

Intelligent Design

Intelligent Design is a science based philosophy that is committed to an evidence-based discussion about the existence of a Creator. The Creator, or Designer, is not necessarily defined as God by this movement. Instead, they claim that this higher power, this intelligent designer, could range from a supernatural entity to a highly advanced mortal.

Some in the Intelligent Design movement suggest that the one who designed life could be an extraterrestrial of advanced intelligence. David Berlinski is a member of the Intelligent Design movement who calls himself an agnostic and he has been described by others as an agnostic leaning atheist. Intelligent Design is a bare minimal commitment to an idea that life, and some would argue the universe, exemplifies signs that reveal that there is intentional engineering involved.

Science: The scientific aspect is multidisciplinary and more-or-less covers every field of natural science. Intelligent Design examines all factors in the universe for fine tuning and phenomenal processes that look too conveniently sophisticated to have been engineered through blind chance.

Origin of the Universe: Intelligent Design advocates do not necessarily have to commit to the notion that a supernatural Creator founded the universe. The Creator, itself, could have formed through natural processes.

Life: The creation of life is the main focus of the Intelligent Design movement. In examining the creation of life all of the factors in the universe are taken into account to prove that life does not happen by accident.

Evolution: Although most Intelligent Design scientists advocate against *Darwinian Evolution*, evolution is not necessarily a concept that the Intelligent Design movement rejects. *Darwinian Evolution* implies a blind process that is unguided and has no ultimate purpose. There are other strains of evolutionary theory that Intelligent Design advocates are open to. In the book *Darwin's Black Box*, Intelligent Design scientist Michael Behe confesses that he believes in evolution.

God: Intelligent Design does not profess belief in any specific God. Most people see Intelligent Design as a Christian substitute for creationism. The truth is that many Intelligent Design believers are not of Christian affiliation, if they are religious at all, and a good number of them are strict agnostics. *Intelligent Design* scientists consistently make it known that Intelligent Design provides evidence of God, but does not define the identity of God.

More information may be added in the future. Feel free to submit questions concerning Intelligent Design to preacherbill174@gmail.com.