

Dawkins: My book is a “Seduction of the Mind”

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I love reading books by champion evolutionist Richard Dawkins, since he so bluntly describes how difficult it is to accept evolution as true.

Dawkins calls evolution an “implausible theory.”¹ He says that evolution is “a leap of imagination so large, that to this day, many people seem unwilling to make it.”² These quotes were previously discussed in the *LSI Journal*.³

Dawkins also says he takes his readers down the “primrose path” through a “step-by-step seduction of the mind,” as he explains why evolution is true. The first paragraph of chapter three in his best-selling book, *The Greatest Show on Earth-The Evidence for Evolution*, includes these amazing words,

This chapter embarks on a step-by-step seduction of the mind as we pass from the familiar territory of dog breeding and artificial selection to Darwin’s giant discovery of natural selection, via some colorful intermediate stages. The first of these intermediate steps along the path of seduction (is it over the top to call it a primrose path?) takes us into the honeyed world of flowers.⁴

1 Richard Dawkins, *The Greatest Show on Earth-The Evidence for Evolution*, hardcover ed. (New York NY: Free Press, 2009), 422.

2 Richard Dawkins, *The Blind Watchmaker-Why the Evidence of Evolution reveals a universe without Design*, 2nd ed. (New York NY: W. W. Norton & Co., 1996), xix.

3 See the winter 2017 issue at www.LutheranScience.org/2017winter and the winter 2018 issue at www.LutheranScience.org/2018winter.

4 Dawkins, *The Greatest Show*, 45.