

A NEW AGE LOOK AT INTELLIGENT DESIGN

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It is hard to outgrow our many prejudices. My parents had a strong Christian view of creation which I replaced with a science based view of evolution. On complicated subjects like evolution and cosmology, scientific theories are finely tuned to explain current facts, but they frequently change in order to explain new discoveries. We live in a dynamic information age when genetics and space exploration have exploded the knowledge of life and the solar system, two vital areas to explore if you are really searching for answers to the ultimate questions. Where did we come from and where are we going? Modern philosophy has given up the search for these answers, a void now filled by science and religion. Science in turn has specialized in narrow fields with a very conservative concept called "Peer Review" which stifles new and better scientific theories. Accordingly, Darwin's now badly outdated Theory of Evolution based on random changes and "Natural Selection" continues to influence many scientists who should know better. It took me 30 years to outgrow most of my religious prejudices and another 30 years to realize that science has more prejudices than religion. Now after finding Wisdom in the New Age movement, I am joining the Intelligent Design (ID) bandwagon.

If you think that "Intelligent Design" (ID) is only for Bible thumping Protestants, you are wrong. Many scientists, historians, religious liberals and especially New Age authors are joining the growing ID bandwagon. Life slowly evolved on Earth over many ages, but there are many signs of extraterrestrial contributions, including primordial seeds (panspermia) and the many subsequent mass extinction events. Many of the mysteries of the construction of the Earth and its Moon suggest Intelligent Design. There are even more obvious signs of extraterrestrial influences in cultural evolution and the civilization of humans. I think that Intelligent Design is now the preferred half-way house between Creationism and random or Darwinian Evolution.

Darwin espoused his theory of evolution by the natural selection of random changes. Wallace, co-inventor of the Theory of Evolution with Darwin, found many signs of purpose in evolution. Many evolutionists today share some of Wallace's ideas, and most scientists find many unexplained rapid changes in evolution, especially following mass extinctions of life on Earth. We will return to this subject later. The subject of evolution is complex, involving science, religion and history. Our current information explosion is weakening the strength of random evolution as a theory. For example, we now know from inspired science that the demise of the dinosaurs was due to a meteor, a very major extraterrestrial force. Was it an accident that this extraterrestrial event helped the evolution of mammals? The Intelligent Design versus Evolution debate must consider the very improbable creation of most new species following the mass extinction of most old species. The fossil record documents the fact that this has occurred again and again over the last two billion years.

Are there signs of design or intelligence in evolution? We will start at the beginning and present facts and arguments along the following lines.

1. The geological formation of the Earth and Moon is a sign of intelligence.
2. The evolution of all life on Earth without outside help is very improbable.
3. The evolution of intelligent life on Earth is a miracle and not chance.
4. Domestication of plants and animals are sure signs of intelligent design.
5. Most extraterrestrial intervention in evolution is intermittent.
6. Most extraterrestrial intervention in cultural evolution is periodical.

Creationism originally believed that Yahweh created the heavens and the Earth in several days. Physicists say that the creation of the universe and our galaxy was over ten billion years ago. Intelligent Design usually recognizes One Supreme Creator, but tending to billions of galaxies and trillions of planets over billions of light years is a formidable task well beyond human comprehension. Perhaps Planet Earth is the best place to study the Creator's handiwork, realizing that the Universe is almost infinite and our viewpoint is very limited, both in space and time.

The Earth is uniquely suited for life as we know it. It is located in a relatively quiet part of a stable galaxy. It is properly located in a stable solar system early in the life of a most benevolent sun. Water temperatures on Earth are usually between their freezing point and their boiling point. Most of the known water in our solar system is on our Earth, although most theories of the Earth's formation predict that very little water vapor, free hydrogen and free oxygen existed in our atmosphere four billion years ago. The atmosphere has cooled and now contains mostly oxygen, carbon dioxide and nitrogen, perfect for life as we know it. It is a mystery where all the water and oxygen came from, but we live on a planet with the perfect amount of water and oxygen at the right temperature. We should consider that this may not be a coincidence.

While researching the origins of the Earth and Moon, I ordered the recent informative New Age book "Who Built the Moon" by Christopher Knight and Alan Butler. Based on their earlier book "Civilization One", the authors knew that the Moon played an important role in the evolution of life and humans. Their research and book now add to my knowledge of the Moon, especially information confirming it's intelligent design. Around three billion years ago, the Moon was much closer to the Earth, and tides were huge.

The massive tides created by the infant Moon would have caused erosion on a scale beyond our experience today. Millions upon millions of tonnes of land would have been pulverized and swept out to sea, then widely distributed and eventually settled on the seabed. This process liberated vast amounts of minerals into the oceans-- minerals that emerging life simply could not be without.

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Also, the early Earth rotated significantly faster on its inclined axis, producing more frequent tidal surges, higher winds and more atmospheric erosion. Meteor impacts and volcanoes added to erosion and especially mineral distribution into the many dynamic tidal pools.

