



My wife likes jigsaw puzzles and is relatively good at putting them together; that is, at least in comparison to me. She once did a 2,000-piece puzzle in a few days. She did have help, though — I put in three pieces after a significant effort on my part.

Looking at the completed puzzle and doing some simple math, I calculated that the pieces of her puzzle, if strung together in a chain, would reach nearly across the lot on which our house is built: $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (average piece) times 2,000 pieces = 1,000 inches. 1,000 inches divided by twelve equals 83.3 feet. Our house is built on a 100-ft. lot. To me that's quite a chain of unorganized pieces that she had to put together in a specific way to form something that made sense.

Now, with that introduction, let's look at the complexity of her 83 feet of puzzle pieces and compare that to the complexity of this next puzzle with its 13+ trillion pieces and the reason for this article.

According to BioNumbers Database – Entry BNID 105568 and 103049 (bionumbers.hms.harvard.edu) the human genome comprises the information contained in one set of human chromosomes, which themselves contain about 3 billion base pairs of DNA in 46 chromosomes (22 autosome pairs + 2 sex chromosomes). The total length of DNA in an adult human can be calculated by multiplying the length of one base pair (0.34×10^{-9} m) by the number of base pairs per cell (6×10^9), or approximately 2 meters, and then by the average number of cells in the human body (3×10^{13}). The result is 60 billion km (2.0 meters $\times 3 \times 10^{13}$) — the equivalent of nearly 200 trips from the Earth to the Sun and back.

Take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary intricacy involved here. The human body is an astonishingly complex masterpiece — a living micro-puzzle composed of countless interlocking parts that together form each unique individual. And the wonder doesn't stop at design. The functionality of the systems within us is even more remarkable: the skeletal, nervous, vascular, and reproductive systems — each performing its role with breathtaking precision.

Consider the human eye. Each contains roughly **137 million light-sensitive cells**, all directed by tiny muscles that refocus hundreds of thousands of times. Through this incredible mechanism, we perceive size, shape, texture, distance, and color; detect the slightest movement in real time; and experience it all in vivid, three-dimensional detail.

Then there are the digestive and endocrine systems — and countless others — all intricately connected through an invisible network of signals and pathways that bring together billions of moving parts to form the living, thinking being called “you.” Even the DNA that codes for all of this is held together by a kind of superglue called PARP1. And think of the body's built-in capacity for healing — its ability to repair wounds, recover from disease, and sustain life for nearly a century when cared for properly. Above all, there's the human brain — an

organ of such profound mystery and capability that its power of thought and reason seems to reach beyond the physical world into another dimension entirely.

The atheist says that all this came by coincidence or chance from nothing. On the other hand, the Bible says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1), and that God formed you and knew you in your mother’s womb before you were born (Jeremiah 1:5). He also said that you are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). God loves you and has a plan and a purpose for every life, including yours. The Bible also says that only “a fool has said in his heart that there is no God” (Psalm 14:1).

Now, let’s briefly go back to my wife’s jigsaw puzzle with its 83.3 feet, or 1/63 of a mile, of pieces and think of the mathematical probability of the pieces — if randomly tossed in the air a billion-trillion times — coming down and forming a perfectly completed puzzle. I don’t think anyone could know the exact math, but the odds would be about 0 percent probability of that happening by a lucky toss. So, I think we can say with some certainty that intelligent input would most likely be needed for the successful completion of her puzzle. Imagine, then, the probability of a puzzle toss with not 2,000 pieces, but 13+ trillion DNA pieces coming together by accident.

If you are truly searching for truth, then deep within you, there’s already a quiet realization that the breathtaking complexity and harmony of life—of yourself and the world around you—could not have arisen by mere chance or from nothing. Even the most skeptical scientists acknowledge that DNA contains the complete blueprint for every living being. But that acknowledgment leads to an unavoidable question: **Where did such an incredibly intricate and intelligent code come from?**

If you want to know the reason for your existence and your place in God’s incredible plan, start by getting and reading the Bible. It is God’s instruction book for life, which He put together through His prophets and apostles (see 2 Peter 1:21) and has been preserved for us over the centuries. His creation and His Word are powerful ways God has chosen to communicate with us today.

If reading a Bible is something totally new to you, you may want to start with an easy-to-read paraphrase of the Bible such as The New Living Translation or The Living Bible. The New International Version is also quite easy to read and a step up from the paraphrase versions. Each of these will give you the essence of God’s message. You may want to start your journey by reading the Gospel of John (the fourth book of the New Testament). Scan or go to the site below for a free, easy-to-read copy of The New Living Translation Bible:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=NLT>



Here are two promises from God that I will leave you with: “If you **continue** in my word you will know the truth and the **truth will set you free.**” (John 8:32), and “If you seek me and search for me **with all your heart, you will find me**” (Jeremiah 29:13). I will admit that during my first reading of the Bible, even though it was a paraphrase I had to struggle through some parts of it (as you probably will also), but it was definitely worth it. I can’t make the effort for you; that is up to you. It is so important though, that the fate of your eternal soul may very well depend on it.

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