



The small hopping insect *Issus coleoptratus* uses toothed gears (magnified above with an electron microscope) to precisely synchronize the kicks of its hind legs as it jumps forward (image from Malcom Burrows). Explanation concluding the article on the Smithsonian Web site: "These gears are not designed; they are evolved—representing high speed and precision machinery evolved for synchronisation in the animal world." To view the Smithsonian page, search for "This insect has the only mechanical gears ever found in Nature".

That shows great faith in evolution. It is a faith that is not based on observational evidence, but is maintained in spite of the evidence. How many million years, and tens of millions of generations, would it take for this little insect to produce, by random mutations, the right chemicals from which to make gear material? How many more millions of years to produce one gear tooth? How long to then produce a second tooth, just the right dimensions, and the right spacing, to match the first tooth? And,

when all the teeth on one side were finished, how many random mutations (the essence of neo-Darwinian evolutionary theory) to produce a second gear at just the right place, and with all the matching teeth, so that the apparatus finally worked? But none of these random mutations would have benefitted the creature until everything was in place (survival of the unfittest?). How do those who favor evolution explain this, except to have blind faith, as shown by the Smithsonian quote?

This demonstrates a much greater faith than is needed to believe that Jesus rose from the dead. For the resurrection, there is 1) The evidence that Jesus' enemies could not produce the body, when to do so would put to an end all the disciples' testimony that they had seen Jesus alive after He was crucified, 2) The change in the disciples from fear and confusion before Jesus rose to their bold witness that they had seen Jesus alive after he died; 3) The fact that after the Resurrection, "a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7); these probably included the ones that had observed the cleansed lepers because of Jesus' miracles (Acts 6:7); and 4) The death and Resurrection of the Messiah (Jesus) was predicted in the Hebrew Bible, notably in Isaiah, chapter 53. Isaiah 53 so clearly speaks of Jesus, 700 years before His ministry, that this chapter is not read in the synagogues

lest the Hebrew people should believe their own Scripture and accept Jesus as their long-awaited Messiah. Isaiah 53 also gives the reason for the Messiah's death: "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him [the Messiah] the iniquity of us all . . . for the transgression of my people He was stricken . . . Yet He will see His offspring and prolong His days . . . by His knowledge My righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities."

Is your faith in evolution, not God? If so, you have more faith, and a purer faith, than Christians have. "Purer" because it is not tarnished by having to consider evidence like that presented here. The faith of Christians is not like that, but is built on, and in harmony with, the evidence for what God has done by putting our sins on the spotless Lamb of God, Yeshua Ha-Meshiah (Jesus the Messiah).



*Issus coleoptratus* (1/8 inch long)

To make this into a small tract that will easily fit into a wallet, or into an envelope when sending in payment for your bills, cut around the outside lines and then fold on the inside vertical lines. I have found this tract useful in showing somebody the picture, and then asking for an explanation of the gears based on Neo-Darwinian random mutations and the survival of the fittest. No need to press the questions too hard; follow Greg Koukl's advice (book *Tactics*) and get them to thinking.