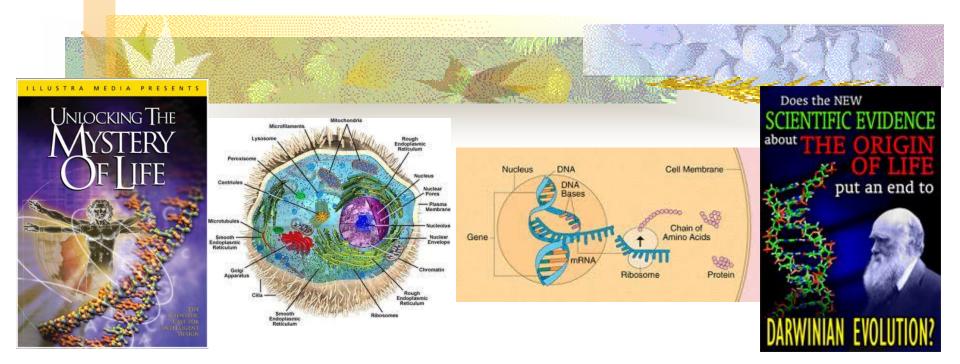
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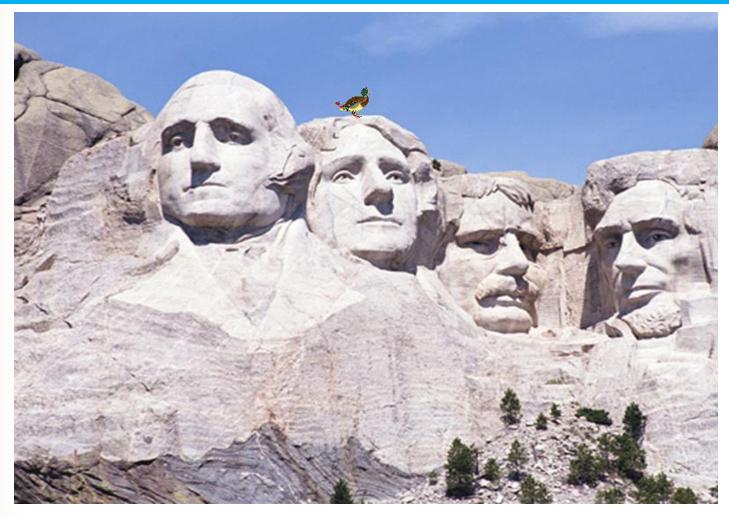
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#### Life and Information

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#### 1. Chance, Necessity (Law) or Design?



### Chance, Necessity or Design?

#### Scratches on cave wall

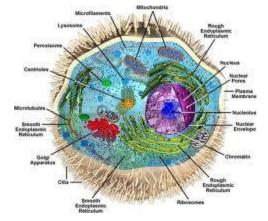


3B Base Pairs

Human genome



75T Cells



# The Evolutionists' Response?

- "Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such a hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic."
  - S.C. Todd, Kansas State University Professor
- "Biology is the study of complicated things that have the appearance of having been designed for a purpose."
  - Richard Dawkins, Oxford Univ. Atheist Biologist
- "Biologists must constantly keep" in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved."
  - Francis Crick, Co-discoverer of DNA



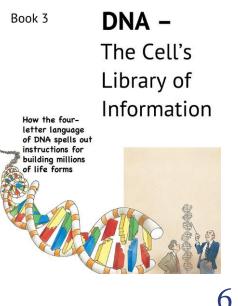


# 2. Presuppositions & Information

- Evolution presupposition
  - The universe consists of only two *material* entities <u>mass</u> and <u>energy</u>
- Creation presupposition

- A 3<sup>rd</sup> *non-material* entity <u>information</u>
- Life consists of:
  - Mass + energy (material) + information (non-material)
  - Information is encoded in the DNA of all plant and animal cells
- Information has four parts:
  - Code, meaning, action, purpose





#### 3. The Nature of Information



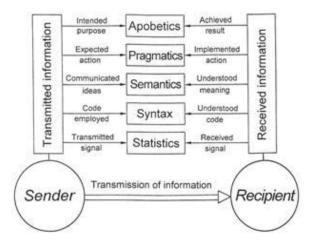
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# Information Definitions

- Information attributes:
  - **<u>Code</u>** (syntax): alphabet, DNA (ATCG)
  - Meaning (semantics): words, codons
  - Expected <u>Action</u> (pragmatics)
  - Intended **<u>Purpose</u>** (apobetics): design, result
  - All structural attributes are non-material
  - Information is an encoded, symbolically represented
     message conveying expected
     action and intended purpose.



