

## Beetles

Beetles are incredibly complex organisms. Winged beetles, Oil beetles, Head Stander beetles, Dung beetles, and Bombardier beetles show how unlikely the chances of evolution are, and how God created even lowly beetles with everything they need to survive.

There is a type of winged beetle that lives on large continental areas. The same type of beetle can be found on small, windy islands, but this beetle is wingless. How did this happen? Somewhere along the line a beetle's genetic information for making wings was damaged or destroyed, causing that beetle's offspring to be wingless. At the same time the flying beetles were getting blown into the sea. Eventually only the wingless beetles survived in that area. Thus, not having wings was a good thing. These beetles did not evolve. Evolution is gaining genetic information, and in this example, beetles lost genetic information.

Oil beetle mothers lay their eggs in the ground close to a beehive. After the eggs hatch, the larvae climb up onto a flower and wait for a bee. When a bee comes, the larvae grab on to the bee and are brought back to the beehive. The larvae get off the bee, and eat the bee's honey and grow

quickly. This many factors could not all have come together by chance. Only a creator would have put bees and beetles together, and given beetles the ability to make such superb arrangements for their offspring.

Head Stander beetles live in hot sand dunes on the African seacoast. Fog rolls in over the sand dunes early every morning. The head stander beetle gets out of the sand dune, puts its head down facing the fog, and allows water droplets to form on its back and roll down into its mouth. If these beetles lived in the desert without the ability to collect water, they would die. Chance could not have given a beetle all the equipment needed to collect enough water to survive in desert conditions, as well as the ability to use the equipment.

Dung beetles are very helpful beetles. Flies and other disease-carrying organisms live in dung. Dung beetles get rid of dung by burying it. This greatly reduces flies and disease and fertilizes the land, benefiting the entire environment. No evidence has ever been seen of chance creating something that keeps the environment in perfect balance.

Bombardier beetles are extremely complex. They have three sacs in their bodies: one sac to hold hydrogen peroxide, one sac to hold hydroquinone, and one sac in which the beetle mixes the chemicals. When the beetle is threatened, it mixes the hydrogen peroxide and hydroquinone in its third sac, and then adds an enzyme. This enzyme is a catalyst that heats the hydrogen peroxide and hydroquinone almost to boiling. The beetle then shoots about 70 small but extremely accurate shots through a sphincter controlled firing mechanism, driving away predators. This complex mechanism could not have evolved. If the beetle developed the chemicals but did not have three separate sacs, the chemicals would kill the beetle. If the chemicals somehow made it into specialized sacs, but the beetle had not yet developed its firing mechanism, the beetle would blow itself up. Something this complex could not have happened by chance.

Moses recorded God's words on Genesis 1:25 saying "And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and every thing that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." Beetles are incredibly complex organisms that could not have evolved. Their existence testifies to a creator.

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