

# WILLIAM DEMBSKI AND JOHN HAUGHT SPAR ON INTELLIGENT DESIGN

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### 1: Michael Behe - WikiVisually

*Updated through current events, this second edition focuses on the great debates that have engaged, divided, stimulated, and provoked scientists and others to ponder the origins of humankind.*

This version might differ slightly from the print publication. Stealing Down the Road to Perdition In grammar school the nuns made a point of telling us that stealing constituted a terrible sin. Taking what belonged to others and claiming it belonged to you was distinctly frowned upon, would upset Jesus, would get you smacked with a ruler, and could start you down the road to Hell. I learned these lessons in the context of a religious tradition that Comfort would deny has any validity; and yet his "true" religious tradition did not seem to deter him from this unethical "some might say sinful" behavior. Making my way further into the text, I encountered the type of ham-handed and clumsy syntax, pseudo-literary flourishes, convoluted logic, and superficial attempts at sounding intelligent more in line with what I expected. Other duties occupied my time so I could not go through it carefully. Throughout the summer, however, I began receiving e-mails from eagleeyed readers who also noticed that I had been plagiarized. Others pointed out that Stan Guffey of the University of Tennessee as well as the Darwin Foundation had their work pilfered and insulted too. And now Comfort and his pal in blinkered intellectual vandalism and strange views on fruit, Kirk Cameron, planned on giving away free copies of this thing. While the plagiarism is telling, what is more so, I think, is the sources Comfort choose to steal from. He engaged in the same kind of research tactics common among eighth-graders, but for which I would fail one of my university students. They are meant for audiences new to the material, which has been digested and simplified. He could have stolen bits from my Human Evolution: I am also waiting for Ray Comfort or Kirk Cameron or any of their ilk to explain why if evolution causes so much death and destruction, the most violent and hate-filled groups in America, like the KKK, Neo-Nazis, and religious cults, all reject evolution and claim to embrace Christ and why a guy has never walked into a restaurant and shot up the place, saying Darwin made him do it? They always blame it on Jesus. He thus insults genuinely religious people as well as those he loves to call atheists: He seems confused by the "intelligent design" theory he embraces so warmly, failing to see how it undermines the young-earth creationism his followers take as a rigid core belief. His fast-talking flim-flam sounds more like that of a used car salesman than someone who speaks for the Lord. This formula ensures that Comfort will continue his antics, get rich, and gather followers. He delights in explicating the horrors that await sinners, exhorts them to atone for their sins, and claims to know what God wants and does it with the giddy selfassuredness of the self-righteous. Ironically, as an added bonus he includes a little flying rubber band toy with the signed copies of the Origin he has given out. On it are printed the questions "Have you kept His Command-ments? Bridge Logos Foundation, His father and grandfather were both doctors, and his mother was the daughter of Josiah Wedgwood, of pottery fame. As a clergyman, he would have the free time to follow his real intellectual love: Darwin was a passionate student of nature, and while still in school he had amassed a considerable beetle collection as well as other specimens. Darwin was a passionate student of nature, and while in school he amassed a considerable beetle collection as well as other specimens. There are two important issues in investigating plagiarism. One is whether phrases or sentences are simply copied without attribution from one source to another. This is the case in the boldface text in the table above. The second has to do with how the reference material is used. It is considered plagiarism if an author uses the original sentence structure from the reference, merely substituting synonyms or near-synonyms: Using phrases or expressions that are unique to the original author is also considered plagiarism. In this example, phrases such as "of pottery fame", and "to pursue a medical degree" would satisfy the criteria for plagiarism. An extended discussion of plagiarism with examples of appropriate and inappropriate usage can be found at [http: About the Author s](http://About the Author s):

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### 2: Reports of the NCSE

*The evolution wars: a guide to the debates. of man / Pope John Paul II --William Dembski and John Haught spar on intelligent design / Rebecca Flietstra --Darwin.*

