



## Does Everyone Need Faith?

**Hebrews 11:6: (NASB)** *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*



Are YOU a person of faith? If you think about it, everyone is. We all have parts of our lives where we rely on others around us, or on information that might be unverifiable to us personally, or on those who hold a position of authority. So, is this good or is it childish fantasy? Is all faith the same? How do we tell if our faith is truly trustworthy? Stay with us as we look into the depths of faith and see how it applies to our society, our science and our religion.

**Is faith a good thing? Is it irrational superstition?**

 **Combat faith and superstition, *Enemies of Reason*, Richard Dawkins**

- *There are two ways of looking at the world - through faith and superstition or through the rigors of logic, observation and acceptance through reason. Yet today, reason has a battle on its hands. I want to combat the epidemic of irrational, superstitious thinking.*

**Merriam Webster Online Dictionary:**

Faith (noun)

1. confidence or trust in a person or thing: faith in another's ability.
2. belief that is not based on proof.
3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion.
4. belief in anything, as a code of ethics, standards of merit, etc.

**A biblical definition of faith:**

**Hebrews 11:1: (NIV)** *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

**Hebrews 11:1: (Rotherham)** *But faith is, of things hoped for, a confidence, of facts, a conviction, when they are not seen;*

(Source: Biblical commentator C. Russell) **Definition of faith: The reasonable and accepted conclusion of a logical argument based upon a reasonable premise or foundation.**

 **What do Atheists do in times of crisis, *Fox News***

- *We prepare - hands that help are better than lips that pray.*
- *Nobody has a life outside their physical self, they just think they do.*

But it is a scriptural principle to still do the things necessary to prepare. We don't just pray. We believe hands that help *along* with lips that pray will really get the job done!

**James 2:14-17: (NASB)** <sup>14</sup>*What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and be filled, and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? <sup>17</sup>Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.*



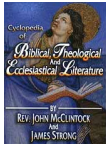
## How can you tell if you have faith or credulity?

### The virus of faith, permanent state of infancy, *Richard Dawkins*

- *For many people, part of growing up is killing off the virus of faith with a good strong dose of rational thinking. But if an individual doesn't succeed in shaking it off, his mind is stuck in a permanent state of infancy and there is a real danger that he will infect the next generation.*

#### Merriam Webster Online Dictionary:

Credulity: readiness or willingness to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence (gullibility)



(Source: McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia) Faith is essentially *trust*. The various uses of the word (both objective and subjective) may be summed up as follows: 1. An objective body of truth: 2. A rule of thought, 3. A personal quality, act, or habit of the individual man. According to the Greek language, psychologically, "faith is the faculty of grasping evidence, with a propensity to admit it when duly presented to the mind."



A Key Question: Is faith according to the Bible the same as or different than credulity?



### What do Atheists do in times of crisis? We prepare. *Fox News*

- *If you want to believe in an invisible man in the sky, you can do that... WE prepare - we get candles, we make plans, we make back-up plans - we do everything that is utterly possible to protect ourselves and our family, and if we can to help our neighbors...*

#### Here is an example of the kind of responsibility that Christians are taught:

**1 Timothy 5:3-8:** (NASB) <sup>3</sup>Honor widows who are widows indeed; <sup>4</sup>but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they (the children/grandchildren) must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; (they must first apply themselves to supporting their own family) for this is acceptable in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup>Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. <sup>6</sup>But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup>Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. <sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

We can't ignore our responsibilities. Gullibility would say, "God will take care of all our needs, so we don't need to do anything." God will care for us in the same way a parent teaches a child to be responsible.

#### What is the common denominator in all of the following examples of faith?

**Hebrews 11:20-25:** (NIV) <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup>He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

Each individual had the proof of experience that God was with them - this is far from credulity!



## Should children be taught faith?

**Proverbs 22:6:** (NASB) *Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Does that mean we should avoid facts and only give them faith? No...

