

**A Vital Question to Ponder**  
**ACCIDENT or DESIGN?**





## **Airplane Cockpit**

**Did intelligent people design, engineer and construct this cockpit with all its elaborate instruments, or did it just originate by accident? The answer seems obvious to any thinking person. The airplane cockpit is an amazing example of modern technology and mechanical excellence.**



What would you think of someone who said the airplane cockpit was not planned by anyone but came about by some strange accident or by mere coincidence?



How would the engineers, designers and scientists who planned and built it react to such a thought?

**Let us now consider  
these wonders  
of our world:**



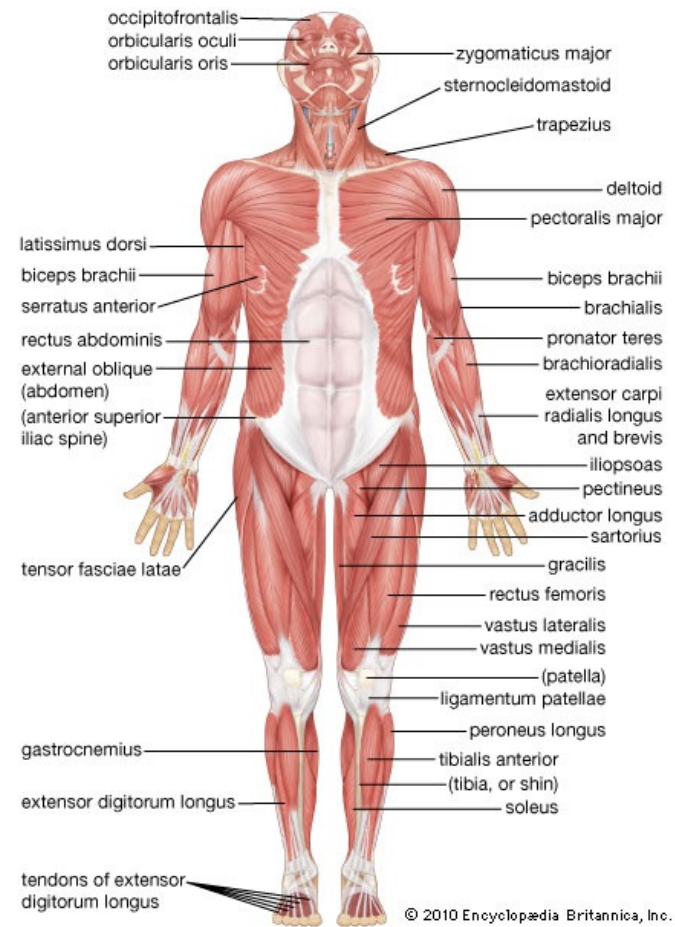
Was anyone responsible for these brilliant colors or did they just happen? When we see beautiful colors in a painting we normally assume an artist was responsible.



No one would dispute that the painting on the left was made by someone, a gifted artist. The real flowers on the right—were they made by no one?



Did this robot come about by accident or was it designed?



Does a human being come about by blind chance or was he intelligently designed?

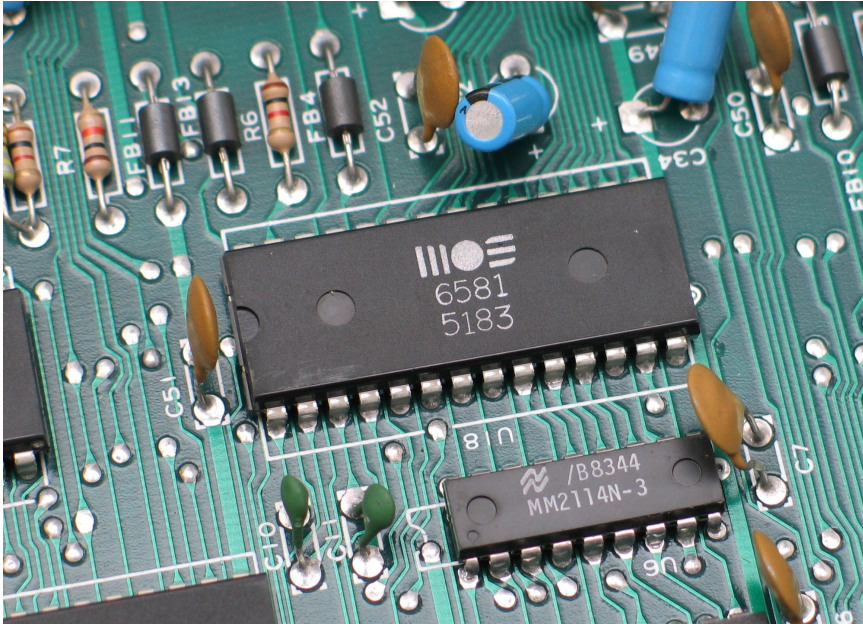


Designed?