Michael Behe Save Michael J. Behe BEE-hee; born January 18, is an American biochemist , author, and advocate of the pseudoscientific[2] principle of intelligent design ID. Behe is best known as an advocate for the validity of the argument for irreducible complexity IC , which claims that some biochemical structures are too complex to be explained by known evolutionary mechanisms and are therefore probably the result of intelligent design. Behe has testified in several court cases related to intelligent design, including the court case *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* that resulted in a ruling that intelligent design was not science and was religious in nature. He received his PhD in biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania in for his dissertation research on sickle-cell disease. From to , he was assistant professor of chemistry at Queens College in New York City, where he met his wife, Celeste. In , he moved to Lehigh University and is currently a Professor of Biochemistry. Behe on the argument: It is our collective position that intelligent design has no basis in science, has not been tested experimentally, and should not be regarded as scientific. A Theory in Crisis , by Michael Denton , he came to question evolution. The logic is very similar to the watchmaker analogy given by William Paley in as proof of a divine creator. This argument of irreducible complexity has been rejected as an argument from ignorance relying on the lack of knowledge of a natural explanation to make the assumption of an intelligent cause outside of science. Supreme Court decision barred the required teaching of creation science from public schools but allowed evolutionary theory on the grounds of scientific validity. After the decision, a later draft of the textbook *Of Pandas and People* systematically replaced each and every cognate of the word " creation " with the phrase "intelligent design" or similar ID terms. Johnson on theistic realism dealt directly with criticism of evolutionary theory and its purported biased " materialist " science, and aimed to legitimize the teaching of creationism in schools. In March , a conference at Southern Methodist University brought Behe together with other leading figures into what Johnson later called the " wedge strategy. Following a summer conference, "The Death of Materialism and the Renewal of Culture," the group obtained funding through the Discovery Institute. Behe later agreed that they were essentially the same when he defended intelligent design at the Dover trial. Determining who the designer was, however, would not be nearly as easy. We can determine that a system was designed by examining the system itself, and we can hold the conviction of design much more strongly than a conviction about the identity of the designer. It is not my purpose here to rehearse what has been said over the millennia on that score, or to say why I myself find some of those arguments persuasive and others not. Here is a thought experiment that makes the point clear. To falsify such a claim, a scientist could go into the laboratory, place a bacterial species lacking a flagellum under some selective pressure for mobility, say , grow it for ten thousand generations, and see if a flagellum--or any equally complex system--was produced. If that happened, my claims would be neatly disproven. Once again, what we have to acknowledge is that in order to test intelligent design theory, the required test conditions must be such that the causal interaction between an intelligent agent and organism must be available to observation There is no way to tell, from this experiment, whether the intelligent agent was actually working inside the laboratory; therefore, the test does not falsify the theory. Yet here he is demanding that scientists do an actual experiment with actual bacteria, the numbers of which could not possibly be contained in a lab, on the evolution of a much more complex biochemical system that would almost certainly take longer to evolve than the whole of recorded human history. If the results with knock-out mice Bugge et al. And since my claim for intelligent design requires that no unintelligent process be sufficient to produce such irreducibly complex systems, then the plausibility of ID would suffer enormously. Either it is unfalsifiable and floats serenely beyond experimental reproach, or it can be criticized on the basis of our observations and is therefore testable. The fact that critical reviewers advance scientific arguments against ID

whether successfully or not shows that intelligent design is indeed falsifiable. Dembski [24] and others in the intelligent design movement, Behe accepts the common descent of species,[25] including that humans descended from other primates, although he states that common descent does not by itself explain the differences between species. He also accepts the scientific consensus on the age of the Earth and the age of the Universe. In his own words: Many people think that questioning Darwinian evolution must be equivalent to espousing creationism. As commonly understood, creationism involves belief in an earth formed only about ten thousand years ago, an interpretation of the Bible that is still very popular. For the record, I have no reason to doubt that the universe is the billions of years old that physicists say it is. Further, I find the idea of common descent that all organisms share a common ancestor fairly convincing, and have no particular reason to doubt it. I greatly respect the work of my colleagues who study the development and behavior of organisms within an evolutionary framework, and I think that evolutionary biologists have contributed enormously to our understanding of the world. I also do not think it surprising that the new science of the very small might change the way we view the less small. Yet in a very strong sense the explanation of common descent is also trivial. Common descent tries to account only for the similarities between creatures. It says merely that certain shared features were there from the beginning – the ancestor had them. Almost all of what is novel and important in Darwinian thought is concentrated in this third concept. In particular, Doolittle mentioned the issue of the blood clotting in his article, "A Delicate Balance. Pennock, Behe took issue with the "intelligent design" group being associated with "creationism," saying readers would typically take that to mean biblical literalism and young Earth creationism YEC. In Pennock responded that he had been careful to represent their views correctly, and that while several leaders of the intelligent design movement were young Earth creationists, others including Behe were "old-earthers" and "creationists in the core sense of the term, namely, that they reject the scientific, evolutionary account of the origin of species and want to replace it with a form of special creation. However, the paper does not mention intelligent design nor irreducible complexity, which were removed, according to Behe, at the behest of the reviewers. When the issue raised by Behe and Snoke is tested in the modern framework of evolutionary biology, numerous simple pathways to complexity have been shown. In their response, Behe and Snoke assumed that intermediate mutations are always damaging, where modern science allows for neutral or positive mutations. Starting from this example, he takes into account the number of mutations required to "travel" from one genetic state to another, as well as population size for the organism in question. Then, Behe calculates what he calls the "edge of evolution", i. Behe, along with fellow Discovery Institute associates William A. The Church of Liberalism Dover Area School District, the first direct challenge brought in United States federal courts to an attempt to mandate the teaching of intelligent design on First Amendment grounds, Behe was called as a primary witness for the defense and asked to support the idea that intelligent design was legitimate science. Moreover, defense expert Professor Minnich acknowledged that for ID to be considered science, the ground rules of science have to be broadened to allow consideration of supernatural forces. However, – arguments against evolution are not arguments for design. Expert testimony revealed that just because scientists cannot explain today how biological systems evolved does not mean that they cannot, and will not, be able to explain them tomorrow. For example in the case of the bacterial flagellum, removal of a part may prevent it from acting as a rotary motor. However, Professor Behe excludes, by definition, the possibility that a precursor to the bacterial flagellum functioned not as a rotary motor, but in some other way, for example as a secretory system. Miller presented evidence, based upon peer-reviewed studies, that they are not in fact irreducibly complex. He was presented with fifty-eight peer-reviewed publications, nine books, and several immunology textbook chapters about the evolution of the immune system; however, he simply insisted that this was still not sufficient evidence of evolution, and that it was not "good enough. In addition, Professor Behe agreed that for the design of human artifacts, we know the designer and its attributes and we have a baseline for human design that does not exist for design of biological systems. The case was filed by Association of Christian Schools International, which argued that the University of California was being discriminatory by not recognizing science classes