### **The virus of faith, secular education, Richard Dawkins**

- *Sectarian education isolates children from each other because of their parent's faith, then their differences are constantly drilled into them and they embark on opposing life trajectories.*
- *Such divisions are encouraged. In north London, the Hassidic Jewish community is the largest after Israel and New York. Here, religious division is taken to its extreme. These ultra-orthodox Jews only marry within their sect, television is frowned upon, and of course, children attend exclusive religious schools, cloistered away from external influences which just might lead them away.*

**Mark 10:13-16:** (NASB) <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him so that he might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, Permit the children to come to me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all. <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and began blessing them, laying his hands on them.

Jesus saw children as those who set the example of *how* to learn and accept the kingdom. Obviously we want to teach children about the kingdom of God. But does that mean we have to cut them off from science? Or does their faith enhance their understanding of science?



### **"Credulous Minds," Breaking Bad (Atheist song)**

*Your innocence condemns you  
 Trapped beneath God's shroud.  
 In their God you must rejoice  
 Children sadly get no choice.  
 Original sin, born sick child kneel down before him.  
 Credulous minds  
 By ritual rites and sect defined.  
 It's innocence used  
 A godly child is a child abused.*

**Exodus 20:12:** (KJV) *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

**Proverbs 29:15-18:** (NRSV) <sup>15</sup>The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by a neglected child. <sup>16</sup>When the wicked are in authority, transgression increases, but the righteous will look upon their downfall. <sup>17</sup>Discipline your children, and they will give you rest; they will give delight to your heart. <sup>18</sup>Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint, but happy are those who keep the law.

To *not* teach our children faith would be to neglect them.

### **The virus of faith, Atheism is life affirming, Richard Dawkins**



- *Atheism is not a recipe for despair, I think the opposite. By disclaiming the idea of a next life, we can take more excitement in this one - the here and now is not something to be endured before eternal bliss or damnation. The here and now is all we have - an inspiration to make the most of it. So atheism is life affirming in a way that religion can never be.*

### The "life affirming" responsibility of parents:

2 Corinthians 12:14: (KJV) *Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.*

Hebrews 12:4-13: (NRSV) <sup>4</sup>*In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.* <sup>5</sup>*And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children -- "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished (rebuked) by him; <sup>6</sup>for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.*

### Does the Bible ask us for faith or credulity?

#### Burden of proof on Christians, Christopher Hitchens (atheist)

- *Vicarious redemption - the idea of by watching another person suffer, you can be free not only from your debts or sins but your responsibilities as well... You can cast your sins upon a scapegoat. I oppose not only that disgusting belief but the Judaism from which it's plagiarized.*
- ❖ Does the sacrifice of Jesus free us from sin? Yes.
- ❖ Does the sacrifice of Jesus free us from our responsibilities? No, it actually magnifies them.
- ❖ Does the Bible ask us for faith or gullibility? Faith!

### On the subject of vicarious redemption:

John 10:17-18: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>*For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it again.* <sup>18</sup>*No one has taken it away from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from my Father.*

Don't we respect and give thanks to the sacrifice a soldier makes for his country?

### Faith develops through observation and application:

Matthew 8:23-27: (NASB) <sup>23</sup>*When he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.* <sup>24</sup>*And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus himself was asleep.* <sup>25</sup>*And they came to him and woke him, saying, Save us, Lord; we are perishing!* <sup>26</sup>*He said to them, Why are you afraid, you men of little faith? Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.* <sup>27</sup>*The men were amazed, and said, What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?*

### The Bible teaches us to prove our faith - to NOT be credulous:

2 Timothy 2:15: (NKJV) *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22: (NKJV) <sup>19</sup>*Do not quench the Spirit.* <sup>20</sup>*Do not despise prophecies.* <sup>21</sup>*Test all things; hold fast what is good.* <sup>22</sup>*Abstain from every form of evil.*



### What do Atheists do in times of crisis, is God all powerful, Fox News

- *If God cannot stop the hurricane from coming, He is not all powerful.*

Is God all powerful? Yes! But what does that mean? He has a plan.

