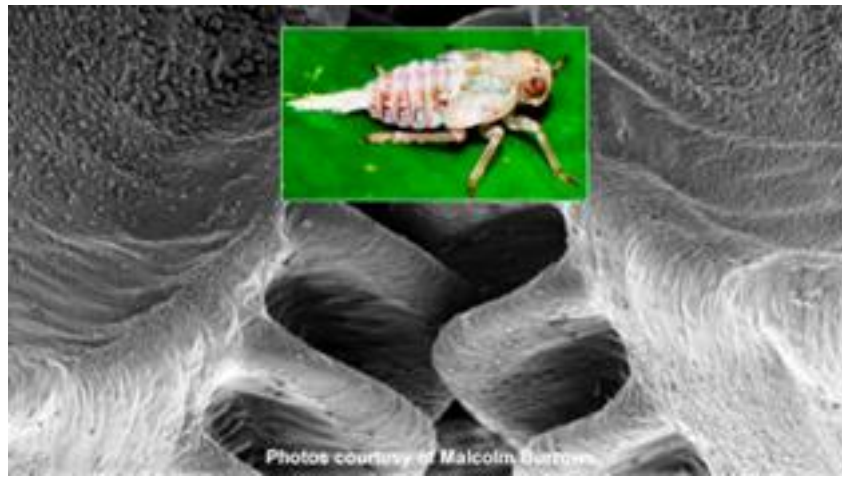
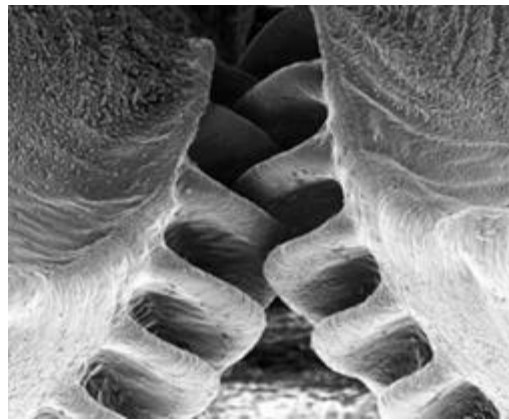


Living Gears!



How did these interlocking gears get inside the body of a living insect?



Mechanical gears – like those found in clocks – are a technological design of mankind that helped drive the industrial revolution. But scientists have discovered a small hopping insect equipped with a set of living gears!

Biologists have discovered that *Issus coleoptratus* (in the genus designated “planthopper”) have an intricate gearing system that locks their back legs together. This allows both legs to spring at the exact same instant, propelling the tiny creatures straight forward over 3 feet at a time. Unlike many hopping insects, the legs of planthoppers sit directly under their body instead of attached to their sides. So if the bug’s legs were not perfectly timed together, the insect would spin-out and crash off course!

The gears are located at the top of the insect's hind legs and include 10 to 12 tapered teeth. The teeth of the gears lock together neatly, and they even have curves at the base, a design incorporated into man-made mechanical gears to reduce wear over time!

Researcher Gregory Sutton said, "We usually think of gears as something that we see in human-designed machinery.... These gears are not designed; they are evolved ..."



What we'd like to ask him is how did this insect survive its evolution for thousands or millions of years while it couldn't jump straight?

No, there is a much simpler explanation that scientists might see if there wasn't such bias against a Creator! Or if there wasn't so much blind faith in evolution! The gears were designed by God, who gave all of His creatures – including you and me – all of the intricate parts we need!

Would you like to have a personal relationship with the God who designed you? Here's what you need to know, based on words from the Creator's own book, the Bible:

God's original design for mankind was disrupted by sin.

For all have sinned [disobeyed God], and come short of the glory [beautiful perfection] of God; (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

But God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

“Okay, so I’m a sinner. How can Jesus help me?”

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, indeed being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)

“But isn’t Jesus just one of many ways I can be saved?”

And there is salvation in no other One; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

“Can’t I get to heaven by obeying God’s commandments as best as I can?”

Therefore by the deeds of the Law none of all flesh will be justified in His sight: for through the Law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)

“So what does the Bible say about how to be saved?”

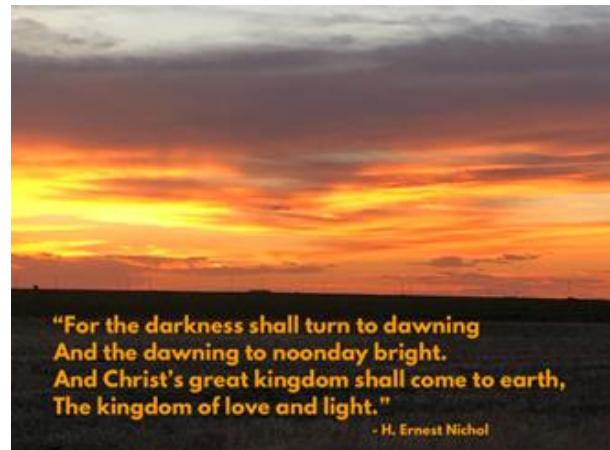
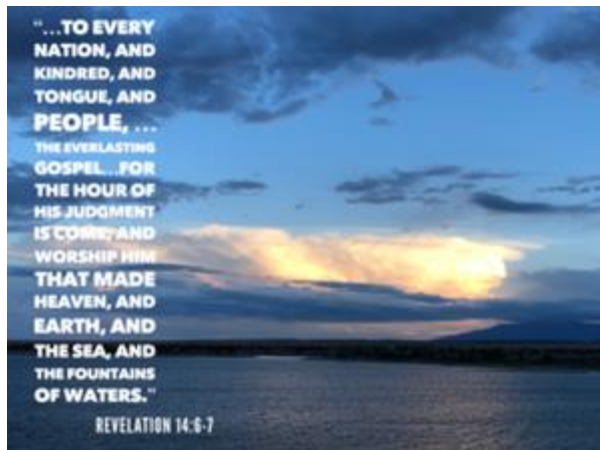
The Bible says that the power to save us from this evil age lies with God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us (Titus 3:5). For by grace you are saved through faith [trust]. (Ephesians 2:8)

“You mean just like I trust the chairs I sit in?”

Yes! You trust (believe) without a full understanding that they, like Jesus Christ, will hold you up!

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31). The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart; that is the word of faith... Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation. (Romans 10:8-10)

PRAY AND CONFESS: Thank You, Jesus, for living a sinless life and then becoming the sacrifice for my sins with Your death on the cross. Thank You also for giving me faith that lets me recognize my own unrighteousness, and lets me know that You died on my behalf to wipe away my sins. Thank You that You rose from the dead, and that I can escape Your judgment of this present evil age, and look forward to spending eternity with You in heaven. Amen.



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