Elephants

Elephants are the earth’s largest land animals, weighing as much as 6 tonnes. They are best known for their trunks, which are quite unique in the animal kingdom. In fact, elephants couldn’t exist without them.

There are about 50,000 muscles in an elephant’s trunk (proboscis). The end of the trunk is so sensitive that it can pick up a pin. It is also used as an arm to obtain grass, leaves and fruit for food, as a weapon, and to suck up water, which is either squirted into the mouth, or used as a shower. An elephant’s neck is short, and without the trunk it would be unable either to eat or drink. In fact, if for any reason a wild elephant lost its trunk it would soon die.

How did elephants get their trunk? In his Just-so Stories Rudyard Kipling told of a time when elephants had no trunks. One day a baby elephant had its nose stretched by a crocodile, and elephants had long trunks ever since. Just a fable, of course. Yet evolutionists claim that elephants evolved their trunks gradually over 40 million years, but this is surely another Just-so story.

An elephant’s trunk is much more than a stretched nose. When elephants suck water up into their trunks, special valves close to prevent the water entering their lungs, which could be fatal. All other mammals drink through their mouths, so drinking with the nose is a very dangerous and unnatural thing, and could never have evolved gradually. Evolutionists have to believe that while elephants were evolving their trunks they were also evolving those 50,000 special muscles, the brain connections to make them work, and the valves to prevent water inhalation. And if the elephants’ ancestors were able to exist without trunks, why would any of this have been necessary anyway? Most animals exist quite happily with short noses, so there would be no advantage in growing a longer one.

Elephants are unique animals which look as though they were designed by an intelligent, wise Creator.

MEET THE DESIGNER!

When archaeologists come across ancient structures like Stonehenge in England, they longed to find out more about the people responsible. Who built that 4,000-year-old stone circle? Why did they do it? How did they move stone blocks weighing as much as 20 tonnes — some from over 200 miles away in the Welsh mountains? We may never know the answer, but everyone knows that Stonehenge was designed.

From an early age we begin to wonder how our world and universe came into being, and it’s reasonable to believe that an intelligent designer or creator is responsible. We believe that Designer has not hidden Himself from us, but has revealed Himself to us in a book called the Bible. In other words, intelligent people believe in design. But we can know more than that! The Bible not only tells us how creation came into being, but how human rebellion spoilt that good creation and lefts scars which are still visible today. It also tells us how God revealed Himself as someone who knows and loves us personally, and took human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ who is “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15). It’s possible to have a relationship with God to actually meet the Designer! God really longs for you to know Him and live with Him for ever!

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