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THE BOGUS THEORY

**Matt C. Mashburn, 12, a member of the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in suburban Silver Spring, Maryland, doesn't back off from challenges. When his sixth-grade teacher at McDonogh School in Baltimore assigned the reading class to take a position on a controversial subject, he chose Creation Versus Evolution. Students were to write an introductory summary of the topic with key points to substantiate their position. His paper, "Evolution, the Bogus Theory," follows. Matt is the son of Dr. Mark and Beth Mashburn. His sister, Laura, seven, agrees with her brother.*

Imagine how ludicrous it would be to assume that if one were to take the thousands of tiny pieces that make up a pocket watch, place them in a paper bag and shake them up for an unlimited

amount of time, eventually the pieces would come together to form a perfect new watch!

Yet this assumption is similar to the theory of evolution in that both assume a system can go from a state of extreme disorder to a state of high complexity if given enough time. Darwin's theory is bogus and can be proved wrong!

First, the law of biogenesis proves the theory of organic evolution to be invalid. This law states that life comes only from life. The theory of evolution conflicts with this law by claiming that life came from nonliving matter through natural processes. However, spontaneous generation has never been observed, even after countless experiments concerning fruit flies and whether they are capable of emerging from meat.

Next, no "missing links" have

been discovered. Millions of fossilized specimens have been found. However, none of these have convincingly demonstrated a transitional state between one life form and another. An example would be: lack of specimens demonstrating a transition from finned sea creatures to legged land-dwelling creatures.

Last, mutations are rarely, if ever, beneficial to a life form. However, they are the only known means by

which new genetic material becomes available for evolution. Almost all observable mutations are harmful, meaningless, or lethal. Despite many years of research, no mutation has resulted in a more complex organism.

Darwin's theory does not stand up to the test of true science. Many aspects of it, such as the few I've mentioned make no logical sense. Evolution, as I've explained, is like a broken pocket watch. □

The lizard hugging Matt is a Bearded Dragon [*pogona barbata*] from Australia. It (along with a Ball Python [*python regius*] from South Africa, and a score of other exotic reptiles, inhabit Matt's zoo, commonly called The Mashburn Basement. Mark started his collection at age five with a tarantula.