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that use creationist books. He defended that view in a deposition.

### 3: Michael Behe Explained

*Flietstra RJ William Dembski and John Haught Spar on Intelligent Design. Research News and Opportunities in Science and Theology, 2 (9): Flietstra RJ 'Exploring the Evolution of Being Human,' A Review Essay.*

This version might differ slightly from the print publication. The objects have been the subject of much attention and speculation by various fringe groups, including Christian and Hindu creationists and advocates of "ancient astronauts". These fringe groups argue that the objects are either actual or possible "Out-of-Place Artifacts" OOPARTs, which are supposedly direct evidence of a civilization that existed either billions of years ago or before the Biblical Flood. Advocates of "ancient astronauts" further speculate that the Ottosdal objects were manufactured by intelligent extraterrestrials. The oldest known article that advocates an artificial origin for the Ottosdal objects is Barritt This article appears in the October 2, , issue of the National Enquirer as a short version of Barritt, which repeats and adds much additional material to the descriptions and discussion presented in Barritt Barritt was published in the June 11, , issue of Scope Magazine. In , this magazine was well known for its sensational stories and photographs. According to this article, Sullivan speculated that the objects were artifacts and clear evidence of "a higher civilisation, a pre-flood civilisation about which we know virtually nothing. Barritt also quoted Marx as allegedly stating that a specimen of the Ottosdal objects slowly rotated on its axis while locked in a "vibration-free" Klerksdorp Museum display case. Later, Jochmans, a young-earth creationist, included the Ottosdal objects in his list of "top ten out-of-place artifacts" and described the objects as being composed of "manufactured metal" and a "nickel-steel alloy which does not occur naturally. In his short discussion of the objects, Jochmans repeats the claim, possibly taken from Barritt, that Marx had observed one of the objects slowly rotating on its axis while locked in a "vibration-free" display case. They argued that the Ottosdal objects are a possible example of artifacts having been found in geologic strata as old as 2. They discounted the identification of these objects as limonite concretions made by AA Bisschoff, a geologist at the University of Potchefstroom, because the objects were supposedly harder than steel, had grooves that appeared unnatural, and did not have the form and other characteristics of concretions. The program contained a short segment on the Ottosdal objects. It described these objects as "metallic spheres" with fine grooves encircling them. The program claimed that anonymous "lab technicians", later revealed by Cremo as working for the Emerald City Metallurgical Engineering Company, could not find any explanation for the grooves. BC Video confused the Klerksdorp Museum with the Ottosdal pyrophyllite mines by stating that the objects were found in mines at Klerksdorp. In addition to rehashing material from a number of other sources, this web page offered the opinion of Elizabeth Klarer, a South African psychic and UFO enthusiast. She proposed that this Ottosdal object had been placed in the pyrophyllite by an "advanced race" and has an "optic disc", which "contains secrets of the universe". She predicted that a "chosen person" would open the optic disc and use its "secrets" to save the earth. Most importantly, the "Cosmos" web site Anonymous, contained several close-up photographs of a three-grooved Ottosdal Object from various angles. This letter provided an account, which remains unsubstantiated, of the alleged results of an examination of an Ottosdal object by the California Space Institute, a multi-campus research unit of the University of California. The letter stated that scientists at the California Space Institute tested an Ottosdal object and concluded that its balance " Numerous other web pages and message boards have discussed the Ottosdal object after Klerksdorp Museum Typically, they consist of rehashed, quoted, or paraphrased material from Cremo and Thompson, Jochmans, Govradhan Hill Publishing, Heinrich, Klerksdorp Museum, or some combination of these sources. However, little of what is on these pages represents any new or better information. Nel and others, who first described the geology and physical characteristics of the pyrophyllite deposits, simply report the occurrence of pyrite concretions within them. In response to Barritt, another article, and an episode of a South African Sunday television program called "", Cairncross and Pope and Cairncross argued that the Ottosdal objects are natural concretions. Cairncross noted

