BELIEVING IS SEEING!

Those of us who can see should be really thankful for eyes to view the wonders of God’s world. With powerful microscopes it is possible to see inside tiny things like living cells, and the world is proving to be even more wonderful than anyone ever thought. People who say that everything evolved are really refusing to believe what they see with their own eyes. Why would they do that? Maybe it’s because they don’t want to believe in God. There were people like that when Jesus, God’s Son, was on earth. He said, “These people have become stubborn. They do not hear and understand what they see with their eyes and hear with their ears. They might really understand in their minds. If they did this, they would come back to me and be forgiven.” (Matthew 12:30).

There is an “impossible object.” It is an “impossible object.” No one has ever been able to draw it correctly. Even with a powerful microscope, it looks like an “impossible object.”

PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS

1. The lines are parallel. 2. The lines are parallel. 3. Could be either — take your pick! 4. They are both equal. 5. Owl. 6. Snake. 7. Lion. 8. Human. 9. Elephant.
It seems difficult to believe that eyes could evolve even once, yet some scientists actually believe eyes evolved separately at least 40 times! There are lots of different eyes in the living world (see the puzzle corner on the next page). All eyes are very well designed, so were they really created by “blind chance”? Have you ever had your eyes tested? If so, it would have been done by an optician — someone who understands how eyes work. If the optician spotted any problems with your eyes or your sight, he or she may have glasses specially designed for you. You would certainly not expect someone who was blind to be able to do this. Our eyes must have been created by Someone who is able to see! In the Bible, we read, “The Lord has made both these things: ears that can hear and eyes that can see.” (Proverbs 20: 12). And the Psalmist asked, “Can’t the maker of eyes see?” (Psalm 94: 9). The answer is, yes, of course He can! God gave every living thing the eyes they needed! Have you ever had your eyes tested? If so, it would have been done by an optician — someone who understands how eyes work. If the optician spotted any problems with your eyes or your sight, he or she may have glasses specially designed for you. You would certainly not expect someone who was blind to be able to do this. Our eyes must have been created by Someone who is able to see! In the Bible, we read, “The Lord has made both these things: ears that can hear and eyes that can see.” (Proverbs 20: 12). And the Psalmist asked, “Can’t the maker of eyes see?” (Psalm 94: 9). The answer is, yes, of course He can! God gave every living thing the eyes they needed!

Did blind chance make seeing eyes?

Charles Darwin’s “eye problem”

Charles Darwin (who was born 200 years ago) persuaded a lot of people that everything on earth came through evolution. But he had to admit there was a problem explaining how eyes could have evolved. He thought the idea was “absurd”, yet still believed that, somehow, it must have happened. Modern evolutionists tell us that eyes began with tiny spots, which could tell the difference between darkness and light, although they can’t explain where those spots came from. Then they believe that these changed into “pin-hole” eyes, and eventually, over millions of years, into eyes like ours. One problem with this idea, is that “primitive” creatures called trilobites (below, left) had very complicated eyes with hundreds of lenses, just like the eyes of living insects. Another amazing thing is that the trilobites’ eyes were specially designed for seeing under water. These eyes are preserved as fossils, but there is no evidence they evolved from anything — they just appear fully formed!

Nature Notes by the Editor

If you live in a country where the winter is cold you need to keep warm and get enough food. Some animals, though, have a better solution: they sleep through the winter! We call it hibernation. Animals that hibernate include hedgehogs, dormice (left) and bats (below, right). Many insects hibernate, too. Hibernation is not like ordinary sleep, but a special, deep sleep, in which the animals’ breathing and heartbeat slow down and their body temperature drops. They usually prepare themselves by eating extra food so that their body has a large store of fat. Some animals, such as squirrels, store nuts to eat later in the winter. Black bears (below) of North America sleep for as much as 100 days during winter. Although some scientists say this is not true hibernation, just a very deep sleep, it is very similar. During this time the bears don’t eat or drink, and their cubs are born in their den in late winter. Although they haven’t eaten for so long, the mother is still able to provide milk for the cubs. Scientists still don’t fully understand hibernation, and how animals can lose so much weight and even muscle tissue, and then rebuild it in the spring. We believe God equipped some of His creatures with this ability, and that this is one of the ways He shows His care for His creation. — Geoff Chapman