

1 THE COURT: All right. We welcome you all
2 back from our lunch break. We're two or three minutes
3 later than we wanted to be, but you'll excuse that, I
4 hope, and we'll proceed. Mr. Walczak, back to you.

5 MR. WALCZAK: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 **DIRECT EXAMINATION** (continued)

7 BY MR. WALCZAK:

8 Q. Dr. Miller, I want to now switch gears from the
9 discussion of the textbook Of Pandas and People to
10 Professor Behe. Who is Michael Behe?

11 A. Michael Behe, I believe, is a professor of
12 biochemistry at Lehigh University.

13 Q. And has he done research on intelligent design?

14 A. Well, to be perfectly honest, I'm not sure that
15 he's done research on intelligent design. I'm aware of
16 some of his published peer reviewed literature and can
17 say that it concerns a wide variety of topics. I
18 believe nucleotide and nucleic acid biogenesis, and most
19 recently, a study on random replacement of neucleoties
20 in genes; in other words, sort of a moving around of the
21 genetic code and see happens to a gene.

22 Q. So Dr. Behe has published some peer reviewed
23 articles, but these are not on intelligent design?

24 A. To my reading, none of them actually are on
25 intelligent design. He's published a fair number, good

1 number of peer reviewed articles in leading peer
2 reviewed scientific journals, no question.

3 Q. What is it that Professor Behe brings to the
4 concept of intelligent design? Does he bring some idea
5 to the table here?

6 A. Yes, I think he does. And the idea that he
7 brings to the table, as you put it, is that the classic
8 argument from design, which has been around for
9 hundreds, thousands of years, that biological systems
10 are complex and suggest the existence of a designer can
11 also be phrased in terms of biochemistry.

12 So I believe Dr. Behe's book, Darwin's Black Box,
13 was subtitled the Biochemical Challenge to Evolution, so
14 what he brings to the discussion basically is the old
15 argument from design written up in the new language of
16 biochemistry.

17 Q. Let's take that in a couple of steps. First of
18 all, you mentioned Darwin's Black Box. And I direct
19 your attention to Plaintiff's Exhibit 434. Is this the
20 book to which you refer?

21 A. Yes, sir, it is.

22 Q. And is this the book that Professor Behe wrote
23 which explains his idea of irreducible complexity?

24 A. Yes, sir, it is.

25 Q. Now let me ask you. Is this a peer-reviewed

1 publication?

2 A. To my understanding, no. Books like this are
3 subject of what you might call a kind of peer review,
4 which is a discussion between you and the editor and
5 perhaps the copy editor, in the same way that my own
6 book, Finding Darwin's God, was subject to those
7 discussions. But by the standards of science, neither
8 my book nor Dr. Behe's book counts as a peer-review
9 publication.

10 Q. Now you said a moment ago that Dr. Behe's idea
11 isn't actually new. What do you mean by that?

12 A. Well, the essential argument that some features
13 of living things are too complex to have been generated
14 in any other way other than by attribution to a designer
15 is an idea that, to my poor understanding of ancient
16 philosophy goes back to the Greeks. And in western
17 culture, very often one would go back to a book called
18 Natural Theology that was written by the Reverend
19 William Paley and published, I believe, in 1802.

20 And Paley's book had what's probably the best
21 pre-Charles Darwin classical formulation of the idea of
22 intelligent design. Paley was quite a naturalist. And
23 he really understood the complexities of living systems,
24 of living organs. He understood how they work with each
25 other, how delicate the interplay is. And he said that

1 this very complexity argued for the presence and the
2 existence of an intelligent designer who drafted all
3 these organisms and created each of them individually.

4 Q. And did Reverend Paley use certain examples that
5 we might be familiar with?

6 A. Yes, he did. Paley used a whole variety of
7 examples. And I believe some of them included the
8 nervous system, the muscular system, the digestive
9 system. And he used them in a variety of different
10 types of organisms. So it was a very interesting book
11 to read, and still is a very interesting book to read.
12 The example of Paley's that I think is remembered the
13 best is the example of the eye.

14 And he pointed out that the eyes that we humans
15 have -- because among the animal kingdom, we have very
16 good eyes. Very few animals that can surpass the human
17 eye. Our eye is a complex multi-part system. And I
18 can't name all the parts not being an anatomist. But we
19 have the cornea, we have the lens, we have the iris, we
20 have the aqueous humor, the vitreous humor. We have the
21 retina in the back of the eye. And for proper vision,
22 all of these parts have to work together as a
23 coordinated whole. And that was part of Paley's
24 example.

25 Paley said, for example, what good would a lens

1 be without a retina? And what good would a retina be
2 without a lens? And, therefore, all the parts would
3 have to be assembled together. And, therefore, only a
4 designer could do that.

5 Q. So his conclusion was that, there could not be a
6 natural explanation for this complex system, the eye,
7 therefore, there was a designer?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. And did Paley identify the designer?

10 A. To Reverend William Paley, there was absolutely
11 no doubt as to who the designer was. He said it was
12 God.

13 Q. And so how does Dr. Behe's argument differ from
14 Reverend Paley's?

15 A. Well, as far as I can tell, it differs in two
16 essential respects. The first respect is that, Dr.
17 Behe, although he praises the arguments of William Paley
18 in several areas of his book, argues that the argument
19 from design, as Paley's argument is known, is made most
20 effectively at the level of the cell, at the level of
21 the molecule.

22 So he basically has attempted to update Paley's
23 argument, not by looking at large organ systems, but by
24 looking at biochemical machines that exist inside
25 individual living cells. And the second way in which

1 his argument differs from Paley is that, Dr. Behe, after
2 coming to the same conclusion, that there had to be an
3 independent designer, a creative force that created
4 these machines, these pathways, and put them into being,
5 Dr. Behe is unwillingly to name the identity of that
6 designer.

7 And I believe he suggests that the designer, of
8 course, could be a divine force, but it could be super
9 intelligent space aliens from Mars or perhaps time
10 traveling cell biologists going into the past from the
11 future and causing the structures to be put together.

12 Q. And have you actually heard Dr. Behe use these
13 examples?

14 A. Yes, sir, I have. Dr. Behe and I have discussed
15 and debated this issue a number of times, and these are
16 examples that he has used in those discussions.

17 Q. Now Dr. Behe advances an idea known as
18 irreducible complexity. Can you explain to us what that
19 idea consists of?

20 A. Sure. The idea of irreducible complexity starts
21 with the observation that living cells contain complex
22 biochemical systems and machines. They are composed of
23 many parts. He then suggests that, that complexity is
24 irreducible. What he means by irreducible complexity
25 is, if we start to take a few parts away to see if we

1 can make a simpler machine, we very quickly discover
2 that we can't, that a machine stops functioning.

3 Now I've prepared a few demonstratives with
4 quotes from Dr. Behe's work to sort of illustrate this
5 point, if it's all right for the Court to show these.

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 BY MR. WALCZAK:

8 Q. Could we have the bacterial flagellum power
9 point?

10 A. So this is, in a way, a summary of Dr. Behe's
11 argument. And one of the things that I think is
12 important to make clear to the Court is that, it is
13 absolutely true that there are many, many structures in
14 the living cell, many biochemical pathways for which we
15 don't have a detailed biochemical -- excuse me, a
16 detailed evolutionary explanation. That is a point that
17 all scientists will concede. Do Doctor --

18 Q. I'm sorry. Is that true just about evolutionary
19 theory or is that true about any science?

20 A. That's true about anything. In cell biology, for
21 example, I think most people and the court are aware
22 that when a cell divides, the chromosomes that carry the
23 genetic information of a cell are moved apart and
24 separated into the two daughter cells. We have enormous
25 arguments in the field of cell biology as to what the

1 exact mechanism is by which that force is generated. We
2 can all see it happen. Any high school student can
3 watch the separation of chromosomes under a microscope
4 in a high school laboratory. But we still don't know
5 exactly what the motor or the mechanism is that moves
6 these apart. There are many, many other unsolved
7 problems in biology.

8 Q. I'm sorry. Please continue.

9 A. Sure. So it's important to note that Dr. Behe's
10 argument does not say simply, well, there are complex
11 structures within the cell for whom we do not understand
12 the detailed evolutionary origin of, that's absolutely
13 true. But his argument really rises to a different
14 level. What I've shown on this slide is a diagram of
15 the bacterial flagellum.

16 Now bacteria, of course, are very, very simple
17 cells. They're found everywhere in nature. They're
18 found, for example, in our digestive systems. They're
19 found in the skin. They're found on the surface of the
20 table. Some bacteria have little whip like structures
21 called flagellum. You might almost considers them to be
22 outboard motors. And these things whip around at very
23 high rates of speed, and they propel the bacteria
24 through water, or sometimes they pull the bacteria in
25 sort of a screw like motion through the water.

1 So it's marvelous machines. They are acid
2 powdered reversible rotary engines. These are marvelous
3 little machines, and they are made of a whole series of
4 protein parts, some of which are shown in this little
5 diagram here. Now if we can animate this slide a little
6 bit. Next point.

7 Now what I wrote here is that, Dr. Behe has made
8 very clear in what I think is fairly called his
9 biochemical argument from design, that that argument
10 depends upon a much bolder claim than simply saying,
11 scientists have not completely explained how this
12 structure evolved. And that bolder claim is shown in
13 the next animated section of this slide.

14 And that is that, the evolution of complex
15 biochemical structures cannot even or ever be explained
16 in principle. And, of course, what he means by that is,
17 there is some aspect of this complexity, which means we
18 can say not just, we haven't figured it out yet, but we
19 will never figure it out, and that's where the evidence
20 for design lies.

21 Now if I may advance to the next slide. I'll try
22 to use Dr. Behe's words to explain why he holds this
23 point of view. The reason that evolution cannot
24 explain, he says, the origin of such structures is
25 because they have a property, which he calls irreducible

1 complexity, or they are irreducibly complex. I thought
2 it best for the Court to read the description of
3 irreducible complexity in Dr. Behe's own words.

4 So in the lower part of the the slide, I have a
5 quotation from page 39 of his book, Darwin's Black
6 Block. And I will read that to the Court. Quote, By
7 irreducibly complex, I mean a single system composed of
8 several well-matched, interacting parts that contribute
9 to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of
10 the parts causes the system to effectively cease
11 functioning.

12 And now, from my point of view, the key part of
13 the argument, and I'll continue to read. An irreducibly
14 complex system cannot be produced directly by slight,
15 successive modifications of a pre-cursor system -- and
16 that's how evolution would have to produce it -- because
17 any pre-cursor to an irreducibly complex system that is
18 missing a part is by definition non-functional.

19 So his argument is that, if you have a multi-part
20 system, and all the parts are necessary to function, you
21 can't produce that system five parts at a time, six,
22 seven, and gradually build up the complex system,
23 because there is no function possible until the last
24 part is snapped into place. And that's why evolution
25 cannot produce that system.

1 Now the next slide is another quote of Dr. Behe's
2 that tries to make this point absolutely explicit as to
3 why you need the system to be working. He points out,
4 another quote, Darwin's Black Box, page 39, quote, Since
5 natural selection can only choose systems that are
6 already working -- and if you remember, his contention
7 is, if you're missing a part, you're not working -- then
8 if a biological system cannot be produced gradually, it
9 would have to arise as an integrated unit, in one fell
10 swoop, for natural selection to have anything to act
11 upon, closed quote.

12 And Dr. Behe rightly points out that, to imagine
13 such complex systems arising spontaneously in one fell
14 swoop is something that no serious biologist would argue
15 could happen, and I will not argue either. So his point
16 is, as long as irreducible complexity holds, then any
17 system we can identify as irreducibly complex couldn't
18 have been produced by evolution. It's a very, very
19 coherent argument.

20 Q. Does he identify some organisms that he calls
21 irreducibly complex?

22 A. Well, counselor, not so much organisms, but he
23 certainly identifies some machines and some structures
24 that he regards as irreducibly complex, one of which, of
25 course, is the bacterial flagellum. And I pointed out,

1 this slide contains a diagram of the flagellum. And to
2 the right is actually sort of what we call a false
3 color, but an electron micrograph showing a bacterium
4 with several flagellum protruding from one end.

5 So that is one of the principal systems to which
6 he points. Now the next slide, please. And I should
7 also point out, to be a little more responsive than I
8 have been to your question, that Dr. Behe also says, the
9 blood clotting cascade that we talked about earlier as
10 an example of an irreducibly complex system, the
11 eukaryotic cilium, similar system to the flagellum,
12 that's irreducibly complex, the vesicle targeting system
13 that parcels out things in living cells, and also the
14 immune system are all examples of irreducibly complex
15 systems.

16 Now what I did in this slide was to prepare a
17 graphic to make this point as clear as possible to those
18 of us in court today. And that is to emphasize that
19 complex biochemical machines composed of multiple
20 interacting parts, if they work, they can have a
21 function that's favored by natural selection. The
22 essence of the biochemical argument from irreducible
23 complexity, however, is that the individual parts of
24 that machine have no function of their own.

25 And because they have no function on their own,

1 they cannot be produced by natural selection and,
2 therefore, the impediment, the reason you can't get to
3 here from there, you can't go from individual parts to
4 the machine, is because the individual parts have no
5 functions of their own.

6 Now evolutionary biology has grappled with this
7 problem before. And the next slide shows how
8 evolutionary biologists generally explain the evolution
9 of complex machines. And that is, they agree, yes,
10 there are such machines. You need all these parts for a
11 particular function. But where these machines come from
12 is, they come from pre-existing machines which have
13 functions of their own, and that the individual parts of
14 these machines originate in components that have
15 different functions.

16 So the way in which evolutionary biology picks up
17 Dr. Behe's challenge is to basically say, you're wrong,
18 that the individual parts of these machines cannot have
19 a function that is favored by natural selection. Now
20 that, of course, in this slide, this is not evidence, of
21 course, in the scientific sense. This is merely an
22 argument.

23 But the reason I like the way that Dr. Behe has
24 put his argument, and I like sort of describing it this
25 way, is because it actually is amenable to a scientific

1 test. Something that most arguments for intelligent
2 design are not. And the next slide.

3 Q. I'm sorry. This is -- is Dr. Behe's argument for
4 irreducible complexity, is that an argument directly for
5 design?

6 A. That's a good point. The answer is, no, it's
7 not. It really is an argument that says why such
8 systems are not produceable by evolution. So it's a
9 negative argument against evolution. It is in itself
10 not evidence. Even if the argument were correct, it's
11 not evidence of a designer, it's not argument for
12 design, it simply is an argument that the evolutionary
13 mechanism wouldn't work in this case.

14 Q. So that's why this argument is testable?

15 A. That is correct. As I mentioned earlier, one of
16 the problems with intelligent design is that it doesn't
17 make any testable predictions. This actually isn't a
18 testable prediction of design either. This is simply an
19 argument as to why evolution wouldn't work. And that
20 can be subjected to a test.

