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# Spilled Inkwell or Supreme Text?

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Imagine that you chance upon a book and you ask the guy next to you who authored it. He responds, "No one; an inkwell spilled and formed the words." Of course, you would think his response is ludicrous, absurd, and impossible. Nothing that coherent or methodical could have been created randomly.

Our universe extends for billions of light years, and the sole known inhabited orb is the relatively miniscule planet Earth. Yet it contains *everything* necessary, and in the perfect proportions, to sustain an incalculable number of living creatures.

The sun is positioned at exactly the right distance to ensure that earth doesn't freeze or burn. It evaporates water into clouds and the wind transports these mobile sprinkler systems to irrigate the ground. Fruits grow. Each fruit is equipped with a security box containing seeds that ensure its continued existence. The human species enjoys the same guarantee, as each man is equipped with seeds and the urge to propagate. The mother's body transforms into a cocoon that provides for the fetus' needs for nine months until the baby is fully formed. At the perfect time, the body contracts and forces the baby out, and in tandem, begins preparing the mother's body to produce food.

Humans are typically outfitted with perfectly-fashioned hands, feet, heart, eyes, ears and nose, fabulously intricate digestive and nervous systems, a miniscule dialysis machine, and a lightning speed computer. The body extracts essential nutrients from the food it eats and distributes them with precision to its trillions of cells, via its thousands of miles of blood vessels. Did this all evolve by itself ?

Additionally, how could the entire universe have evolved if there's absolutely nothing recognizable that's still evolving? If things are evolving but simply at an ever so slow rate, how did the human body digest food as the stomach evolved over 10 million years?

So, if it's blatantly obvious that the world hasn't evolved, and one has to be blind not to realize that there's a Creator of our awe-inspiring world, how come most of even the world's greatest thinkers didn't reach this conclusion? The answer is that indeed they were blinded by their desires. Understandably, if there's a Creator, then there must be some reason why that Creator created the world – and no one wants to be told how to live.

Yet, even if evolution were a historical fact, we would still be left with the most glaring issue: How did the primordial substance that ultimately evolved into our universe come into existence?

And here's more food for thought: Although a five- or ten-day week would be logical, the world follows a seven-day week. Is there any plausible source for this indivisible and unlikely number of days aside from the bestselling book of all-time, which relates God's creation of the world in seven days? Google these questions. Now you might not be surprised to find that even Google doesn't have the answers!