Knight and Butler think that the Earth may be hollow. NASA seismic tests discovered that the Earth rings like a bell, very unlike the Earth. The Moon has a low average density like the crust of the Earth, but NASA has also discovered mysterious lumps of unusually high mass scattered inside the Moon. Perhaps they are UFO bases. Science has no better explanation. Knight and many scientists are convinced that the lightweight Moon was made from the 4.5 billion year old Earth crust, based largely on analysis of Moon rocks extracted by astronauts.

The Moon is bigger than it should be, apparently older than it should be and much lighter in mass than it should be. It occupies an unlikely orbit and is so extraordinary that all explanations for its presence are fraught with difficulties....
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Knight and Butler also studied the role of the Moon regarding plate tectonics, noting that Mercury, Mars and Venus show no signs of plate tectonics. They agree with most scientists that removing major portions of the Earth crust to make the Moon drastically carved up the early Earth and seas.

What caused plate tectonics to commence in the first place and what is the engine driving the process? There is a growing body of evidence to show that in both cases the answer is almost certainly the Moon. What is more, it is now being suggested that without plate tectonics the Earth may not have proved to be a suitable haven for life at all (Page 99).

Knight and Butler think that it took most of the crust of the early Earth to build the Moon. There are many scientific theories of how rocks like the ancient Earth crust got to the Moon, mostly involving monstrous collisions from two large planetoids. One collision does not produce the right angular momentum. Knight's suggestion that extraterrestrials built the Moon is as rational as any scientific theory. Like the origin of life on Earth, the origin of the Moon appears to be too ancient and complicated for a scientific explanation acceptable to the most informed scientists.

Who built the Moon? Was it the same extraterrestrials who coaxed the Earth into exactly the right orbit and filled the seas with water? Was it the same extraterrestrials that tilted the Earth to make four seasons, created a protective magnetic field, controlled the Earth's interior temperature, shaped the continents using plate tectonics and seeded the Earth with life forming DNA and RNA life? Maybe Christopher Knight will tell us more in his next book, including where the aliens came from. Christopher is good at reading archaeoastronomical signs, especially in England. My book "Ancient Gods and Their Mysteries" suggests they look at Sirius and Orion.

Another recent book goes into even more technical detail about the customization of Earth for DNA and RNA based life. "Rare Earth: Why Complex Life is Very Rare in the Universe", by P.Ward and D.Bromlee. They consider that DNA may be floating around our galaxy, but that advanced life like plants and animals should be very rare indeed, because their requirements are very exceptional. They agree with a growing number of scientists who think the seeds of life were transported to a primitive sea or tidal pool billions of years ago. Francis Crick the co-discoverer of DNA called this Panspermia. The arrival of seeds on Earth may be accidental or it may have been directed by ID. In any case, it was surely a miracle.

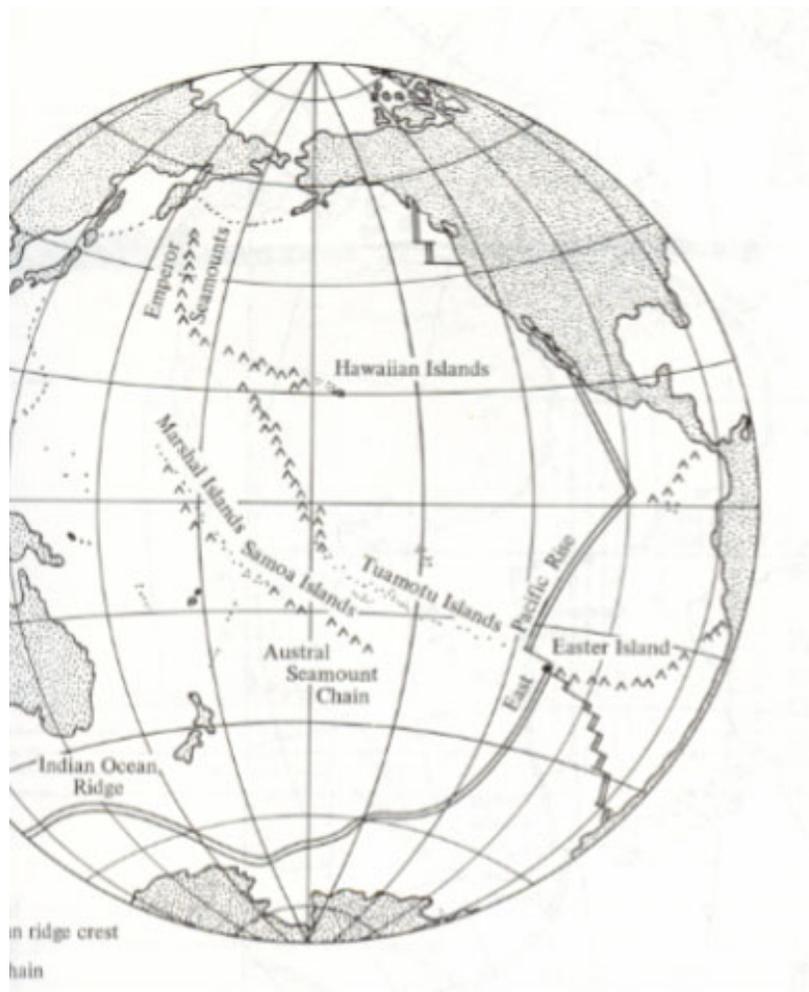
The Earth has a molten iron core, although no scientist knows why it is still molten after four billion years. If someone tells you that radioactive decay keeps the mantle molten, ask him which isotopes have a half life over five billion years and how many gigatons of these rare radioactive isotopes would be required to keep our iron core molten? Most scientific theories say that the solar system formed about five billion years ago, and radioactive materials with very long half lives are rare in the solar system. We don't know of any significant amount of heat producing radioactive materials with a half life of over a billion years that has ever been found in meteors, asteroids or moon rocks. Some scientists calculate that the Earth requires a nuclear reactor to keep our iron core molten. I hope they are wrong!

