

A Closer Look at the Evidence – Part 3

Sunday, 6/20 at 4:00 + Sunday, 6/21 at 9:00

3rd Sunday after Pentecost / 2nd Sunday after Trinity – 2020

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: *We live in a fallen world that is full of sinful people – just like us!* We should commend and support those who are trying to make things better, *but let us also understand that they are usually dealing with the **symptoms** – like anger and lawlessness, rather than the **root** of the problem – hearts that do not know Jesus Christ.*



Today, as we return to the book – “A Closer Look at the Evidence,” let us **marvel** at our Great God, **be even more certain** that the Bible is true, **be certain** of God’s forgiveness through Jesus, and **be even more determined** to share God’s truth – *so that He might ✓ fix people at the root level and ✓ draw our nation back to Him!*

1. **Evidence from Mathematics – April 20: DNA!** What is DNA (or deoxyribonucleic acid)? It’s **“a long molecule that contains our unique genetic code. Like a recipe book it holds the instructions for making all the proteins in our bodies.”**¹ Why are proteins important? **“Hair and nails are mostly made of protein. [Our bodies use] protein to build and repair tissues. [We] also use protein to make enzymes, hormones, and other body chemicals. Protein is an important building block of bones, muscles, cartilage, skin, and blood.”**² Try to

¹ <https://www.yourgenome.org/facts/what-is-dna>

² <https://www.webmd.com/men/features/benefits-protein#1>

comprehend this: “The coded instructions contained in the DNA of a [single] human cell would fill 4,000 encyclopedia-sized books with meaningful information.” *That could NEVER HAPPEN by random chance!*

David prayed to the LORD: “...you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well” (Ps. 139:13-14 ESV).

2. Evidence from Genetics – May 10: Mutations!

“Mutations are alterations to a DNA sequence. If [we think] of the information in DNA as a series of sentences, mutations are errors in spelling the words that make up those sentences.”³ Evolutionists believe that “mutations are essential to evolution...”⁴ HOWEVER, “there is no reason to believe that mutations... could ever produce any new organs—especially those as complex as our eyes, ears, or brains. For example, [a single] adult human brain contains [more electrical connections than] all the electrical appliances in the entire world.” Let us understand that mutations are *one of many failed attempts* to explain the world apart from God.

Elihu, a friend of Job, made this statement: “God... does great things that we cannot comprehend” (Job 37:5 ESV).

3. Evidence from Anatomy – May 13: Stomach! The stomach “is a baglike structure that serves as a temporary holding tank for food... / **One the most amazing things about the stomach is that it does not digest itself!** Some

³ <https://www.livescience.com/53369-mutation.html>

⁴ <https://bit.ly/3frHOum>

of our stomach acids are strong enough to dissolve metal, yet [those acids] do not harm our stomach....” because “a thin gastric lining... forms a barrier between the acid and stomach wall.” **Consider this:** “The lining of the stomach sheds [500,000] cells every minute and replaces them so quickly that we have what amounts to a new lining every three days.” *It’s awesome how God has made us!*

The Psalmist wrote: “...the LORD, is God! It is he who made us, and we are his” (Ps. 100:3 NIV).

4. **Evidence from Biology – April 21: Bats!** There are over 1200 different species of bats; *here we are focusing on Mexican Free-Tailed Bats.* Some interesting facts: They are “the largest known cooperative community of mammals...” They “winter in Mexico and mate in the spring. Then... only the females fly to [Bracken Cave in] Texas.... / Four months later, each [of the 20 million female bats] has a single pup.” Note: “Although the cave’s one-room nursery has 20 million noisy pups, a mother bat released anywhere within the cave can find her own baby in as little as twelve seconds.” *God is so awesome!*

Job wrote: God “does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number” (Job 5:9 ESV).

5. **Evidence from Biology – May 9: Penguins!** There are 17 different species of penguins; *here we are focusing on Emperor Penguins of Antarctica and their unique parenting habits.* “The female emperor penguin lays one egg on bare ice and then jumps into the water, apparently not giving her egg another thought for the next two months. It is up to the male penguin to keep the egg warm... / He does [that] without eating [for two months] during the worst part of the Antarctic winter.... / Eventually the

female returns... and takes over the care of her baby. The father then goes to sea for about three weeks before returning with food for his family.” *God gave the Emperor Penguins the ability to do the EXTREME WORK NECESSARY to raise their young!*

Every species of bird is unique; the Bible says in **Genesis 1**: “...God created... every winged bird according to its kind” (21 ESV).

6. **Evidence from Biblical Uniqueness – May 12: Bible!** The Bible includes 66 books, was written by 40 different people living on three different continents over a period of 1,500 years, and contains history, poetry, prophecy, science, geography, and philosophy, yet [the Bible] contains no errors or internal discrepancies (disagreements)! “There is nothing remotely comparable among all of the millions of books written by man.” Therefore, let us gladly read it, study it, love it, live it, and share it!

Proverbs 30: “Every word of God proves true” (5 ESV).

Conclusion: The evidence-statements I shared today are from a book entitled, “A Closer Look at the Evidence.”⁵ The book is a daily devotional; if you don’t already have one, *take home a free copy today!*

Let Us Pray: LORD God Almighty, we are in such awe of who You are, what You have made, and how much You love us! Please keep us believing Your Word, trusting in Jesus, and making Your truth known to others!

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⁵ Richard L. & Christina E. Kleiss, Midland, MI: Search for the Truth Publications, 2003.