**ABSTRACTS**  
**of**  
**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**



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**DNA's Inspirational Design**

**Fazale R. Rana, PhD<sup>1</sup>**

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## ABSTRACT

It's exciting to be part of a project in which one of the goals is to show the world that Christians and Muslims can work together to demonstrate how scientific advance 1) points to the existence of God; and 2) undermines the evolutionary paradigm—a paradigm often used to justify atheism.

If evolutionary mechanisms can account for the origin, history of life and the design of biological systems, then the obvious question arises: 'what role is a Creator to play?'

Evolutionary biologist and atheist Richard Dawkins wrote in his book *The Blind Watchmaker*: "Although atheism might have been logically tenable before Darwin, Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist."

Statements like this cause many people to conclude that scientific advance makes belief in God impossible.

Yet, it was science that led me to the strong conviction that a Creator must exist. When I entered college, I was an agnostic. I didn't know if God existed or not, and I honestly didn't really care. I simply wasn't interested in religion. The focus of my attention was biochemistry. I wanted to do everything that I could to prepare myself to go to graduate school so that I could earn a PhD in biochemistry.

As an undergraduate, I was convinced that evolutionary mechanisms could account for the origin, history, and design of biological systems. My convictions were not based on a careful examination of the evidence. But instead, they were based on what my biology professors taught me. I admired my professors and because I respected them, I accepted their claims about the evolutionary paradigm without hesitation.

When I speak on university campuses in the United States, I often encounter students who—as I did—uncritically embrace the evolutionary paradigm, because they, too, respect and admire their professors.

But, my views changed during my graduate studies. One of the goals of a graduate education is to teach the student to independently think through the scientific evidence and develop conclusions based on the evidence alone, regardless of what other experts might say. And because I was learning to think for myself, I was willing to ask questions that I did not ask as an undergraduate student. One of those questions was: How did life originate?

The elegant design, the sophistication, and the ingenuity of biochemical systems prompted me to ask that question. I wanted to know: How does the scientific community account for the origin of such remarkable biochemical systems through strictly mechanistic processes? After examining the various explanations available at that time, I was shocked. The explanations presented by the scientific community seemed to me to be woefully inadequate. I was convinced that chemical and physical processes alone could not generate life itself. This realization coupled with the elegant design and biochemical systems forced me to that conclusion— for intellectual reasons alone— that a Creator must indeed exist and must have been responsible for bringing life into being.

After concluding that God exists, I asked myself: Who is the Creator? Do I relate to the Creator? If so, how? I became convinced that the answer to these questions was found in Christianity.

I reached these conclusions over 30 years ago. And in the prevailing decades, the scientific evidence has continued to confirm my convictions about God's existence. The case that can be made for a Creator from the design of biochemical systems and the problems associated with the origin of life has become even more compelling.

The goal of this lecture is to give you a window into some of the reasons why—as a biochemist—I think a Creator must indeed exist.

Towards this end, I will focus on the elegant, ingenious design of DNA and describe three ways this biomolecule's structure and function are inspiring new nanotechnologies.

## Evolution: Myth or Reality?

Fabrizio Fratus<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Sociologist, ITALY

### ABSTRACT

Is Darwin's theory myth or reality? To give an answer to this question we must first know if Darwinism is science. So let's try to understand in a simple way what science is.

Science must be observable, repeatable and testable. We must be able to verify that an experiment produce an effect that cannot be falsified. In this regard, it is very important to understand Karl Popper's theory. In an attempt to epistemologically understand what Darwin's theory was and how it has evolved, Karl Popper tried to find out a proof that could confute the theory itself. At some point, Karl Popper came to the conclusion that Darwinism is not a testable theory but it is just a metaphysical research program. This means that Karl Popper, an atheist philosopher, described Darwin's theory as a metaphysical theory that has nothing to do with science. Antonino Zichichi, president of the World Physics Association in Italy, wrote a book entitled: "Colui Che Ha fatto Il Mondo" (The One Who Made the World) in which he explained the credibility of a scientific theory and said that the evolution of the human species remains below the level of scientific credibility because Darwin's theory does not pass the test of reproducibility and, since it is not possible to study events that are not reproducible, it is also impossible to observe an effect that have occurred only once.

