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Overlapping Genes

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Will men understand when stears tick?
Hen's tears tickle men's fancy.

In many of the genes, the last portion of some of the gene sequences is the beginning portion of the next sequence. This is called overlapping gene sequencing. The overlapped sequence in one gene is used for the ending instructions of one gene and the beginning instructions of the next.

The obvious intent here is to save space, so the Designer placed markers in the form of particular atoms in the precise positions necessary to communicate to the reader that one point is the end of one sequence but not the beginning of another. Now these markers are not between molecules, but between atoms within molecules. Did those find their place there by accident?

Sometimes the end sequence of the overlapping protein is *different* from the beginning sequence of the protein that it overlaps. That is, the "letters" on the end of the first sequence have a different meaning than the letters on the beginning of the second sequence, even though the sequences overlap. How is this possible? The Creator accomplished this by having the beginning sequence of the following gene overlap the end sequence of the previous gene by one letter off, so that the code, which is binary, will mean one thing in the first gene and another in the second.

Each code is correct for its particular gene, but

"It is the sheer universality of perfection, the fact that everywhere we look, to whatever depth we look, we find an elegance and ingenuity of an absolutely transcending quality, which so mitigates against the idea of chance. Is it really credible that random processes could have constructed a reality, the smallest element of which - a functional protein or gene - is complex beyond our own creative capacities, a reality which is the very antithesis of chance, which excels in every sense anything produced by the intelligence of man?"

Denton, Michael *Evolution, a Theory in Crisis* (Adler & Adler, 1986), p. 336; see also Barrel, B.G. Air, G.M and Hutchinson, C.A. III(1976) *Overlapping Genes in Bacteriophage OX174*, Nature 264: 34-41. Michael Denton is an Australian molecular biologist and medical doctor who is the senior research fellow in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

"To ask me to believe that the evolution of man has been determined by a series of chance events is to invite me to give credit to what is biologically unbelievable."

Keith, Sir Arthur. [British anthropologist and leading Darwinist], "Replies to Critics," in "Essays on Human Evolution," [1946], Watts & Co: London, Third Impression, 1947, p.217)

in the second gene the place of commencement is different, so all of the subsequent instructions are different. The genes contain the information necessary to mark the commencement of each sequence so that each gene is precisely described in the minimum amount of space (this is a summary, not a quotation)

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Imagine a clearly written paragraph that accurately describes the chemical composition of a particular protein. Now imagine that in the middle of the paragraph if one begins reading from the second letter rather than the first letter, there is another complete paragraph written over the first, so that both paragraphs are written in the same place except just one letter off. This is the overlapping that occurs in DNA strands.

The evolutionary explanation for this is that somehow the animals that had overlapping gene sequencing were able to survive better than those without it, so all those without it died out. When this theory was written in the 1850's, Darwin had absolutely no conception of gene sequencing.

Another author writes the following:

"For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse ... " Rom 1:20.

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