

The Design of Life . . .



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So Who Drew Up the Blueprints?

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A long time ago my wife and I decided to build a house on some property we owned. So we dumped piles of wood, thousands of nails, loads of concrete, stacks of glass window panes, and other building supplies onto the lot. Then we waited. After many years, the materials slowly combined themselves into various shapes. Gradually they formed a two story house with a full basement!

“That’s ridiculous!” you say. “Houses don’t build themselves!”

How true. All buildings require highly trained architects who design the construction plans and print them on charts called blueprints. The building contractor then carefully follows the architect’s design to form the structure. Teams of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and other skilled workers follow the contractor’s directions to bring the construction to its ultimate completion.

It’s Quite Complex

In the last century, biologists discovered the building blocks of life are far more complex than any man-made building ever could be. They discovered that even a single, living cell contains complex chemical patterns of DNA, enzymes, and other molecules necessary for life to exist. Many scientists are so amazed by this intricacy of design that they are convinced

that life, like a large building, could not have happened by chance but needed a designer. These scientists are part of an exciting new field of scientific study called Intelligent Design. The word *intelligent* refers to “the ability of a person to think, plan, and organize things rationally and reasonably.”

Intelligent Design scientists have discovered in their research that the fine details of all living things must have had a planner. In a sense they are saying the living world had an architect who made the blueprints for life, provided the materials for it to be formed, and then carried out its construction.

Master Designer

The Bible, of course, maintains that life had a Designer and Creator long before Intelligent Design was ever imagined. Scripture establishes that God made everything that exists, including the earth and all life on it. As Colossians 1:16 says, “By Him everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

So you can tell the Intelligent Design scientists that you know who drew up the blueprints and built the house of life: the Living God! 