21 Q. Please continue.

22 A. Thank you. Next slide, please. So what I have
23 done in this slide is to place the graphic summaries of
24 the argument from irreducible complexity that I just
25 made in the upper left-hand corner of the slide, and in

1 the upper right-hand corner, I have basically put the
2 evolutionary explanation using the same graphic
3 convention. And the nature of the test that I or any
4 other scientist would propose is pretty simple.

5 If you animate the slide, you'll see that Dr.
6 Behe's prediction is that the parts of any irreducibly
7 complex system should have no useful function.

8 Therefore, we ought to be able to take the bacterial
9 flagellum, for example, break its parts down, and
10 discover that none of the parts are good for anything
11 except when we're all assembled in a flagellum.

12 If evolutionary theory holds, however, and we can
13 animate again, and we'll show that in the right-hand
14 side, evolution makes an extremely straight forward
15 prediction. And that is, when we look at these
16 irreducibly complex structures, we ought to be able to
17 find parts of those systems that actually do have useful
18 functions within them.

19 So we can do a very straight forward either/or
20 test to distinguish between these two alternatives. So
21 what I'd like to show in the next slide is how such a
22 test can be conducted. This is a -- in the upper
23 right-hand corner of the slide is a graphic
24 representation from a review article showing some of the
25 proteins involved in the construction of the bacterial

1 flagellum.

2 Now the individual names of the gene products
3 need not concern us. They often begin with FL for
4 flagellum. But as you can see, just as Dr. Behe says,
5 this is a complex multi-part biochemical machine. Now
6 the test that I would propose, we can animate the slide,
7 please, to start with this flagellum. And if Dr. Behe
8 is correct, if we take away even one part, there should
9 be no function.

10 But I'm going to propose that we take away not
11 one, not two, I'm going to propose we take away 30
12 parts. And what I'm going to propose to do is, take 30
13 of these proteins away and see what is left. And the
14 slide that I set up is animated, and what we have done
15 is -- actually, could you go back for the animation and
16 then do it again?

17 And let's watch the Court do it, and we'll do the
18 animation now. Thank you. And you can see the parts
19 that I have removed are on the outside and the inside,
20 and what are left are 10 proteins that span the inner
21 and outer membrane. These bacteria, many of them are
22 surrounded by two membranes.

23 These 10 remaining parts are shown in the next
24 diagram, which will come up on the slide. And this is a
25 diagram showing where these 10 parts are. They exist at

1 the very base of the flagellum near one of the cellular
2 membranes.

3 Now the prediction that is made by Dr. Behe in
4 his book is extremely straight forward, which is, since
5 this was an irreducibly complex machine, and we've taken
6 away most of its parts, what's left behind should be
7 non-functional because, you remember, he wrote, any
8 pre-cursor to an irreducibly complex machine that is
9 missing a part is, by definition, non-functional. This
10 guy is missing 30 parts.

11 Next slide. Well, it turns out that what is
12 actually left behind when we take those parts away is a
13 little structure with those 10 parts, which is known to
14 microbiologists as the type III secretory system. And I
15 can see, Mr. Walczak, you're saying, why, of course,
16 it's the type III secretory system.

17 THE COURT: That certainly was on my mind.

18 THE WITNESS: Exactly. Now I was expecting
19 a question of, how do you know it's not type II or type
20 IV? The type III secretory system is a little molecular
21 syringe that some of the nastiest bacteria in all of
22 nature have. *Yersinia pestis*, for example, which is the
23 organism that causes bubonic plague, is a type III
24 secretor. And what it does is, it gets inside our body,
25 crawls up alongside, and uses this syringe to inject

1 poisons into a human cell.

2 And in the lower left-hand corner of the
3 slide, I have some diagrams showing the operation of a
4 type III secretory system. Now the connection between
5 this and the flagellum is that the type III -- the 10
6 proteins in the type III system are almost a precise
7 match for the corresponding 10 proteins in the base of
8 the bacterial flagellum.

9 So it's very clear that a subset of those
10 proteins has an entirely different function, a
11 beneficial function, not for us, but for the bacterium,
12 and a function that can and is favored by natural
13 selection. Can I have the next slide, please? So the
14 summary of this example is really very straight forward.

15 When we take this complex multi-part system,
16 which is the bacterial flagellum, the prediction made by
17 Dr. Behe from irreducible complexity is when we break
18 the parts apart, we should have no useful functions.
19 Anyone missing a part is, by definition, non-functional.
20 We follow that up. We do break it apart. And lo and
21 behold, we find -- actually, we find a variety of useful
22 functions, one of which I have just pointed out, which
23 is type III secretion.

24 What that means, in ordinary scientific
25 terms is that, the argument that Dr. Behe is made is

1 falsified, it's wrong, it's time to go back to the
2 drawing board.

3 Q. And does Dr. Behe focus on just one type of cell?
4 I'm sorry if I'm using the wrong terms here.

5 A. No, he doesn't. His arguments extend to a wide
6 variety of cells and a wide variety of systems that he
7 identifies as irreducibly complex.

8 Q. But the reasoning, the analysis that you just
9 went through is -- applies in the same fashion to these
10 other examples, is that correct?

11 A. Yes, it would. And if I could redirect the
12 Court's recollection to earlier today, one of those
13 systems was, in fact, the blood clotting cascade. And
14 Pandas, and as it turns out, Dr. Behe's book, Darwin's
15 Black Box, makes the same statement, which is that, all
16 of the parts have to be together for blood to clot
17 effectively.

18 The exact quotation, I think, is, if even one
19 part is missing, the system fails and blood does not
20 clot. And I then showed that when we look for, for
21 example, at the genome sequence of the puffer fish, we
22 find that three of the parts are missing and blood still
23 clots perfectly well.

24 That is exactly the same kind of argument, which
25 we just examined, and also found wanting in another of

1 Dr. Behe's chosen examples, which is the flagellum.

2 Q. I asked you, in preparation, to select a third
3 example, and that was the immune system. What is the
4 immune system?

5 A. Well, it's a very good question, because we all
6 depend for our very lives on a functioning immune
7 system. It's a system of our body that is widely
8 distributed. We have cells from our immune system sort
9 of engaging in patrol, floating throughout the blood
10 stream and the tissues. And it's a system that enables
11 us to identify, defend against, and to repel foreign
12 invaders.

13 When I was a little boy, for example, it was on
14 vacation, too, which I never really liked very much, I
15 got the chicken pox, and I was very, very sick. And it
16 was during spring vacation, so I had the wonderful
17 experience of being sick during vacation week. But
18 chicken pox is a virus when invades the human body, the
19 immune system recognizes the code proteins on the virus,
20 makes cells that can continue to recognize it, and
21 produces proteins called antibodies that will bind to
22 the surface of the virus.

23 What that meant is, once I had gone through that
24 miserable week with the chicken pox, I could be
25 confident I would never get it again. I would be

1 permanently immune to the chicken box. This is a very
2 important realization for medicine to have because, of
3 course, most of us in this room have received
4 vaccinations designed to stimulate our immunity from
5 diseases far worse than chicken pox such as, for
6 example, polio and diphtheria and whooping cough in an
7 effort to stipulate our immune systems to make sure we
8 never get sick from those diseases.

9 Q. Have you prepared a presentation on the immune
10 system that will help you to explain this?

11 A. Yes, sir, I have. And if we could show the first
12 slide, I want to start -- and, Your Honor, I may have to
13 stand up to --

14 THE COURT: That's fine.

15 THE WITNESS: Thanks. I thought I would
16 start by pointing out an essential protein of the immune
17 system. You can't work without it. That essential
18 protein is sometimes -- it is called by researchers an
19 immunoglobulin, but it is more commonly called an
20 antibody. These are the essential molecules of the
21 immune system.

22 In the upper left-hand corner of the slide,
23 there is a molecular diagram for what an antibody
24 actually looks like. It basically is a little Y shaped
25 molecule with two binding sites. And you'll notice in

1 the slide, those binding sites are labeled foreign
2 particle binding sites. I hope I have antibodies
3 circulating in my bloodstream against chicken pox. So
4 if I get chicken pox virus in my body, that foreign
5 particle binding site on my chicken pox antibody will
6 bind to the surface of the virus. Another one will bind
7 to the other site.

8 And gradually, the virus will be cross
9 linked into a mesh world, which my immune system
10 recognizes, eliminates from the circulation, and
11 destroys. And that's why, hopefully, I'm not going to
12 get chicken pox again. Now in the lower right-hand is a
13 more diagrammatic view of this molecule. It's made up
14 of four parts.

15 These are each polypeptides, and they're
16 diagrammed. And you'll notice that part of these --
17 each of the polypeptides is colored blue, and another
18 part is colored red. The red says, variable region.
19 Now I know some of my own vaccination history, so I've
20 been vaccinated against polio, diphtheria, measles, and a
21 number of other diseases.

22 The antibodies in my body against polio
23 differ from the antibodies I have against diphtheria in
24 the variable regions. They have a different shape
25 because the viruses or the bacteria have different

1 molecules on the surface.

2 The genius, if you will, of the immune
3 system, is that it can produce an antibody that will
4 attach to, stick to, identify, and destroy just about
5 anything. So one of the most important things in our
6 immune system is the ability, basically, to produce
7 antibodies against any conceivable molecule that might
8 get inside our body. Can I have the next slide?

9 Now about 20 years ago, a scientist working
10 at MIT named Susumu Tonegawa -- I know I'm going to have
11 to spell that for the court reporter -- determined
12 exactly how antibodies had the ability to produce such
13 diversity. And that is, it turns out to be a system in
14 the genes of cells in the immune system known as a VDJ
15 recombination system.

16 And this system is not at all unlike a
17 dealer shuffling a deck of cards, and that at a certain
18 point in development, parts of DNA, in a variety of
19 genes, are literally shuffled. They're tossed from one
20 side to another, and they are rearranged to form a final
21 gene. Now some elements of this shuffling are random
22 just like you hope the dealer, when you go to Las Vegas,
23 is shuffling those card randomly so you don't know what
24 you're going to get.

25 But it's in that random shuffling that our

1 immune system develops the ability to produce an
2 antibody to just about anything. That shuffling is at
3 the heart of why the immune system works. If anything
4 goes wrong with this process, the individual in which it
5 goes wrong loses the ability to make diverse antibodies,
6 they get very sick, and they're in big trouble when they
7 start to see foreign organisms.

8 Now the next slide. Where did this system
9 come from? That's the question that people interested
10 in evolution always try to answer. About 10 years ago,
11 a number of scientists, including Nobel Prize winner
12 David Baltimore, speculated that this process, which is
13 called VDJ recombination, might actually have evolved
14 from a system known as transposition, a system in which
15 genes jump around.

16 What I have placed on the slide in addition
17 to this diagram and the reference to the Baltimore
18 group's paper in the proceedings of the National Academy
19 of Sciences is a quotation from this paper illustrating
20 his hypothesis. They, and he means the gene shuffling
21 system, could have been part of retrotransposons and had
22 a DNA rearrangement function this their previous life.
23 It's possible that the ancestors of these genes, they're
24 called RAG genes, may have been horizontally transferred
25 into a metazoan multi-cellular animal lineage at a

1 recent point in evolution.

2 So he argued, he suggests there might be an
3 evolutionary way to explain where this system came from.
4 It's a very interesting suggestion. And as I wrote in
5 the slide, perhaps the three part system arose from a
6 type of mobile genetic element known as a transposon.
7 It's a hypothesis, but the important point, and the
8 reason it's useful is that, it is a testable hypothesis.

9 Can I have the next slide, please? Now Dr.
10 Behe was aware when he wrote Darwin's Black Box of the
11 speculations of the Baltimore lab.

12 BY MR. WALCZAK:

13 Q. I'm sorry, what year was Black Box written?

14 A. That was written in 1996.

15 Q. And the Baltimore article was?

16 A. 1994.

17 Q. So Dr. Behe addressed that. And he regarded this
18 as mere speculation. And he also basically told
19 researchers, don't bother. And the reason you shouldn't
20 bother is actually given in the bottom of the slide. On
21 page 130 of Darwin's Black Box, he wrote, and I quote,
22 In the absence of the machine -- that's the gene
23 shuffling machine -- the parts never get cut and joined.

24 In the absence of the signals for where to cut,
25 it's like expecting the machine that's randomly cutting

1 paper to make a paper doll. And, of course, in an
2 absence of the message for the antibody itself, the
3 other components would be useless, closed quote. So he
4 basically argues, because this is a multi-part system
5 and all parts had to be together for it to work ahead of
6 time, you're not going make any progress.

7 A few pages later, he's even more explicit about
8 that. On page 139, he wrote, quote, As scientists, we
9 yearn to understand how this magnificent mechanism came
10 to be, but the complexity of the system dooms all
11 Darwinian explanations to frustration. Sisyphus himself
12 would pity us. I hope you're up on your classical
13 mythology.

14 Q. That's what Dr. Behe wrote in his book in 1996?

15 A. That is correct, sir. He basically told
16 scientists, don't bother to try to investigate the
17 evolution of this because it's irreducibly complex, it's
18 multi-part, you cannot solve it with evolution.

19 Q. So what's happened since then?

20 A. What's happened since then is, I think, very
21 interesting. Can I have the next slide? This is the
22 quote from Dr. Behe. The complexity of the system dooms
23 all Darwinian explanations to frustration. If you
24 animate the slide, please.

25 In 1996, the same year that Darwin's Black Box

1 came out, very strong biochemical similarities were
2 found between this shuffling process, the VDJ
3 recombination, and the way in which retroviruses shuffle
4 their DNA, very suggestive.

5 Q. Now when you say, found, where was this found?

6 A. The -- well, the report is in the journal
7 Science. This particular case, I believe, was found in
8 a prokaryotic system because retroviruses can go into
9 all sorts of systems. But the important point is, these
10 investigators noticed there were biochemical
11 similarities between the way the genes are shuffled in
12 the immune system and the way that retroviruses go into
13 other cells.

14 Q. This is a publication that has been peer
15 reviewed?

16 A. That is correct. This is the journal Science,
17 one of the best scientific publications in the United
18 States. And, obviously, this was peer reviewed
19 research.

20 Q. Please continue.

21 A. Happy to. Two years later in the journal Nature,
22 which I have plugged repeatedly as a great publication,
23 it turns out that the cutting and transposing enzymes
24 that are normally used for these transposable genetic
25 elements can be replaced by the RAG enzymes, which do

1 the cutting and pasting in the immune system. So that's
2 suggested a further biochemical similarity between these
3 two systems published in 1998 in the journal Nature.
4 Also, of course, peer reviewed. Can I have the next
5 element, please?