Evolved by blind  
chance and unguided  
natural processes?





This computer board  
was obviously made by  
intelligent people.



Evolved by accident?



Planned?



Coincidence?



Made by intelligence?



Evolved by  
random processes?

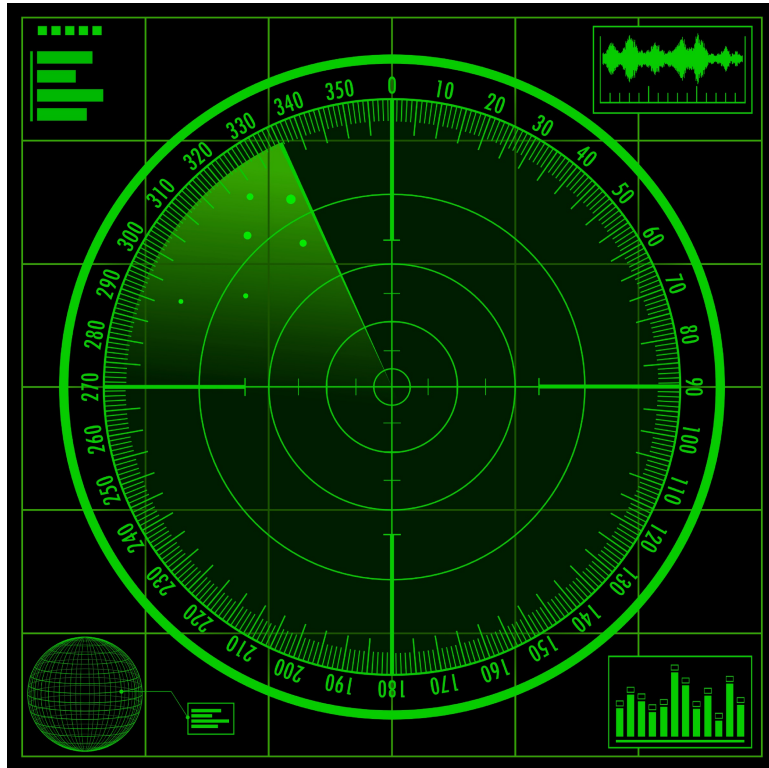


**Intelligence?**

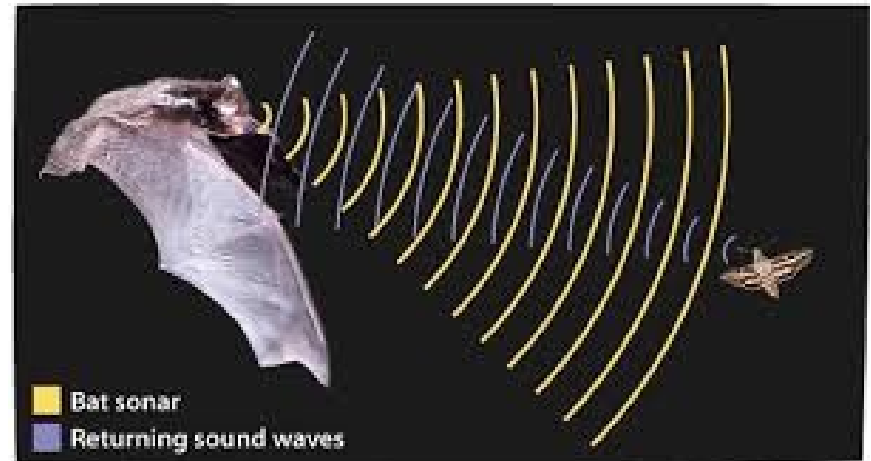


**Accident?**





Radar: Involves  
advanced technology



Bat Radar: Evolved  
by blind chance ???



Fireworks made  
by man



Northern Lights  
made by no one?



Designed?



Was she made  
by no one ??



Planned, designed  
and built!



Unplanned, undesigned,  
made by no one ???





Someone made the teddy bear, a fact obvious to all.

What about the real bear which is millions of times more complex than the stuffed animal?



It took intelligent men until the 19<sup>th</sup> century to invent the light bulb. What about the “bulb” that lights our planet? Did it come about by blind chance? Is it an accident that the sun is just the right distance from the earth so that we are neither scorched nor frozen?



