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Just So Stories



Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 1:25)

Have you ever read Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*? The idea of each story was to give a fictional account of how certain features of various animals came to be. Of course, Kipling was not presenting a scientific thesis. He expected his stories to be received as works of imagination. So in his "The Elephant Child", we learn about a button-nosed young elephant who was bothering a crocodile. The crocodile caught the Elephant Child by his nose and pulled, and his nose stretched into the long trunk we have today.

What we find so interesting is how similar many evolutionary ideas are to Kipling's imagination. For example, there are those zoologists who maintain that giraffes developed gradually longer necks in order to be able to get food from higher branches of trees. The idea is that of a multi-generational "Just So" story, and it does not account for the many extra features found in a giraffe's neck and anatomy – not just the neck's length.

A recent academic account has suggested that flight developed in therapod dinosaurs by the creatures flapping their arms, and that is how their arms eventually became wings as they evolved into birds. Of course, the evolutionary articles are much more sophisticated than these example. But they are really not much more than clever "Just So" stories. We do not need such stories because the Bible explains clearly how God put life on this Earth.

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