

Natural Comparisons: Poles Apart

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The basis of Animal Planet's story line in its documentaries is not scientific but philosophical. There is no mechanism in nature that would give furless animals the genetic make-up to grow fur. For example, if reptiles were to live in the poles for millions of years, they still would not have their skin grow fur. In the genes of reptiles, we find data for scales and in the genes of polar bears and Minsk oxen, we find data for fur. As random mutations always are harmful, they reduce the genetic data rather than increase it; it is not possible for a mutation of one genetic code to another to take place. Countless examples of mutations observed thus far, have always either deformed and disabled creatures or caused their death.

In short, the claims made by Animal Planet lack scientific substance and are biased views based on belief and it is evident that this belief is very incoherent. For instance, the air-conditioned tanks used in the World War II in North Africa were compatible with the environmental conditions. However the design behind this compatibility is complex and it is impossible for it to emerge with a random natural phenomenon. Someone examining a tank will know that the design of it is not rooted in natural and random events but in engineering design or in other words, intelligent design. The fur design of polar bears is like that too. The fact that animals are provided with a fur suitable for their environment shows that fur is the product of intelligent design or creation.

We advise Animal Planet to abandon its irrational stance of attributing complex designs blindly to nature.

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