

FROM GOD OR FROM GOO?

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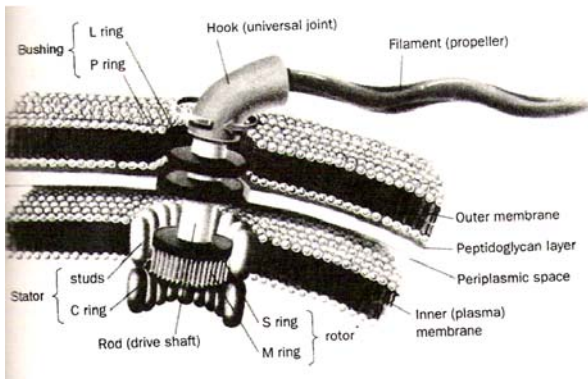
F IS FOR FOSSILS

Philip Johnson: “Darwinian theory predicts a “cone of increasing diversity,” as the first living organism, or first animal species, gradually and continually diversified to create the higher levels of taxonomic order. The animal fossil record more resembles such a cone turned upside down, with the phyla present at the start and thereafter decreasing.”¹

Stephen Jay Gould: The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches: the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossils...I wish in no way to impugn the validity of gradualism. I wish only to point out that it was never ‘seen’ in the rocks.”²

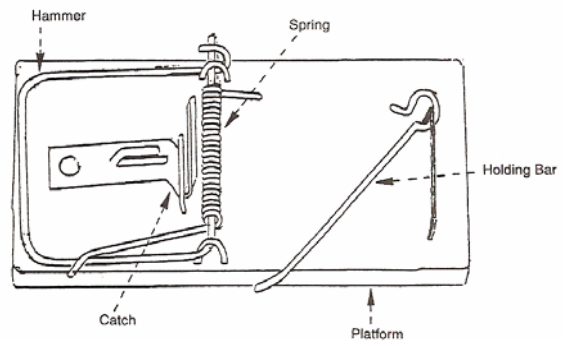
IC IS FOR IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY

Definition of IC: “A single system of well-matched, interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning...if a biological system cannot be produced gradually it would have to arise as an integrated unit, in one fell swoop, for natural selection to have anything to act upon.”³



Above: Bacterial Flagellum

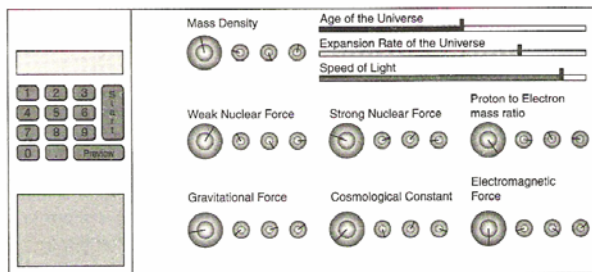
A HOUSEHOLD MOUSETRAP



Household Mousetrap (from “Darwin’s Black Box”)

T IS FOR TUNING OF THE UNIVERSE

196 THE PRIVILEGED PLANET



Fred Hoyle: “A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.”⁴

CHZ: Circumstellar Habitable Zone

GHZ: Galactic Habitable Zone

¹ http://www.darwinismrefuted.com/natural_history_1_02.html

² Woodward, 40-41

³ Behe, 39

⁴ Gonzalez and Richards, 263.

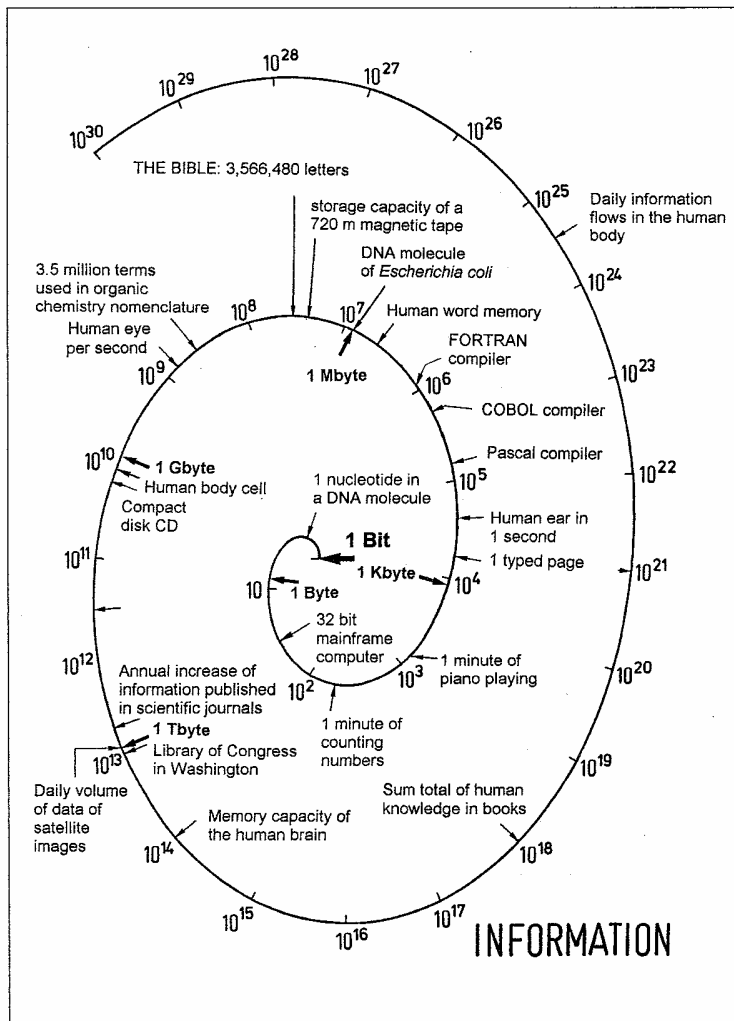


Figure 33: The information spiral.

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I IS FOR INFORMATION

What is “information”? To look for information, we look first for a language and then learn to understand that language. The language should have:

- a set of symbols, like an alphabet;
- there must be a specific way of arranging the alphabet, like grammar;
- the language must be able to convey a message,
- that message must be meaningful to both sender and receiver.

Werner Gitt: there is no known natural law through which matter can give rise to information, neither is any physical process or material phenomenon known that can do this.”⁵

ON IS FOR ONLY NATURAL

Michael Ruse: “evolution, akin to religion, involves making certain *a priori* or metaphysical assumptions, which at some level cannot be proven empirically...And I think that the way to deal with creationism, but the way to deal with evolution also, is not to deny these facts, but to recognize them...”⁶

⁵ Gitt, 79.

⁶ Woodward, 147.