

already known as deoxyribonucleic acid. The identity of the phosphopentose skeleton and the nucleic bases had been determined, and the concept of 'one gene, one enzyme' had been incorporated into my course earlier that year. The necessity of the mechanistic pattern of life, molded by natural selection, emerged clearly in my mind in that second of revelation. With all this, in the same second, I realized clearly that no room or need for deity existed amongst all those submolecules in what was obviously a genetic code. Since I received my revelation of the lack of need of any supernatural force in the universe in a single intuitive flash of mental construction, building on my knowledge of the time, I have been understandably skeptical of revelations of others claimed to emanate from any such supernatural forces or beings.

As a welcome corollary to my instantaneously new understanding of the total logic of the nature of the universe and my place in it, came the overwhelming relief, as of a physical weight lifted from my being, of the knowledge that the guilt loaded upon me by well meaning elders instructing me in religious dogma in my earlier years was necessarily without foundation; I was instead totally a free entity, with only my own reason and knowledge to guide my actions in my course through life, and I have since lived accordingly, master of my own behavior.

So, as I have written, "I could have answered your question when asked, Virginia," but I am glad that I waited until she was able to understand my answer, for by then I understood it better, too.

In 1965 I thought this essay finished, but in spite of my own opinion that it was as fine as anything I had ever written and probably better than anything I would write, I failed to find an editor who agreed with me. So I put it away. Then early in 1981 I saw a course in adult education, 'Evolution and Creation', listed by a local community college. Thinking such a course, taught in a public college, would be a well-balanced treatment of an emerging problem. I enrolled. The expectation was naive; I quickly discovered that the instructor was a devout creationist who knew no genetics and little evolution, and disbelieved that little. Stimulated by that experience and additional reading in the creationist literature, I excavated "Answer to Virginia" from my files, reedited and added to it, and the final result was then accepted for publication.

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