The Earth has a magnetic field which protects life from cosmic rays, another enigma. Our neighboring planets also have iron cores, but they do not have magnetic fields. Before Neil Armstrong took one small step for man and brought back moon rocks, most theories predicted that the Moon was an accretion of space rocks like meteors and asteroids. This theory works for most planets and moons. However, the Moon has a low density and no signs of an iron core. Our large low density moon is unique in the solar system and its origins are unknown. It now appears to be made out of a 4 billion year old crust of the Earth. Large tides helped the evolution of life. The tilt of the Earth's axis also helps evolution, as does its 24 hour rotation. The Moon is a major stabilizer of both the tilt of the Earth and its rotation rate, two important evolution aids for plants and animals.

The ocean currents currently provide a rare and stable climate over most of the Earth. Recent studies show that major ocean currents like the Gulf Stream are finely tuned, and sensitive to changes like global warming. The Gulf Stream is getting weaker with melting glaciers, and Europe is getting colder with severe summer heat waves. At one time, there was one large land mass called Pangea. The theory of plate tectonics describes how separate continents and mountains are being formed by a dynamic Earth. If we believe in Intelligent Design, we should look for signs of extraterrestrial influences both above and below the Earth's crust. Mysterious hot spots of molten lava have been found where a line of volcanoes are formed as the tectonic plates move over the hot spots which stay fixed in the mantle. For example, the many islands of the Hawaiian Island Chain were formed over fifty million years by only one of the dozens of hot spots. These hot spots are a mystery, and may be of extraterrestrial origin. Hot spots may be the missing source of heat energy which is keeping the Earth's iron core molten. The following Figure from "Exploring Our Living Planet" by Robert Ballard shows the location of 39 hot spots, mostly on the ocean floor.

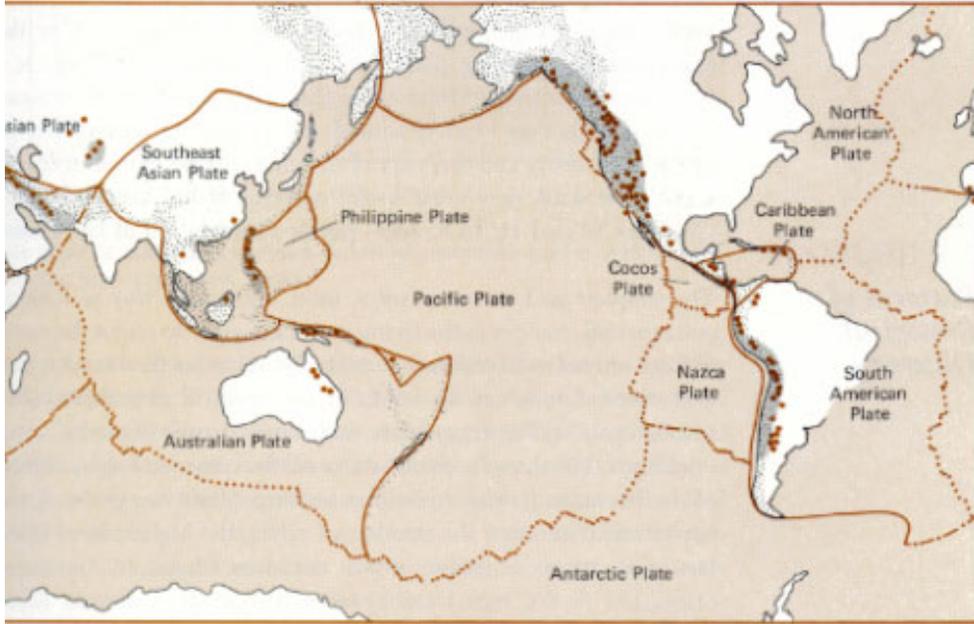


The following Figure from “Earth History and Plate Tectonics” by Carl Seyfert and Leslie Sirkin shows several oceanic mountain ranges caused by hot spots. Note that Easter Island lies at an important geological location, the intersection of a string of volcanoes and two tectonic plate ridges.



The mountain chain formed by the Easter Island hot spot goes east thru the Nazca Tectonic Plate to Peru. Near the coast, the Nazca Plate goes under the South America Plate with enough force to raise the entire 5500 mile long Andes Mountain Range to an elevation over 20,000 feet! This is called subduction, the major cause of earthquakes and tsunamis. The source of the energy that moves the tectonic plates is unknown, but it is very large indeed, creating huge forces that literally move mountains.