Psalms 89:11-14: (NASB) <sup>11</sup>The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them. <sup>12</sup>The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name. <sup>13</sup>You have a strong arm; Your hand is mighty, Your right hand is exalted. <sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

**To truly be all powerful, One must be all trustworthy...**

2 Timothy 2:11-13: (NASB) <sup>11</sup>It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; <sup>12</sup>If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

So if His parameters are righteousness and justice, He has a plan, and cannot deny Himself, He is not going to do anything you want Him to just to prove His power. He is just, loving, merciful and powerful.

### Does the Bible present a basis of faith or credulity?

#### What do Atheists do in times of crisis, prayer is like drugs, Fox News

- *"Is one who prepares and prays blind because he prays?" "He is delusional to think that his prayer is going to have an effect. The storm is coming!"*
- *"But prayer brings comfort to so many people!" "So do drugs! Heroin brings comfort to a lot of people too - it doesn't mean it's good!"*

Prayer should be a central part of our lives and based on faith, not gullibility. Our actions should be a "living prayer."

The Scriptures give us amazing proofs that they are inspired by God. For example:

**Meteorology:** Water is recycled in the earth's water cycle. (How did Job know?)

Job 36:27-29: (NRSV) <sup>27</sup>For he draws up the drops of water; he distills his mist in rain, <sup>28</sup>which the skies pour down and drop upon mortals abundantly. <sup>29</sup>Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, the thunderings of his pavilion?

**Oceanography:** The ocean has currents. (How did the Psalmist know?)

Psalms 8:8: (NRSV) *the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

#### The virus of faith, do you cherry pick the Bible, Richard Dawkins

- *It is odd that we should adhere to some parts of the Bible story but not to others. After all, when it comes to important moral questions, by what standards do we cherry pick the Bible? Why bother with the Bible at all if we have the ability to pick and choose from it what is right and what is wrong?*

We think Dawkins is ignoring all of the scientific evidence in the Bible.



### **Astronomy: The sun moves around in an orbit.**

Psalms 19:4-6: (NRSV) <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

### **The Earth is round and it is surrounded by the atmosphere!**

Isaiah 40:22: (NRSV) It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

### **The Pleiades - six stars visible, yet seven mentioned:**

Amos 5:8: (KJV) Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

It was not possible for humans to know these things.

### **The belt of Orion being loosed!**

Job 38:31: (NKJV) Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, or loose the belt of Orion?

All of the stars in this constellation are going in different directions and eventually it will no longer exist.

The Bible gives us all kinds of evidence that it is the inspired word of God, and we haven't even gotten to prophecy yet!



Orion,  
Hubble Telescope

Ezekiel 37:1-14: (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, can these bones live? I answered, O Lord GOD, you know. <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live...<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.

Bones are something that were once alive, but are not now alive. The passage says that these represented the house of Israel. In the prophecy made long ago, Israel was scattered and dead as a nation. God proclaimed that the nation would rise again! In 1948, Israel came back as a nation! The Bible does not ask us to have faith based on gullibility, but on solid science, prophecy, and more. Faith is an action in our lives, not just a blind belief. We are given ample evidence that it is to be trusted.

### **Does everyone need faith?**

Faith in science, [Richard Dawkins, bigthink.com](http://Richard Dawkins, bigthink.com)

- *There are branches of science I don't understand, for example, physics. It could be said, I suppose, that I have "faith" that physicists understand it better than I do. So when I say something that physicists tell me such as there was nothing before the Big Bang, I sort of have faith that physicists understand that even though I do not understand it. It is not blind faith in the absence of evidence. It is based upon confidence in the scientific method, in the scientific peer review process, that other physicists can test and verify the views of any one physicist.*



### Interestingly, Mr. Dawkins seems to have followed a scriptural principle:

**Romans 10:14-17:** (NASB)<sup>14</sup>How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things! <sup>16</sup>However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report? <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

We have faith in those that carry the message.

**Colossians 1:23:** (KJV) *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

### Faith develops through testing:

**James 1:2-8:** (NRSV) <sup>2</sup>My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; <sup>4</sup>and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup>If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. <sup>6</sup>But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; <sup>7, 8</sup>for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

We have to make sure our faith is the central part of our lives.

