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JoeSixPack <olegp@xxxxxxxx> wrote or quoted:

- > I think it's shocking just how few actually do understand it. I think the
- > process has been mis-stated so many times that it has become a type of
- > "common knowledge" that evolution is following some paced, unknown course,
- > taking us in some predetermined direction as though by intelligent design.
- > Even authors of books who are trained in the sciences are guilty of
- > propagating this mythology.

If aliens have gone through stages of having binocular vision and mobile phones and inventing genetic engineering, "mythology" may be a rather inappropriate term.

Convergence looks like a powerful effect. It may not have *complete* control over the development of living organisms, but its effect looks powerful nonetheless – so the idea of there being a "predetermined direction" to evolution may well be pretty-much correct.

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