The following Figure from "History of the Earth" by Don Eicher and Lee McAlester shows locations of major sources of copper and molybdenum. New mountain ranges like the Andes are also major sources of tin, nickel, silver, and gold.

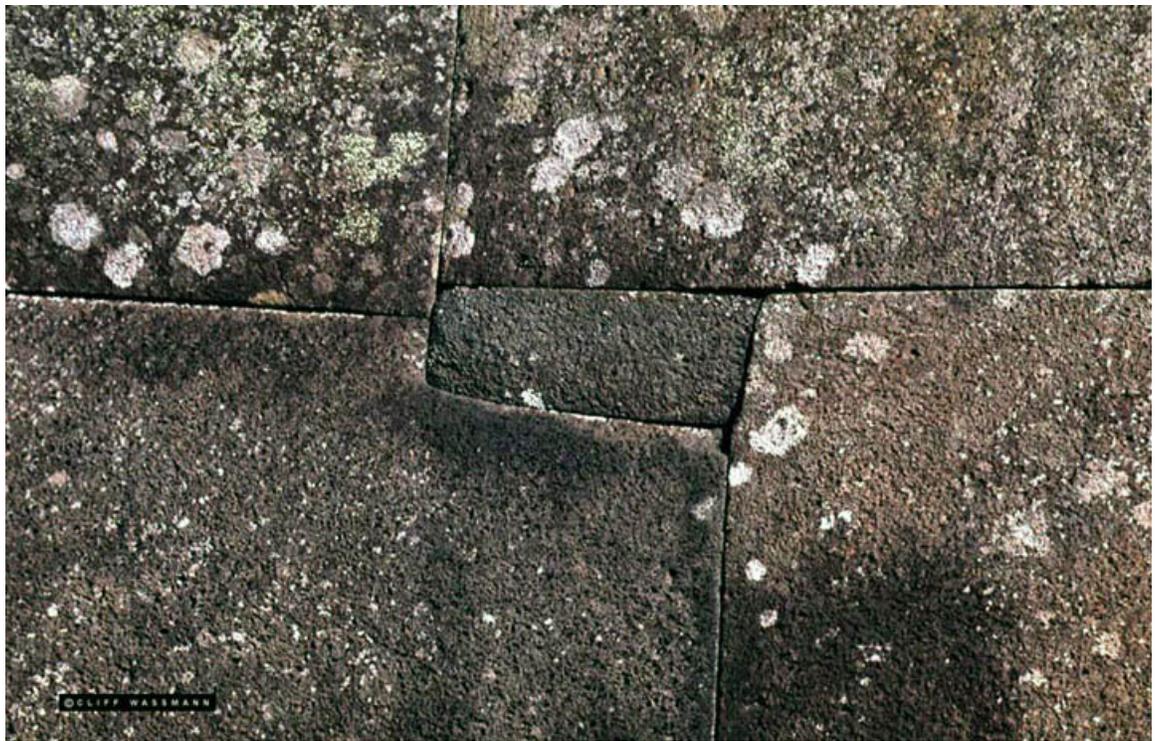


Is it a coincidence that mysterious tectonic plates form mountain ranges which break open the Earth's crust to reveal precious metals? The Sumerians recorded that the extraterrestrial Annunaki were very interested in gold and other metals. History records that they were very interested in copper and tin, teaching the Sumerians how to make bronze and leaving behind bronze clamps and large prehistoric mines. Much copper and tin from ancient mines appears to be missing from the face of the Earth!

Richard Nisbet has a web site www.ancientwalls.net where he ties in ancient mysteries between the Andes and Easter Island. He says that Thor Heyerdahl believed that the famous statues or Moai on Easter Island were built by people who came from the east, like from Peru. Also, many of the megalithic stone walls on Easter Island predate the current natives which date to about 700 AD. Nisbet finds many similarities between the ancient walls around Cusco and those on Easter Island. Consider the following impressive photo from Sacsahuaman in the Andes.



Now compare this Stone Age workmanship to the following Easter Island wall from www.mysteriousplaces/EasterIsland.com.



