

Re: Wachtershauser's Pop and Adapt

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Here is Gunter Wachtershauser's 'Pop and Adapt' OOL scenario.
He first pops up metabolism which 'runs on its own' until it can adapt.
It has the same failings as all Pop and Adapt scenarios
(Pops out of nothing, no regard for the environment, has a magic cloak
to protect it from environmental damage until it can adapt to its
environment,
and it does this for no other reason than we need it to happen to get to
life)
Also note his "X taps of the chemical magic wand" that all these scenarios
also seem to have.

Tom,

I have no problem conceiving that life began somewhere, somehow. We have
hard examples all around us. The only other logical possibility that it did
not "start up" -- in view of its being here and now -- is that it always has
been. The day I believe we have figured out a way for it to start on a
planet such as Earth will be the day somebody kick starts a living organism
in a laboratory in a way that can be duplicated in other laboratories.
Meanwhile, all the opinionations of all the most creative (and
grossly-uncreative) speculators will be just speculation.

Why not focus on actual efforts, in actual laboratories, rather than upon
tempests in teapots -- especially teapots containing no chemists, no
molecular biologists, no mathematical theorists... but containing agendas
which will be sorely aggrieved if and when some researcher DOES succeed in
doing it in a test tube.

Hey, wouldn't that make a cool T-shirt slogan or a headline in a tabloid...
either one?

"Evolutionary biologists do it in a test tube."

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