

EVOLUTION'S MAGIC WAND

NOW,
FOR MY NEXT TRICK
I'M GOING TO TURN GAS
INTO PEOPLE!



Have you ever watched a magician perform a trick — like producing a rabbit from an “empty” hat? You may have been amazed, and wondered how he did it, but you know that rabbits don't really come out of empty hats.

People who deny that God created the universe talk as though evolution is like a magician's magic wand. They believe that stars and galaxies, planets, animals, plants and people were all produced from a light gas called hydrogen. They say that what seems impossible can really happen if there is plenty of time. Is this true?

Time can't make the IMPOSSIBLE happen!

People who believe in evolution tell us that everything that lives today came from a tiny cell. They believe that gradually, over millions of years, these single cells turned into all sorts of different creatures, including people.

Although this seems impossible, evolutionists believe that anything can happen if there is lots of time. But they are forgetting something important — everything in the universe is running down. And the longer the time, the more it runs down. Scientists call this “The Second Law of Thermodynamics”. That's why the idea that the universe began with a “big bang” millions of years ago doesn't make sense. Things just don't get more complicated or more organised with the passing of time. Evolution just wouldn't work. And time can't make the impossible happen. That's why you have to tidy your room; it will never tidy itself!



THINK: What's wrong with this builder's “great idea”?
Why won't it work? (see back page)

I'VE HAD A
GREAT IDEA
FOR BUILDING
HOUSES
FAST!



Everything is RUNNING DOWN AND WEARING OUT!

OUR universe is running down, rather like one of the older clocks which needs winding up regularly. In fact, everything is running down and wearing out. Water runs downhill, never uphill. Hot things get cold, machines wear out, our bodies grow old and our hair goes grey. Scientists know that, left to itself, the universe will eventually stop working altogether, just as a clock that has run down will stop unless it is wound up again.



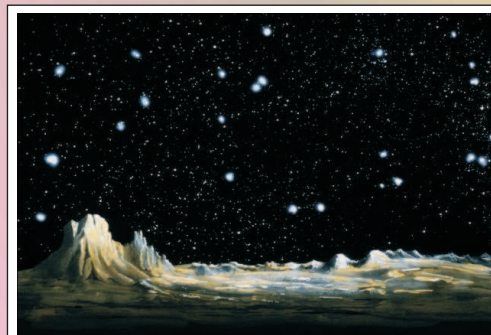
So who wound up the universe in the beginning? It must have been someone who is outside of the universe, and that could only be God. But the Bible tells us that the universe will not go on running down for ever. One day God will change everything. His future plans are for ‘a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives.’ (2 Peter 3: 13).



Water always runs downhill, never uphill

FIRE OR WATER? GOD DOESN'T LIE!

People who believe that the universe began with a “big bang” say the earth was very hot in the beginning, and that it took millions of years to cool down before life began. But the Bible says that the earth was covered with water in the beginning, until God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered together so the dry land will appear.” (Genesis 1: 9). Fire and water are opposites. God doesn't lie, and He has told us that in the beginning the earth was covered in water, not burning fire. So the “big bang” idea must be wrong.



Left to itself, the whole universe would run down. The earth and everything else would become cold and lifeless.



WRONG!



RIGHT!

Nature Notes by the Editor



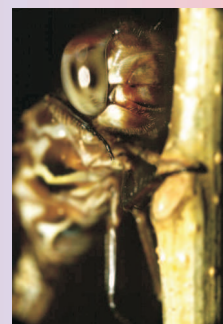
One day I visited a Craft Fair. The hall was full of many beautifully made handicrafts — models, ornaments and pictures. Everyone admired the skill of the craftsmen and women. One item that I thought was very beautiful was a dragonfly made of stained glass. I realised that the person who made it was very clever.

Then I thought about the real, live dragonflies that we sometimes see flitting around in the summer sunshine. Not only are they more beautiful than that model, but they are alive. So why is it, I wondered,

that while everyone who saw those glass models would have to agree that someone made them, so many people believe that real, live dragonflies had no designer, but that they ‘evolved’ by accident?

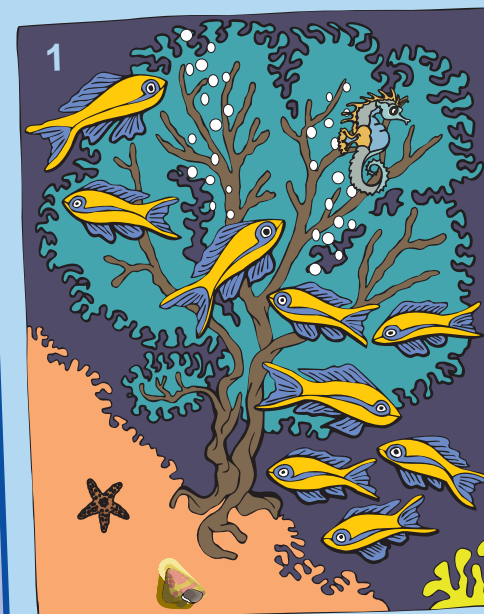
Dragonflies have a strange life cycle. It begins under the water of some pond or stream. These ‘nymphs’, as they are called, have no wings, and look nothing like dragonflies. In fact they are ugly, and very fierce, and will even eat tadpoles and small fish. Some species spend several years under the water, but the time comes when they feel a strong urge to climb up the stalk of a plant and into the fresh air. Then an amazing thing happens: the nymph's skin splits open, and a beautiful dragonfly comes out, ready to fly away into the sunshine!

There was no doubt that a craftsman made the model I saw at the Fair. How much more did real dragonflies need a Craftsman to make them. Only God can be that Craftsman. There is no other explanation. We give human craft-workers praise for the things they design. How much more should we praise God, not only for dragonflies, but for all his wonders! — Geoff Chapman



A dragonfly nymph

PUZZLE CORNER



Can you spot the differences between the first and second pictures? There are ten.



Cross out every other letter, beginning with the first, to find a Bible verse which tells us how God made the universe.

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HWALPUPMEXNYEFD.
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