6 In 2000, the RAG enzymes were shown to cause
7 transposition in mammalian cells. What this meant was,
8 not only can they shuffle the immune system pieces of
9 DNA, they can shuffle other pieces of DNA as well. So
10 little by little, we're beginning to understand that
11 elements of the Baltimore hypothesis are being born out
12 by published research in peer review journals.

13 Q. What is Blood? Is that also a peer reviewed
14 publication?

15 A. Blood is also a peer reviewed journal. This is
16 an original research paper subjected to the usual
17 process of review. Can I have the next slide, please?
18 Once again, the quote that we've been talking about, if
19 you could advance it, in 2003, the VDJ recombinase was
20 shown to cause transposition -- in other words, shuffle
21 DNA around -- not just in mammalian cells, but in human
22 cells as well.

23 The next animation, please, will show the
24 transposases were discovered in nature not associated
25 with the immune system that are a perfect mimic for the

1 way the immune system gene shuffling machine works in
2 human cells. And this was in the journal Nature.

3 And finally, the last part of this puzzle was put
4 together in the last year, and that is the actual
5 transposic from which these enzymes and insertion
6 sequences evolved were identified by a paper printed in
7 the public library of science, which is a brand new, but
8 very highly regarded peer review journal, and this is
9 Kapitonov & Jurka in 2005.

10 It's worth noting how these researchers described
11 their own work. And the next slide will show a
12 facsimile of the paper, and also has a quotation from
13 the abstract. Now this is absolutely filled with
14 technically latent language, but it shows how thoroughly
15 researchers have explored this particular -- this
16 particular hypothesis.

17 And what I will do is, I will read, and I'm going
18 to skip parts of this, but I'm going to read, starting
19 at the quotation marks, and I will skip over some of the
20 technical terminology. Quote, The significant
21 similarity between the transib transpases and RAG core,
22 the common structure of these transpases and others, as
23 well as the similar size of these basically catalyzed by
24 these enzymes directly support the 25-year-old
25 hypothesis of a transposon related origin of the VDJ

1 machinery.

2 And the researchers then point out, there have
3 been other hypotheses that have been considered.
4 Previously, the RAG transposon hypothesis was open to
5 challenge by alternative models of convergent evolution.
6 Because there were no known transposases similar to the
7 gene shuffling ones, the RAG ones found, it could be
8 argued that our gene shuffling enzymes, the RAG1
9 independently developed some transposon-like properties
10 rather than deriving them from a transposable element
11 encoded transposases. These arguments can now be put to
12 rest.

13 And they're very straight forward about saying,
14 we have solved the puzzle of where this system came
15 from. It came from evolution. And it came from a
16 transposable element system. Can I have the next slide,
17 please? Okay.

18 So the summary of what we have just gone through,
19 and this is a tree analysis of these transposons and
20 humans and mammals are right down where it says,
21 mammals, is that the summary is that between 1996 and
22 2005, each element of the transposon hypothesis has been
23 confirmed and, furthermore, when the enzymes that do
24 this gene shuffling are actually put to an analysis to
25 see how closely related they are to see if they

1 themselves match the evolutionary predicted tree, they
2 match that tree perfectly. So we've got it.

3 Q. So what do you tell your mother about what all
4 this means for Dr. Behe's theory?

5 THE COURT: Or me?

6 THE WITNESS: I was about to say, my mother
7 and Your Honor, but Your Honor, not being a retired
8 nurse like my mother, my mother is deeply interested in
9 immunity. And I often remind her that the reason I got
10 chicken pox in the first place is because she wanted me
11 to have immunity to it, so she marched me down the
12 street to play with Denny Marsh who had chicken pox at
13 the time to make sure that I would get sick. And she
14 forgot to realize that 10 days later, which is the
15 incubation period, was going to be spring break for me,
16 spring vacation for me.

17 Your Honor, I've never forgiven my mother
18 for that to this day. So we'll have to take that up.
19 So the important point basically is that, we have, in
20 our immune system, as an essential part of our survival,
21 the ability to shuffle genetic information so as to make
22 it possible for our immune cells to make an antibody to
23 just about anything.

24 That shuffling ability was proposed 10 years
25 ago to have evolved from sequences known as transposable

1 genetic elements. In 10 years of research, every step
2 of that hypothesis has been confirmed. And we,
3 therefore, do know, as the result of investigation using
4 evolutionary theory, where that came from and how this
5 gene shuffling ability arose. It also means -- could we
6 advance to the next slide, please? Actually,
7 I'm sorry, I forgot that. I'm finished with the slides.
8 It also means that the prediction that Dr. Behe quite
9 confidently made on the basis of intelligent design
10 theory, that this system would not be amenable to
11 Darwinian investigation, that there would be no
12 evolutionary explanation for it, turned out to be wrong,
13 and I am happy to say that fortunately research
14 scientists did not listen to him.

15 If they had listened to him, they might not
16 have done this research, and we might not have had this
17 fundamental breakthrough in how the immune system works.
18 BY MR. WALCZAK:

19 Q. Did Dr. Behe, in fact, rely on this argument,
20 that the immune system could never be explained by
21 natural selection to argue that, in fact, there must be
22 an intelligent designer?

23 A. Yes, sir, he did. And this is actually one of
24 several arguments that he raises in Darwin's Black Box
25 to say that, if you cannot, in principle, explain the

1 origin of a complex system by evolutionary means, that
2 is by invoking the negative, that is evidence for an
3 intelligent designer. This is another essential example
4 in his list of irreducibly complex systems.

5 Q. Let me direct your attention now to Plaintiff's
6 Exhibit 665. And not to be redundant, but, in fact, is
7 there now even more research on the immune system that
8 has come out even this past week?

9 A. Well, yes, it has. And as I was getting ready to
10 pack up and come to Harrisburg for this trial, I
11 happened to glance over the Internet at the latest issue
12 of the journal Nature, which has actually not yet
13 appeared in print. I'm still waiting for my copy in the
14 mail. But fortunately, you can on look at things on the
15 Internet several days ahead of time.

16 The VDJ recombination system is not the only
17 important part of the immune system. There is another
18 important part known as the compliment system. And in
19 this case, compliment does not mean, say something nice
20 about somebody. Compliment in this case is a system
21 that compliments or completes part of what's known as
22 the immune response.

23 And it consists of a series of proteins that
24 target and destroy. And they destroy, in a molecular
25 sense in a most vicious way possible, foreign invaders,

1 especially bacteria and foreign cells. One of the key
2 elements of this is a compliment component now as C..
3 this article reported, and this is from Jansen et al.
4 It's from a combined Dutch and Scandinavian group. And
5 again, it's in the latest issue of Nature.

6 They, for the first time, worked out the detailed
7 structure of compliment C.. and the structure of
8 compliment C. Immediately told them how this compound
9 must -- how this protein must have evolved. It was made
10 up of a series of modular units of exactly the sort that
11 one would expect to arise by gene duplication, and the
12 molecule had unmistakable sites in which pieces of
13 another gene became recombined with it to produce the
14 complete molecule. Hence, they title this work
15 structures of compliment component C. Provide insights
16 into the function and evolution of immunity.

17 So the entire idea of evolutionary theory is
18 providing a fruitful avenue of investigation into every
19 aspect of the immune system, not just the gene shuffling
20 that I've talked about, but into this other area known
21 as compliment.

22 Q. So Sisyphus isn't that envious?

23 A. I don't think so.

24 Q. I'm listening to the arguments that you have
25 described Dr. Behe is making, that these components are

1 irreducibly complex, and that science cannot explain
2 them. And in some cases, he's been shown wrong. But is
3 that essentially the argument, that scientists currently
4 can't explain some aspects of evolution?

5 A. In essence, that is the argument. It is what a
6 philosopher might call the argument from ignorance,
7 which is to say that, because we don't understand
8 something, we assume we never will, and therefore we can
9 invoke a cause outside of nature, a supernatural creator
10 or supernatural designer.

11 Q. And is this not a completely negative argument?
12 I mean, it sounds like this is an attack on evolution?

13 A. This is in every respect a completely negative
14 argument. And if one combs the pages Of Pandas and
15 People or, for that matter, if one looks at Dr. Behe's
16 book or if one looks at the writings of other people who
17 consider themselves to be intelligent design advocates,
18 all that one finds is example after example, argument
19 after argument, as to why evolution couldn't produce
20 this, didn't make that, and doesn't provide an
21 explanation for the following.

22 I have yet to see any explanation, advanced by
23 any adherent of design that basically says, we have
24 found positive evidence for design. The evidence is
25 always negative, and it basically says, if evolution is

1 incorrect, the answer must be design. Never considers
2 an alternative idea.

3 Q. Now let me just stop you. Just because science
4 today cannot explain something, does that mean it can
5 never be explained?

6 A. Of course not. And if it did, no one would do
7 scientific research. What attracts scientists to
8 research is the lure of the unknown. There is nothing
9 more dreadful than to wake up one morning and think that
10 all the fundamental problems in your field has been
11 solved. On the day that I think all fundamental
12 problems in cell biology have been resolved, I will
13 retired to Sussex and keep bees, as Sherlock Holmes once
14 said.

15 You want unsolved problems. You're attracted to
16 them. I'll just give you a very simple example.
17 Proteins are built by hooking together strings of amino
18 acid, almost like beads on a string. The machine that
19 does that building is called a ribosome. We have worked
20 for years to understand the detailed molecular structure
21 of the ribosome.

22 As a result of work that's been published in the
23 last couple years, we know the internal structure of the
24 ribosome down to the atomic level. We can now look
25 inside it, and we can see the molecular details of how

1 these two amino acids are brought into very close
2 proximity.

3 But do you know what? There's still an unsolved
4 problem. We still don't understand the chemistry that
5 forges the link between those two beads on a chain.
6 There was a very popular hypothesis that was put forward
7 by Peter Moore at Yale University. But in the last
8 year, a number of experimenters, including Al Dahlberg
9 at my own university, has shown that Moore's ideas are
10 wrong.

11 So what scientists everywhere realize is, there's
12 a great prize to be won. That's very exciting. To find
13 the mechanism by which these are joined together. What
14 no one is doing is to say, we'll never solve it, we're
15 going to attribute the formation of the bond between
16 amino acids to an unseen outside force operating beyond
17 nature and, therefore, any chemical explanation is
18 doomed to failure.

19 That's something we never say in science, because
20 if we did, it would be a research stopper. It would
21 tell us, give up, go home, we'll never figure it out.

22 Q. What is Dr. Behe's argument? What evidence does
23 Dr. Behe, and -- well, strike that. Dr. Behe's argument
24 is consistent with the arguments made in Pandas, I
25 believe you testified before?

1 A. Yes, sir, that's exactly what I testified. The
2 term irreducible complexity, which is a feature of Dr.
3 Behe's book, does not appear in Pandas. But the core
4 idea behind irreducible complexity, which is in these
5 complex systems, all parts must be assembled in order to
6 have function, that is at the heart and soul of the
7 arguments which are in Pandas.

8 Q. Now what I've heard are these negative arguments
9 about evolution. What is the evidence in Pandas? Let's
10 start with Pandas. What is the affirmative evidence for
11 a designer?

12 A. I'm not aware that there is any affirmative
13 evidence for a designer anywhere in that book.

14 Q. And what about in Dr. Behe's work?

15 A. As far as I can tell, there is no affirmative
16 evidence for a designer in Dr. Behe's book either. Both
17 books rely entirely on negative inferences by saying
18 that, if evolution has problems, if evolution is wrong,
19 if evolution cannot provide complete explanations, then
20 we can go ahead and say it's a designer.

21 Q. So how do they make that argument? I mean, even
22 if there's no evidence? What's the rationale? What's
23 the reasoning for getting to that designer?

24 A. Well, with all due respect, I believe I've
25 already answered that question, which is, I don't find

1 there is any reasoning in that area at all. It's the
2 sort of logical fallacy in which you might say, well, I
3 have theory A, and I have theory B. And I can prove
4 theory B by showing theory A is wrong. And in science,
5 you say, excuse me, just a minute.

6 Besides theory B, there's an infinite number of
7 other possible theories. So you don't, quote, prove one
8 by showing that another one is wrong. If you show
9 another one is wrong, you've shown that it's wrong. All
10 other alternative theories are now equal contenders. So
11 the logic of picking out intelligent design, which is
12 inherently untestable, and saying that any evidence
13 against evolution is evidence for intelligent design
14 employs a logical fallacy that I think most scientists
15 reject.

16 Q. So the argument is that, if science can't explain
17 it, that default is, a designer?

18 A. That is the argument, as I understand it, and as
19 it is expressed in both of these books.

20 Q. Has the scientific community taken a position
21 similar to yours about intelligent design not being
22 science?

23 A. Well, the scientific community, of course, is
24 large and diverse, and I'm sure there are a few people
25 who are enamored of intelligent design. As I mentioned

1 earlier, the largest scientific organization in the
2 United States, the one organization that probably can
3 fairly be said to speak on behalf of the scientific
4 community in this country is the American Association
5 for the Advancement of Science, or AAAS. I know they
6 have indeed taken a position on this issue.

7 Q. Could I direct your attention to exhibit --
8 Plaintiff's Exhibit 198? Do you recognize this?

9 A. Yes, sir, I do. This is a board resolution by
10 the governing board of AAAS on intelligent design
11 theory.

12 Q. If we can highlight the passages. And Dr.
13 Miller, could you read the highlighted text?

14 A. I'd be glad to. Quote, Whereas ID, intelligent
15 design, proponents claim that contemporary evolutionary
16 theory is incapable of explaining the origin of
17 diversity of living organisms, whereas to date, the ID
18 movement has failed to offer credible scientific
19 evidence to support their claim that ID undermines the
20 current scientifically accepted theory of evolution,
21 wheres as the ID movement has not proposed a scientific
22 means of testing its claim, therefore, be it resolved
23 that the lack of scientific warrant for so-called
24 intelligent design theory makes it improper to include
25 it as a part of science education, closed quote.

1 Q. That is the official position of AAAS?

2 A. That is correct, sir.

3 Q. That is the largest association of scientists in
4 North America?

5 A. That is absolutely correct. And this is the
6 organization that really speaks on behalf of the
7 scientific community in our country.

8 Q. Now has the National Academy of Science taken a
9 position on intelligent design?

10 A. Yes, sir, I believe it has.

11 Q. Could I ask you to take a look at Plaintiff's
12 Exhibit 192? This is the publication we viewed earlier
13 today?

14 A. Yes, sir, it is.

15 Q. Could you turn to page 25, please? And could we
16 highlight the third paragraph on that page, please? And
17 this is from the conclusion of this publication, Dr.
18 Miller?

19 A. Yes, sir, I believe it is.

20 Q. Could you please read for the record the
21 highlighted text?

22 A. Quote, Creationism, intelligent design, and other
23 claims of supernatural intervention in the origin of
24 life or of species are not science because they are not
25 testable by the methods of science. These claims

1 subordinate observed data to statements based on the
2 authority, revelation, or religious belief.
3 Documentation offered in support of these claims is
4 typically limited to the special publications of their
5 advocates.