So, Antonino Zichichi thinks that Darwin's theory is not science, therefore it is not observable, it is not repeatable and not testable. This is an important point because it means that when we speak about Darwinism, we are not talking about science. Therefore, the science system must reject this hypothesis.

Let's now talk about what Darwinism produces. Let's see the definition of the word "race" found in Italian vocabularies. A race is a human population locally or globally located, distinguished as a group

more or less differentiated by genetically transmitted physical characteristics. So this is the definition of "race". We know that anthropologists classify the four existing races in: Australians, Negroide, Mongols, and Caucasians. What does Darwinism say instead?

Darwinism says that races have developed independently, and that some of them have developed better than others. This is an important point to understand. In 1833 Darwin wrote, referring to the inhabitants of Terra del Fuoco: These were the most abject and miserable creatures I anywhere beheld. Viewing such men, one can hardly make oneself believe that they are our fellow-creatures. In 1871, speaking about the descendants of man, he said that non-white races simply cannot elevate entirely to the level of civilized human beings, and that they are mentally and morally at a lower level, in a way they are stuck at a previous stage of the biological evolution of human species. This means that they are inferior. That's what Darwin said. Darwinism creates racism.

In Darwin's theory, we know that nature is a continuous war for survival, a battle that every living being must constantly fight against his own kind and other species. This is the interpretation of evolutionists and not the reality. It is clear that, if man believes he descended from the primates, he will believe in values that would be different from the values he believed in if he knows that he was created by God. Darwin's theory teaches us that man is perpetually in competition to survive and that his survival depends on his ability to choose what is best for him.

Humans are not the production of chance, are not a mistake, but are desired and designed and so are all the living things on earth. The Designer cannot be other than God.

## Why Did God Create Viruses?

Anjeanette “AJ” Roberts, PhD<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Research Scholar with Reasons to Believe (Former assistant professor of graduate education at the University of Virginia 2006-2013 and staff scientist at the National Institutes of Health, NIAID, LID 2003-2006)

### ABSTRACT

When others learn I'm a virologist, they often ask, "Are viruses alive?" When they learn that I'm a Christian, they often ask, "Why would a good God create viruses?" I love to address questions like these and have spent years thinking about viruses and their roles in creation and human sickness, and their use as tools in mitigating suffering, and more.

As a Christian who is also a scientist I often use scientific discoveries to help others see how God reveals himself to us in creation. Christian scriptures actually tell us that creation or nature actually points people to the realization of God's existence. But not just that, nature actually reveals God's power and attributes to us as well.

Now certainly some viruses can be very dangerous and even deadly. So the question, "Why would a good God create viruses?" is a great question! Of course this question assumes that viruses are bad, causing sickness, suffering, and sometimes even death. This question though actually reveals a lack of understanding of viruses and their role in nature.

Now of course we know of viruses like bird flu or fowlpox, or herpes, or measles — which kills 15 people every hour — and hemorrhagic fever viruses that can affect entire populations and cause widespread disease and mortality even on a global scale.

Recent technological advances and the advent of metagenomics have changed the way we understand viruses. Scientists now have the capability to extract DNA from environmental samples and sequence multiple organisms at once. Through such analyses we now realize that Earth is filled with a truly vast array and diversity of viruses. Everywhere we find life, we find viruses. And we find them in overwhelming abundance! A single milliliter of ocean water or a gram of soil can harbor 10 — 100 million virus particles or more!

Viruses outnumber all other living things by a factor of 10 to 1 or even 100 to 1 or more! Yet only an infinitesimal fraction of an infinitesimal fraction of viruses are associated with human disease, or diseases of any kind. The vast majority of viruses

on planet Earth are not associated with disease or suffering. In fact they are critical for sustaining balance in Earth's ecological webs and providing higher ordered organisms ecological space in which to thrive.

If it were not for viruses, bacteria and other single-cell organisms would rule the Earth, sequestering all nutrients and filling all ecological niches, making higher life and the survival of multicellular organisms impossible.

Bacteriophage also helps keep our planet's ecological niches and our bodies' microbiomes in balance so that we are not overrun by bacteria. Some viruses allow infected plants survival advantages under drought or cold temperatures that prove detrimental to un-infected plants.