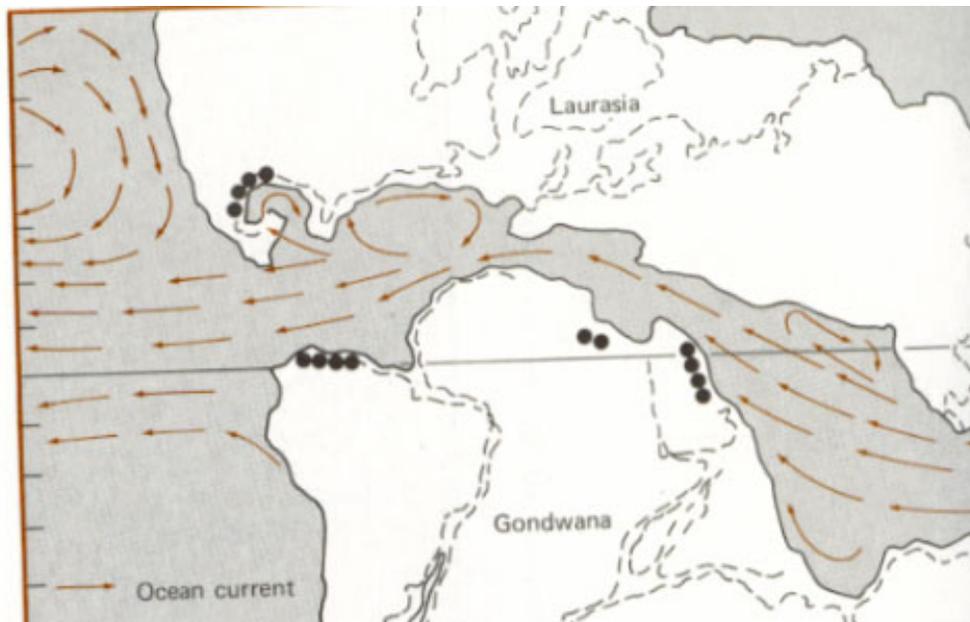
Nisbet notes that the Earth-shaking catastrophe that occurred around 9600 BC could have lowered the Nazca plate and possibly the lost island of MU while raising the Andes Mountains. We note that Lake Titicaca which is now at 12,500 feet above sea level still has sea horses and other signs of ocean life. Some of the world's largest and oldest megaliths are at Tiahuanaco, 12 miles south of Lake Titicaca. This huge and deep

mountain lake is probably the world's biggest potential source of hydroelectric power. Water is a key ingredient in most theories of plate tectonic motion..

Posnansky, an archaeo-astronomy scientist dated Tiahaunacu ruins from 15,000 BC to 11,000 BC, when ancient docks were lakeside. Millions of people have seen the more accessible megaliths around Cuzco and Machu Pichu., noting that the old layers of stones are much more impressive than the later Inca additions. Most agree that the old technology would be hard to duplicate today, and unlikely products of stone age tools. Many visitors see signs of a lost civilization and others see signs of Intelligent Design. They may not be mutually exclusive? .

A pioneer in understanding the violent nature of the Earth since the last ice age is Immanuel Velikovsky who wrote "Earth in Upheaval" about 50 years ago. He found the Andes to have many signs of upheaval in the last 20,000 years. He noted that Lake Titicaca has tilted and fluctuated over 300 feet in recent time, including the 10,000 to 15,000 BC dates archaeoastronomers have calculated for Tiahuanacu. Velikovsky also noted many terraces now above 12,000 feet around the altiplano from Tiahuanacu, Bolivia to Machu Pichu, Peru. These many terraces currently do not support agriculture. Velikovsky thinks that the elevation of Lake Titicaca and the altiplano were probably about 5000 feet lower 15,000 years ago. Current scientific analysis says that modern crops like potatoes were not domesticated in the Andes before 8000 BC. The extensive terraces and irrigation canals may be signs of Mu survivors developing plants for future generations, or they may be signs of extraterrestrials domesticating plants over 10,000 years ago. Fortunately, both Bolivia and Peru are enjoying a good tourist trade to this enigmatic region, and are more receptive than Egyptians to unearthing more mysteries.

The authors of "Rare Earth" emphasized plate tectonics as a very rare key to animal life on Earth, but they forgot to mention that tectonics created oil, coal and natural gas. Most coal was formed in the northern hemisphere when all land was in one super continent, called Pangea. Most oil originated during the ancient Cretaceous Age when South America was adjacent to Africa but divide from Eurasia.. Most of the world's oil was later formed in an old organic rich sea near the current Mediterranean Sea, as shown on the following National Geographic map of major oil reserves. Like other earth mysteries, conditions favorable for large organic sea deposits were just right for making oil, followed by just the right amount of subduction.



Modern geneticists and microbiologists have discovered that genes, DNA and RNA, the building blocks of life, are much more complicated than earlier scientists thought. Genes are very complex organisms made out of a few basic chemicals like amino acids. Living organisms replicate themselves, a unique and miraculous function of RNA and DNA. During the second half of the twentieth century, many scientists tried to make life from non-life. Their batting average to date is zero, although all sorts of catalysts like high voltage discharges were tried. Against all odds, some diehards are still trying, hoping for a miracle. Other scientists have long realized that a miracle indeed is required to create life out of non-life. One of the discoverers of DNA, Sir Francis Crick, was convinced that life did not evolve out of a primordial non-living soup. He believed that the complicated DNA and RNA sources of life first came to Earth on a meteor or asteroid. This theory which he called "Panspermia" says that life on Earth had an extraterrestrial source, based on seeds from outer space. The miracle of life must have first occurred on another solar system much more than three billion years ago. Was the source of this seed intelligent? Was seeding life on Earth part of a plan? Crick's Panspermia is very close to Intelligent Design.

