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An Alga That Flexes Its Muscles



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later and more advanced development in living things. Yet, these scientists also claim that algae are among the first of the living things to have evolved.

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Here we have two very different structures working together. The disc-like structure that carries out photosynthesis could not function very well at all without the "muscle" fiber. If the muscle fiber were to evolve without the disc-like structure to control, the fiber would be useless.

The individual parts of all living things work together like the individual instruments in an orchestra. They're useless without each other. This example shows that individual structures in living things could not have evolved gradually and individually over long periods of time. They were created by their Creator to work together in close harmony!

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