# Information in Writing

#### Information requires:

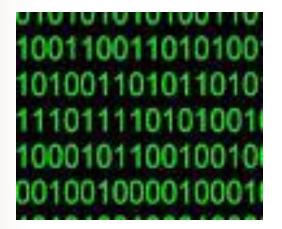
- **<u>Code</u>**: letters, numbers, etc.
- Meaning: words
- **Action**: sentence with verb
- Purpose: result, design
- Complex but unspecified
   *neojct oheeoh otvp ct mo muj*

#### Specified Complexity

the cow jumped over the moon



#### Information in Computers



Example of Pseudocode to determine odd-even number

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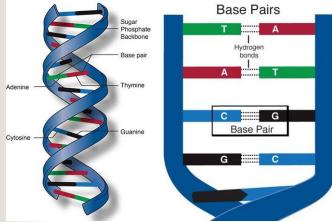
Number = Input Number Result = Number % 2

IF Result = 0 THEN Print "The number is even number" ELSE THEN Print "The number is odd number"





### Information in Living Systems



**Trillions of cells** 

chromosomes

Each cell:

DNA

46 human

2 meters of

3 billion DNA subunits (the

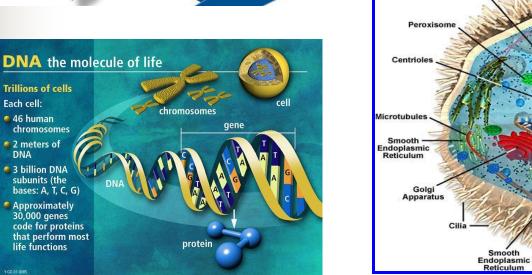
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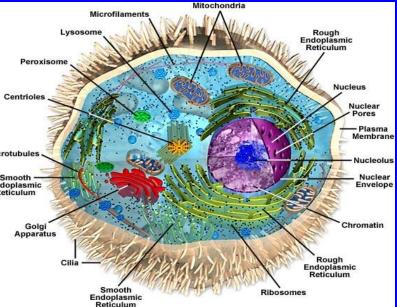
code for proteins

Approximately 30,000 genes

life functions



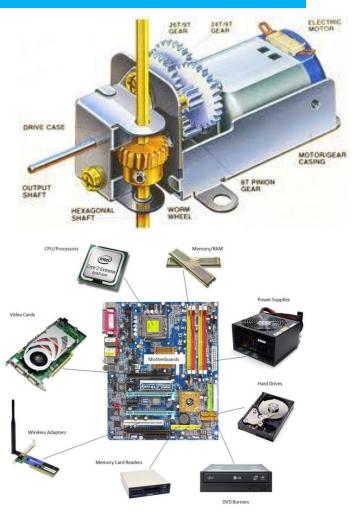




#### 4. The Nature of Machines

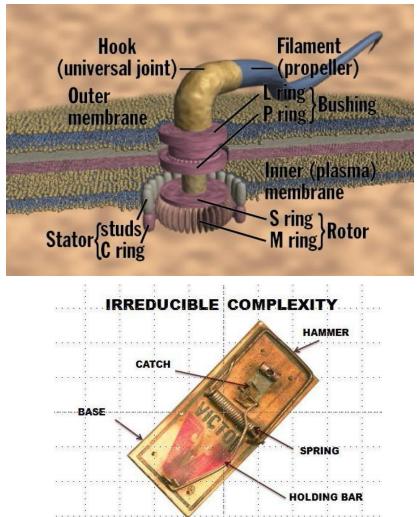






# Molecular Machines, e.g. Motors

- Behe showed that the cell, Darwin's Black Box, is filled with <u>Irreducibly Complex</u> (<u>all parts functional</u>) molecular machines that could not be built by natural selection
  - Over 100 molecular motors are now known to exist inside the cell with very specific analogies to human designed motors