6 These publications do not offer hypotheses
7 subject to change in light of new data, new
8 interpretations, or demonstration of error. This
9 contrasts with science where any hypothesis or theory
10 always remains subject to the possibility of rejection
11 or modification in the light of new knowledge, close
12 quote.

13 Q. Are you aware of any scientific organizations
14 that have taken a position that intelligent design is
15 science?

16 A. I am not aware of any scientific organization
17 that has taken a position that intelligent design is
18 science, not one.

19 Q. Why do you believe that intelligent design, as
20 described in Pandas and by Professor Behe, is a form of,
21 I think as you put, special creationism?

22 A. I believe that as a proper analysis for the
23 following reason. Each of the systems described by Dr.
24 Behe had their origination, their first appearance at
25 some time in the natural history of this planet. Each

1 of the organisms described in Pandas and People and said
2 to appear suddenly, fully formed in the fossil record
3 had their origin at a particular time in the past. To
4 say that such organisms are designed or such pathways
5 are designed is only to tell part of the story.

6 Because, for example, if the blood clotting
7 cascade had only been designed, our blood wouldn't clot.
8 That pathway had -- that design had to be executed. It
9 had to be created. It had to be put into physical form.
10 And by any definition, that is an act of creative energy
11 and power.

12 What that means, for example, the bacterial
13 flagellum perhaps originated a billion years ago. It
14 means the first organism containing that flagellum had
15 to be created. The blood clotting cascade came into
16 existence, we think, about 450 million years ago. The
17 genes, the co-factors, the pathways had to be created.
18 Advocates of intelligent design point to the first
19 appearance of many major animal groups in what is known
20 as the Cambrian period of geologic history.

21 If one says that those organisms were designed,
22 they also had to be created. So that the natural
23 history of this planet, according to intelligent design
24 advocates, is marked by instance after instance after
25 instance of specific and special creation. Saying that

1 something is designed, as I mentioned, is only part of
2 the story. We won't know about the design unless
3 somebody created it and put it into execution, and that
4 is what makes intelligent design inherently a theory of
5 special creation.

6 Q. Now does intelligent design differ from creation
7 science or scientific creationism what you are debating
8 in the early 1980's?

9 A. In the early 1980's, the scientific creationist
10 movement proposed a number of essential tenants or
11 doctorates. One of them was that, the earth is about 6
12 to 10,000 years old. Another one is that, all of the
13 geological column of this planet was formed in a single
14 world wide flood, so that geologists are wrong when they
15 talk about ages in the past; in fact, everything was
16 laid down in about 40 days and 40 nights, that humans
17 and apes have separate ancestry, that biochemical and
18 biological systems show evidence of design, and that the
19 mechanism of evolution does not work.

20 These are all elements, as I understand them, of
21 the creation science or the creationist or scientific
22 creationism movement. Now the difference between this
23 movement and intelligent design ironically is that
24 intelligent design has withdrawn the testable scientific
25 predictions made by scientific creationists.

1 The statement that the earth is only 6000 years
2 old is a testable scientific statement. They've
3 withdrawn that. The statement that all of the
4 geological formations of this planet were laid down in a
5 40 day, 40 night flood, that's actually a testable
6 statement. They've withdrawn from that.

7 The only thing that they have left is an
8 untestable assertion, and that assertion is that the
9 living things on this planet are too complex to have
10 been explained by evolution and, therefore, they must be
11 the work of a supernatural designer creator working
12 outside of the laws of nature unidentifiable and not
13 subject to detection, analysis, or identification.

14 So, as I said, ironically, intelligent design is
15 somewhat less scientific in terms of the prediction it
16 makes than scientific creationism, but it shares that
17 core belief, and that is that design can be attributed
18 to a supernatural designer or creator.

19 Q. I want to switch gears now and bring us back from
20 the classroom, so to speak, to the classroom at Dover,
21 Pennsylvania. I'd like to direct your attention to
22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 124. Again, this is the four
23 paragraph statement that was read to the students in
24 January of 2005.

25 You indicated earlier that you did not -- you

1 believed that this statement did not promote students'
2 understanding of evolution in particular or science and
3 biology generally. I'm wondering if you could comment a
4 little bit more specifically about your views on this
5 four paragraph statement. And perhaps we want to take
6 it paragraph at a time?

7 A. Yeah, I was going to -- thank you very much. I
8 was simply going to ask for the whole statement to be
9 put up there. I'd be happy to discuss this statement
10 with you in a number of ways. We could parcel it word
11 by word and line by line, if you had the patience to do
12 that.

13 But I think it's probably better to take it first
14 a paragraph at a time and basically see what it says.
15 Well, that first paragraph basically says, kids, we have
16 to teach evolution whether we want to or not because the
17 State of Pennsylvania requires us to.

18 The second paragraph says, oh, by the way, we
19 don't really believe this stuff, it's a theory not a
20 fact. There are gaps. There's no evidence. We're very
21 skeptical of this.

22 The third paragraph said, by the way, there's
23 another alternative really good idea called intelligent
24 design, and we're going to provide you with curricular
25 material and the book Pandas and People so you can

1 explore it. And I say that because I note that, there's
2 no statement in here that intelligent design is theory
3 not a fact, that it has gaps which cannot be explained.
4 Those are only pointed out for evolution.

5 The third paragraph says, basically we think this
6 is a pretty good theory, and we're giving it our
7 endorsement. The fourth one basically reminds students
8 basically, go home, discuss this with your families, and
9 reminds them again, oh, by the way, we have to test you
10 on this stuff whether we want to or not because the
11 State of Pennsylvania requires us to.

12 Now when I read this, and I try to think of how a
13 student will react to this, what it basically tells
14 students who have studied theory after theory and
15 subject after subject and hypothesis after hypothesis in
16 earth science, in physical science, in chemistry and
17 biology, it says, oh, by the way, of all the stuff you
18 studied, we want to warn you about just one of those
19 things. And that one thing is evolution. We have to
20 teach evolution whether we like it or not. We think
21 it's pretty shaky.

22 There is this other theory called intelligent
23 design which we think is on a very sound footing. Go
24 home, talk it over with mom and dad, and, oh, yeah,
25 remember, we have to test you on evolution.

1 Q. Dr. Miller, I'd like to focus your attention back
2 onto the second paragraph. And this makes various
3 assertions about evolution generally. And maybe we
4 could go through that sentence by sentence.

5 A. Okay. I'd be glad to do that. The first
6 sentence reads, quote, Because Darwin's theory is a
7 theory, it continues to be tested as new evidence is
8 discovered, closed quote. Well, it certainly is true
9 that the theory of evolution is a theory. That's almost
10 redundant. That's obvious from the terminology.

11 It continues to be tested. All scientific
12 theories are continued to be tested. So to pick out
13 evolution and say, by the way, it's a theory, and we're
14 going to keep testing it, implies to students that
15 really this is the only theory that we have to continue
16 to keep testing. Other theories, they're fine. They're
17 on sound footing. But this one, we have to keep working
18 on.

19 Q. I'm sorry. From your textbook, evolution is not
20 the only theory that is presented for 9th grade biology?

21 A. Of course not. And we talk about cell theory and
22 the germ theory of disease. We even talk about the
23 pressure flow hypothesis of phloem transfer. I've never
24 seen a statement in the textbook saying, keep your eye
25 on that special pressure flow hypothesis in phloem

1 transfer.

2 This is the only theory people seem to be
3 concerned about. The Dover statement, first of all,
4 basically begins in this paragraph by calling special
5 attention to just one part of the curriculum, and that
6 is evolution.

7 Now the second sentence, the theory is not a
8 fact. As far as that reads, that's actually a true
9 statement. No scientific theory is a fact. That's not
10 because we're sure of facts and we're not certain about
11 theories. It's because theory is a higher level of
12 scientific understanding than fact. Theories explain
13 facts.

14 And if this statement said, no scientific theory
15 is a fact, but rather, theories are based on facts and
16 supported by facts, and theories explain facts, it would
17 be fine. But by saying, the theory is not a fact, it
18 essentially invites students to say, you know what,
19 other theories might be factual, this one isn't. And
20 that implication is incorrect.

21 The next sentence reads, gaps in the theory exist
22 for which there is no evidence. I continue -- I have to
23 tell you, I have read that statement hundreds of times,
24 and I don't understand what it means by gaps in the
25 theory. There certainly are elements in the natural

1 history of our planet for which evidence is missing.
2 There are pieces of our natural history that we don't
3 know, just like there are pieces of our political,
4 military, and human history that we don't know.

5 I can only trace one part of my family back to
6 about 1850. I don't know what happened before that.
7 That doesn't mean I couldn't possibly be here because I
8 don't have any ancestors before 1850. It means, I don't
9 have the whole story. Well, that's true about evolution
10 as well. There are parts of our recent past that are
11 gaps, that are missing, that we don't have the story.

12 But to say that's a gap in the theory strikes me
13 as very very strange. There are missing pieces of
14 evidence but not gaps in the theory. And then the last
15 sentence, a theory is defined as a well-tested
16 explanation that unifies a broad range of observations.
17 Do you know what? That's fine.

18 And if evolutionary theory had been introduced in
19 this paragraph by saying, evolutionary theory is a
20 well-tested explanation for the origin of life that
21 unifies -- for the origin of species that unifies a
22 broad range of observations, I'd be saying, terrific,
23 that's a very useful thing to tell students.

24 Q. As an author of a textbook, biology textbook for
25 high school students, does this promote sound scienc

1 education?

2 A. No, I certainly don't think it does. I think it,
3 in fact, undermines sound scientific education in a
4 number of ways. First of all, it misleads students into
5 the relationship between theory and fact. Secondly, it
6 undermines the scientific status of evolution in a way
7 that it does to no other scientific theory as if to
8 pretend to students, we are certain of everything we're
9 going to teach in biology this year except for
10 evolution.

11 And that certainly gives students a false
12 understanding of evolution. And I think, as an
13 experimental cell biologist, it gives them a false
14 certainty of the rest of science, which is equally
15 damaging. And then finally, to say that there are gaps
16 for which there are no evidence, once again, is
17 targeting evolution for a very specific purpose, and
18 that is to create doubt and confusion in the minds of
19 students about the scientific status of evolution and
20 evolutionary theory.

21 Q. I believe you were here for the opening
22 statements this morning?

23 A. Yes, sir, I was.

24 Q. The School District argues, you know, it takes a
25 minute to read this statement. I haven't timed it. It

1 takes about a minute to read this statement. What's the
2 big deal? What's the harm in reading this to Dover
3 School District students?

4 A. That's a very interesting point. And if they
5 raised the issue, what is the harm in reading it, one
6 might well turn around and say, well then why read it in
7 the first place, if it makes so little difference, if it
8 is of so little consequence? Then why have you insisted
9 on doing this and why are you in court today?

10 The only thing I can infer from turning that
11 question around is that the Dover School Board must
12 think this is enormously important to compose this, to
13 instruct administrators to read it, to be willing to
14 fight all the way to the court. They must think that
15 this performs a very important function.

16 Now turning it around back to my side of the
17 table, do I think this is important? You bet I think
18 this is important for a couple of reasons. One of
19 which, first of all, as I mentioned earlier, it falsely
20 undermines the scientific status of evolutionary theory
21 and gives students a false understanding of what theory
22 actually means. Now that's damaging enough.

23 The second thing is, it is really the first
24 attempt or the first movement to try to drive a wedge
25 between students and the practice of science, because

1 what this really tells students is, you know what, you
2 can't trust the scientific process. You can't trust
3 scientists. They're pushing this theory. And there are
4 gaps in the theory. It's on shaky evidence. You really
5 can't believe them. You should be enormously skeptical.

6 What that tells students basically is, science is
7 not to be relied upon and certainly not the kind of
8 profession that you might like to go into. And thirdly,
9 that third paragraph that we haven't talked about very
10 much right now points out that intelligent design, which
11 has implicit endorsement in this statement, because we
12 don't hear that it's just a theory, we don't hear that
13 it's being tested, it sounds like it's a pretty good
14 explanation. It's available. It's good stuff. And
15 students will understand immediately, as anybody does
16 who reads Pandas, that the argument is made on virtually
17 every page of Pandas for the existence of a supernatural
18 creator designer.

19 And by holding this up as an alternative to
20 evolution, students will get the message in a flash.
21 And the message is, over here, kids. You got your God
22 consistent theory, your theistic theory, your Bible
23 friendly theory, and over on the other side, you got
24 your atheist theory, which is evolution. It produces a
25 false duality. And it tells students basically, and

1 this statement tells them, I think, quite explicitly,
2 choose God on the side of intelligent design or choose
3 atheism on the side of science.

4 What it does is to provide religious conflict
5 into every science classroom in Dover High School. And
6 I think that kind of religious conflict is very
7 dangerous. I say that as a person of faith who was
8 blessed with two daughters, who raised both of my
9 daughters in the church, and had they been given an
10 education in which they were explicitly or implicitly
11 forced to choose between God and science, I would have
12 been furious, because I want my children to keep their
13 religious faith.

14 I also want my students to love, understand,
15 respect, and appreciate science. And I'm very proud of
16 the fact that one of my daughters has actually gone on
17 to become a scientist. So by promoting this, I think,
18 this is a tremendously dangerous statement in terms of
19 its educational effect, in terms of its religious
20 effect, and in terms of impeding the educational process
21 in the classrooms in Dover.

22 THE COURT: I was going to break about 3:00,
23 Mr. Walczak. Is that good for you. If you want to move
24 onto another line of questioning, this might be a good
25 time to do it.

1 MR. ROTHSCHILD: I'm done, Your Honor. I
2 would just move the exhibits into evidence.

3 THE COURT: Is there an objection, first of
4 all, to any of the exhibits?

5 MR. MUISE: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: We'll get those in the record
7 when we come back from the break. I think we have a
8 list. Why don't you compare notes with Liz and make
9 sure that we've got a comprehensive roster of the
10 exhibits. We'll take at least a 20 minute break or so.
11 So my friends in the jury box who look like they could
12 use a little caffeine, this will give you ample time to
13 patronize the local establishments and get some caffeine
14 and come back. That not a knock on you, Doctor.

15 THE WITNESS: I knew I should have shown
16 more slides, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: No, it's perfectly all right.
18 We'll see you back here shortly. We'll be in recess.

19 (Whereupon, a recess was taken at 2:55 p.m.
20 and proceedings reconvened at 3:24 p.m.)

21 THE COURT: All right. Let's -- we'll wait
22 on the exhibits until we're finished with this witness.
23 I don't think there's any problem in doing that. This
24 way, we'll make sure we have an accurate tally, and in
25 particular, if we see additional exhibits come in. With

1 that, Mr. Muise, you're going to do the cross
2 examination, I would assume?

