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Advanced - Darwin's Theory Of Evolution (E0151)

- A: It's been a long time since I last saw you. Where have you been?
- B: The exams and plans I have to turn in in are driving me crazy, I don't even have time to sleep.
- A: It's the same for me. I'm up to my neck in work, but at least finals are coming soon and we'll have a vacation. Where are you going now?
- B: I'm going to Anthropology class and now with the year anniversary of Darwin, it's the only thing we study. Frankly, I'm sick and tired and tired of hearing about this guy.
- A: What? Why? How can you not like Darwin? I mean the man changed the entire perception of how things came to and his theory is backed by pretty solid evidence!
- B: I don't like him. His theory of human evolution and natural selection is full of holes. It lacks the solid evidence of which you speak of.



- That statement puts you at odds with half of the A: academy. Not to mention your professors! Furthermore, the explanation proposed by Darwin about the origin of species and the mechanism of natural selection constitutes a grand step toward a coherent understanding of the world and evolutionist ideas.
- I'm not minimizing his grand contributions, it's just B: that his theory reminds of the conundrum of the chicken and the egg.
- A: What are you talking about?
- The question is, which was first? The chicken or B: the egg? I feel the same regarding his theory. How does the first cell of life come to be?
- Interesting. I think that question is better suited for A: my philosophy class. In the meantime, how about we settle this... with a due!

Key Vocabulary

sick and phrase bored or annoyed tired



holes

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at odds phrase in a state of disagree-

with ment

coherent Adjective logical and consistent

minimize principle verb, to make something as

present progres- small as possible

sive

full of phrase including many faults

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academy common noun, a school that provides singular training in special sub-

ject

natural phrase a process by which best

selection creatures survive

conundrum common noun, a confusing or difficult

singular problem

Supplementary Vocabulary

creationism common noun, Belief in the literal in-

singular terpretation of the ac-

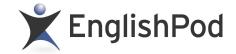
count of the creation of the universe and of all

living things related in

the Bible.

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naturalism common noun, the doctrine that the

singular world can be under-

stood in scientific

terms without recourse

to spiritual or supernatural explanations

transmutation common noun, the process or act of

singular change, especially from

one thing to another