Viruses can also be manipulated and engineered to use in an arsenal to fight diseases. We can use viruses to fight cancers, congenital and genetic diseases, and viral and bacterial diseases according to the latest WHO targets.

Viruses are now being used to fight cancers directly and as shuttles to deliver gene-editing molecules in fights against cancers such as sarcoma, melanoma and myeloma.

Viruses may also be the next best weapon to fight multi-drug resistant bacteria too!

Although a few viruses are remarkably bad, we cannot paint all viruses with the same brush. In fact, life as we know it would not be possible and our thriving as human beings and caretakers of creation would be impossible without the vast array of viruses that fill the Earth.

Creation's design certainly necessitates a vast storehouse of diverse viruses for keeping life on Earth well regulated, whether in the human gut or the global biogeochemical cycles. With such an abundance of still unknown viruses, we have so much more to discover! And so many reasons to marvel at God's amazing creation and providence.

Thanks be to God.

## Informatics Records and Protein Production

Carlo Alberto Cossano<sup>1</sup>  
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### ABSTRACT

We're living in the Digital Age. It's really hard, if not impossible, to find a process that is not in some way managed, controlled, administered or enhanced through the use of a computer program or a database or any software application.

It's normal that we have these solutions today, having reached the peak of the information age, thanks to decades of enhancements applied by intelligent beings with that specific purpose, so what we have is the best of what intellectual and technological growth can develop in years and years.

But it may seem less "normal" to find out that these very same logics and considerations, that we've just described as the product of years and years of applications by the most clever being of the planet, are fully adopted in biological processes operating in the cells inside our body, as in those of every living organism.

And this happens since the appearance of the first unicellular life forms, with logics and processes fundamentally unchanged from the extant ones.

Proteins aren't "substances", as how sometimes are simplistically defined; granted, from a certain point of view everything is a "substance", even the computer that we use when we surf the Internet, since substances are constituted by atoms, and atoms are the fundamental building blocks of matter.

Proteins are rather electrochemical mechanical (and, as we will see, even information processing) mechanisms that constitute, assemble, regulate, maintain, manage, transform create and destroy

(and much more) cells and tissues of any living organism (and even of any "un-living" one, like viruses).

Their almost boundless diversity is remarkable: it's been estimated that inside of the human body there are at least 25.000 different kind of proteins, every one with its specificity that can be connected to a moment, a purpose, a quantity essential or concurrent to the completion of a certain function.

What prepares and produces proteins in the cell? Very simple: other proteins, themselves prepared and produced in the same way.

But, if we make an analogy, it will be easy to grasp that for a production line that must continue according to specific and highly variable requirements with 25.000 different pieces, you need to manage the production flow, in some way.

The amount and diversity are so high that a "production problem" in such a "factory" would mean not only an halt in the production line, with a following money loss, but the very same, cost the life of the cell and maybe of the entire organism.

It becomes clear that it's essential to have the pieces production line under control, managing the different phases, maybe having the information of the point at which the single piece is in the production phase: a state management.

It is incredible that the solutions used by informatics today, which resulted from decades of enhanced applied intelligence, and ideas of competent intelligent human beings, is exactly what is happening inside the cell.

## Psyche and The Crisis of Materialist Reductionism

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### ABSTRACT

Increasingly hard times are ahead for pure materialists.

Famous neuroscientist C. Koch, who has worked for 20 years with F. Crick, co-discoverer of the DNA molecule, has recently (2009) shocked the scientific community by publishing his belief that consciousness probably does not reside exclusively in the brain, but it is an essential manifestation of reality. This view, known by philosophers as "panpsychism", today finds its highest expression in the scientific theory of consciousness of neuroscientist G. Tononi, in the past collaborator of super materialist G.M.Edelmann, Nobel Prize winner, and co-writer of the book: "A Universe of Consciousness. How Matter Becomes Imagination," 2000.