that the grooves on these objects are often exhibited by concretions and reflect the layering of the sediments in which they grew. In an internet report on these objects, Heinrich speculated that the objects were possibly of metamorphic origin. Firsthand observations of specimens of the Ottosdal objects by Heinrich noted that these objects are neither the "perfectly round" nor "singular" objects as claimed by creationists and other fringe groups. To demonstrate the true nature of these objects, it is necessary to examine both the objects and the literature that has grown around them systematically. This review included studying popular articles, books, and web pages, and various scientific papers on the geology of the Precambrian strata containing them, relevant mineralogy, concretion formation, and various other topics. Additionally, attempts were made to verify the various opinions and observations, which had been posted to various web pages, for example at the Klerksdorp Museum. I was also able to examine the actual specimens of the Ottosdal objects to determine their physical properties. After being photographed, three of these specimens were sliced on a trim saw. A sample from one specimen was analyzed using petrographic techniques. Samples from two specimens, Ottosdal-2 and Ottosdal-4, were analyzed using X-ray diffraction techniques. In addition, a sample of pyrophyllite taken from the same mine as the objects was analyzed with petrographic and X-ray diffraction techniques. The photograph shows that the objects are not randomly scattered through the pyrophyllite, but occur as a very narrow layer, perhaps in volcanic deposits that were later metamorphosed to pyrophyllite. Barritt initially describes them as having three longitudinal grooves and being "Barritt quotes both Marx and Sullivan as referring to these objects as "spheres". Pope and Cairncross describe the objects as being "almost perfect spheres", while Cairncross simply described them as being "round. They state that at least one of these objects exhibits three grooves. They show a photograph in which it appears spherical. BC Video and John Hunt, as quoted in Klerksdorp Museum, simply described the objects as "metallic spheres". In contrast, various sources also describe the Ottosdal objects as having shapes that are neither true spheres nor "perfectly round". For example, a photograph on the last page of Barritt shows a three-grooved Ottosdal object that is clearly an ellipsoid. Barritt also gives the dimensions of a specimen in the Klerksdorp Museum as being "exactly" 3. Barritt further contradicts himself and other fringe publications by quoting an anonymous mine official as stating that all of these objects are "oval" in shape. Jochmans also contradicts himself by describing them as "From these descriptions, it is apparent that the authors have either greatly exaggerated the spherical nature of these objects or have been very careless in their descriptions of their shapes. As shown in photographs that were once posted to the Cosmos web page, Anonymous, the Ottosdal object exhibiting three grooves is not perfectly spherical as various authors claim. Judging from the photographs, this three-grooved object appears to consist of two Ottosdal objects that have closely intergrown together. Additional photographs of another grooved Ottosdal object in the Klerksdorp Museum, which were sent to me by van Heerden personal correspondence, including an article, an "information sheet," and pictures of Ottosdal objects, in, also clearly show that the object is not perfectly spherical. However, Arnold denied that anyone told Hund that the object had the extraordinary properties described in the letter as quoted by Klerksdorp Museum. He suggested that there was "some error in transmission" and that Hund had completely misunderstood what had been told him. Judging from my correspondence and from personal examination of actual Ottosdal objects, the claim that the California Space Institute found them to be perfectly balanced and shaped spheres lacks any substance and credibility. A careful examination of the Ottosdal objects demonstrates the imaginary nature of the "perfectly spherical" descriptions given by various authors. As first noted by Heinrich, the Ottosdal objects, which were collected from the Wonderstone mines by Webb and Frazier, exhibit a wide range of shapes including spheres, flattened spheres, discs, and clusters of two to four spheres grown together like soap bubbles. Although three specimens are roughly spherical, they definitely are not "perfectly round" as various fringe group authors claim. All of these Ottosdal objects, including the "Cosmos" illustrations by Anonymous, are well within the range of shapes exhibited by natural concretions. The size of the Ottosdal objects varies over a relatively small range. Cairncross notes that these objects vary in size from a few millimeters to several centimeters. Barritt, reports that they are as large as 10

