Dysteleology, Holoteleology, or Intelligent Design?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I TURNED MY BACK FOR JUST A MINUTE, AND EVERYTHING STARTED EVOLVING!
Case Study - B. B. Warfield (1851-1921)

Systematic Theologian at “old” Princeton Seminary Formulated concursus argument for inspiration of Scripture, wrote for **Fundamentalist**, involved in founding Fundamentalism (not dispensational).

Concursus argument - God acts at all points - and so does the human writer. Thus, the Scriptures are both entirely human and entirely God’s Word. All cultural and personal elements are still there - but God intends them and speaks through them. Both God and the writer are at work.

Applied the same principle to predestination and free-will, and to God’s governance of the events and laws which occur in nature - including medicine and evolution. Both God and Nature (or man) are at work.
"Some lack of general philosophical acumen must be suspected when it is not fully understood that teleology is in no way inconsistent with—is rather necessarily involved with—a complete system of natural causation. Every teleological system implies a complete `causo-mechanistic' explanation as its instrument."
Ideaological mprinting in Science?
Human beings have developed over millions of years…but God had no part in this process

- HS Biology Teachers: 28%
- General Public: 13%

Human beings have developed over millions of years…but God guided this process

- HS Biology Teachers: 30%
- General Public: 47%

God created human beings pretty much in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years or so

- HS Biology Teachers: 16%
- General Public: 48%

No answer / no opinion

- HS Biology Teachers: 9%
- General Public: 9%
Framing the Issue

The ATHEIST

Godless Atheists threaten Christian civilization

How We Believe

Scientific skepticism and the search for God

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The Thinking Person's Answer to Christian Fundamentalism

GOD

THE FAILED HYPOTHESIS

How Science Shows That God Does Not Exist

The END OF FAITH

A Call for Freedom from Religion, Superstition, and Irrationality

The GOD Delusion

Richard Dawkins

The IMPOSSIBILITY OF GOD

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BREAKING THE SPELL

Religion as a Natural Phenomenon

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Does Providence interfere with Science?
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Micromanagement?
No personal freedom?
Causal gaps?
Quantum tweaks?
Fully gifted?
Seeing the Beginning from the End / Eternity

Does seeing purpose require hindsight??
God Said...
Let There Be...
View from ETERNITY
God Said... Let There Be...
When God Speaks from Eternity, which part of space and time does not respond in obedience?
Ordained ends -
Imply necessary causes –
which are thus in turn –
Ordained events -
With necessary causes
Back to the Big Bang
And to quantum events
Planning → Creation → Construction

Goal!! - The New Jerusalem

- The Complete People of God
- Anatomies Supporting Intelligence
- Useable Genetic Probability Space
- Optimal Genetic Code
- Stars able to make Carbon
- Constants of the Big Bang
- The New Jerusalem
- Redeemed Humanity
- Humanity in God’s Image
- Metazoan genomics
- Cellular life
- Second Star Cycle
- Big Bang

Time → Eternity → Time

Miracle

Providence

Ex nihilo event
God throws the creationists a curve...

Revisiting West's Definition

LET THERE BE EVOLUTION.
Conclusion: I.D. versus Holoteleology

by John Wilson
Who shall tell the Ancient of Days how He had to act in creation? He is not a Tame Lion!
Remember!!

A doctrine of God's occasional presence is a doctrine of His usual absence.
– i.e., Material autonomy = Divine Absenteeism

Resolved!! God is free to act in the natural order as He chooses - suddenly or gradually, intrusively or mediately - but never occasionally!!
Why??
Trip in Time
Out, demons OUT!

Where do people learn about evolution?

Americans learn more about evolution theory from Hollywood films, television and church -- than they do from science teachers and scientists.

Unfortunately, the "evolution theory" they learn is not the same evolution theory that scientists use.
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

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