**Jude 1:3:** (KJV) *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

Our faith must be based on that which was originally provided - not that which has been added on by man. Our faith is based on a book that is provable through prophecy, science and history. God has a plan for salvation for all mankind. Work your faith so it can work in you!

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Seeing that we have heard a lot from Atheists today, let's try and understand some of the basic structure of Atheism:

**ATHEISM:** a'-the-iz'-m (atheos, "without God" (Ephesians 2:12)): Ordinarily this word is interpreted to mean a denial of the existence of God, a disbelief in God, the opposite of theism. But it seems better that we should consider it under four heads, in order to obtain a clear idea of the different meanings in which it has been used.

(1) The classical. In this sense it does not mean a denial of the existence of a Divine Being, but the denial of the existence or reality of the god of a particular nation. Thus the Christians were repeatedly charged with atheism, because of their disbelief in the gods of heathenism.

(2) Philosophic. It is not meant that the various philosophic systems to which this term is applied actually deny the existence of a Divine Being or of a First Cause, but that they are



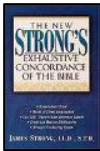
atheistic in their teaching, and tend to unsettle the faith of mankind in the existence of God. There is indeed a belief in a first cause, in force, in motion, in a certain aggregation of materials producing life, but the Divine Being as taught by theism is absolutely denied.

(3) Dogmatic. It absolutely denies the existence of God.

(4) Practical atheism. It has nothing at all to do with belief. Indeed it accepts the affirmations of theism. It has reference wholly to the mode of life. It is to live as though there was no God.

### The Biblical definition of Atheism:

**Ephesians 2:11-13:** (NKJV) <sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope** and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



**Without God:** Strongs #112 atheos (ath'-eh-os); godless KJV-- without God.

**Ezekiel 37:1-14:** (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, can these bones live? I answered, O Lord GOD, you know. <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD. <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

### Our faith must have a humble beginning and a great growth potential:

**1 Peter 5:5-6:** (KJV) <sup>5</sup>Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

**Matthew 17:18-21:** (KJV) <sup>18</sup>And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. <sup>19</sup>Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. <sup>21</sup>Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

### The growth process of our faith:

**Romans 10:9-10:** (KJV) <sup>9</sup>That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.





Romans 10:14-15: (KJV) <sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:17: (KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

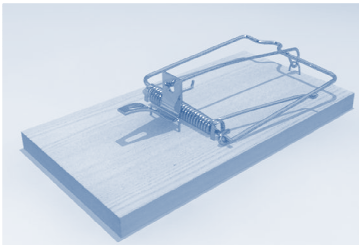
1 Corinthians 2:4-5: (KJV) <sup>4</sup>And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: <sup>5</sup>That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Lastly, just a bit about Darwin's evolution theory...

“To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree.” - Charles Darwin, Chapter 6, Origin of the Species.

The Principle of IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY: Any machine cannot function without a minimum assembly of components; in other words, certain things have to have all of their elements at their most basic level in order to function.

Let's assume a mousetrap as an example.



The function of a mousetrap is to trap a mouse. A basic mousetrap consists of a base, a spring, a hammer, a holding bar and a catch. You can certainly make a more sophisticated trap with more parts and components. But you need a minimum of these parts in order for the mousetrap to function properly. This arrangement we designate as IRREDUCIBLY COMPLEX. You cannot make this machine any simpler without impacting its function. Take away any component and it no longer works!

Now when we apply this idea to step by step Darwinian evolution, we encounter difficulties.

- In order to be selected, a trait needs to bestow an advantage in the competition for survival. It needs to contribute directly to the survival of more offspring.
- But if an irreducibly complex system requires multiple components in order to function, then it cannot come into existence in several precursor steps. Since it *does* function in these precursor steps, it cannot be selected per Darwin's theory!

Actually, this is where Darwin set the bar for the breakdown of his theory. There are myriads of irreducibly complex “machines” within cells!

From our perspective it would take a massive amount of faith (or credulity) to just throw out the irreducibly complex so the theory of evolution can work...

... Think about it!