cm 4 inches in diameter. Marx personal correspondence in reports that these objects vary in size from 3 to 5 cm 1. The five specimens that were studied for this paper varied from 3. The ratio of height to maximum length of the five objects studied varied from 0. For example, Jochmans claims that the Ottosdal objects are composed of a " According to Barritt , , an anonymous mine employee reported that there were two types of Ottosdal objects. The employee described the first type as being solid all of the way through and composed of a bluish-white "metal" having a reddish tinge and embedded flecks of white "fibres". The second type was hollow with a thin skin and was more common. Barritt , adds that this "skin" is about 0. Descriptions of these objects given by Cremo , and Govradhan Hill Publishing appear to be a summary of the descriptions given by Barritt Marx personal correspondence in reports that the Ottosdal objects have a hard concentric shell that exhibit "perfectly concentric grooves" that surround either a spongy substance or material resembling charcoal. Cairncross describes two types of Ottosdal objects. One type exhibits a brassy metallic color and the other exhibits a dark earthy brown color. Based only upon visual inspections, Cairncross speculated that the former might be composed of pyrite an natural iron sulfide mineral and the latter of siderite natural iron carbonate. According to Marx personal correspondence in and Cremo and Thompson , , Bisschoff concluded that the specimens, which he examined, consist of limonite. The color of the five specimens of Ottosdal objects that were studied by the author were dark reddish-brown, red, and dusky red as defined by the color chart of the Munsell Color Company The internal structure of three Ottosdal objects, specimens Ottosdal-1, Ottosdal-2, and Ottosdal-4, was determined by cutting them open with a trim saw. All three of these objects exhibit a spectacular radial structure, which breaks into concentric shells. They are clearly natural concretions. Internally, the concretions were found to be both porous and friable. One of two noticeably "grooved spheres" which was cut on the trim saw exhibited faint ghosts of flat laminations cross-cutting its radial structure. A prominent internal lamination was specifically associated with the external groove. The cut surface also failed to support the claim that grooves had been artificially cut into the specimen. The analysis of two Ottosdal objects, specimens Ottosdal-2 and Ottosdal-4, by X-ray diffraction techniques revealed that they consist of two different minerals. As confirmed by petrographic and two X-ray diffraction analyses, specimen Ottosdal-2 consisted of hematite, a common naturally occurring iron oxide. Xray diffraction analyses by MA Holmes of the Geosciences Department at the University of Nebraska personal correspondence in , including X-ray diffraction data and diagrams demonstrated that specimen Ottosdal-4 consists of wollastonite  $\text{CaSiO}_3$  , a common metamorphic mineral, along with minor amounts of hematite and goethite, a hydrated iron oxide. Holmes also confirmed that Ottosdal-2 consisted of hematite. Marx further implies that this hardness is typical of all, not just one or some, of the Ottosdal objects. An examination of the five Ottosdal objects collected for this study found none of them to be harder than 4.

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### 4: From Intelligent Design to Quantum Divine Action Recent Accounts of God and Nature - PDF

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Transcription 1 Essay Book Review J. This unique, inexpensive work provides an evenhanded view of the ID story and a wider look at current ways that Christians view God's directing hand in nature. Fortress Press, pages, index, notes. Intelligent design ID continues to be a hot-button topic. Can there be room for another? Yes, when it includes ID as part of a useful broad survey of realms of knowledge claimed to be metaphysical in nature even though the title filters out this point. The venue had been moved from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary due to the destructive effects of Hurricane Katrina on campus facilities. Stewart, conference director and seminary professor of philosophy and religion, has drawn together authors and topics with an even hand. A physical chemist with research interests in electrochemistry and carbohydrate reaction mechanisms, he was inspired to work on historical aspects of science and Christianity at a seminar led by Ronald Numbers and David Lindberg. His publications in this area include studies of the response to science of British Methodists from John Wesley to those of the early twentieth century. Johnson's Wedge strategy comprises three general approaches scientific research and publication, publicity and opinionmaking, and cultural confrontation and renewal with the goal of destroying materialism and reinstating Christian values in education and society. To this end, a plethora of conferences, lectures, books, academic papers, interviews, and blogs have spread the message. Yet, creationist organizations quickly disowned ID because it would not denounce evolution. The ID movement also lacks clarity for many because of changes in emphasis when one moves out to a non-Christian culture. Philosophical, Theological, and Scientific Perspectives offers a full treatment of the many sides of a debate which engages Christians, militant atheists, politicians, scientists, cultural pundits, and those seeking an alternative to evolution. A panel of conference speakers then offered follow-up comments. Martinez Hewlett's *The Evolution Wars: Who is Fighting with Whom about What?* Hewlett, a molecular biologist and writer on science and religion, defines science and lists the three criteria for theories to be useful: The model must have explanatory value have predictive value and be fertile [and] must be falsifiable p. He provides a short historical sketch and description of evolution and finds the current neo-darwinian model acceptable in the light of these criteria. Hewlett locates the war in what he dubs Ideological Shrink-Wrapping by atheists, social Darwinians, and eugenicists whose views challenge the core of Christian faith. ID fails when measured by the values of scientific fruitfulness and falsifiability and thus adds to the shrink-wrap. Hewlett offers, instead, theistic evolution as a productive model that enables science to flourish, separates primary from secondary causes, emphasizes God's purpose for nature, is consistent with incarnational theology, and values scientific vocations. Can one embrace both evolutionary theory and nonnaturalism? He concludes that Dembski holds a weak form of naturalism which implies not atheism, but what we might call theistic indifferentism p. In general, It is mistaken to think that evolutionary theory commits us to atheism or the nonexistence of nonnatural beings p. In turn, Craig finds that an evolutionist need not be committed to antiteleological, methodological, antisupernaturalistic, and pragmatic forms of naturalism. Antiteleological and methodological naturalism may commit us to evolutionary theory, but the reverse is not the case p. His complaint is not the prohibition of the supernatural in science but the exclusion of teleology in nature. What happens to evolutionary theory if we do not assume, metaphysically or methodologically, antiteleological naturalism? If we permit design hypotheses to compete on a level playing field with the evolutionary hypothesis, which emerges as a better question? I honestly do not know the answer to that question p. Craig joins Dembski in the charge that evolutionary theory has been unable to come up with satisfying mechanisms for particular complex biological systems. The scientist responds, Give us time. Who has the stronger faith? Back to square one! The cultural confrontation dimension of the Wedge strategy