3 MR. MUISE: Yes, Your Honor, I am. Thank
4 you.

5 **CROSS EXAMINATION**

6 BY MR. MUISE:

7 Q. Dr. Miller, as a sympathetic Red Sox fan, I can't
8 help but ask you whether you believe the Red Sox won the
9 world series because of supernatural causes. And I
10 guess that would be reversing the curse of the Bambino?

11 A. I think it's entirely within the realm of
12 possibility, but as I indicated earlier, it's not a
13 scientific hypothesis. And perhaps we'll get a chance
14 to see this year in terms of how things turned out.

15 Q. You think it also could have probably had
16 something to do with batting averages, on base
17 percentages, pitching statistics, fielding percentage,
18 for example?

19 A. And you forgot plain dumb luck. And I certainly
20 agree with that.

21 Q. That would be logical to infer that they perhaps
22 may have won based on observable empirical facts?

23 A. Well, they certainly did win on the basis of
24 observed empirical facts in that, for four games in a
25 row, they scored more runs than the York Yankees, and

1 that's an observable empirical fact.

2 Q. Sir, you're a cell biologist?

3 A. That's correct, sir.

4 Q. I think you indicated you weren't an evolutionary
5 biologist?

6 A. That is correct, sir, I am certainly not trained
7 as an evolutionary biologist.

8 Q. Not trained as a philosopher of science?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. Nor trained as an expert in theology?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. Nor an expert in mathematics?

13 A. That is also correct. I've taken courses in
14 mathematics. I use mathematics in my teaching and in my
15 research, but I would never qualify myself as an expert
16 in mathematics.

17 Q. I believe you never taught a 9th grade biology
18 class, is that correct?

19 A. Actually, I have taught a few 9th grade classes,
20 but I assume you mean serving as a regular teacher for
21 an academic year, and, no, I have not done that.

22 Q. You obviously consider yourself to be a
23 scientist?

24 A. Yes, sir, I do.

25 Q. Would you agree that any person that's trained as

1 a scientist should have an understanding of what
2 qualifies as a science and how the scientific method
3 works?

4 A. Yes, think I would agree with that.

5 Q. In that respect, because you are a scientist, you
6 believe you're qualified to give an opinion on what is
7 and what is not science in this case?

8 A. I think that most members of the American
9 scientific community would have -- would be qualified to
10 give opinions on what is and what is not science and,
11 therefore, I would agree with what you just said.

12 Q. And a biochemist is a scientist?

13 A. Oh, of course.

14 Q. I think we've already identified Dr. Behe as an
15 professor of biochemistry at Lehigh University, is that
16 correct?

17 A. I believe that's exactly how I identified him,
18 correct.

19 Q. And you would consider him a scientist?

20 A. Of course I would.

21 Q. And he's a member of the scientific community?

22 A. Absolutely.

23 Q. A microbiologist is a scientist?

24 A. Yes, sir. Yes, sir, microbiologist is a
25 scientist.

1 Q. Dr. Scott Minnich, you know him?

2 A. Yes, I have met Dr. Minnich.

3 Q. He's a professor of microbiology at Idaho
4 University or University of Idaho -- excuse me?

5 A. Yes, University of Idaho, that is correct, and he
6 is a professor of microbiology there.

7 Q. He's a scientist and a member of the scientific
8 community, you acknowledge that, right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Sir, as an initial matter, you have no objections
11 to the Dover Area School District putting Of Pandas and
12 People in the school library, is that correct?

13 A. Well, it's an interesting question. I certainly
14 am someone who believes that libraries should be open
15 places, and I personally believe that the people of
16 Dover and your elected representatives on the board of
17 education are charged with determining what books should
18 be in the library at Dover. So I am not about, as an
19 individual, to make certain statements as to what books
20 do or do not belong in that library. I think that's a
21 decision for the people of Dover and their elected
22 educational representatives to make.

23 Q. Similarly, sir, you have no objections to this
24 book being referenced in a 9th grade biology class?

25 A. Well, sir, it depends upon the nature of the

1 reference. And again, when you say, you have no
2 objection to it, I think that this pre-supposes that I
3 am somehow taking it upon myself to tell the educators
4 in Dover how they should reference or how they should
5 conduct themselves.

6 I certainly, for the purposes in my earlier
7 testimony, regard this book, Of Pandas and People, to be
8 filled with shotty science, with misrepresentations of
9 science, to contain serious scientific errors. And I
10 would certainly not advise any person engaged in
11 scientific education to use the book that was laid with
12 errors and misrepresentations as part of their
13 curriculum.

14 So my advice, if I were asked, would be not to.
15 When you say, would I object, I don't think the decision
16 is a -- one in which I, as a resident of Massachusetts,
17 have any right to object, as you put it, to the
18 decisions that are made in Dover by the elected
19 representatives of the people of Dover. Therefore, I
20 don't object. But if I were asked for my advice, that's
21 what my advice would be.

22 Q. And you acknowledge that the board of education
23 that makes those sorts of educational decisions for the
24 school districts?

25 A. It certainly, in the state in which I live, such

1 decisions are made by the board of education and by
2 their professional, their selected professional agents,
3 such as superintendent of schools and so forth, and I
4 assume that in the State of Pennsylvania, things work
5 pretty much the same way.

6 Q. Sir, the Pennsylvania State Academic Standards
7 require students to, quote, evaluate the nature of
8 scientific and technological knowledge, unquote. You
9 have no objection to that standard, do you?

10 A. Oh, not only do I have no objection to it, I
11 think that's a good standard. I think students should
12 do that.

13 Q. Similarly, the Pennsylvania State Academic
14 Standards require students to, quote, critically
15 evaluate the status of existing theories, unquote. And
16 they include in the list of examples five different
17 theories, one of them being the theory of evolution. Do
18 you have any --

19 A. Would you be kind enough to tell me what the
20 other theories are, sir? I'm sorry to slow you down,
21 Mr. Muise, but I always find the context of a statement
22 is useful in helping to formulate a complete answer.

23 Q. Just so the record reflects, I'm reading from
24 Defendant's Exhibit No. 233, the academic standards for
25 science and technology and environment and ecology. It

1 says, critically evaluate the status of existing
2 theories (e.g. theory of disease, wave theory of light,
3 classifications of subatomic particles, theory of
4 evolution, epidemiology of AIDS)?

5 A. Thank you for reading that to me. I do
6 appreciate it. So it does not say, as I understand your
7 reading of it, that students shall evaluate these
8 particular theories. It says that students shall
9 evaluate all theories, and it lists a number of theories
10 as examples of the theories they should critically
11 evaluate. And in that context, I think that's a very,
12 very good educational policy, and I would endorse it.

13 Q. You don't have a problem that they listed the
14 theory of evolution amongst the list of the five that
15 they included?

16 A. No, sir. And I also have no problem that they
17 listed the wave particle duality of life. I think
18 that's also worth critical examination.

19 Q. You've written several articles addressing, I
20 guess, what's been described as the biological challenge
21 to evolution?

22 A. Yes, yes.

23 Q. And essentially disputing the concept of
24 irreducible complexity, as we heard earlier today, is
25 that correct?

1 A. That's also correct.

2 Q. You wrote an article that was entitled The
3 Flagellum Unspun?

4 A. Yes, I did write such an article.

5 Q. And that appeared on your website. You have a
6 personal website at Brown University, is that correct?

7 A. That's correct. When I wrote the article, I put
8 a preliminary draft of that article up. It's -- I think
9 it's got a couple of typos and spelling errors. And
10 then I sent it off for inclusion in a volume which has
11 since been published. But that was a first draft of the
12 article which is now in print.

13 Q. In that volume in which the article was
14 published, what was it?

15 A. Well, I have to confess. I'm going to ask for
16 your help here. There were two volumes which I
17 contributed sort of essays to. One was edited by Neil
18 Manson. Another one is edited by, I think, William
19 Dembski and Michael Ruse. And I honestly cannot
20 remember to which of those I sent The Flagellum Unspun.
21 If you could refresh your memory, it would be very
22 helpful.

23 Q. Do you believe it could have been from Debating
24 Design from Darwin to DNA, edited by William Dembski?

25 A. I believe it could have been that one, and I'm

1 sure you have it in front of you, so if you've got it, I
2 certainly would agree.

3 Q. Now that book, Debating Design, it was edited by
4 William Dembski and Michael Ruse, correct?

5 A. That's my understanding.

6 Q. William Dembski is a proponent or advocate of
7 intelligent design?

8 A. That's also my understanding.

9 Q. Michael Ruse is a philosopher of science?

10 A. Yes, I think that's right. I think Michael is a
11 philosophy of science at the University of South
12 Florida, Tampa -- or Florida State. He'd be furious if
13 I got the institution -- I'm sorry. I meant to say,
14 yes, to your question.

15 Q. He's an opponent of intelligent design, is that
16 correct?

17 A. Yes, sir, that is correct.

18 Q. You know Michael Behe also contributed an article
19 to this particular book?

20 A. Yes, I believe Dr. Behe wrote an article, too.

21 Q. His article was addressing similar topics that
22 you addressed, this concept of irreducible complexity?

23 A. Yes, it was.

24 Q. And Debating Design was published by Cambridge
25 University press, is that correct?

1 A. I think that's right.

2 Q. That's an academic press?

3 A. Yes, it's an academic press that I believe is
4 owned by Cambridge University in Great Britain.

5 Q. In that article that you wrote, *Flagellum Unspun*,
6 were you, in effect, disputing Dr. Behe's claims using
7 scientific evidence?

8 A. Yes, sir, I was. I examined the thesis that Dr.
9 Behe put forward in his book, *Darwin's Black Box*, and I
10 subjected that thesis to analysis by reference to other
11 research material, results from other laboratories, and
12 I basically showed how, in my opinion, Dr. Behe's ideas
13 were mistaken.

14 Q. And Dr. Behe's article, obviously, had different
15 conclusions than what you reached?

16 A. Yes, I think that's only fair to say, he reached
17 different conclusions than I did.

18 Q. You also wrote an article called *Answering the*
19 *Biochemical Argument from Design*?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q. That one also appears on your personal website at
22 Brown University?

23 A. Yes, sir, it does. I also, as I did with the
24 first article you referenced, I wrote a rough draft of
25 that article, and when I sent it to the editors of the

1 volume, in this case I think the editor was Neil Manson,
2 I put that rough draft up on the website so that people
3 could see it and read it.

4 Q. Again, that article you relied on scientific
5 evidence to challenge Dr. Behe's ideas?

6 A. Yes, sir, I did. In many cases, I relied on Dr.
7 Behe's own examples and arguments to show why I thought
8 these ideas were incorrect.

9 Q. You've authored a book entitled Finding Darwin's
10 God, is that correct?

11 A. Yes, sir, that's right.

12 Q. You dedicated a chapter in that book, I believe
13 it's chapter 5, God the Mechanic, to again expressing
14 the scientific evidence, demonstrating the scientific
15 evidence refute Dr. Behe's claims, is that right?

16 A. In chapter 5 of that book, which is subtitled God
17 the Mechanic, I examined a number of arguments that are
18 made in favor of intelligent design. Now the book, of
19 course, was written in 1998 and 1999, so the arguments I
20 tried to address were those that I was aware of at the
21 time. And they included Dr. Behe's book, Darwin's Black
22 Box.

23 Q. Again you relied on scientific evidence to refute
24 these claims?

25 A. Yes, sir, I did.

1 Q. Did you know that your book, Finding Darwin's
2 God, is in the Dover High School library?

3 A. I have been told that by a number of people.
4 I've never visited Dover, so I don't have firsthand
5 information of that, but that's what I've been led to
6 believe.

7 Q. Did you know that the statement that you were
8 looking at during your initial testimony, the one read
9 to the students, that it was modified in June to reflect
10 the fact that there were additional materials, different
11 books on intelligent design included in the Dover High
12 School library?

13 A. So if I understand your question, sir, you're
14 telling me that there now is a different statement that
15 was modified in June? I am unaware of that statement,
16 and I haven't seen it in evidence, so, no, I don't think
17 so.

18 Q. You're unaware of that, if there has been a
19 change in the statement, is that what you're saying?

20 A. Well, in this proceeding, the only statement that
21 I have seen that's composed by the Dover Board of
22 Education is the one that was introduced into evidence
23 this morning and I had an opportunity to comment on it.
24 If there is another statement, I have not seen it.

25 Q. Now your testimony today appeared to be similar

1 to many of the arguments that you presented in those
2 articles that we just addressed, The Flagellum Unspun,
3 Entering the Biochemical Argument from Design, and in
4 your chapter 5 Finding Darwin's God. Is that a fair
5 assessment?

6 A. I think it's a fair assessment to say that what I
7 testified about today was similar to many of those
8 things, but quite a few parts of it were really quite
9 different. Needless to say, the article that I quoted
10 that it appeared in, in Nature magazine four days ago
11 certainly wasn't in any of those. Neither were the new
12 biochemical results from Jiang and Doolittle and other
13 researchers on the blood clotting cascade. Neither was
14 the evidence on the evolution of VDJ recombination
15 systems.

16 So I think to be perfectly honest and to be fair
17 and reasonable about this, a great deal of what I
18 testified about this morning was not in any of those
19 articles or in any of my earlier writings or
20 presentations.

21 Q. You debated Dr. Behe and others in various forums
22 debating intelligent design, is that correct?

23 A. Yes, that is correct.

24 Q. You debated Dr. Behe and Dr. Minnich at Concordia
25 College in Wisconsin in 2002, is that correct?

1 A. That's my recollection as well.

2 Q. You debated Dr. Behe and Dr. Dembski at the
3 American Museum of Natural History in New York somewhere
4 in 2002, 2003, is that correct?

5 A. Yes, but to complete the record on that point,
6 although in Concordia, I debated Dr. Minnich and Dr.
7 Behe at the American Museum of Natural History program
8 you're talking about, the evolution side, if you will,
9 was represented by myself and by Robert Pennock of
10 Michigan State University in addition to the two
11 gentlemen you mentioned on the intelligent design side.

12 Q. That was the one at the American Museum of
13 Natural history in New York?

14 A. Yes, sir, that was.

15 Q. During these debates, you were presenting your
16 scientific argument against intelligent design, and Dr.
17 Behe was presenting his scientific argument in support
18 of intelligent design?

19 A. Absolutely.

20 Q. You also debated Dr. Behe at Haverford College in
21 2002, is that correct?

22 A. To an extent, yes. I believe, and I'm sure Dr.
23 Behe will agree with this when he takes the stand later
24 in the trial, that was not so much a debate as a
25 sequence of presentations. And Dr. Behe made a

1 presentation, I think, of 20 or 25 minutes, and then I
2 followed it with a presentation of 20 or 25 minutes of
3 my own. We didn't have the sort of back and forth that
4 one characterizes as a debate. But otherwise, yes,
5 that's correct.