**Design?**



**No design?**



**Designed by  
brilliant men**



**Designed by  
no one?**





Does it make sense to explain the metamorphosis of a butterfly as something that was unplanned, the result of undirected natural processes, unguided except by blind chance and originating by pure accident?

Students in McMaster's Integrated Science Program study the physiology of woodpeckers to better understand how the bird's features protect its brain. Mimicking the woodpecker's head structure could one day lead to safer helmets for sports like hockey and football.

## Why woodpeckers

**Flexible skull**, made of plate-like bones, helps minimize damage from pecking

**Brain suspended** in a fatty, gelatinous fluid for cushioning

**A third eyelid** helps keep the eye from popping right out of the woodpecker's head

**Hyoid bone** wraps all around the skull, acting like concrete rebar and protecting the brain

## don't get headaches

Is anyone responsible for this amazing design?

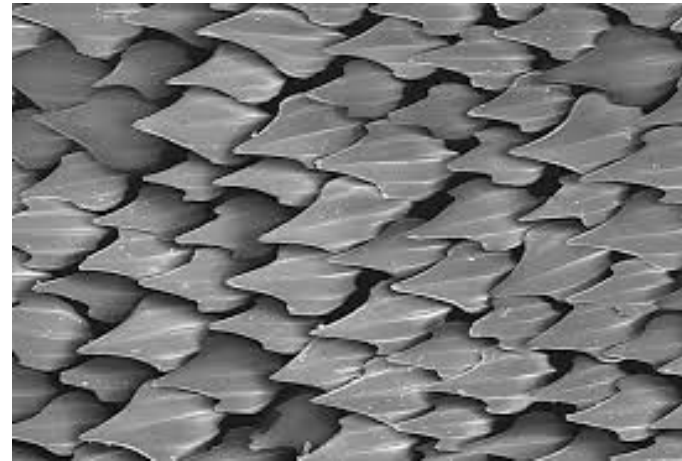
A woodpecker strikes its head against a tree with amazing force repeatedly, and yet its brain is protected by an amazing design.

Brilliant men are studying these amazing birds in order to try to design better and safer football helmets.

In 1948 Swiss engineer George de Mestral examined burs plucked from his pants and from his dog's coat after a hike. He found that the spines of the burs were tipped with tiny hooks. This clue from nature enabled him to invent Velcro, which is widely used today. It was a brilliant invention, but it was based on a design already found in the natural world. He copied Someone else's idea!



Why are sharks so speedy? An electron micrograph reveals the sharkskin's secret to speed: tooth-like scales called dermal denticles. Water races through the microgrooves without tumbling, reducing friction. Naval ships may apply synthetic coatings to their hulls copied after the amazing design of sharkskin. Are we to conclude that the design of the hulls of naval ships will be improved by copying the design of a shark, a design which is really no design at all, but a randomly evolved structure produced by blind chance over time apart from any intelligence? "A Speedo swimsuit mimics the denticles on a shark's skin, reducing drag. Introduced in 2000, the suit has helped competitive swimmers set scores of world records" (*The Week* magazine, May 9, 2008, p. 38).







Consider the legs of a horse. A horse can gallop at a speed of 50km per hour. Although this requires considerable mechanical work, relative little energy is spent. How is this possible? The secret is in the horse's leg. Consider what occurs when a horse gallops. Elastic muscle-tendon units absorb energy when the leg steps onto the ground, and much like a spring, they return it, propelling the horse forward. Furthermore at a gallop, the horse's legs vibrate at high frequencies that could injure its tendons. However the muscles in the legs act as dampers. Researchers call this structure a “highly specialized muscle-tendon design” that provides both agility and strength. Engineers are trying to imitate the horse's legs for use in four-legged robots. However according to the Biomimetic Robotics Laboratory of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the complexity of the design cannot be easily duplicated with current materials and engineering knowledge.



**The GPS is an amazing instrument designed by man.**

What about monarch butterfly and bird and salmon migrations? How do these creatures navigate over hundreds of miles to specific locations? Did all these migrations happen by accident and as the result of blind chance or were these navigational skills programmed into these creatures by a higher intelligence?



