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In his co-authored book, *The Ancestor's Tale - A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Life*, evolutionist Richard Dawkins comments on the critical importance of photosynthesis, "Life could get along without animals and without fungi. But abolish the light harvesters, and life would rapidly cease. They sit, indispensably, at the base - the very foundation - of nearly every food chain" - p.577.

That being admitted, those who accept the Genesis account of creation, can appreciate the designing of a universal system by God who said, "I have given every green plant for food" to "everything that has the breath of life in it" - Gen 1:30. In contrast, the evolutionist exclaims, "Evolution, or its driving engine natural selection, has no foresight...natural selection...is always tinkering. Survival in future centuries doesn't enter into the calculation, for the good reason that it isn't really a calculation at all. It happens automatically..." - p.330.

And so we are being asked to believe that life on earth has been rendered possible by an entire series of random events, without the direction of an external mind, and without any definite aim or purpose. In previous articles we have noted the variety of chemicals which are needed in the leaf for photosynthesis to convert carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrate and oxygen. Besides the pigment chlorophyll, which absorbs light energy, are more than a dozen other complex biochemicals.

The production of these biochemicals is controlled by the DNA in the leaf cell, in which instructions for their assembly are encoded after the manner of a computer program. Likewise, the growth of the highly specialized physical "factories", where these chemicals are used, is coordinated by other instructions which have been coded in the plant cell DNA.

But now ask a software engineer how likely MS Word, PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat might have been assembled by chance. It is indisputable that these programs could not have occurred without the mental effort of experienced software engineers who began with identification and analysis of user requirements, followed by development of system specifications (both hardware and software), then software design and finally the actual coding.

Our previous review of the common form of photosynthesis shows that neither the DNA coding nor the physical facilities are any less complex than man-made computer programs and the required hardware to run them on, pointing unerringly to a highly intelligent Designer.

The authors of *The Ancestor's Tale* betray a mindset which is inconsistent with a random operation of natural selection, as they say on p.536, "Plant cells by themselves are incapable of photosynthesis. That chemical wizardry is performed by guest workers, originally bacteria, now re-labelled chloroplasts. (Comments on the "guest workers" idea will be offered next time, God willing). Wizardry has been defined as "inexplicable and remarkable power, ability, or influence" which is manifested by a person. It as if the authors see Nature as a powerful and intelligent person - but not, it appears, one who would tell us humans how we should behave.

A similar comment on p. 673, "It seems that life, at least on this planet, is almost indecently eager to evolve eyes," which highly complex mechanism is believed by them to have evolved independently several times, e.g., in the trilobite (extinct arthropod), Nautilus (mollusc), blackfly (insect), parrotfish (fish) and horned owl (birds). Instead of Nature, they speak of Life which possesses the personal quality of manifesting keen desire and impatiently longing.