#### 5. The Nature of Programs

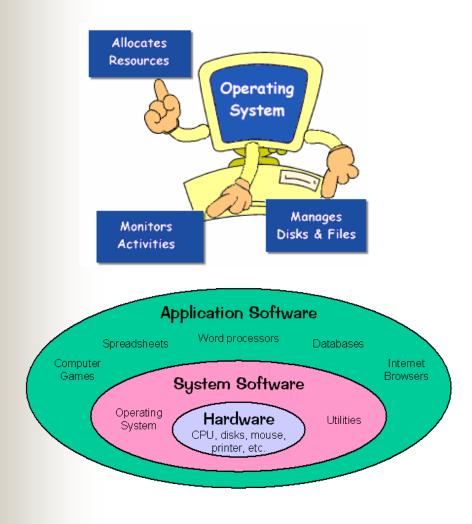
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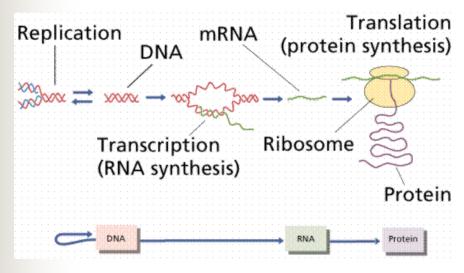
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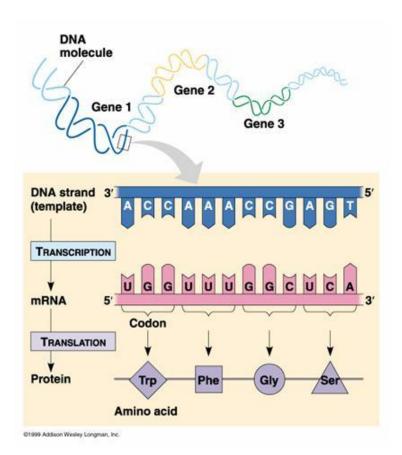
Oversion 1.30 2000-03-27 @author Cav Horstmann import java.util.\*; public class CalendarTest public static void main(String[] args) // construct d as current date GregorianCalendar d = new GregorianCalendar(); int today = d.get(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_MONTH); int month = d.get(Calendar.MONTH); // set d to start date of the month d.set(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_MONTH, 1); int weekday = d.get(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_WEEK); // print heading System.out.println("Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat"); // indent first line of calendar for (int i = Calendar.SUNDAY; i < weekday; i++ )</pre> System.out.print(" "): do // print day int day = d.get(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_MONTH); if (day < 10) System.out.print(" ");</pre> System.out.print(day); // mark current day with \* if (day == today) System.out.print("\* "); else System.out.print(" "); // start a new line after every Saturday if (weekday == Calendar.SATURDAY) System.out.println(); // advance d to the next day d.add(Calendar.DAY\_OF\_MONTH, 1) weekday = d.get(Calendar.DAY OF WEEK); while (d.get(Calendar.MONTH) == month); // the loop exits when d is day 1 of the next month // print final end of line if necessary if (weekday != Calendar.SUNDAY) System.out.println();

### Programs in the Cell



"Human DNA is like a computer program but far, far more advanced than any software we've ever created."

Bill Gates, Microsoft



### 6. Life: Information, Complexity, Design

Information in living systems



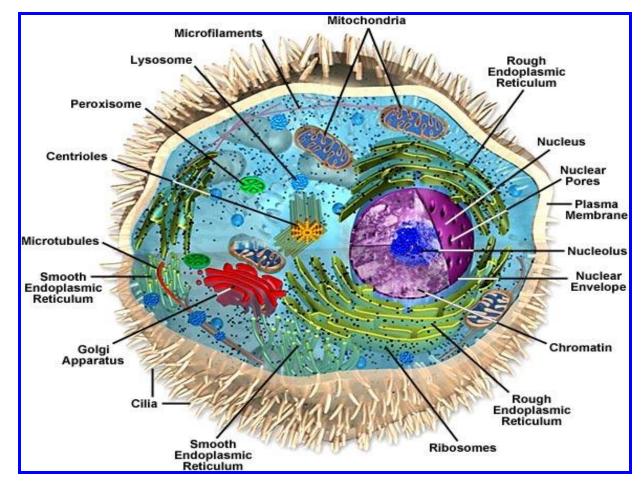
- DNA: base pairs (AT, CG), codons, 20 left-handed amino acids
- Biological systems exhibit <u>Specified Complexity</u> and use <u>Irreducibly Complex</u> (all parts) subsystems
- Naturalistic mechanisms or undirected causes do not suffice to explain origin of <u>Complexity</u>
- Intelligent <u>Design</u> constitutes the best explanation for the origin of <u>specified complexity</u> and <u>irreducible complexity</u> in biological systems