Tononi has outlined in 2004, and then developed later, the so-called ITT (Integrated Information Theory). According to this perspective, "consciousness is a fundamental property, such as mass and charge. Wherever there is an entity with multiple states, there is some consciousness. A special structure (like human nervous system) is needed to gather much of it, but consciousness is everywhere, it is a fundamental property. " This theory, so distant from the initial purely materialistic mainstream approach, is now subject to serious consideration by the neuroscience world, being based on empirically quantifiable assumptions. The implications are vast, and

unthinkable until today: the mathematical value of the information integrated into a network, known as phi, is greater than zero in every living cell, each electronic circuit, even in a proton consisting of only three elementary particles.

Physicists like J. Wheeler have laid the foundation for an understanding of a completely new reality, in which matter, laws and physical constants of nature, and the whole universe are best described, not in terms of physical objects, but through "processing of a fundamental dynamic information".

Quantum mechanics suggests that at the deepest level of nature, the entire physical universe is interconnected. Could the total information of the Universe be integrated in some deep sense? Is the Universe in some way conscious of itself? Are we ourselves, with our separate and cooperative individual consciences the way in which the Universe is conscious of itself?

Mystery and awe are part of our lives and accompany us through all our transformative experiences. Materialistic reductionism only distances us from the truth.

## The Collapse of the Theory of Evolution and the Fact of Creation

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### ABSTRACT

The subject of this presentation reveals a crucial secret of your life. The content of this presentation presents not just a different approach, or a philosophical thought: it is a fact, which is also proven by science today.

Man is conditioned right from the beginning of his life, that the world he lives in has an absolute material reality. So he grows up under the effect of this conditioning and builds his entire life on this viewpoint. The findings of present-day science, however, have revealed a completely different and significant reality than what is presumed.

All the information that we have about the external world is conveyed to us by our five senses. The world we know of consists of what our eyes see, our ears hear, our noses smell, our tongues taste, and our hands feel.

Man is dependent on only those five senses since birth. That is why he knows the "external world" only the way it is presented by these senses.

Yet, scientific research carried out on our senses has revealed very different facts about what we call the "external world". And these facts have brought to light a very important secret about matter, which makes up the external world.

In order to better grasp this secret behind matter, let us be reminded of our information about our "sense of sight" which provides us with the most extensive information about the external world.

The act of seeing is realized progressively. At the instance of seeing, light clusters called photons travel from the object to the eye and pass through the eye lens where they are

refracted and focus on the retina at the back of the eye. Here, rays are turned into electrical signals and then transmitted by neurons to the centre of vision at the back of the brain. The act of seeing actually takes place in this centre in the brain.

All the images we view in our lives and all the events we experience are actually experienced in this tiny and dark place.

Now, let us reconsider this information more carefully. When we say, "we see", we actually see the "effect" the rays reaching our eyes form in our brain by being converted into electrical signals. When we say, "we see", we actually observe the electrical signals in our brain.

We can explain this interesting situation with an example: Let us suppose that in front of us there is a burning candle and we view its light. During this period when we view the candle's light, the inside of our skull and our brain are in absolute darkness. The light of the candle never illuminates our brain and our centre of vision. However, we watch a colourful and bright world inside our dark brain.

The same situation applies to all our other senses. Sound, touch, taste and smell are all perceived in the brain as electrical signals.

Therefore, our brains, throughout our lives, do not confront the "original" of the matter existing outside us, but rather an electrical copy of it formed inside our brain. It is at this point that we are misled by assuming these copies are instances of real matter outside us.

## **Picture Christians Project**

**Jeff Gardner<sup>1</sup>**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Representatives of such different faiths, some, even, that the world would assume could not come together as we have. This in itself is an accomplishment worthy of note. We are here because despite our differences as Muslims, Christians and Jews, we all share, we all face, a common enemy - secularism, atheism and violent ideologies. The first two - secularism and atheism, are the most pervasive and thus more problematic.

Secularism and atheism share a common tactic in their attempts to silence those that they disagree with - they work constantly at making their opponents disappear.

How do you make someone or someones disappear in the 21st century? It does not involve a magical formula. No, it is as simple as not showing or discussing them, that is, not allowing them to be heard or seen, especially in public. Out of sight is truly out of mind - and secularists and atheists know this.