Life comes from life, almost by definition. We cannot create life from non-life, but we daily create life from life. Farmers and shepherds have been breeding better plants and animals for millennia. Geneticists have even cloned a few animals. Artificial selection is intelligent design, and not natural selection. Breeding works within a species, but man has yet to develop a new viable species of a mammal. Mating and breeding with viable offspring are key to defining a species. It is important to note that varieties, sub-species, breeds and races are not different species. New varieties of a species are produced almost daily by natural selection by nature and artificial selection by man. Artificial selection is surely intelligent design by humans, and it has been very successful in producing improved cattle and faster horses.

Creation of a new species is very difficult, perhaps miraculous. It is not life from non-life, but it is very rare in the last 100,000 years. The further up the food chain, the rarer is the formation of new species. Man and nature are both good at the destruction of species, but the creation of new species remains a mystery. Paleontologists estimate that 99.9% of all the many species that once lived on Earth are now extinct. Their estimates are based largely on the fossil record. The fossil record indicates that periodical mass extinctions destroyed most species. Miraculously, new species emerged following the major mass extinctions. Many Darwinians still think that new species are formed by random mostly harmful mutations and natural selection, but why are there very long time periods with very few new species? This dilemma is being studied in detail by serious students of both Darwinian Evolution and Intelligent Design. Darwin was wrong about the origin of species being a gradual continuous process. Evolution is not the survival of random variations more fit to survive. Darwin's Finches adapted to diverse ecological niches, but weren't they all the same species? Could they interbreed? Biologists very seldom claim to have created or even observed the creation of new species. Some geneticists think that they may have created new species of fruit flies using high levels of radiation and selective breeding over many generations. Their successes are not well known, and that would still be intelligent design and not natural selection.

We now realize that mass extinctions are the major factor influencing the demise of old species and the subsequent creation of new species. The main ways we know about extinctions are by drastic changes in the fossil record following drastic Earth changes, like meteors, volcanoes and earthquakes. Extensive investigations in geology, mineralogy and paleontology confirm that a large meteor hit the Earth and caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. This evolutionary mass extinction of all dinosaurs and the subsequent creation of new species of mammals is a major shift in evolution leading to primates and man. There are signs of massive volcanic activity associated with many of the previous mass extinctions, perhaps triggered by extraterrestrial forces.

Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace both found much data to support their theory of evolution in fossils. They also admitted that there were many missing links in the fossil record. Over a hundred years of subsequent extensive research has not solved this major defect in Darwin's theory, which he often admitted. Indeed, the fossil record today does not support a gradual evolution of new species, but instead indicates major changes in species over short geological periods. One major change in the variety of species is the transition from non-flowering plants to flowering plants. In evolutionary terms, this transition was sudden, expansive, diverse and worldwide. The cause remains unknown, but extraterrestrial influences are likely. The simultaneous arrival of insects like bees and butterflies to pollinate these flowers is another enigma best answered by Intelligent Design. Random mutations which increase survival value in isolated ecological niches are very rare in one species and the prevailing scientific theory that many species of plants and animals evolved rapidly in a codependent manner over the whole Earth is very hard to defend.

Many biologists and physicians believe in Intelligent Design. Human physiology in particular is too complicated and too specialized to be a random walk of largely deleterious mutations. The eye and the brain in particular are very complicated and well

designed systems. The large and complex human brain has evolved in the short evolutionary time of several million years. It is much larger than the brains of other primates, and has yet to be used to capacity. Before man learned to read, write and calculate, he already had a large brain. The redundancy of the left and right hemispheres has had little survival value for the human species to date. Again and again, the physiological changes seem to precede the need. The evolution of complex biological systems before they are needed is a good case for ID and a very good indication of a plan.

Biological evolution is slow and difficult to analyze, especially for indoctrinated scientists who have been taught various forms of Darwinian Evolution for many decades. Evolution is a general term which means to evolve. Planned or not, life on Earth has evolved over billions of years. There are many problems in dating billions of years, but radioactive dating methods have improved during my lifetime, especially for organic matter during the important period of human evolution. Scientists still have a hard time dating solid inorganic matter like stone tools, although they can date the age when rocks solidified or crystallized. Homo sapiens have evolved from more primitive humans in the last two million years. Anthropologists have concentrated on the hominid family starting with Homo habilis, but our ancient family history still has many missing links. With many bones less than a million years old, scientists have yet to convincingly relate Homo erectus, Homo neanderthalus, Homo flores and Homo sapiens. We don't know if any of them could interbreed, but genetic data indicates that Homo sapiens and Neanderthal man are different species. One stark fact is clear. In spite of the important evolutionary trend for genera to diversify into many species, the hominid genus has degenerated into only one species, Homo sapiens in a split fraction of geological time. Was this also planned?

Over one hundred thousand years ago, Neanderthal man and Homo erectus had us vastly outnumbered in Europe and Asia. The Neanderthals were bigger and stronger, had larger brains, were good big game hunters with spears and occupied the best caves. They were well adapted to ice age Europe for 200,000 years when first confronted with modern Homo sapiens in the Levant east of the Mediterranean about 100,000 BC.. Data available to date indicates that Neanderthals survived this confrontation and Homo sapiens disappeared in Asia Minor until another migration out of Africa about 50,000 years ago. Neanderthal man disappeared between twenty and thirty thousand years ago. Most anthropologists attribute this to artificial selection at the hands of smarter humans, but many of us doubt that brains are better than brawn for big game hunting and hand to hand combat. Both used similar weapons.