6 Q. It was a presentation something similar to what
7 we saw today with the slides and the discussion of
8 scientific evidence. You advancing your claim and Dr.
9 Behe advancing his claim?

10 A. The presentation certainly did include slides.
11 Being a microscopist by training, somebody who takes
12 pictures for a living, I find myself incapable of
13 talking without slides. So therefore, I certainly
14 included them. And I made arguments based on the
15 scientific method.

16 But once again, a great deal of what I brought to
17 the Court's attention this morning simply did not exist
18 back when we had this little discussion at Haverford
19 College.

20 Q. You agree Dr. Behe will have probably a point by
21 point opposition to the evidence that you presented
22 previously and the new evidence that you presented
23 today?

24 A. I actually wouldn't want to speculate on Dr.
25 Behe's testimony.

1 Q. Has that been the practice of your prior debates,
2 you put up your scientific evidence, then Dr. Behe will
3 put up his scientific evidence, demonstrating the
4 support for each of your claims?

5 A. I suppose that's a fair summary of any debate,
6 which is that each side tries to marshal the evidence
7 and the arguments that are in favor of their side.

8 Q. And Dr. Behe was relying on scientific evidence,
9 correct?

10 A. Dr. Behe certainly relied on elements from the
11 literature, from the scientific evidence. It's
12 important to understand that scientific evidence,
13 factual evidence, as I mentioned earlier, are isolated
14 things. There's a fact here and a fact there. How you
15 tie them together is really what the practice of science
16 is all about.

17 In these discussions and debates, it's my
18 recollection -- and there have been a lot of them.
19 We've had a lot to say to each other.

20 Q. So you have a cottage industry going here between
21 the experts?

22 A. I don't know if it is a cottage industry or not,
23 but certainly Mike and I see each other quite a quit. I
24 think it's fair to say that he relies on certain
25 elements of scientific fact to marshal his arguments.

1 And the point that I think is relevant is basically that
2 he makes, in his books and his writings, and he makes in
3 these debates, a large number of claims regarding
4 irreducible complexity, regarding the biochemical
5 argument from design that have been repeatedly falsified
6 by experiments, by observations in nature, and that's
7 the point that I try to make in these debates, that
8 these claims have been examined, considered by the
9 scientific community, and generally falsified.

10 Q. He disagrees with you?

11 A. I'm sure that he disagrees with me, but, of
12 course, he'll get a chance to say that himself, and I
13 wouldn't want to speculate. Perhaps he'll get up here
14 in a couple days and say, you know, I listened to
15 everything Dr. Miller said and, by God, he's got it
16 exactly right.

17 THE COURT: We'd have a real story then,
18 wouldn't we?

19 THE WITNESS: Exactly.

20 MR. MUISE: I doubt that will happen.

21 BY MR. MUISE:

22 Q. Do you think that will happen, Dr. Miller?

23 A. I'd much rather make a bet on the outcome of the
24 world series this year than to make that kind of bet.

25 Q. That's probably a safer bet. And Dr. Minnich

1 doesn't agree with your conclusions regarding the
2 biochemical challenge to evolution, correct?

3 A. Well, once again, I would be inclined to let Dr.
4 Minnich's testimony speak for itself when it comes.
5 I've -- I believe I've only met Dr. Minnich once, and
6 that was at the discussion at Concordia College that you
7 mentioned, which is probably three or four years ago.

8 And I honestly don't know how Dr. Minnich's views
9 on this subject have been changed by research that
10 happens in science over the last several years. And I
11 would look forward to hearing them if I happen to be in
12 town or I look forward to reading them if I have access
13 to the transcript of the trial. But again, I wouldn't
14 speculate on what Dr. Minnich will say.

15 Q. Now you debated Dr. Behe and others on the Firing
16 Line with William F. Buckley, correct?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. And I believe you indicated during your
19 deposition that Mr. Buckley took the side of Dr. Behe in
20 that debate?

21 A. Yes, I think I said that. This was a debate on
22 the PBS program called Firing Line, and the title of the
23 debate, I think, is important to understand. The title
24 of the debate was resolved. The evolutionist should
25 acknowledge creation. It wasn't acknowledge design. It

1 was acknowledge creation. So on the creation side were
2 Dr. Behe, a writer named David Berlinski, a law
3 professor at the University of California named Phillip
4 Johnson, and William F. Buckley.

5 On the side defending evolution were myself,
6 Eugene Scott from the National Center for Science
7 Education, Barry Lynn from Americans United for
8 Separation of Church and State, and Michael Ruse, the
9 philosopher whom you've already made reference to as the
10 editor of one of these volumes.

11 Again, the subject of the debate was that
12 evolutionists should acknowledge creation.

13 Q. In addition to the articles that we've mentioned
14 previously and the public debates, you debated Dr. Behe
15 in print in Natural History magazine, is that correct?

16 A. Yes, that is correct.

17 Q. And I believe he contributed a one page article,
18 and then you have had an opportunity to rebut that
19 article without him having an opportunity for a reply,
20 correct?

21 A. Well, I think it would be useful to the Court to
22 describe that issue of Natural History magazine more
23 fully, more completely. And my understanding was that
24 the editors of Natural History decided that there was
25 enough interest among the readership in this idea called

1 intelligent design that what they invited three leading
2 proponents of intelligent design to do was to take a
3 full page of Natural History, unedited, say anything
4 they wanted, and they then invited three scientists to
5 respond.

6 The three people they invited, I believe, were
7 Dr. Behe, William Dembski, and Jonathan Wells. All
8 three of these people in addition to their other
9 positions are, I believe, senior fellows of the
10 Discovery Institute in Seattle, Washington. They then
11 asked three scientists to respond to each of those.

12 So, yes, that's right. Dr. Behe's essay was
13 given to me, and I had a certain space to respond to it,
14 and that's exactly what I did.

15 Q. These articles in this magazine are sent out for
16 scientific review, is that correct?

17 A. Well, actually, Natural History is not really a
18 scientific journal. It deals with scientific topics.
19 And certainly the editorship is concerned with
20 scientific issues, but the whole format and the premise
21 of this point, counter point in Natural History was to
22 take three people who were known as leading advocates of
23 intelligent design, let them have their best shot, and
24 the only editing that I'm aware of that was done was
25 copy editing, trying to make sure it would fit in the

1 space, not scientific review, not peer review.

2 And I certainly know that my response to it was
3 handled in exactly the same way, that my copy was edited
4 so that it would fit, and so that it was relevant in
5 terms of rely to what Dr. Behe wrote, but my copy, and I
6 think Dr. Behe's copy was not sent out for peer review
7 in the ordinary sense of a scientific paper.

8 Q. You also wrote an article called Life's Grand
9 Design that was published by MIT in Technology Review
10 Magazine?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. And this article dealt with some of the aspects
13 of the intelligent design argument, is that correct?

14 A. Yes, this article was solicited by the magazine
15 technology review after I gave a presentation on the
16 evolution creation controversy, I think at the AAAS,
17 American Association for the Advancement of Science
18 meetings in 1993.

19 And they asked me if I would write an article
20 about the emerging intelligent design movement. I wrote
21 this article called Life's Grand Design in 1994, and
22 just to refresh your memory about the testimony this
23 morning, 1994 was before I had met or heard of Dr. Behe,
24 before I had seen the book Pandas and People, before Dr.
25 Behe's book, Darwin's Black Box, was published, and

1 before I participated in any other debates with respect
2 to intelligent design.

3 Q. I believe you testified in your deposition that
4 this magazine is one that is intended for the
5 scientifically literate, but not necessarily considered
6 a scientific journal, is that correct?

7 A. Yes, I believe that's correct. I believe, in
8 essence, Technology Review is almost the alumni magazine
9 of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is a
10 sent to MIT alumni, and it concerns itself with
11 discussion of issues of science and technology that
12 presumably are of interest to graduates of that
13 university.

14 Q. Is there a hard and fast definition between what
15 is scientific journal and what is a journalistic
16 publication about science?

17 A. I think the honest answer to that question is,
18 not a hard and fast definition. But basically, a
19 scientific journal in the more general sense is a
20 journal that publishes the original results of
21 scientific investigation, experiments, materials and
22 methods, techniques, and presents original,
23 never-published-before scientific data.

24 In fact, a scientific journal of the sort that I
25 have edited, such as the Journal of Cell Biology,

1 actually has a rule, and that is that, you cannot send
2 into that journal any results from any experiment that
3 have been published anywhere else before.

4 So we want only original micrographs, original
5 gels, original DNA sequences, original experimental
6 results. Some of the other journals that have just now
7 come up in the discussion, Natural History magazine,
8 Technology Review. And let me pick a couple of other
9 journals that are well-known. Scientific American,
10 Discover magazine are journals or magazines that publish
11 science, but they don't publish original scientific
12 work.

13 They're not subject to peer review in the usual
14 fashion. And, therefore, if one had to make a rigorous
15 definition of whether or not those are scientific
16 journals, the answer would be, no.

17 Q. Now, sir, you testified about peer review in the
18 sense you are referring to it as a staple of science,
19 correct?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q. Is there a time when peer review became that, a
22 staple of science?

23 A. Well, you know, you're asking for more in the
24 history of science than I really find myself qualified
25 to answer. And I'm not really a historian in the

1 history of science. But what I can tell you is that,
2 certainly during my entire lifetime -- I was born in
3 1948 -- the scientific journals that I referred to as
4 leading scientific journals, Proceedings of the National
5 Academy, Nature, Science, all these journals have
6 existed.

7 They have all used a peer review process very
8 similar to my description. And, therefore, the top
9 scientific journals within my entire lifetime have all
10 used essentially the peer review process that I
11 described in my testimony earlier today.

12 Q. Well, prior to the adoption of this peer review
13 process, you would agree that what scientists were doing
14 was still science?

15 A. I think there are many ways and many forms to do
16 science. But peer review in the formal sense of how an
17 article gets into a journal today in many respects did
18 not really exist; for example, in the 19th century when
19 the institutions of science were just beginning to be
20 developed.

21 But it's important to appreciate as well what
22 peer review actually means. And what it means is
23 subjecting your scientific ideas to the open scrutiny
24 and criticism of your colleagues and competitors in the
25 field. That has always been part of science, certainly

1 well into the early part of the 19th century.

2 Q. In terms of the modern description of this peer
3 review, none of that standard, Darwin's Origin of
4 Species wasn't a peer reviewed book as well?

5 A. Well, first of all, books are rarely peer
6 reviewed today, yesterday, ever. For example, when I
7 wrote Finding Darwin's God, I did what a lot of writers
8 do, and I bet ya what Dr. Behe did when he wrote
9 Darwin's Black Box, which is, I thought about a book I'd
10 like to write.

11 I put together a proposal. I circulated a
12 proposal to a few publishing houses hoping I could find
13 an editor and a publisher who was interested in it. And
14 when they were, we sat down, signed a contract. I got
15 very excited, sat down and wrote the book. The sort of
16 review that went into that book was interaction between
17 me and an editor, me and a copy editor, and finally
18 myself and a fact checker. And I bet ya the same
19 process went into Dr. Behe's book.

20 That doesn't qualify as peer review any under
21 circumstance. Now you raise the specific example of a
22 book written by Darwin, called the Origin of Species.
23 And I think it's important -- again I'm not a historian
24 of science. I'm a real amateur here. My understanding
25 of how the ideas in that book were developed was that,

1 Charles Darwin wrote many letters, essays, and small
2 articles which were read before the royal society in
3 London.

4 The discussion and criticism of those individual
5 letters which were read was a normal part of the
6 scientific process in Great Britain in the 1840's and
7 1850's. So that most of the ideas that Darwin
8 incorporated in the Origin of Species actually had been
9 subjected to something that today we would recognize as
10 peer review, which is advice, criticism, analysis,
11 critical analysis by one's colleagues.

12 The publication of that book, was that a peer
13 reviewed publication? Of course not, for the reasons
14 I've given. Were Darwin's ideas themselves subjected to
15 peer view? The answer is, as it existed in the 1840's
16 and 1850's, yes.

17 Q. You testified you wrote a critique of Dr. Behe's
18 book, Darwin's Black Box, is that correct?

19 A. Yes, after his book was published, I believe I
20 wrote a critique of it, and then I subsequently posted
21 that critique for public inspection on the Internet.

22 Q. That was a scientific critique of his book?

23 A. Well, it depends in what sense you mean
24 scientific. The issue, my critique of the book was
25 based on my understanding of the scientific literature

1 and scientific fact, so it certainly was a scientific
2 critique as opposed to, let's say, a grammatical
3 critique or literary critique, neither of which I would
4 certainly be qualified to do.

5 Q. And I believe Dr. Behe has responded to his
6 critics in various articles and publications?

7 A. Well, my understanding is that, at the website of
8 the Discovery Institute, there is an article that I've
9 seen once or twice called a Response to My Critics,
10 written by Michael Behe. If that is what you're
11 referring to, then my answer is, yes.

12 Q. Is that the only publication that you're aware of
13 where he's defended his arguments?

14 A. No, I don't think so. I think the Discovery
15 Institute routinely publishes comments by their fellows
16 on a variety of issues, and I'm sure that -- I'm not
17 aware of all of them -- but I'm sure that Dr. Behe has a
18 large number of articles that have been posted there on
19 the web, and he may have published a few such responses
20 in various magazines and popular media that I'm not
21 aware of, and I'm sure they're out there.

22 Q. One of them being, for example, Debating Design,
23 the same book that you contributed an article?

24 A. Well, certainly Dr. Behe had an article in
25 Debating Design. That's a question you've already asked

1 me, and I've already answered. I'm sure that Dr. Behe
2 in that article addresses many of the criticisms of his
3 ideas.

4 Q. Sir, I believe you indicated falsifiability is a
5 factor you consider to determine whether something is
6 science?

7 A. I think -- I believe what I said is that, in
8 order to qualify as a scientific theory, the scientific
9 theory must make predictions which lead to testable
10 hypotheses.

11 Q. If you can falsify it, it's a scientific theory?

12 A. If you can falsify it, it's a scientific theory?
13 I'll repeat what I said, because I think that was an
14 answer to your question. That is, a scientific theory
15 should lead to the generation of testable or falsifiable
16 hypotheses. So if a theory does not and cannot lead to
17 the generation of falsifiable hypotheses, it doesn't
18 qualify as a scientific theory.

19 Q. Now, sir, as a cell biologist, you engage in
20 laboratory experiments?

21 A. Yes, sir, I do.

22 Q. You don't have occasion though to apply natural
23 selection to your experimental work, is that correct?

24 A. In the sort of work that I do in the laboratory,
25 I do not directly do experiments based on natural

1 selection. But it's also fair to say that several of my
2 scientific papers have been undertaken precisely because
3 I wanted to examine organisms which were related to
4 other organisms in an evolutionary sense and, therefore,
5 some of my work has indeed had evolutionary
6 implications.

