"FRIENDS OF ADYAR"

ADYAR NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020

September Program



Saturday, 22nd Sept. 2018, 5.00 to 6.00 pm

Screening of Video documentary titled

"Revolutionary: Mystery of Molecular Machines"

Venue: Adyar Library Lecture Hall

Brief Note on the Video and the Discovery Institute

"Revolutionary: Michael Behe and the Mystery of Molecular Machines" tells the story of Michael Behe's transformation from mild-mannered biochemist to orthodoxy-challenging revolutionary through the publication of his path-breaking book challenging Darwinian evolution, Darwin's Black Box. In this video Behe takes the example of one of Nature's marvels called "Bacterial Flagellar Motor" spinning at 100,000 rpm, to demonstrate that it is simply impossible for Random Mutation processes to have designed and built such a complex system! The video explores the rise of the broader intelligent design movement in biology, the attempt to silence supporters of intelligent design in federal court, and the eventual vindication of the ideas of Behe and others during the last decade.

The Discovery Institute of Seattle (<u>www.discovery.org</u>) has emerged as the institutional hub for scientists, educators, and inquiring minds who think that **nature supplies compelling evidence of intelligent design** and are skeptical of claims for the ability of Random Mutations and Natural selection to account for the complexity of Life. The documentary features interviews not only with Behe, but with philosophers of science Stephen Meyer and Paul Nelson, molecular biologist Douglas Axe, microbiologist Scott Minnich and political scientist John West.