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Claim CB000:

Pasteur and other scientists disproved the concept of spontaneous generation and established the "law of biogenesis" -- that life comes only from previous life.

Source:

Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1985. *Life--How Did It Get Here?* Brooklyn, NY, p. 38.

Response:

1. The spontaneous generation that Pasteur and others disproved was the idea that life forms such as mice, maggots, and bacteria can appear fully formed. They disproved a form of creationism. There is no law of biogenesis saying that very primitive life cannot form from increasingly complex molecules.

No SOURCE given:

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Given the source Talk Origins drew from to even approach this argument, I would say the source, based on biblical Christianity is as deceived as Talk Origins when it comes to the truth of the creator. However, the argument here from the Watchtower Society is valid. While Talk Origins states: "There is no law of biogenesis saying that very primitive life cannot form from increasingly complex molecules." There is NO president to demonstrate primitive life can form from increasingly complex molecules. In reality the observable evidences clearly show, life only comes from things that are already living.

Point two is the fact our knowledge of prebiotic chemistry demonstrates that even though simple elements can bond to form more complex molecules, this does not explain how these chemical compounds were able to come together, form a simple cell (which is exceedingly complex in and of itself) and for these compounds to co-

operate in a networking and synergistic way to allow for all the functions within the cell as well as more complex organisms, by random accidental flukes in nature, when these same chemical compounds will not do so outside a living organism.

Though we may speculate life could form from simpler elements over time to create more complex organisms, this is merely speculation. It has never been witnessed and every attempt we have made to cause it to happen has failed, right up to our present day. All of our scientific observations have shown life only springs from living things.