7 Q. I just want to make clear, with regard to the
8 mechanism of natural selection, that's not something
9 that you actually apply hands-on in any of the
10 experiments that you do?

11 A. It is fair to say that I have never carried out
12 with my own hands and in my own research area an
13 experiment to test the mechanisms of natural selection,
14 that is correct.

15 Q. Now a technique used by molecular biologists is
16 known as the knock-out technique, correct?

17 A. Yes, I'm aware of a technique known as targeted
18 gene replacement, which is popularly called the
19 knock-out technique.

20 Q. One classic way to understand the importance of a
21 particular component of a system is to take that
22 component away and see how the system works?

23 A. Yes. As a matter of fact, it's a very useful
24 technique. So if one has a gene and wants to know how
25 important it is to function, what one can do is to

1 engineer a targeted gene replacement, a knock-out, and
2 then generate embryonic stem cells -- this is often done
3 in mice -- and those embryonic stem cells are then fused
4 into an existing embryo.

5 You then, hopefully, grow up a mouse in which
6 there's a patch of cells that has the targeted
7 replacement. You find a mouse -- sometimes it takes a
8 while -- in which these targeted replacement cells are
9 in the gonads, in the reproductive organs.

10 So hopefully, you've generated a male mouse in
11 which you have the targeted replacement in the testes, a
12 female mouse in which you have a targeted replacement in
13 the ovaries. You cross them. Then you get an offspring
14 in which both genes have been knocked out. And then you
15 can study the effect of losing that gene.

16 Q. Obviously, that's a legitimate technique employed
17 by scientists?

18 A. Of course, it's a legitimate technique. It's a
19 tool and technique that's often used -- it's a technique
20 that is tricky because completely knocking a gene out
21 can sometimes have unexpected implications. You have to
22 interpret it carefully. But it's used all the time in
23 research laboratories around the world.

24 Q. So you would agree that the cell is a collection
25 of protein machines?

1 A. Would I agree that the cell is a collection of
2 protein machines? I would agree that the cell contains
3 a great many protein machines. It has a collection of
4 them. It's also a great deal more. It's also a
5 collection of complex carbohydrates, lipids, membranes,
6 compartments, barriers, ionic radiants. But, yes, I
7 would agree the cell also contains a collection of
8 protein machines.

9 Q. Scientists refer to individual proteins or
10 collections of proteins as being part of the DNA
11 replication machinery, the proteins synthesis machinery,
12 and the ion transport machinery, is that correct?

13 A. It is very common in molecular and cellular
14 biology to use the term machine as a figure of speech to
15 reflect a shorthand to a number of proteins that act
16 together for a particular purpose.

17 Q. Well, these number of proteins acting together
18 for a particular purpose actually operate like machines
19 that we could recognize in the human world?

20 A. Well, only by analogy. And what I mean by that
21 is, let's take a machine called dynein. Dynein is often
22 called a molecular motor. It generates force. It's a
23 very large, very complicated protein that has basically
24 two heads on it.

25 And the dynein heads will interact with other

1 proteins. Dynein, in effect, in a molecular level looks
2 almost like a large blob with two legs. If I can draw
3 your attention to the front of the podium up here.
4 Dynein will make an interaction with one compound, and
5 then random molecular forces will wave the rest of it
6 back and forth until it makes another connection. This
7 will then release.

8 It will wave back and forth and make another
9 connection. So, as a cartoon image, dynein almost looks
10 like somebody walking. I'm not really aware of any
11 machine that actually works by that particular
12 mechanism. But we nonetheless refer to dynein as a
13 molecular motor or molecular machine because it's a very
14 useful figure of speech, a kind of shorthand to remind
15 of what it does. In the case of dynein, it generates
16 force and movement.

17 Q. Don't we regard the protein as a collection of
18 interacting parts in a way that is similar to the
19 machines that we understand the world today?

20 A. I'm sorry. Did you say, can we regard
21 proteins --

22 Q. As a collection of interacting parts?

23 A. Not always. Proteins are compounds that are
24 built out of polypeptides. And there are small and
25 simple proteins like insulin, for example, that has only

1 60 or 70 amino acids, which is really -- an insulin is
2 really not a collection of individual parts. It's one
3 coherent part.

4 There are other more complex proteins. For
5 example, the C3 component of compliment that I mentioned
6 near the end of my testimony this morning, is a complex
7 protein that's made up of individual segments or modules
8 that arose by gene duplication. And in that respect,
9 those individual segments or modules quite clearly are
10 parts, all of which work together to make the concerted
11 function of the machine possible. Is that a complete
12 answer to your question, sir?

13 Q. I guess they use the term machines because it's a
14 metaphor that makes it as closely replicated to what we
15 understand as machines? Is that the utility of that
16 metaphor?

17 A. Yes, I think the utility of the metaphor is that
18 we think of the machines that we build in the human
19 world as composed of a number of parts to achieve a
20 particular end. In the cell, certainly. There are many
21 assemblies of proteins and other components where the
22 parts interact and a particular result comes out of
23 this.

24 And the metaphor of the machine or the metaphor
25 of the motor that I just mentioned or the metaphor of

1 the pump or the metaphor of the copying machine is often
2 used in biology just as a shorthand to help us remember
3 what these individual components do.

4 Q. Bruce Alberts, he's the president of the National
5 Academy of Scientists, is that correct?

6 A. No, it's not. Bruce is no longer the president
7 of the National Academy of Sciences because his term has
8 expired.

9 Q. When did his term expire?

10 A. A couple months ago. Dr. Alberts is the outgoing
11 -- it's all right. Alberts is the outgoing president of
12 the National Academy of Sciences and a very, very highly
13 respected molecular biologist.

14 Q. And he wrote an article that referred to protein
15 to molecular machines, correct?

16 A. He wrote an article in the journal Cell called
17 Educating the Next Generation of Cell Biologists. And
18 that was subtitled, The Cell is a Collection of Protein
19 Machines. And I might add, I find that to be a useful
20 and valuable article, and I often assign it to the upper
21 level students in my cell biology course.

22 Q. In that article, he suggests that the new modern
23 biologist ought to take courses in engineering so they
24 can understand the intricacies of these machines that we
25 find in the cell, correct?

1 A. He does indeed make that suggestion.

2 Q. Sir, would you agree that science involves a
3 weighing of one explanation against another with respect
4 to how well they fit the facts of experiments and
5 observations?

6 A. I would agree that science involves the weighing
7 of one natural explanation against another with respect
8 to how well they fit, the results from observation and
9 experiment.

10 Q. Would you agree that all science consists of
11 looking at the evidence and then drawing inferences from
12 it?

13 A. I think that part of science is looking at the
14 evidence and drawing inferences, but I hesitate to agree
15 completely with your question because I certainly think
16 that drawing just any inference from data is not
17 necessarily scientific.

18 Q. I believe in your deposition, one of the examples
19 we used in defining science the way that I just asked
20 you that question was paleontology, correct? Do you
21 recall?

22 A. To be perfectly honest, I'm sure you're right.
23 But I can't remember -- the deposition went on for nine
24 and a half hours. And to be perfectly honest, there are
25 parts of it I have forgotten. But I'm willing to agree

1 that, yes, it probably did deal with that.

2 Q. Paleontology is a science which consists of
3 looking at the evidence, the observable evidence, and
4 then drawing inferences from that evidence?

5 A. It consists -- paleontology consists of looking
6 at the accumulated evidence of past life and then
7 applying the scientific method to make scientific
8 testable inferences, if possible, about the nature of
9 life in the past and also about the nature of biological
10 change.

11 Q. I believe you testified previously that science
12 doesn't prove things, is that correct?

13 A. Yes, I believe I did say something like that.

14 Q. Is it accurate to say that science disproves
15 things?

16 A. But science does disprove things. And, in fact,
17 an essential element of the scientific process is --
18 this is why the testable hypothesis is so important. A
19 theory is not a useful theory unless we can generate it
20 from -- generate from it testable hypotheses. And
21 science will occasionally disprove those hypotheses.

22 And I mentioned earlier, I think I mentioned
23 rather briefly, that the most popular hypothesis as to
24 how amino acids are joined together inside the ribosome
25 which has been that ribosomal RNA acts as a ribozyme, an

1 acid based catalyst, to put those together. Now looks
2 as though it's been disproven by experiments that I
3 mentioned before that were done by Al Dahlberg at my
4 university.

5 That's a classic case of a really, really useful
6 testable scientific hypothesis whose disproof leads us,
7 hopefully, in a more productive direction. So in a few
8 years, we'll find out what the real chemical mechanism
9 is of bond formation.

10 Q. Sir, during your direct testimony, you discussed
11 the term evolution as having sort of different meanings
12 or can be used in different ways, correct?

13 A. Yes, I did. And I believe that -- and I'm sure
14 you'll correct me if I don't have this quite right. I
15 believe I pointed out that the word evolution in English
16 is often used to refer to two quite different things.
17 Sometimes the word evolution is used to refer to what
18 happened in the past; namely, the life of the past
19 changed into the life of the present.

20 And we regard evolution simply as the record of
21 change in natural history. I think more commonly in the
22 context of the proceedings in this courtroom, what we
23 mean by evolution is evolutionary theory, which are the
24 mechanisms which actually drove that change and changed
25 the life of the past into the life of the present.

1 So I certainly did point out those two quite
2 different meanings of the word evolution.

3 Q. In the first meaning, is it proper to say it can
4 be regarded as a historical fact?

5 A. I certainly regard the record of life in the past
6 as historical fact. And I think the science of geology,
7 by using the testable principles of natural science, has
8 established that the earth is old, that the geological
9 ages are authentic, and that the pattern of life's
10 change that we see is a factual pattern. So I think,
11 yes, I generally agree with your question.

12 Q. Evolution in the second sense is where evolution
13 is a theory, correct?

14 A. That is correct. And evolution is a theory in
15 that it unites a whole series of mechanisms in terms of
16 an effort to try to explain the process of evolutionary
17 change that characterizes the natural history of life on
18 earth.

19 Q. And as a theory, the theory of evolution is not a
20 fact?

21 A. Sir, no scientific theory is a fact. All
22 scientific theories are based and supported by
23 scientific fact. In that respect, evolution is not
24 exceptional.

25 Q. Would you agree that Darwin's theory of evolution

1 is not an absolute truth?

2 A. I certainly would for the very simple reason that
3 no theory in science, no theory is ever regarded as
4 absolute truth. We don't regard atomic theory as truth.
5 We don't regard the germ theory of disease as truth. We
6 don't regard the theory of friction as truth.

7 We regard all of these theories as well-supported
8 testable explanations that provide natural explanations
9 for natural phenomena.

10 Q. Included in that list would be Darwin's theory of
11 evolution?

12 A. I think you've already asked that and I've
13 already answered that. The theory of evolution is not
14 exceptional. It is a scientific theory, like the other
15 scientific theories I have mentioned.

16 Q. Darwin's theory of evolution continues to change
17 as new data are gathered and new ways of thinking arise?

18 A. I would agree that all scientific theories
19 continue to change as we advance in our understanding of
20 science and as we accumulate scientific knowledge. And
21 once again, the theory of evolution is not exceptional
22 in that respect.

23 Q. Because Darwin's theory is a theory, it continues
24 to be tested as new evidence is discovered?

25 A. No, that's not quite right. All scientific

1 theory is subject to testing as new evidence is
2 discovered. So to say, because it is a theory, it
3 continues to be tested, really misstates the scientific
4 status of evolution. Everything in science is subject
5 to testing. Everything is subject to revision.
6 Everything in science is subject to critical analysis.
7 And evolutionary theory is no different from that.

8 Q. What about evolution in the first sense, the
9 historical fact? Does that continue to be tested as new
10 evident is discovered?

11 A. We always in science continue to examine to see
12 if facts are really factual. And one of the statements
13 that I was asked to comment on this morning is that,
14 very often facts in science change and theories don't.
15 And that sounds paradoxical.

16 But what it means basically is, if we have a
17 factual observation, for example, one of the fossils
18 that was discovered in the Burgess Shale, which is a
19 very famous fossil formation in British Columbia, which
20 is part of the Cambria, one of the fossils was once
21 regarded by Alexander Walcott, who discovered the
22 Burgess Shale, as an entire organism. He classified it,
23 and I believe Walcott might have even created an entire
24 phylum, which is a major category to put this organism
25 in.

1 Later on, more careful investigators, notably
2 Simon Conway Morris, who's a British paleontologist,
3 went back to the museums. They looked at the same
4 fossils, the same facts, and they discovered that what
5 Walcott thought was a whole organism was, in fact, the
6 leg of another organism.

7 And, therefore, this particular fact turned out
8 not to be correct and the fact had to be revised. All
9 of it nonetheless still fit into the framework that the
10 animals of the Cambrian are well represented in the
11 Burgess Shale. They turn out to be the ancestors of the
12 animals around today. And they represent a variety of
13 unique biological forms.

14 So when you place particular emphasis on the
15 testing of Darwin's theory of evolution, I would point
16 out that facts in science change well, as well, and that
17 everything we do in science is subject to revision and
18 to change as we get better data and as we go back and we
19 re-examine what we thought were facts in the past.

20 Q. So it's accurate then to say, Darwin's theory
21 continues to be tested as new evidence is discovered?

22 A. Sir, it is accurate to say that all scientific
23 theories continue to be tested as new evidence is
24 discovered and all scientific facts are subject to
25 examination as well.

1 Q. And Darwin's theory being included in that list
2 of all scientific theories?

3 A. As I testified earlier, Darwin's theory is not
4 exceptional in that regard.

5 Q. Sir, isn't it true that all of science is filled
6 with gaps in a sense that scientists fill with
7 unanswered questions using gaps as an unanswered
8 questions as a definition of gaps?

9 A. If you define an unanswered question as a gap,
10 then it certainly is true, that science itself is filled
11 with unanswered questions. And that includes not just
12 biology, but includes, for example, physics where there
13 are enormously unanswered -- enormous numbers of
14 unanswered questions about the fundamental nature of
15 matter about the gravitational force, about the strong
16 and weak nuclear force, and a whole variety of other
17 issues.

18 So it's absolutely correct that science is filled
19 with unanswered questions. I have to tell you, sir,
20 that I would not refer to an unanswered question as a
21 gap. I would not say that we have gaps in the theory of
22 gravitation. I would say there are things about gravity
23 we don't understand.

24 Q. If we understood gaps to be unanswered questions,
25 is it accurate to say that there are gaps in Darwin's

1 theory of evolution?

2 A. Once again, let me reiterate the point here.
3 That is, that I do not agree to your substitution of the
4 word unanswered question with the word gap. To me, it
5 makes absolutely no sense. Would I agree that there are
6 unanswered questions that fall within the theory of
7 evolution? Yeah, sure, absolutely.

