

Michael Behe

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Proteins are the machinery of living tissue that builds the structures and carries out the chemical reactions necessary for life.

~Michael Behe

The theory of undirected evolution is already dead, but the work of science continues.

~Michael Behe

We can look high or we can look low in books or in journals, but the result is the same. The scientific literature has no answers to the question of the origin of the immune system.

~Michael Behe

Irreducible complexity is a problem for Darwinian evolution. Whenever we see these complex functional systems we realise that they have to be designed.

~Michael Behe

Science is not a game in which arbitrary rules are used to decide what explanations are to be permitted.

~Michael Behe

I believe the evidence strongly supports common descent. But the root question remains unanswered: What has caused complex systems to form?

~Michael Behe

The conclusion of design flows naturally from the data; we should not shrink from it; we should embrace it and build on it.

~Michael Behe

I find the idea of common descent (that all organisms share a common ancestor) fairly convincing, and have no particular reason to doubt it.

~Michael Behe

In order to say that some function is understood, every relevant step in the process must be elucidated.

~Michael Behe

We are not inferring design to account for a black box, but to account for an open box.

~Michael Behe

As can be seen even by this limited number of examples proteins carry out amazingly diverse functions.

~Michael Behe

Biology has progressed tremendously due to the model that Darwin put forth. But the black boxes Darwin accepted are now being opened, and our view of the world is again being shaken.

~Michael Behe

As the number of unexplained, irreducibly complex biological systems increases, our confidence that Darwin's criterion of failure has been met skyrockets toward the maximum that science allows.

~Michael Behe

The basic structure of proteins is quite simple: they are formed by hooking together in a chain discrete subunits called amino acids.

~Michael Behe

It was only about sixty years ago that the expansion of the universe was first observed.

~Michael Behe

In many biological structures proteins are simply components of larger molecular machines.

~Michael Behe

Thus it seemed to Haeckel that such simple life could easily be produced from inanimate material.

~Michael Behe

It is often said that science must avoid any conclusions which smack of the supernatural.

~Michael Behe

Despite some remaining puzzles, there's no reason to doubt that Darwin had this point right, that all creatures on earth are biological relatives

~Michael Behe

Many people, including many important and well-respected scientists, just don't want there to be anything beyond nature. They don't want a supernatural being to affect nature.

~Michael Behe

Skin is made in large measure of a protein called collagen.

~Michael Behe

The trap does not work until all the parts were there. The system itself doesn't work until you fit all of them together.

~Michael Behe

Throughout history there have been many other examples, similar to that of Haeckel, Huxley and the cell, where a key piece of a particular scientific puzzle was beyond the understanding of the age.

~Michael Behe

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