

The Chicken, or the Egg?

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One day my family and I were sitting at the dining room table eating lunch together. As we were having a conversation, I asked the question, "Which came first—the chicken, or the egg?" Braden, my eight year old son, spoke up very quickly and said, "the egg!" Wondering why he seemed so confident in his answer, I asked, "Why do you say that?" He replied, "Because we had eggs for breakfast."

I suppose I should have been more specific when I asked the question! However, as I explained to him, I was referring to the very first chickens that ever existed, and we know they were miraculously created by God in a fully-developed state—not in an embryonic state. The creatures God made were fully-grown at the point of their creation, and God commanded them to "be fruitful, and multiply" (Genesis 1:22). This process of multiplication apparently began immediately (Genesis 1:24). They could not have done this if they had been in an immature, undeveloped state.

God made a "mature" creation with something many have called "apparent age." For example, He did not create a little baby named Adam—He created a fully grown man named Adam. Therefore, when Adam was only two seconds old, he may have appeared to be twenty years old (Gen. 1:26-28). Another example is that God created trees—not merely seeds (Gen. 1:11-12). Because of Scriptures like these, we know that "the chicken came first."

Interestingly, a group of scientists have recently put their supercomputer to work to find the answer to the question, "Which came first—the chicken, or the egg?" The following is an excerpt from an article on FoxNews.com:

British scientists believe they have found the answer to an ages-old question: Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Scientists cracked the puzzle after discovering that the formation of eggs is possible only thanks to a protein found in chicken's ovaries. That means eggs have to be formed in chickens first. The protein -- called ovocledidin-17 (OC-17) -- speeds up the development of the shell. Researchers from Sheffield and Warwick universities in England laid out their findings in the paper "Structural Control of Crystal Nuclei by an Eggshell Protein." They used a supercomputer to zoom in on the formation of an egg and realized the protein is vital in kick-starting the crystallization process. It works by

converting calcium carbonate into the calcite crystals that make up the egg shell. Dr Colin Freeman, from Sheffield University's Department of Engineering Materials, said "it had long been suspected that the egg came first -- but now we have the scientific proof that shows that in fact the chicken came first." ("Chicken-and-Egg Mystery Finally Cracked," <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/07/14/chicken-egg-mystery-finally-cracked/>," July 14, 2010).

I wonder if these scientists realize that their conclusion is evidence for the existence of God! If it is impossible for an egg to form without an adult chicken, and the adult chicken came first, from where did the adult chicken come? The chicken must have suddenly "appeared" as a mature adult chicken, which is exactly what the Genesis account of creation tells us! Even if somehow evolutionists could explain the sudden appearance of one adult chicken (which they cannot), they would still have to explain how that one chicken could have produced eggs all by itself! Obviously there had to be two adult chickens to "appear" for reproduction to have taken place. Not only that, but those two adult chickens which had "suddenly appeared" would have to be of opposite genders, and they would have to appear at the exact same time in history, and at the exact same location on the earth! All this is beyond the realm of natural possibility. Such would require nothing less than a miracle, and such is what God performed in His miraculous creation! Life on earth began miraculously, and it continues naturally by reproducing more life after its own kind (Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25).

Is it not sad that we are some six thousand years from the first chickens, and men are just now figuring out that the chicken came before the egg? Is it not also sad that these scientists had to use a supercomputer to figure this out, when all we needed was the Word of the Creator?

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