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receives attention in the chapters that describe legal issues related to incorporating ID into public school curriculum. Elsberry and Nicholas Matzke's somewhat shrill account of the landmark *Kitzmiller et al. Dover Area School District et al. The Central Question of Biological Origins*. Curiously, the Discovery Institute (DI) played little part in the proceedings. Five DI board members had volunteered to be expert witnesses. However, three, including Dembski, withdrew without testifying. The Institute submitted an amicus brief to the court of peer-reviewed and peer-edited articles p. Despite that, DI's biology expert Michael Behe's testimony would contain the admission: There are no peer-reviewed articles by anyone advocating for intelligent design which provide detailed rigorous accounts of how intelligent design of any biological system occurred. Tennessee case eight decades ago. To most observers, the case for ID was not ready for prime-time in the courts. However, Baylor legal scholar Francis J. He analyzes earlier court cases that struck down anti-evolution statutes because they promoted either a biblical view over science *Scopes*, *Epperson* or a balanced treatment that placed both views on the student table *McLean v. Arkansas*, ; *Edwards v. Beckwith* considers this judgment as both logically fallacious and constitutionally suspect p. He then argues a constitutionally consistent view, that a law's purposes and a legislator's or a citizen's motive are conceptually distinct. I suspect that few readers would disagree with his point regardless of the validity of the other reasons for Judge Jones's decision. Subsequent chapters in *Intelligent Design* were chosen to broaden the scope of the conference. Oxford University theologian Alister E. McGrath has debated Dawkins on occasion yielding nothing to arguments which he refers to as atheistic fundamentalism antireligious embodiments, characterized primarily by their dogmatism, refusal to take alternatives with any intellectual seriousness, and their hectoring aggressive rhetoric p. A former atheist, he ably demonstrates holes in Dawkins' arguments circular argumentation, basing a universal worldview on a provisional scientific theory, and his too-easy dismissal of critiques of logical positivism. Darwin, at the close of *Origin of Species*, predicted that a future account of psychology would be based on the evolutionary ideas that he had been describing. Slow to gain scientific status, this field today might be described as the study of the physical nature of brains, how brains process information, and how the brain information-processing programs generate behavior. Biola University philosopher J. Moreland offers a theistic ID approach to psychology in his chapter *Intelligent Design and Evolutionary Psychology as Research Programs* a natural extension of the ID concept to the most complex of biological systems. Moreland's proposal is very similar to his paper *Intelligent Design Psychology and Evolutionary Psychology: A Comparison of Rival Paradigms*. His model is grounded with ontological commitments concerning the being and nature of God, God's freedom to act, and God's value properties exemplified by humans as moral activities, sin, and much more. A top-down approach is critical in contrast to the bottom-up approach used to investigate molecular behavior. Moreland next examines EP N and finds it wanting. Ostrander moves beyond biological complexity and the science of human behavior to questions involving the nature of the universe its history and structure. In *Because Cause Makes Sense: The Anthropic Principle and Quantum Cosmocauality*, Ostrander offers a theistic cosmology based on two versions of the anthropic cosmological principle. Various prominent physicists picked up on the term which became a topic of much public interest and controversy within the scientific and apologetic communities. The subject has been marked by a lack of clarity in definitions of various terms. Accepting the Tipler and Barrow definitions, Ostrander bases his thinking on the weak anthropic principle and the strong anthropic principle. The weak anthropic principle takes note of the fact that a host of physical and cosmological properties are restricted to particular values at various places in the universe for life to exist. The strong anthropic principle is seen as an organizing meta-principle that directs the laws of nature to a desired purpose provision of enough time to get things done. Ostrander draws together these ideas in the form of a theistically instantiated anthropic cosmological principle. Van Till are among those who have written on the subject in theistic terms. Scientists and philosophers of little or no religious persuasion have commented in religious language over the fine-tuning of fundamental physical constants, lengths, times, mass of particles, and cosmic coincidences of singular value for carbon-based life to be possible. Ostrander views a six-member theistic set of causal powers