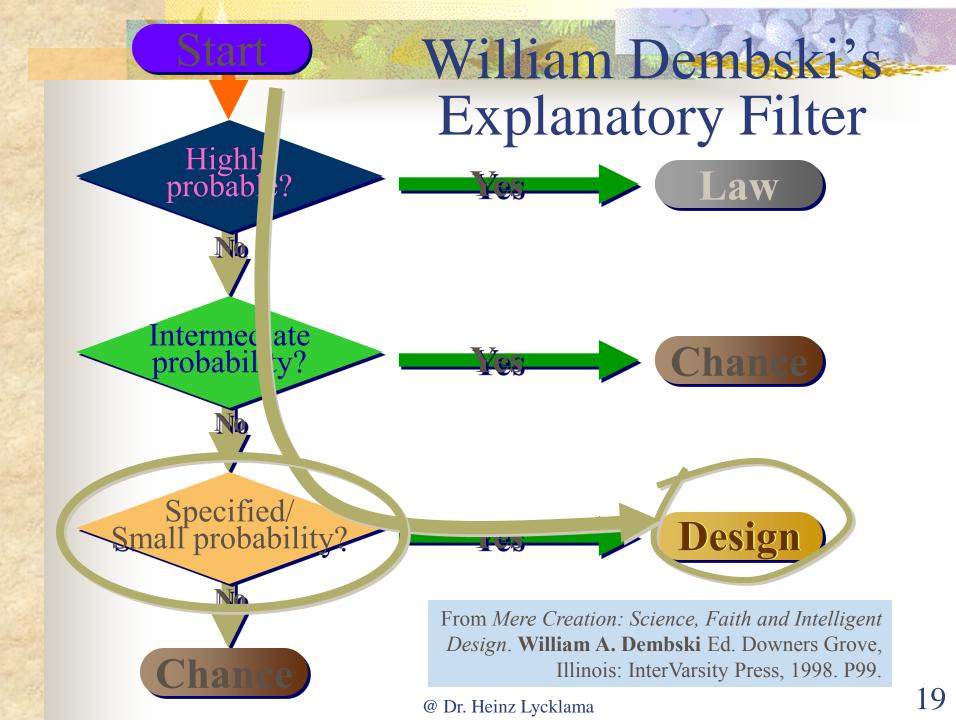
# More on Information in Life

- <u>Code</u>: 4 letters adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G), thymine (T)
   Words (<u>codons</u>) composed of 3 letters
   <u>Meaning</u>: each 3-letter word represents 1 of the 20 [left-handed] amino acids necessary for protein formation
  - Sequence of <u>codons</u> in the DNA represents sequence of amino acids in a protein
- Action: proteins needed for construction, function, maintenance, reproduction of the organism and its cellular components
  - <u>Purpose</u>: reproduction of life

chromosome

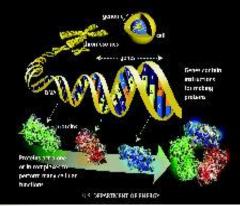
# Complexity of the Cell Average human body contains 75+ trillion cells





# Evidence for Design in Life

- Biology: the presence of complex and functionally integrated machines has cast doubt on Darwinian mechanisms of self-assembly
- Molecular biology: the presence of information encoded along the DNA molecule has suggested the activity of a prior designing intelligence



Harvard biologist **Richard Lewontin** urges scientists to embrace a "materialism [that] is absolute" and to stick with "material explanations, no matter how counter intuitive."

### 7. Mathematical Probability

Chances of getting all heads in a row when flipping a coin? Obverse Boverse

- 1 head
- 2 heads in a row
- 3 heads in a row
- 10 heads in a row
- 100 heads in a row
- 1000 heads in a row

- 1 in 2 (½)
- $\bullet 1 \text{ in } 4 \left( \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} \right)$
- $\bullet 1 \text{ in } 8 \left(\frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- 1 in 2<sup>10</sup> (1024) or 10<sup>3</sup>
- 1 in 2<sup>100</sup> or 10<sup>30</sup>
- 1 in 2<sup>1000</sup> or 10<sup>300</sup>

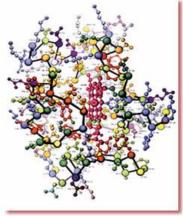
Law of Probability: < 1 in  $10^{50}$  is mathematically impossible

# 8. Life From Non-Life By Chance?

- What is the probability that an explosion in a junk yard would "create" a car?
- What is the probability of creating a Boeing airplane (5M non-flying parts) from such an explosion?



- What is the probability that 200 monkeys pawing away at a typewriter could "write" a Shakespearean play?
- What is the probability of a protein coming into being by chance?



