

“Intelligent Design” is far from a “New Idea”

Marcus Tullius Cicero (104-43 B.C.E), Roman orator and statesman
(Executed December 7th for his opposition to Antony and Octavius)

De Natura Deorum

“When you see a sundial or a water-clock, you see that it tells the time by design and not by chance. How then can you imagine that the universe as a whole is devoid of purpose and intelligence, when it embraces everything, including these artifacts themselves and their artificers?”

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274 C.E.)

Summa Theologiae – 5th of 5 proofs for the existence of God

"The fifth way is taken from the governance of the world. We see that things which lack knowledge, such as natural bodies, act for an end, and this is evident from their acting always, or nearly always, in the same way, so as to obtain the best result. Hence it is plain that they achieve their end, not fortuitously, but designedly. Now whatever lacks knowledge cannot move towards an end, unless it be directed by some being endowed with knowledge and intelligence; as the arrow is directed by the archer. Therefore, some intelligent being exists by whom all natural things are directed to their end; and this being we call God."