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material, formal, instrumental, final, efficient, and sufficient cause that works with the anthropic cosmological principle to produce a cosmos inhabited by human life something to ponder in more detail. A Defense of Theistic Evolution. She sketches the history of divine action from the medieval period to the present, concluding that Christians are left with the choice of an interventionist dare we say God-of-the-Gaps creation or an immanentist noninterfering God closely associated with perhaps part of creation. Murphy finds traditional theistic evolution, progressive creationism, and ID as wanting in terms of accounting Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith 4 J. She then offers Robert J. Russell's idea founded in quantum thinking that God performs special, intentional, but non-interventionist acts at the indeterminist quantum level p. Theistic evolution would be the ideal position if it could avoid interventionism or immanentism. Evolution involves both variation and selection. Russell has listed the sorts of mutations affecting variations that involve quantum rather than classical deterministic processes and that are noninterventional and thus invisible to science. John Polkinghorne then turns an outsider's eye to what he dubs an old kind of theistic defense dressed in new intellectual clothes p. This involves the ID claim that certain parts of nature must be explained as the result of a designer. He reminds the reader of what science is and is not emphasizing its limited role as a method and its inability to answer questions involving meaning and purpose. Science is further limited in the quantum world whose facts appear indeterministic. In evaluating ID as a defense of metaphysics, Polkinghorne offers a brief overview of the science and theology involved. He finds five elements of science to be important: At one point he notes: We could say that Hoyle felt that he perceived intelligent design present in the world. This world would, of course, be quite different from the ID movement's claim to discern a different kind of intelligent design present in the detailed structures of some living beings. The former relates to the rules of the cosmic game; the latter refers to specific moves in that game p. Theology offers three important concepts:

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### 5: Bad Astronomy - Page of - : Bad Astronomy

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By Phil Plait April 1, The one on the left is clearly Andre the Giant which is funny, as the email about it came the day after watching "The Princess Bride". Our brains are funny. And now I feel remiss, because Spirit has stumbled on something very cool. These images were taken on Sol , just a few days ago a Sol is a day on Mars, about a half hour longer than an Earth day. Check out this first one: The ground is covered with granular material, obviously ground up rocks and such. A little bit of the underlying bedrock the Mars folks at JPL are keeping the tradition of naming formations they find are calling it Baltra is showing through, indicating wind erosion, typical of just about anywhere on Mars. But I noticed that the pebbles look almost sorted in size, which is what you expect when water flows over loose pebbles. But then the next frame, taken just a few meters east of the first, really caught my eye! And they have an odd structure, which immediately struck me as looking like regmaglypts, the little thumbprints or scoop marks you see in lots of meteorites. Then I saw the next picture, and bang! This newer image is higher resolution, presumably because the meteorite is closer to the camera than the first one was, just a little distance from Baltra. Note the similar structures, with some scooping, some obvious erosion-carved pocks, and even the color. This second meteorite which is about 30 centimeters across is a slightly different color, which may be due to different color balancing, or it could be real and from the slightly different color of the sand embedded into the rock from the pervasive winds. The ground crew at JPL commanded Spirit to rotate the camera to the east a bit, and in this image you can see the edge of the pebble field. The rock is rough, and flattens out around the cone. Clearly this is why the water flow stopped there. More clear evidence of past eruptions can be seen in this next image, located almost degrees around from the first series: The layering of the rock may be due to periodic eruptions from the nearby vent, though they almost look like uplifted sedimentary layers nicknamed Isabela ; if water once flowed here a long time ago, it may have deposited material into those layers, and then when the vent formed it pushed up from below, causing the tilt. I see that same thing every day when I look at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Boulder! But physical processes are the same everywhere, so you might expect to see some similarities. In fact, when the ground crew commanded Spirit to pan a bit more and zoom out again, for context , it saw an incredible view that really does look like Earth! You can see the lava to the left and the Isabela layers in the center, but the formations on the right are a little baffling. Wind erosion carves odd shapes in the rock remember the Bigfoot on Mars? Though I have to admit, it looks an awful lot like the Galapagos Islands , too. It may be a trick of light and shadow, or just the time of year.

