

Darwin's Black Box
by Michael Behe

I read this book all the way back in 2002. I still consider it one of the most important anti-evolution book on the market – it was truly ground-breaking at the time it was written. Several scholars have since taken up the battle cry of “irreducible complexity” that Behe first introduced in this text. Anyway, here's what I wrote some 8 years ago...

Behe does an excellent job of laying out the biochemical reasons why life absolutely could *not* have evolved gradually, in a step-by-step (Darwinian, macro-evolutionary) fashion. His basic argument is irreducible complexity at the molecular level. He discusses, at length, issues such as blood clotting, the immune system, and the eye with regard to the complex biochemical processes that must all be in place at once. He addresses dissenting views, and discusses why he thinks the scientific community is so resistant to what seems obvious to nearly everyone throughout human history -- that we are the product of and Intelligent Designer.

Behe, being Roman Catholic, makes no attempt at supporting Creationism. He does not disparage the view, but explicitly says that he is not in that camp. He does not even propose to identify the Designer. Quite the opposite, he insists upon the importance of allowing people to make their own conclusions regarding matters of philosophy and religion.

As a text book for critically analysing down Darwinian macro-evolution, this book is second to none. Though his direct spiritual message is non-existent, I hope the Lord can arm readers like myself with this material to take the more important step -- share the Gospel.

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