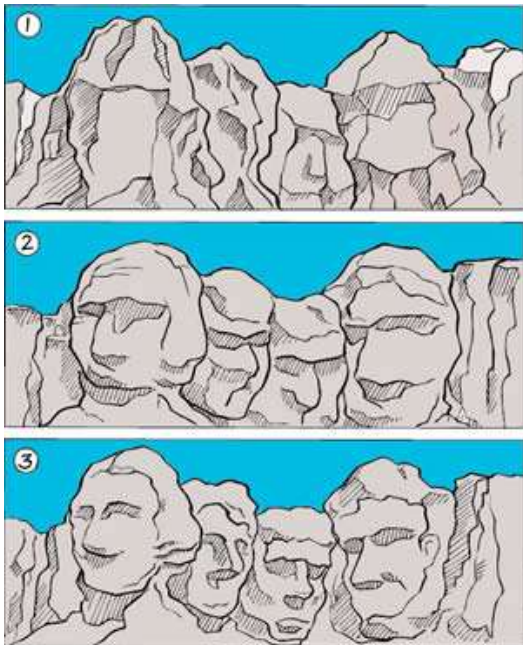


## **Mount Rushmore National Monument:**

Four 60 foot granite faces were carved by Gutzon Borglum. Carving began in 1927 and ended in 1941; it took 14 years and 400 men to complete. With the use of pneumatic drills and dynamite these four massive heads were carved out of a granite mountaintop. Highly skilled workers used dynamite to remove 90% of the 450,000 tons of granite. These highly skilled workers could blast to within inches of the finished surface. Then drillers used air powered tools to drill holes closely spaced together and removed the remaining rock between the holes with using hammers and chisels. Finally pneumatic drills were used to smooth out the surface, leaving the four colossal heads we see today. To go from the sculptor's models to the large scale granite rock took complicated mathematics. Also, to prevent loss of life, Borglum developed special harness for the workers. Four presidents were chosen: George Washington was the "father of our country" and our first president. Thomas Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence. Theodore Roosevelt built the Panama Canal. Abraham Lincoln was president during the Civil War and was able to hold the Union together while abolishing slavery.

When you look at these four faces in the mountain, you can tell immediately that they were made by an intelligent designer. No one would believe that the four presidents' heads were the result of millions of years of erosion. We know it was designed and when we see a design, we know there must be a designer and in this case it was Gutzon Borglum.



In the same way, consider the eye....

The eye is irreducibly complex, all the pieces needed to be present or the eye would not be able to see. From the very beginning you would need the cornea, lens, retina, correct fluid pressure within the eye, optic nerve and the brain to interpret it. This is just a small list of the pieces that are needed in order to see. Evolution says that the eye evolved over millions of years, with each piece evolving as the eye needed it. How could blind chance create a seeing eye? It can not! The eye is irreducibly complex. All the pieces needed to be present at the beginning or the eye would not be able to work. The eye is very much like a camera. In fact, the camera was patterned after the eye. Camera makers proudly put their name on their product. If we say there is a camera maker, does it not stand to reason that the more complex human camera, the eye, must also have a Maker?

**The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made them both. Proverbs 20:12**

So as you gaze upon Mt. Rushmore with your eyes, realize that both Mt. Rushmore and your eyes were designed and created by a designer; the former by Gutzon Borglum the later by God.