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### 6: Michael Behe - Wikipedia

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He received his PhD in biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania in for his dissertation research on sickle-cell disease. From to , he was assistant professor of chemistry at Queens College in New York City, where he met his wife, Celeste. In , he moved to Lehigh University and is currently a Professor of Biochemistry. Behe on the argument: It is our collective position that intelligent design has no basis in science, has not been tested experimentally, and should not be regarded as scientific. Irreducible complexity and Intelligent design Behe says he once fully accepted the scientific theory of evolution, but that after reading *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis* , by Michael Denton , he came to question evolution. The logic is very similar to the watchmaker analogy given by William Paley in as proof of a divine creator. This argument of irreducible complexity has been rejected as an argument from ignorance relying on the lack of knowledge of a natural explanation to make the assumption of an intelligent cause outside of science. Supreme Court decision barred the required teaching of creation science from public schools but allowed evolutionary theory on the grounds of scientific validity. After the decision, a later draft of the textbook *Of Pandas and People* systematically replaced each and every cognate of the word " creation " with the phrase "intelligent design" or similar ID terms. Johnson on theistic realism dealt directly with criticism of evolutionary theory and its purported biased " materialist " science, and aimed to legitimize the teaching of creationism in schools. In March , a conference at Southern Methodist University brought Behe together with other leading figures into what Johnson later called the " wedge strategy. Following a summer conference, "The Death of Materialism and the Renewal of Culture," the group obtained funding through the Discovery Institute. Behe later agreed that they were essentially the same when he defended intelligent design at the Dover trial. Determining who the designer was, however, would not be nearly as easy. We can determine that a system was designed by examining the system itself, and we can hold the conviction of design much more strongly than a conviction about the identity of the designer. It is not my purpose here to rehearse what has been said over the millennia on that score, or to say why I myself find some of those arguments persuasive and others not. Here is a thought experiment that makes the point clear. To falsify such a claim, a scientist could go into the laboratory, place a bacterial species lacking a flagellum under some selective pressure for mobility, say , grow it for ten thousand generations, and see if a flagellum--or any equally complex system--was produced. If that happened, my claims would be neatly disproven. Once again, what we have to acknowledge is that in order to test intelligent design theory, the required test conditions must be such that the causal interaction between an intelligent agent and organism must be available to observation There is no way to tell, from this experiment, whether the intelligent agent was actually working inside the laboratory; therefore, the test does not falsify the theory. Yet here he is demanding that scientists do an actual experiment with actual bacteria, the numbers of which could not possibly be contained in a lab, on the evolution of a much more complex biochemical system that would almost certainly take longer to evolve than the whole of recorded human history. If the results with knock-out mice Bugge et al. And since my claim for intelligent design requires that no unintelligent process be sufficient to produce such irreducibly complex systems, then the plausibility of ID would suffer enormously. Either it is unfalsifiable and floats serenely beyond experimental reproach, or it can be criticized on the basis of our observations and is therefore testable. The fact that critical reviewers advance scientific arguments against ID whether successfully or not shows that intelligent design is indeed falsifiable. Dembski [24] and others in the intelligent design movement, Behe accepts the common descent of species, [25] including that humans descended from other primates , although he states that common descent does not by itself explain the differences between species. He also accepts the scientific consensus on the age of the Earth and the age of the

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Dover Area School District, the first direct challenge brought in United States federal courts to an attempt to mandate the teaching of intelligent design on First Amendment grounds, Behe was called as a primary witness for the defense and asked to support the idea that intelligent design was legitimate science. Moreover, defense expert Professor Minnich acknowledged that for ID to be considered science, the ground rules of science have to be broadened to allow consideration of supernatural forces. However, "arguments against evolution are not arguments for design. Expert testimony revealed that just because scientists cannot explain today how biological systems evolved does not mean that they cannot, and will not, be able to explain them tomorrow. For example in the case of the bacterial flagellum, removal of a part may prevent it from acting as a rotary motor. However, Professor Behe excludes, by definition, the possibility that a precursor to the bacterial flagellum functioned not as a rotary motor, but in some other way, for example as a secretory system. Miller presented evidence, based upon peer-reviewed studies, that they are not in fact irreducibly complex. He was presented with fifty-eight peer-reviewed publications, nine books, and several immunology textbook chapters about the evolution of the immune system; however, he simply insisted that this was still not sufficient evidence of evolution, and that it was not "good enough. In addition, Professor

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