**Which of these two scenarios represents reality?**

**First Scenario:**

**“In the beginning God created....” (Genesis 1:1)**

**Second Scenario:**

**In the beginning it just happened.**

**(No intelligence, no design, no planning, no purpose, no God)**

**For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.**

[\*\*Romans Chapter 1, verses 20-22\*\*](#)

## **Who is responsible?**

## **Who is the Intelligent Designer?**

“All things were made by Him [Jesus Christ]; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)

“For by Him [Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...all things were created by Him [Jesus Christ] and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)

“God...created all things by Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 3:9)

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

**If you would like to know the One who made all things by His unfathomable wisdom and great power, then please read the following.**

**Otherwise, thank you for taking time to consider this presentation.**



The following message is by Dr. Charles Woodbridge (1902-1995), highly esteemed American Bible Teacher. Dr. Woodbridge earned his degrees at Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary and Duke University.

## Dear Friend . . .

I have some good news for you. It is very good news. It has blessed the souls of millions of men, women, boys and girls through the centuries. It is “good tidings of great joy.” It can be an inestimable blessing to you. I invite you to read about this Good News with great care.

But as a faithful servant of the Lord, I must tell you at once some bad news. It is very bad news. We cannot fully appreciate the Good News unless we understand the bad news.

Almighty God is righteous. He is holy. He has revealed to men His righteousness and holy Law.

The bad news is that we have all, without exception, broken God's Law or failed to live up to its demands. We have transgressed the Law in words, in thoughts and in deeds.

We have sinned against God (Romans 3:23).

But worse . . . God will not tolerate sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), separation from God through all eternity.

And, to cap the dreadful climax, we cannot save ourselves from our dire predicament.

Our character will not save us. Our conduct will not save us. Our willpower will not save us. Our church membership will not save us. Our pastor will not save us. We desperately need a Saviour.

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And now the Good News. It is true that God is righteous and holy. But He is also loving, kind, merciful and compassionate. He loves us with an infinite and tender love. He loves us so much that He intervened in human history and sent us the Saviour we need.

Who is the Saviour, this wonderful love-gift from God the Father? He is Jesus Christ, the ever-blessed Son of the living God. Oh how we thank and praise the Almighty for stooping to our needs and rescuing us from our dismal plight!

What marvelous Good News this is!

And how specifically was the problem of our sin and resultant death divinely solved?

The Bible is crystal clear. Let us hear its message with humble, thankful hearts. Let us heed its solemn warnings and gracious invitation. Let us gladly submit to its plain, compelling summons.

This is what the blessed Lord Jesus did for lost sinners. This is Good News indeed.

He, the sinless Son of God, bore the guilt and shame of our sins upon Himself. He “bare our sins in His own body”(1 Pet. 2:24) when He died on the cross of Calvary. He “died for our sins” and “He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

The prophet Isaiah writes eloquently: “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

The justice of God was revealed in the verdict of death. The love of God was revealed in that the death was visited, not upon sinners who deserved it, but upon His dearly beloved Son.

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What then is my privilege and duty? I must recognize my need of a Saviour. I must realize that by nature I am a lost sinner, and I must bow my heart in loving devotion and sincere faith before the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lover of my soul.

With all my being, my intellect, feeling and will, I must trust Him as my own personal Saviour—as the One who shed His precious blood on the cross that I might be cleansed, forgiven and accepted as righteous in the sight of God.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . .” (Acts 16:31) – saved from the guilt and penalty of sin, born again into the family of God (John 3:3) and redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God (1 Peter 1:18,19).

This is God’s plan of salvation. Those who gladly embrace the plan and receive Christ as their Saviour have everlasting life (John 3:16). Their feet are planted squarely on the royal highway of blessing that leads them to Heaven, their everlasting home.

Those who reject the Saviour—and how I hope that you are not in this group—will experience a visitation of the wrath of God.

Who told us this? The beloved apostle John. He gave us a solemn warning: “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life” (John 3:36). Isn’t that wonderful? Trust Jesus Christ with all your heart as your dear Saviour and you enter at once into eternal life, never to be separated from the Lord you love.

But please notice the rest of John 3:36: “And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

The wrath of God. What tragedy! What visitation of judgment! What irreparable loss!

Let us believe God. Let us take Him at His Word. Let us stake our soul’s immortal destiny on the finished work of Christ on our behalf.

If our hearts are humble and receptive, if we turn to the Lord Jesus Christ in saving faith, our everlasting portion will be joy forever in His blessed presence. Heaven's gates will open before our wondering view. We shall know the inexpressible delight of being forever in the presence of our adorable Lord.

What is your response to the gracious summons of the Son of God?

I trust that it is a glad, positive, sincere, mature affirmation of faith. I plead with you to trust Christ as your Saviour, to rejoice that your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake and to join the company of the redeemed.

—Charles J. Woodbridge, Ph.D.



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