

EXAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

EXAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS is Project Paper OCCG-35 of the OC Church Growth Think Tank. It is attached with this newsletter and is posted to the ocgthinktank.org website under Project Papers / TEACHING PAPERS.

Rather than being an actual test, it poses 26 questions which are suggested that a person should be able to answer before teaching a high school class. That is not just to be able to answer, but to have a ready answer which is thought out rather than an answer adlibbed on the spot.

The paper does not give the answers, but as is indicated at the end of the paper, the answers are on the website, in cell phone ready format. It instructs that you open the ocgthink.org website on your cell phone, click the upper right menu button, click the "Short Answers" heading and the answers appear.

The answers are specifically designed to be short enough to be displayed on a single cell phone screen. Whereas we might expect a high school teacher to know the answers, he would only need to communicate to the kids where the answers are.

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APPROPRIATE APPAREL

...They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves..." (1 Tim. 2:9f)

As I was grocery shopping recently my modesty button was pushed. Maybe it is time to rethink the scope of respectable apparel. There she was, a middle aged woman, with blue and green striped hair, in an expensive and well coordinated outfit that left very little to the imagination. I really didn't want to know that much-nor does the rest of the public.

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If the kids are acquainted with the answers and know where to find them, the kids are equipped to use them. We can presume that most all high school kids have access to a cell phone or a computer.

At this point there are 3 discussion questions:

1. Are there any of the questions on this list which you do not think a high school teacher should know to be prepared to help equip high school students for life?
2. Can you suggest other questions which should be added to the list?
3. Is there any reason the rest of us should not be able to answer these questions also?

In the sampling of members asked to answer these questions so far, none have been comfortable to answer these basic questions. With all the sermons and Bible classes the average member participates in, it is interesting that they are not equipped to answer basic questions.

If one considers that answering this question is relevant to supporting personal evangelism by our members, it may be time to look at how we are conducting our Bible Classes.

If you have any comment or assistance on any of these points, contact us at bbaugh@thearray.org.

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Somehow the fashion industry seeks to rule our lives without the slightest consideration of modesty. We have lamented short shorts and mini skirts along with too much cleavage, but the latest fashion trend of nylon and spandex tights also needs scrutiny.

So what does respectable apparel look like? Do we need to draw a picture or establish the number of inches for shorts? No, that never seems to work, it changes for every generation. There was a time when a bare ankle or bare arm was considered scandalous. We should consider what is appropriate for the occasion.

As a general rule avoid sensuous apparel at school, work or church. As Christians, with the indwelling Holy Spirit, we have a new self,

created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. As women we tell the world what to think of us by attitude, behavior and apparel. A pure and reverent life should not be overshadowed by inappropriate clothing.

Elizabeth Brown



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IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #69: EAR WAX

“**Earwax**, also known as **cerumen**, is a yellowish waxy substance secreted in the ear canal of humans and other mammals. It protects the skin of the human ear canal, assists in cleaning and lubrication, and also provides some protection against bacteria, fungi, insects and water.

Earwax consists of shed skin cells, hair, and the secretions of the ceruminous and sebaceous glands of the outside ear canal. Major components of earwax are long chain fatty acids, both saturated and unsaturated, alcohols, squalene, and cholesterol. Excess or compacted cerumen can press against the eardrum or block the outside ear canal or hearing aids, potentially causing hearing loss.

Cerumen is produced in the outer third of the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal. It is a mixture of viscous secretions from sebaceous glands and less-viscous ones from modified apocrine sweat glands. The primary components of earwax are shed layers of skin, with , on average, 60% of the earwax consisting of keratin, 12–20% saturated and unsaturated long-chain fatty acids, alcohols, squalene and 6–9% cholesterol.