If we look back to the book of Genesis, that account of God's relationship to creation and humanity, we find that after forming humankind, God breathed life into us - an

intimate communication with us, an intimate connection with us.

Secularists and atheists attack this connection between humanity and the Divine, not only by denying that it exists, but by refusing to even discuss the matter, in word and especially image.

Concerning struggle with secularism and atheism, our challenge is twofold.

First - we must continue to formulate sound, rational arguments concerning the origins of life.

Second – we must better understand and utilize the means of communication to deliver the message.

In this instance, communicating the message, the challenge is the opportunity. Communication in the 21st century is a moving target, a rapidly developing mix of electronic, so-called conventional and tried and true interpersonal methods of connecting and communicating, a mix that welcomes innovation and is often forgiving of mistakes.

We should embrace this opportunity along with its challenges.

## Conclusion

The consensus reached by the scientists, academicians, university students, artists, politicians and members of non-governmental organizations that attended the conference as audience and speakers is that the theory of evolution has collapsed in the face of findings from such branches of science as paleontology, molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, and anthropology, and how not one piece of scientific evidence actually supports the theory.

As mentioned by most of the speakers, the theory of evolution is supported not because there is any scientific evidence in its favor, but because it prepares an allegedly scientific framework for materialists to deny the existence of God. Darwinism is defended not with science, but with philosophy. Random events form the basis of this philosophy. The only explanation of the fact that millions of intelligent people, who have received perhaps the finest education in the world, should believe in such an irrational and unscientific theory is the “spell” that has lingered on since the nineteenth century.

As can be seen from speakers’ presentations, evolutionists do not really consider the meaning of what they say and claim. For them, the evidence and the real working of nature are not important. Their only aim is the defense of their ideology at whatever cost. This is why they defend their irrational claims, which violate all known experiments and observations, under a “scientific” mask.

Phillip E. Johnson, known for his books criticizing the theory of evolution, says in his book *Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds* that evolutionists believe in a preconception without ever thinking about the claims of Darwinism or weighing up what these claims really imply:

My experience speaking and debating on this topic at universities has taught me that scientists, and professors in general, are often confused about evolution. They may know a lot of details, but they don’t understand the basics. The professors typically think that evolution from molecule to man is a single process that can be illustrated by dog breeding or finch-beak variations, that fossil evidence confirms the Darwinian process of step-by-step change, that monkeys can type Hamlet if they are aided by a mechanism akin to natural selection.<sup>1</sup>

In his book *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, Michael Denton describes the oddness of a Darwinist’s belief that the superior and complex systems in living things could be the work of random processes:

To the skeptic, the proposition that the genetic programs of higher organisms, consisting of something close to a thousand million bits of information, equivalent to the sequence of letters in a small library of 1,000 volumes, containing in encoded form countless thousands of intricate algorithms controlling, specifying, and ordering the growth and development of billions and billions of cells into the form of a complex organism, were composed by a purely random process is simply an affront to reason. But to the Darwinist, the idea is accepted without a ripple of doubt—the paradigm takes precedence.<sup>2</sup>

Someone who believes that the cell—an organism as complex as the city of New York—emerged as the result of inanimate substances randomly coming together, that human intelligence is the result of mutations, and that the world was suddenly filled with 100 different phyla as the result of coincidences must genuinely be under a spell. This spell leads those under its power to an “affront to reason.”

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<sup>1</sup> Philip E. Johnson, *Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds*, Intervarsity Press, 1997 s.11

<sup>2</sup> Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, Adler & Adler, 1986, p. 351.

Others are spellbound by people bearing the title of “scientist,” or by institutions called “Academies of Sciences.” Such people adopt the logic that everything that scientists say is true, and they simply adopt their views without ever thinking about them. The way to break this spell, which has lain over mankind for approximately two centuries, is to reveal the faulty logic of the theory of evolution and to undermine it, both scientifically and philosophically.

In the present century, mankind has to a large extent been freed of this spell. The 2nd International Conference on the Origins of Life and The Universe aimed to diminish the effect of that spell still further, by revealing the invalidity of one of its major sources. And these conferences and joint efforts of various scientists and academicians will continue to lift this spell entirely. People will be amazed at the way they were held hostage by such a specious theory for two whole centuries.