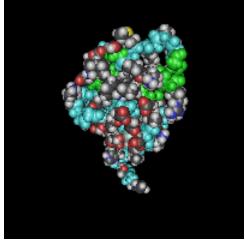
### Proteins and Amino Acids

#### Amino acids

- A few thousand types
- Right- and left-handed
- Proteins the building blocks of life
  - Large organic molecule
  - Contain 100's to a few 1000 amino acids
  - Specified long sequences of amino acids
  - Contain 20 different left-handed amino acids

#### Crucial protein fact

Absence, addition, or replacement of a single amino acid in the structure of a protein causes protein to be useless



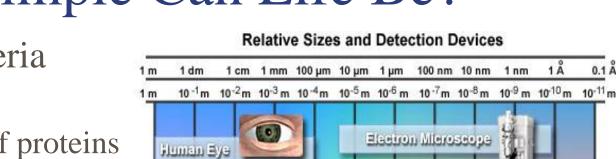
# Probability of Forming one Protein

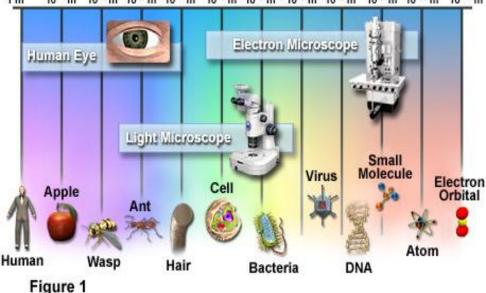
- Take 200 parts and line them up in a specific order
  - 200! ways of aligning these parts =  $10^{375}$
  - Try a new alignment 1 billion times a second
  - Assuming 20 billion years of time, we have 20 \* 10<sup>18</sup> seconds
  - The probability of finding the right alignment is practically zero, i.e. 1 in 10<sup>356</sup>
  - Only 10<sup>80</sup> atoms in the whole universe
  - Anything less than 1 in 10<sup>50</sup> is regarded as zero probability
  - Living organisms contain many more than 200 parts
  - Human being contains 75+ trillion cells

## How Simple Can Life Be?

#### Smallest bacteria

- 482 genes
- 600 types of proteins
- 580,000 DNA base pairs (letters)
- Probability of chance formation is zero!
- Human genome
  - 25,000 genes
  - 100,000+ types of proteins
  - 3,000,000,000 DNA base pairs



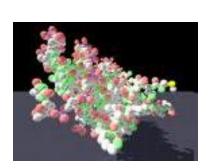


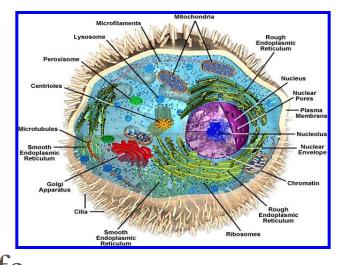
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Probability & Life

A single protein: 1 in 10<sup>240</sup>
400 amino acids
A single cell: 1 in 10<sup>40,000</sup>
Spontaneous formation of life
Atoms in the universe: 10<sup>80</sup>







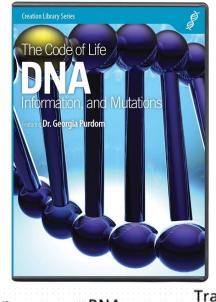
# Living Matter and Information

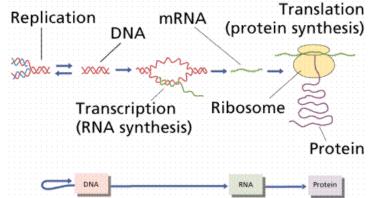
- "It's a shame that there are precious few hard facts when it comes to the origin of life. We have a rough idea when it began on Earth, and some interesting theories about where, but the how part has everybody stumped. <u>Nobody knows how a mixture of lifeless chemicals</u> <u>spontaneously organized themselves into the first</u> <u>living cell</u>."
  - Paul Davies, Australian astrobiologist [Evolutionist]
- "<u>There is no known law of nature, no known process</u> <u>and no known sequence of events which can cause</u> <u>information to originate by itself in matter</u>."
  - Werner Gitt, German information scientist [Creationist]

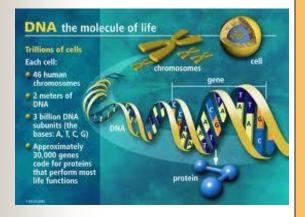
### 9. In Conclusion

- $Life = \underline{mass} + \underline{energy} (material)$
- + **information** (*non-material*)
- Life requires:

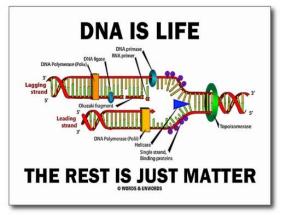
- **Information** stored in DNA
- Machines (storage + programming)
- Programs , e.g. replication
- <u>Complexity</u>: Irreducible (all parts)
   & Specified (meaning)
- Design ---> a Designer
- Life from non-life? <u>NOT</u> by chance!
  - Proven by scientific experiments
  - Mathematically impossible







**Thank you** for your attention!



Life <u>did not</u>, <u>does not</u>, and <u>will not</u> start from non-life by chance!

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