The Earth was friendlier to primates and other large mammals between 100,000 BC and 20,000 BC than it was from 15,000 BC to 5000 BC, but both Homo neanderthalus and Homo erectus mysteriously became extinct. Food supplies were plentiful. By luck or by plan, Homo sapiens were fruitful and multiplied during the last twenty thousand years of the last ice age. The rapid reduction of many species to one species without a major mass extinction is an anomaly for the concept of natural selection. Either Intelligent Design or artificial selection are more likely theories than natural selection. If God created man in his own image, he took his time until the last 20,000 of 3,000,000,000 years. We have much to learn about divine patience.

Towards the end of the last ice age, there was a mysterious mass extinction of large mammals in Europe, Asia and especially America. I have yet to find an anthropologist who suggests an extraterrestrial explanation, although New Age scholars have found evidence of cosmic dust, cosmic radiation and a shift in the Earth's poles. Most anthropologists now believe that improved Clovis spear points caused the extinction of millions of large mammals in North America, including mammoths, mastodons, rhinoceros, huge bears, horses and the impressive top predator saber-tooth tiger. In America, over 60% of all the land mammals over 100 pounds disappeared between 10,000 and 15,000 years ago! There were not enough hunters or Clovis-point spears in America at this time, and no domesticated dogs or horses. Only one kill site has been found where Clovis spears killed a mammoth! Most of the large animals living in North America before 13,000 BC became extinct, and most of the large animals now existing in North America migrated from Asia with these Clovis big game hunters following this enigmatic mass extinction.

Outside the peer approval domains of anthropology and paleontology, we find two important books finding extraterrestrial influences on this enigmatic extinction of large mammals. "Cataclysm: Compelling Evidence of a Cosmic Catastrophe in 9500 B.C." by D.S. Allan and J.B. Delair presents physical evidence like craters and frozen mammoths found in Siberia with temperate zone grasses in their stomachs. Their data fits well with the cosmic forces and debris caused by the explosion of the nearby Vela Supernova around 13,000 BC, the Greek myth of Phaeton and the Sumerian myth of Creation. The other impressive book was "Earth Under Fire: Humanity's Survival of the Apocalypse" by Paul LaViolette. Paul's theory is that cosmic dust was stirred up by superwaves from the galactic center which periodically influences the Earth's climate. He corrects the carbon dating data used by Allan and others to date the peak of the mass extinction episode as 10,750 BC and also corrects the stellar orientation of the Giza pyramids to 10,800 BC. That is the date that the three Giza pyramid orientation match the Orion belt stars. Most of the mass extinctions in America are dated to before 10,000 BC, with later dates for Europe and Asia.

New Age readers are probably aware that this is an auspicious time in the history of humans. Plato and Edgar Cayce date the demise of Atlantis to about 10,000 BC. Huge glacier lakes were breaking thru ice dams, and most mammoths burial sites look more like flood disasters than human kill sites. Charles Hapgood in his book "Path of the Poles" describes a slow relocation of the North Pole between 16,000 and 10,000 BC. Like Allan and Delair, he now supports arguments for a sudden shifting of the Earth crust about 10,000 BC. Hapgood also reminds us that a shifting of the Earth crust as a whole is different from plate tectonics. The energy comes from centrifugal forces due to shifting masses of ice, an interesting contrast to volcanic heat. When I read that flow rates in our major rivers were about 50 times current rates, I realized that eastern migration of Clovis big game hunters across the mountains and flooded rivers with their families was unlikely. I have seen the Potomac River at 50 times normal flow after a hurricane, and have a very good mental picture of the Mississippi, Missouri, Colorado and Snake Rivers at extreme flood stages. Clovis Indians went south to New Mexico where they hunted mammoths around springs. Descendants of a small group of American natives from the Bering Straights reached South America about 10,000 years ago. Why do we find more evidence of huge bears, camels, large ground sloths and mammoths in America dating to

about 11,000 BC than humans? Humans did not kill the many large mammals to extinction! Extraterrestrial forces and floods probably did. Was this Intelligent Design?

We now have two miracles occurring around 10,000 BC which helped the subsequent cultural evolution of man. In America, Europe and Asia, almost all scientists agree that the mass destruction of large mammals helped the shift from hunting to farming. Not only was there less big game to hunt, but there were fewer predators left to hurt farmers. Mammoths, rhinos, huge bears and Saber-tooth Tigers were not very friendly to farmers. In, Asia, the reduction of big game was accompanied by the domestication of the grey wolf. The dog has been such a divine companion to man, especially shepherds, that I occasionally think that the dog may have domesticated man. Will Hart has found a very important clue to guided cultural evolution in the domestication of the wolf about 11,000 BC. All dogs descended from the grey wolf and some geneticists classify dogs in the wolf species *Canis lupus*. Dogs are domesticated wolves which can still breed with them, with viable pups. It is extremely difficult to domesticate wild animals, especially wolves. Modern efforts have been unsuccessful. How did Stone Age humans domesticate dogs at a time span when many other large mammals were becoming extinct? Domestication of plants and animals is a long and arduous process and is a very unlikely activity for hunter-gatherers who surely came close to starvation many winters following the last ice age. This was a difficult time for humans. Why didn't they eat the dogs and seeds?