There are two distinct genetically determined types of earwax: the wet type, which is dominant, and the dry type, which is recessive. While Asians and Native Americans are more likely to have the dry type of cerumen (gray and flaky), African and European people are more likely to have the wet type (honey-brown to dark-brown and moist).” (from Wikipedia)

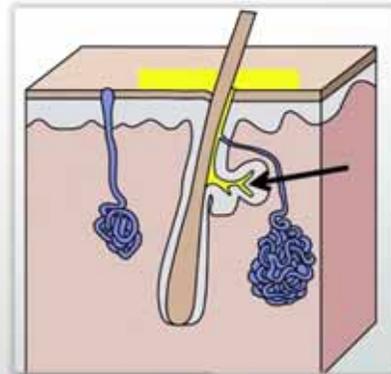
“In both sexes, testosterone is **secreted** into the body and enters into the sebaceous gland, where the enzyme 5-alpha reductase converts the testosterone into di-hydrotestosterone; this in turn **stimulates sebum** formation in the sebaceous glands.” (from Wikipedia).

Sebaceous glands lubricate and moisturize our skin, contain chemicals which destroy bacteria, conditions our hair so it doesn't get dry and brittle, and lubricate our ear canal with earwax (cerumen). They are located all over the body except the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.

Sebaceous glands represent (1) the irreducible complexity of having to develop a gland, to develop a useful delivery product, and a delivery means to get the product to a useful location and the (2) blind complexation problem of developing something for which it does not know the purpose. They do not know why it is good to keep the skin oily.

The glands in the ear canal are a special subcategory, which required the development of a second chemical compound suitable to the purposes specific to the ear. Keeping dust and insects out of the ear is a function not required over all the body, and thankfully we don't have ear wax all over our bodies. To put this complexity within our ears is surely the sign of an intelligent designer.

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Arrow shows Sebaceous Gland

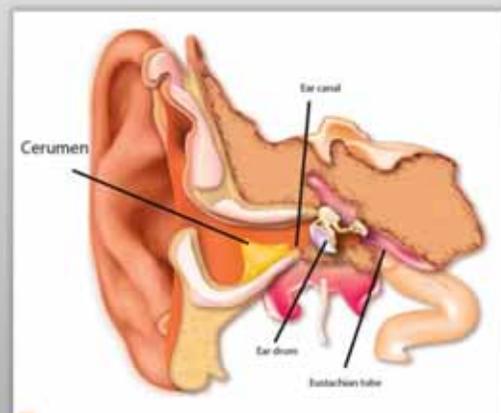


Illustration of ear wax in the ear canal

WHAT DOES IMPOSSIBLE MEAN?

The Webster Dictionary primary definition of impossible is “incapable of being or of occurring”.

Webster’s secondary definitions are “felt to be incapable of being done, attained, or fulfilled, insuperably difficult <an impossible deadline>, extremely undesirable : unacceptable, extremely awkward or difficult to deal with <the actor was impossible on the set>“. We are concerned only with the primary definition, not just being difficult.

This article attempts to define some ways a concept is demonstrated to be impossible:

