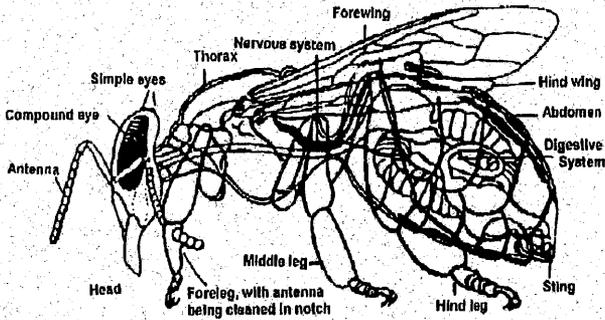
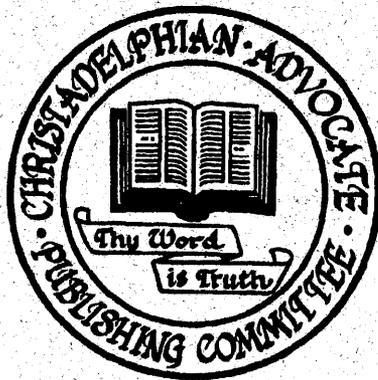


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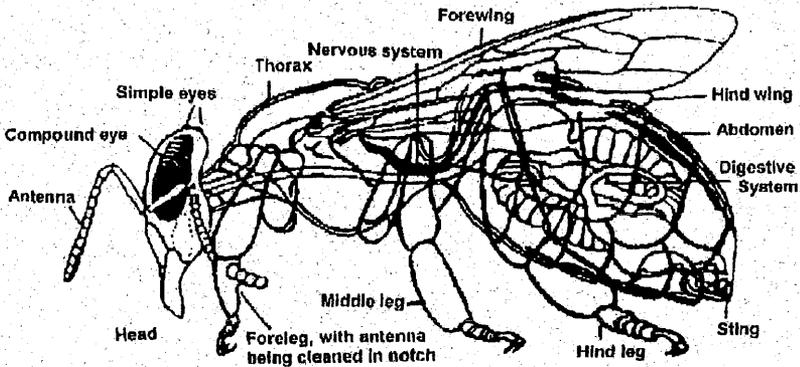


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It is common knowledge that a bee sting can be fatal. And it is inconceivable that any amount of embalming and propping up of the corpse can rescue Darwinism and any related theory of evolution from extinction after what the lowly honey bee has done for it.

It is difficult for any evolutionist to convince anyone with an analytical mind that mere *chance* mutations brought about the amazing equipment of the honey bee, and can account for the fantastic characteristics of behaviour exhibited in the hive. Even a layman's study of the complex organization in a hive of bees will produce questions which the evolutionist simply cannot answer. The amazing ventilation system she organizes, and the work of the sanitation squad is enough to boggle the mind. How did she learn to build the wax comb in such a remarkable geometric pattern?

The discipline in this little army of man's most useful insect is staggering to contemplate. The nurse-bees come and go hundreds of times a day to feed and care for the grubs until they become workers. The glue they harvest to patch up broken honey combs, the "varnish" they gather to coat and hermetically seal off the decomposing body of a dead intruder such as a mouse, too heavy to be removed by the bees! Just where do these tiny beings get the wisdom to live these orderly, productive lives?

No Possibility of Inherited Characteristics

With any other creature (than the honey bee) the evolutionist simply explains with a sweep of an overconfident hand, that experience and acquired skills have been passed from generation to generation, a little now and a little later until, over millions of years of development, the fantastic demonstration of efficiency and organization which we see today. But NOT with the honey bee!

There is only ONE reproducing female in all the hive, as any scientist knows, and only ONE male that has been the father of them all. The Queen does

nothing all her life after the nuptial flight except lay eggs: as many as one million from one impregnation. She does not even feed herself, but is pampered and cared for by the workers. She has had no opportunity to gain experience or skills in the remarkably complicated things which are accomplished by her progeny, whose paternal parent has been a drone that did nothing more in life than go on that nuptial flight with the queen and immediately die!

THINK a minute. This pair of parent bees never in their life experienced the problems and developed the skills that are revealed in a study of the life in a bee hive. They are son and daughter of another pair of bees that also never had such experiences. Who programmed "instructions" which went into the genes that have regulated the complex behaviour of this amazing little creature all these thousands of years?

