

“Got a Moment” (#7) **Design & The Designer**



Got a Moment? – Let’s talk about things that are designed and what we can learn as we observe them.

Have you ever seen pictures of one of the Space Shuttles? Pretty impressive huh! It should be impressive I guess since a lot of really smart people took a long time to design every aspect of the Space Shuttle so that it could fulfill its designed purpose really well. There are lots of specially designed parts and systems which all work together in precise ways.

Designed things have some things in common. They are put together in such a way so that they can accomplish the very things that they were designed to accomplish. Whether it is a bicycle, a blender, a television, an automobile, a wrist watch or something as simple as a mouse trap, they all can be easily identified as things that were designed by someone. Most of us were not there to see any of these items being designed and manufactured but we can tell that they were designed by the way they function. No one would be silly enough to say “Hey, I think all this stuff came about by random chance because I didn’t see anyone design it!” We’ve seen enough designed things that we are pretty good at identifying something that is designed as opposed to something that is just here by random chance, like a string that fell off of a garment, a piece of rust that fell off of a car into the street, or a group of squiggly lines in the sand. When something works really well with multiple parts working together to cause a desired end we know it was designed. We can prove it over and over and over and over again!

What about living things? What about you, your body, your mind, your emotions and your will? What about the earth? The Solar System? The Universe surrounding us? What about living things that are so small that we can only see them through a microscope? Do all of these things look random, with no purpose or function, or do each of them reveal tremendous amounts of beautiful design and purpose?

The fact is, the universe is put together with very specific design including the laws of physics, which control its function. Our Solar System is very much fine tuned with each part having a function and fitting into its place perfectly. The earth itself shows amazing amounts of design and purpose allowing for life

to exist upon the earth. Every living creature on the earth, from the fish of the sea, ... to the birds of the air, ... to the insects, ... to the animals around the world has clear markings of being designed! Each one has unique abilities and fits into the function of the world as a whole beautifully. Woodpeckers, with special shock absorbers in its neck, Spiders with their unique abilities to produce and use their webs, Giraffes with their special valves in the blood vessels throughout their long necks and honey bees with their ability to communicate to one another by a special dance inside their hive all show great design features.

And you my friend top them all! Your body shouts out loudly for anyone who will honestly look at it – “I am designed by an amazing designer!” Every organ and every system of your body holds an enormous amount of detailed, purposeful function which allows you to live each day. The Bible says of this in Psalm 139 that you were formed and fashioned by God inside your mother’s womb. Your body doesn’t look random, it is very much wonderfully designed!

Would you look at a wrist watch and think it is the result a random explosion in a metal factory? Your body is much, much more complex than a wrist watch! Designed things point to a designer, including you my friend!

Think of all the design around you and in you. It’s a good thing to give praise to God, the great designer!

That’s it for now! Goodbye!

*For video only (no audio) – For further information see DVDs
“Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution”
& “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”*

Discussion Questions:

- (1) Look around the room and identify some things you think were designed by someone.
What is it about those things that cause you to know they were designed?
- (2) What things about your body function in such a way so as to look designed?
- (3) What does Psalm 139:13-17 tell you about the design of your body?

Pray Together as a Family! (Thank God for showing His great designs all around us!)