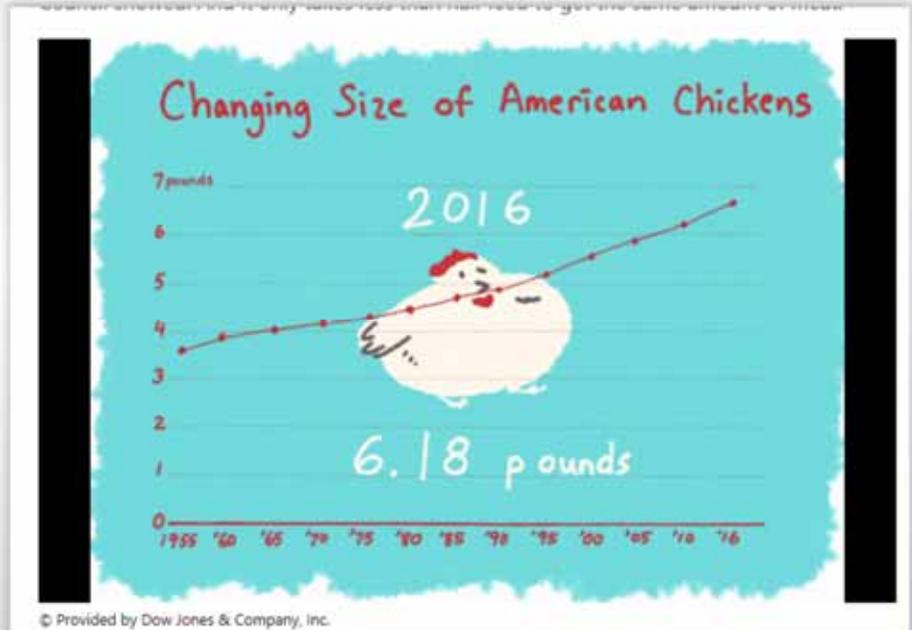
1. **SOMETHING FROM NOTHING:** If it presumes something was created from nothing it violates the First Law of Thermodynamics.
2. **LASTS FOREVER:** If it presumes something has lasted forever, it violates the Second Law of Thermodynamics. This eliminates all perpetual motion concepts.
3. **BLIND COMPLEXATION:** The act of assuming a new function when there is no direct benefit to the cell or group of cells which is assuming the function, i.e. cells in the optic nerve developing the ability to faithfully communicate an electric signal from an eye it cannot see to a brain it cannot see.
4. **IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY:** More than one attribute must evolve to usefulness at the same time when they would individually be useless.
5. **COMPROMISING EVOLUTION:** When a characteristic is presumed to be evolved, but a semi-evolved characteristic would threaten the beings existence, e.g. a half formed wing slowing it down.

It requires an intelligent designer to get over these hurdles.

To a large extent, the theory of evolution is based upon the observation that on the Galapagos Islands in the South Pacific birds with hard food had smaller harder beaks and birds with soft food had larger softer beaks.

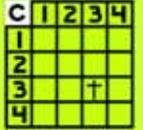
Bird’s beaks “evolved” to match the food supply. It is reasonable to conclude that bird’s beaks micro-evolved to match the food supply. To use that as proof that macro-evolution occurs is simply not reasonable.

The following graphic shows micro-evolution in our times. Through selective breeding, the size of our chickens was increased from 3.5 to 6.18 lbs. between 1955 and today. This is comparable to what Darwin saw on the Galapagos Islands when different characteristics of existing bird beaks were emphasized.



You can go to Genesis Ch. 30 and see how Jacob used similar selective breeding to evolve Laban’s cattle to his benefit. Certainly we believe in evolution, just not macro-evolution.

An example of macro-evolution would be if a living thing had no beak and developed a beak. There are numerous examples of item such as this the creation of sight, taste, hearing, and blood clotting. Darwin did not observe this. The observed a likely result of micro-evolution and concluded it was proof for macro-evolution.



OCCG THINK TANK CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOPS

Members of the OCCG Think Tank would be pleased to come to your area and present our Church Leaders Workshop with some of the information we have been studying and developing.

Real and practical suggestions will be made on how to better engage your members in accomplishing our part of the Great Commission in our time.

Workshops are formatted as:

Area Wide Workshops meeting at the location of a host congregation,
or Individual congregational workshops.

If you would like to host a workshop for your area or would like one scheduled for your congregation, go to the occgthinktank.org website, contact us tab, and send your information.

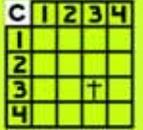
The **OCCG Think Tank** is studying how to promote methods which will return the churches of Christ to a growth mode while maintaining a firm scriptural basis. We solicit everyone's ideas on how to do this, but even more than this we need your assistance in making this a reality.

It is clear that having some ideas is different than translating the ideas to a beneficial form and communicating these ideas to the our congregations.

Whereas we would encourage all to dedicate your service time to your local congregation, if you have extra service time and energies, we need your help. There are many ways to help including:

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