There is so much about the life and equipment of the bee that makes a *thinking* person marvel as he considers the inconsistency of all this coming about through a series of "fortuitous accidents" as demanded by the theory of evolution.

Take the "wax plates" found on the abdomen of *just the worker bees*, for instance. Wax is produced by their bodies, and collects on these plates. It is used to build the remarkable honeycomb. Isn't it amazing that these plates do not appear on the queen bee or the drone? Then there are the "pollen baskets" located on the rear legs of the workers, for the purpose of bringing home the high-protein pollen for food. Why are these "baskets" not found on queens or drones? The answer is simple if one is willing to admit a *Designer* instead of a long chain of accidental mutations that brought all this about.

The "World Book Encyclopedia" will give you nine full pages about the wonders in the life of the honey bee. How anyone can study even this relatively small amount of information and still believe in evolution is beyond understanding.

The Bee's Knees

"World Book" gives you an excellent illustration of the three different kinds of legs found on the worker bee, each with specially built-in tools for trade. The foreleg has a special notch which the bee uses to clean its antenna. This antenna is not a feeler, but is her very highly developed "nose." Pollen and dirt must be removed continually to keep it functioning properly.

There is an extra knee-joint on each leg—an additional joint between the knee and the corresponding joint of the foot. In each pair of legs this extra knee is made differently, so that it furnishes the bee with three sorts of useful tools. There is a row of bristles that act as a brush as the antenna is drawn through it to be cleaned. The middle legs have a tool which Philip Mauro called a "crowbar," which the bee uses in various work in the hive, and a combination of spears and pincers on the back pair, in addition to the pollen baskets. Cleaning bristles on the middle legs scrape pollen off the front ones, likewise those on the rear legs clean the middle ones. None of this was *planned* of course, it all came about by accident over millions of years!

How about the amazing *wings* of the bee? They move in fast flight almost twelve thousand times a minute! They are so powerful that the bee can carry loads even heavier than itself. They do not move directly up and down as most

wings, but they move up, forward, down and backward something like tiny propellers so that it can even *hover* like a helicopter over the flowers!

An amazing feature of these wings is that there are four of them instead of two. On each side of the bee's body, two wings protrude, and in flight they fasten themselves together for strength and power by means of a row of tiny hooks on the rear edge of the front wings, which clip into a pleat on the front edge of the rear wing. How convenient this is when the bee wants to fold down these wings alongside her body when maneuvering about the hive! She just unhooks them and they fold down beautifully for the occasion.

She does not want large clumsy wings in the way when she is, for instance, taking her turn at the energetic job of the rapid feeding of the newly-hatched grubs which will soon be her successors in carrying on the complicated work of the hive. A few workers will bring a thousand meals to this tiny, rapidly growing grub in a day! After two or three days, the grub is switched to a diet of "bee bread" which they make by mixing pollen and honey. As the grub attains full growth, it is sealed into its particular cell in the comb, when it becomes a pupa and the same kind of miracle that makes a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly, takes place as this ugly grub takes on all the complicated paraphernalia of the bee, breaking out soon into a fullfledged worker bee.

WHO "programmed" the genes in the DNA chain that makes this marvellous miracle of a new, highly complicated life take place? Can a rational person conclude it was a series of happy accidents that did it?

Space prohibits further detailed comment on the many amazing accomplishments of the bee which should make any honest evolutionist wonder at the fact that they cannot be inherited characteristics. Get a copy of the "World Book" in any library and see for yourself many of the amazing habits and equipment that therefore must have come from the hands of a Creator.

Get a copy of Dr. B. F. Beck's famous book on "Honey and Your Health" with its introduction by Dr. E. F. Phillips, Cornell University, and learn something of the remarkable medicinal and nutritional properties of honey, and how it has been the standby of athletes since the days of the original Olympics. "Did all this happen by accident?"

Young people, don't let yourself adopt the unprovable claims of the evolutionist. There are thousands of excellent scientists who do not believe these theories. Science is breaking down these arguments every day with new discoveries. Most people do not know there is such a wealth of scientific data available that makes the position of the evolutionist untenable. Facts discovered in recent years in the fields of genetics, biology and geology alone have crushed the very foundations of the various evolutionary theories.

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