8 Q. I'll represent to you I'm reading a statement
9 from your biology book, and I'm just going to ask you if
10 this is true. A stew of organic molecules is a long way
11 from a living cell and the leap from non-life to life is
12 the greatest gap in scientific hypotheses of earth's
13 early history. Is that your statement?

14 A. Sir, would it be possible for me to see the whole
15 page and the context in which the statement is made?

16 Q. Sir, I'm handing you what's previously been
17 marked as Defendant's Exhibit 214.

18 MR. MUISE: Your Honor, we have additional
19 copies if you need us to hand them up at this point
20 or --

21 THE COURT: Well, I have one. I don't know
22 -- I guess I'm the most important person to have one.

23 MR. MUISE: That's correct.

24 THE COURT: We'll go from there.

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sure that's correct, Your

1 Honor.

2 THE COURT: That remains to be seen.

3 BY MR. MUISE:

4 Q. Page 425.

5 A. Yes. I'm flipping to it right now, sir. Okay.
6 And I'll -- I will explain -- I'll try to explain
7 exactly what I would mean by that sentence. I'll read
8 it again. A stew of organic molecules is a long way
9 from a living cell and the leap from non-life to life is
10 the greatest gap in scientific hypotheses of earth's
11 early history.

12 I think in this particular case, the word gap is
13 entirely appropriate because what we're looking for is
14 missing evidence. It's entirely appropriate to refer to
15 missing evidence as a gap. In this particular case, we
16 understand from experiments that have been done in the
17 laboratory how molecules can, to an extent,
18 self-organize and even self-replicate.

19 But we don't really have an understanding of how
20 such molecules could have gathered together, pulled
21 together the other structures that they need, and to
22 produce a living cell as we understand it today. So I
23 think that is indeed a gap in the sense that we have
24 missing evidence.

25 And I mentioned earlier that I have gaps in my

1 understanding of my own family's ancestry in the sense
2 that I have missing evidence. I don't know what's
3 there. Now that's a gap in evidence. That's not a gap
4 in a theory. And I think that's sort of the point that
5 I had been trying to make.

6 Q. So there's no missing evidence in Darwin's theory
7 of evolution?

8 A. Okay. Let's put it this way. There are many
9 periods in earth's history where we don't have a
10 complete historical record, just as there are periods in
11 the history of the United States in which we don't have
12 a complete historical record. If one refers to Darwin's
13 theory of evolution by saying, do we have a complete
14 record of biological change in the past, the answer to
15 that is, no.

16 But in terms of gaps in the theory, again, I
17 think you're jumping back and forth between the theory
18 and the nature of the evidence. Is there indeed
19 evidence that might support the theory of evolution that
20 we don't have? Yes. But is there a gap in the theory
21 itself, a gap in the framework of explanation? That's
22 essentially what I'm saying, no. I don't buy that at
23 all.

24 Q. Should we regard Darwin's theory of evolution as
25 being tentative?

1 A. We should regard all scientific explanations as
2 being tentative, and that includes the theory of
3 evolution.

4 Q. Darwin's theory of evolution is incomplete and
5 unfinished, isn't that correct?

6 A. All science is necessarily incomplete. On the
7 day that physics becomes complete, for example, it will
8 be time to close every department of physics in the
9 United States because we'll know everything. I don't
10 expect to see that happen.

11 But it is a fair statement that all science,
12 including biology, including Darwin's work on evolution
13 or the evolutionary theory, I should say, is necessarily
14 incomplete.

15 Q. Is it true that scientists do not know enough
16 about all structures in the cell to describe how they
17 all work or how describe how evolution could have
18 produced each of them by step-by-step Darwinian
19 processes?

20 A. Well, you ask a very interesting question. And
21 I, first of all, am going to enthusiastically agree with
22 the first part, which is that scientists certainly do
23 not understand enough about all of the structures in the
24 living cell to understand how they work. That really is
25 the business, my business and the business of Dr. Behe.

1 Because the answers to that questions are going
2 to come out of genetics -- sorry. They're going to come
3 out of biochemistry. They're going to come out of cell
4 biology and maybe molecular biology and genetics as
5 well. I'll answer the second part of your question this
6 way.

7 Until we understand the first part, which is how
8 everything works, we can't even begin to understand how
9 things evolved. So we will have to have an absolute and
10 complete and total understanding of how everything in
11 the cell works before we can even begin to put together
12 an understanding of how it evolved.

13 Q. So there are open questions there?

14 A. I certainly hope so, because if there are no open
15 questions in my field, I've written my last grant
16 proposal. I don't think so.

17 Q. Isn't it true that scientists still debate and
18 touch questions as to how new species arise?

19 A. Do scientists still debate such questions such as
20 how do species arise? The answer, sir, is, absolutely.
21 There is general agreement within the scientific
22 community that speciation, which is to say the origin of
23 new species, can be explained by a variety of natural
24 causes.

25 And several examples of speciation are indeed

1 well-known and well-understood. But as to which of
2 several mechanisms that can actually drive speciation is
3 the predominant one or the most useful one, there is a
4 lot of controversy within science about that, no
5 question.

6 Q. Scientists still debate the question why species
7 become extinct?

8 A. Scientists certainly debate that question. They
9 don't debate the question as to -- well, sorry. Let me
10 sort of strike that and sort of rephrase everything.
11 Extinction, for the most part, is a historical process.
12 It's something that, for most of us, happen in the past.
13 We do have examples of extinction that actually happened
14 in the present time. And sometimes we can see how
15 that's actually happening.

16 But most often, extinction occurring in the past,
17 in the fossil record, for example, is an event, meaning
18 the disappearance of a particular species, and we don't
19 always know whether that species starved to death,
20 whether it was driven to extinction by a predator,
21 whether it was terminated by disease, whether its
22 habitat was destroyed by earthquakes or volcanic
23 eruptions. And do scientists still debate those issues?
24 Of course they do.

25 I would point out as an example, a colleague of

1 mine named Bruce McFadden, who is an expert in the
2 evolution of the horse, he works at the University of
3 Florida, he's published a number of treatises trying to
4 trace the evolution of a horse and trying to focus in on
5 exactly what the forces were that drove most of the
6 historical antecedents of the horse to extinction.

7 In some cases, he's pinned it down to diet. In
8 some cases, he's pinned it down to habitat loss. In
9 other cases, he's not sure. So that's a long yes to the
10 question you asked.

11 Q. It's an open question?

12 A. There are many open questions in science. There
13 are some examples where we know what drove an organism
14 to extinction. I can give you an example right now.
15 The passenger pigeon. We killed it. Human beings
16 hunted passenger pigeons to extinction. The same thing
17 with the dodo.

18 Those are not open questions. Those are closed
19 questions. Are there examples of extinction for which
20 we don't know the answer? The answer to that is, yes.

21 Q. So the origin of life is an unsolved scientific
22 problem, is that correct?

23 A. I think it certainly is fair to say that the
24 details of the origin of life are unsolved.

25 Q. Would it also be fair to say, it's an area where

1 there is little direct fossil evidence?

2 A. Well, not entirely, because actually, there is
3 fossil evidence when the first living cells appeared on
4 this planet. It's about three, three and a half billion
5 years ago. So we do know when the first simple cells
6 appeared, and we also know when the first more complex
7 cells, we know when they appear.

8 But it's also true that we don't really have
9 biochemical fossils that could have shown the kinds of
10 self-replicating molecules that might have preceded that
11 first living cell.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Muise, I'll give you about a
13 seven minute warning, unlike the NFL, where you get a
14 little bit more time, and any place you want to wrap up
15 from here on that you think is an appropriate break
16 time, you can do it, because we'll go to that point
17 today. But you can proceed.

18 MR. MUISE: Are we looking for a break for
19 the afternoon or for the --

20 THE COURT: No, for the day.

21 MR. MUISE: For the day?

22 THE COURT: For the day.

23 MR. MUISE: I have about four or five more
24 questions in this area. If I can try to get through
25 them, that will be helpful.

1 THE COURT: Absolutely. Sure.

2 MR. MUISE: Thank you.

3 BY MR. MUISE:

4 Q. Dr. Miller, the origin of DNA and RNA in the
5 evolution of cells is an unanswered scientific question,
6 is that true?

7 A. Certainly. The origin of those compounds is not
8 completely answered. But one of the things that is
9 rather interesting, and the recent work of Stanley
10 Miller, who's done a fair amount of origin of life
11 research, has shown this, is that the current
12 simulations of primitive earth atmospheres, under
13 certain circumstances, can give rise to the nitrogenous
14 bases which are found in RNA.

15 It turns out to be rather easy in the simulation
16 experiments to produce adenine, and I believe also to
17 produce cytosine, which are two of the bases. Now
18 knowing that doesn't answer the complete question as to
19 how the complete RNA or DNA molecule evolved, but it
20 does show that some of the building parts of it can be
21 produced spontaneously in the laboratory under
22 conditions that simulate the primitive earth.

23 Q. That's related in a sense, is it not, to the fact
24 that the origin of life is an unsolved scientific
25 problem? Is that related to the experiments you just

1 described?

2 A. Yes, sir, it is.

3 Q. Now there are many scientists who think that
4 Darwin's original formulation of the mechanism of
5 evolution was either incorrect or incomplete on the
6 basis of much better current information on how
7 genetics, molecular biology, and what is called
8 adaptation actually works, is that true?

9 A. Sir, not only is that true, but I'm one of those
10 scientists, and if he was around today, Charles Darwin
11 would be one of those scientists. Darwin, of course,
12 didn't know anything about biochemistry. He didn't know
13 any genetics because genetics hadn't been invented.

14 And we now understand evolution in much greater
15 detail than Darwin ever could have. So when you say
16 there are many scientists who believe that Darwin's
17 theories had to be, whatever you said, updated and so
18 forth, the answer is, yeah, all of them do. I'm one of
19 them. And so would Charles Darwin if he was around to
20 see it.

21 Q. Sir, many scientists would opine that Darwin's
22 ideas about evolutionary change were inadequate on the
23 basis of current discoveries related to genetic
24 recombination, transposable genetic elements,
25 regulatory genes, and developmental patterns?

1 A. No, I wouldn't agree that. You said that many
2 scientists would agree that Darwin's ideas about change
3 were inadequate based on these. Now what Darwin
4 basically said was that variation appears spontaneously
5 in species. He didn't know where that variation came
6 from.

7 And every example that you just cited is an
8 example of where variation could come from. All of
9 these, however, fit within the general framework of
10 evolutionary theory. So I would rather say that
11 Darwin's ideas were incomplete rather than inadequate.
12 Because Darwin was, if you read the Origin of Species in
13 detail, you'll see that Darwin is quite open about not
14 being really sure where variation comes from or how
15 characteristics are passed along from one generation to
16 another.

17 The fact that we now know where variation comes
18 from and we now know how information is passed along,
19 doesn't mean his ideas were inadequate or -- it simply
20 means that they were incomplete compared to what we
21 understand now. They nonetheless fit within his
22 framework.

23 Q. Now during the deposition you gave, Dr. Miller,
24 where you indicated the lengthy deposition, you use the
25 term inadequate. And let me read from page 113. And I

1 can show it to you. Starting on line 21. Now in
2 discussion --

3 A. If you would just give me a second to get to page
4 113.

5 Q. Do you have a copy of your deposition?

6 A. I have it right here. Very good. Thank you.

7 Q. Starting on line 21, if you could read from the
8 deposition?

9 A. Yes. Let's see. What I said in the deposition,
10 starting with line 12 is, quote, Now in discussion of
11 this issue, it is possible to bring in the opinions of
12 many scientists who say that Darwin's ideas about
13 currently -- sorry, that Darwin's ideas about
14 evolutionary change were inadequate on the basis of
15 current discoveries relating to genetic recombination,
16 transposable genetic elements, regulatory genes, and
17 developmental patterns; therefore, Darwin's ideas need
18 to be updated in view of current discoveries, but these
19 scientists criticisms of evolution would in general not
20 dispute the idea that the mechanisms of evolutionary
21 change which fully understood at the natural level are
22 still sufficient to bring about the change that the
23 evolutionary process requires.

24 Q. So your use of the word inadequate, you're
25 saying, in your deposition was not proper?

1 A. Well, I'm not saying, sir, that it wasn't proper.
2 I'm just saying that today, upon reflection and thinking
3 about it, I would prefer incomplete to inadequate. I
4 read further in my deposition to make the point, which I
5 think is the coherent point, which is to say that all of
6 these ideas, whether Darwin's idea were incomplete,
7 inadequate, half-baked, or however you want to describe
8 them, can nonetheless fit within the general framework
9 of evolutionary theory that he outlined.

10 That was the gist of this entire statement in my
11 deposition and that certainly would be my testimony
12 today.

13 Q. Do you agree that horizontal gene transfer makes
14 it difficult to trace common descent through micro
15 organisms?

16 A. Oh, I certainly do.

17 Q. That was the studies of Karl Wose, I believe,
18 demonstrated that?

19 A. Karl Wose was the first person to successfully
20 demonstrate horizontal gene transfer, the transfer of
21 bits and pieces of DNA from one micro organism to
22 another. And the fact that this mechanism is widespread
23 among bacteria and viruses means that it's very
24 difficult to trace the pathway of common descent.
25 That's true. And that work started with Wose. It's

1 been continued by many others.

2 Q. Would you agree that scientists disagree about
3 the relative importance of natural selection, sexual
4 selection, chance, species, hibernation, and other
5 factors which all influence evolution?

6 A. Yes, sir, I would agree to that. Scientists
7 certainly do disagree about those points.

8 Q. These different ways in which different phenomena
9 and nature might be explained?

10 A. I suppose the answer to that is, yes. All of the
11 forces that you just mentioned are patterns that relate
12 either to natural selection or to the generation of
13 variation within the species, which are really part of
14 the evolutionary process.

15 Do all of those processes occur in nature? Yes.
16 Are they used from time to time to explain various
17 natural phenomena? Yes.

18 Q. Could they be considered alternate theories that
19 explain evolution?

20 A. No, I don't think so, because I think what you've
21 done, sir, is to cite a number of phenomena and forces.
22 Sexual selection, for example, is not a theory. It's a
23 process. And horizontal gene transfer, once again, is
24 not a theory in the sense of an explanatory framework.
25 It's a process. I think all of these are forces that

1 can produce and rearrange genetic change within the
2 explanatory framework of evolutionary theory.

3 MR. MUISE: Your Honor, I'll pick up from
4 there tomorrow morning.

5 THE COURT: All right. I think we've
6 absorbed quite a bit of information today. We'll start
7 again with the witness tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.
8 Thank you, Mr. Muise. Thank you to all counsel. Ladies
9 and gentlemen, we'll see you tomorrow. We'll be in
10 recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, the proceeding adjourned
12 for the day at 4:30 p.m.)

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