

MONKEYS WROTE THIS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Watch *Monkeys Wrote This* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read Psalm 19:1-6 and Job 12:7-13 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



1. DNA is the language of life—a four letter alphabet able to generate 3.5 billion biochemical variants containing everything necessary for organisms to exist. The prevailing scientific view is that DNA came about by random, mindless processes over eons of time. What is your view? Is DNA a language or a code? Is there a difference? Does language imply intelligence? Can animals communicate? Does animal communication imply intelligence, or is it instinct alone?
2. Geneticist Professor Steve Jones suggests that evolution “chooses” or “allows to survive those versions of life which are better at doing their job”. How might evolution *know* which versions are better? Who determines what better is? Is survival alone sufficient to deem something better?
3. Professor John Lennox challenges evolutionists like Jones for shifting the meaning of chance from ‘something not planned’, to something that functions in a cause-like way. Does Jones’ “blind watchmaker” imply design, and rule out chance? Does the language of evolution unwittingly point to an intelligent first-cause? Discuss.
4. Do you see merit in the *Infinite Monkey Theorem*? What conclusions do you draw from Hoyle’s assertions regarding the huge odds against a monkey randomly typing out the complete works of Shakespeare? Steve Jones is quite dismissive of those who argue the case for a designer based on the complexity of life on earth, calling it an “entirely empty argument”. What response would you give to Professor Jones?



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