Three of the most important crops domesticated in the Fertile Crescent were wheat, barley and grapes. Grain is a mystery, because it is not a natural food for primates and it is hard to digest. Wheat and barley were cultivated to make bread and beer. Grapes were cultivated to make wine. Is this more Intelligent Design?

Throughout the world there is mythical and physical evidence of extraterrestrial interventions and catastrophes like floods. From India, ancient poems talk about the gods walking with long strides and leaving huge footprints on the Earth. We note that the Mayans with their accurate calendars identifies Five Ages of Man, all long strides of the gods creating and destroying man. Is it a coincidence that the Mayan Third Age of Man started on 11,131BC and ended on 7121 BC? Science now documents that the three largest floods experienced by *Homo sapiens* occurred during the Mayan Third Age of Man. Notably, two occurred near the beginning of the Age and one occurred right at the end. Students of Intelligent Design should look at this period as a major sign of divine intervention. I am convinced that rapid changes occurred because of extraterrestrial forces. It was a tough time for all large mammals.

The Mayan Fourth Age of Man started on 7121 BC, the most probable time for the Deluge. Sea levels were rapidly rising, and man was struggling for survival throughout the world. Yet signs of domestication of plants and animals are found in the highlands of Asia Minor, New Guinea and the Andes. Extensive flooding has been found near the Black and Mediterranean Seas. "Uriel's Machine" by Christopher Knight and Robert Komar documents evidence of meteor impacts around 7640 BC and 3100 BC, spanning the Mayans Fourth Age of man. Most of the domesticated plants and animals

used in the world today were domesticated in this difficult Fourth Age of Man. This is a major sign of Intelligent Design. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

The Fifth Age of Man started at 3114 BC and ends on 2012 AD. As destiny has it, 3114 BC is the dawn of history, the start of writing in Sumer. The Sumerians documented that extraterrestrials civilized man. Originally called Anunnaki or the sons of Anu, they were later called the shining ones or gods. They civilized humans, so I call them the civilizers! Around 3000 BC the Annunaki taught Sumerians writing, mathematics, metallurgy (bronze), the wheel for making pottery and carts, and a theocratic society based on gods and kings. The Annunaki came from the planet Nibiru which has a 3600 year orbit, so Anu visited the Earth every 3600 years. The first domestication of animals dates to about 11,000 BC. The first domestication of plants dates to about 7000 BC. **In Egypt, Menes united upper and lower Egypt in 3114 BC.** The civilizers appear to come and go, leaving footprints on Earth and the Mayan ages match much of their activity. Look for footprints on the Fertile Crescent, Egypt, India, New Guinea, Malta, Nan Modal, Peru, and England. Note that Stonehenge, Newgrange and the Hypogeum date to 3100 BC.

My search for signs of the civilizers has revealed activity along ley lines. JayAlison has fine tuned a great circle which goes thru Giza, Petra, Ur, Persepolis, Mohenjo Daro, Angkor, New Guinea, Easter Island, Nazca, and Machu Pichu (home.hiwaay.net/jalison). Most of our domesticated plants and animals originated near this great circle. The first three scripts and three undeciphered scripts were found near this ley line. The earliest irrigation and plumbing systems were located on this ley line as were the world's major religions. Note that the above signs of civilization were from isolated and unrelated locations. Egypt and Sumer had different writing, mathematics, myths and calendars which were mysteriously born full-grown at the dawn of their civilizations. There are ancient signs of irrigation systems and domestication of plants in the mountains of New Guinea and Peru. We note that major tectonic plates meet under both the New Guinea highlands, Easter Island and the Andes. Is the Alison great circle an important sign from the civilizers, set up long ago and maintained periodically? Do auspicious mountain top obelisks at Machu Pichu and Petra line up with the Great Pyramids and point to a future celestial event, perhaps with Ceres?

The civilizers left many signs and they deliberately confused our languages and scripts. Every issue of *Atlantis Rising* shows more and more New Age seekers visiting Egypt, Angkor, Petra, Nazca and Machu Pichu. Enjoy the intuitive majesty of the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid, but also look for signs of Intelligent Design all around, especially underground. Many megaliths look like machine foundations and not monuments. Look for bronze clamps and right angle cuts which could not be made using stone hammers. StoneAge humans did not build most of the monuments attributed to the Old Kingdom. Similar to the Stone Age Andes ruins, the quality of stone construction in Egypt deteriorated from the oldest megaliths. The golden age of Egypt and the most impressive pyramids preceded the usage of metal tools and the wheel in Egypt. The theory of Intelligent Design may help open our eyes to even more amazing mysteries.

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