

The Incredible Beauty We See

Anthony Flew was, was, one of the world's most famous atheists. He debated believers and asserted that there is no evidence that God exists. Through his writings, lectures and debates in various universities, Flew espoused atheism, saying there was simply not enough evidence to believe in a creator God. However, when Flew was 81 years old, he completely changed his mind.

Flew clearly asserted that he was not senile and that he had not joined any specific religion, but that new, actual evidence in biology, specifically the complexity of the DNA molecule demanded belief in a creator God! In fact, Flew then entitled his newest book, *There IS a God*. (See Wikipedia's entry for Anthony Flew; also Bill Nugent's article on Anthony Flew, *Anthony Flew: A Leading Atheist Who Came to Believe in God*, June 1, 2018, published on his website: <https://bnugent.org>.)

What amazes me is that Flew did not recognize the incredible complexities of each of the human body's main organs. The eye, for instance, is a totally incredible physical, chemical, and optical wonder that could not have created itself! (Flew's recognition of the complexity of the DNA molecule caused him to recognize that complexity of that magnitude could not create itself.) Nor could the brain, the ear nor any other organ have created itself.

That said, we should all marvel at the wonder of our eyes. Most mammals don't see in color, or at least not the full visible color spectrum (although some living creatures do see things not in the humanly visible spectrum). God created, so Flew recognized, the DNA that is the basis of every living cell on earth, from bacteria to humans. The eyes and ears, through which the vast majority of our knowledge enters the brain, are our windows to the world.

But God goes one better: He gives humans the color vision that is not really necessary for survival but is simply an unspeakably precious door that opens vast dimensions of transcendent beauty. At the brink of the Grand Canyon my wife and I were both moved to literal tears at the beauty and grandeur of the size and the spectrum of color that bathed the landscape. Yet compared to the sky, day or night, the Grand Canyon is a mere speck of a speck.

No wonder king David wrote, "The heavens tell of the glory of God; and their expanse declares the work of His hands," Psalm 19:1. No wonder God told Paul to write, that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse," Romans 1:19-20.

As David and Paul recognized the existence of God by seeing what has been made on a cosmic level, so Anthony Flew recognized the existence of a creator God by seeing what has been made on a microscopic level - DNA.

Thank you, Lord, for creating us, for knitting us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). And thank You for giving us vision to see the world, and color vision to appreciate more deeply the incredible beauty You have placed all around us.

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