

Nice watch

(Matt is looking at watch)

Lee: Nice watch

Matt: Thanks

Lee: Where did you get it?

Matt: Dunno really.

Lee: What do you mean, you dipstick? 'Course you know. Was it your auntie Freda. You can tell me. I know she's a bit weird but you can say if she gave it to you.. I promise not to laugh.

Matt: No, it wasn't her. I'd tell you if it was. Anyway she's not weird. She's as normal as they come.

Lee: Sure. As they come in your family. So where did you get the watch? A rather nice present. Was it a secret admirer? Or a long lost uncle back from the sea?

Matt: No, as a matter of fact it just sort of...

Lee: What?

Matt: Well appeared. At least I think so. I wasn't around.

Lee: What do you mean appeared?

Matt: Well I just can't remember it not being there.

Lee: Are you all right, Matt? Its has got to have come from somewhere. Nothing just appears.

Matt: Well this watch did.

Lee: You didn't nick it, did you?

Matt: No, of course not.

Lee: Well tell me if you've got a secret admirer then. Your secret's safe with me. I'll keep stumm. If someone is crazy enough about you to get that rather fine piece of technology on your wrist, that's fine. Hey it's not that fruitcake whatshername.is it?

Matt: Who?

Lee: You know-Enid from Year 8.

Matt: Never heard of her. The point is I've told you. It just appeared on my wrist.

Lee: (Quizzical look) Right. Well haven't you asked around as to who it could be?

Matt: Yes, of course. I was a bit puzzled, I must admit. I actually asked quite a lot of people, as it happens. Not riff-raff like you. Clever people.

Lee: So what was the general consensus of opinion from tjhis bunch of Einsteins?

Matt: It evolved there.

Lee: What?

Matt: Yeah, basically a long, long time ago...

Lee: How long ago?....

Matt: Millions of years. Before I was born-or even my tutor.

Lee: Oh.

Matt: A long, long time ago various bits of metal, plastic and a computer chip met up with a haphazardly spinning screwdriver and some kind of explosion occurred and all the bits went spinning off and finally came together as a digital watch.

Lee: Yeah right. Are you sure you're feeling OK?

Matt: Right as rain.

Lee: So let me get you right. You're saying that watch is not a present from your weird auntie Freda but in fact the result of some ancient explosion in some cosmic warehouse with the chances of millions to one of it all coming together all of which happened millions of years before you were born?

Matt: No.

Lee: Phew, I thought for a moment you were away with the fairies. I was going to say....

Matt: Not just an explosion. It had to evolve too.

Lee: Oh, so your watch evolved.

Matt: That's what the experts say. Yes, absolutely.

Lee: Well even if I were to accept what you say is right and you're not weirder than your auntie Freda-where's your proof?

Matt: Oh, that one's easy. I've got proof that irre...irre...irref.... I've got proof that's certain.

Lee: And that would be?

Matt: Stupid. It's here-on my wrist. Here's the watch!

Lee: (Dubiously) Right.

PAUSE

Lee: It's plain daft isn't it. We'd never accept that something like a watch was a product of an accident. Of accidental evolution. For something like the watch there has to be a design behind it. And good as a watch is compared to the whole universe it's very simple. How much more must there be a designer behind the universe that we know. And what about us. The human body has a fantastic design. It's only in the 21st century that we are beginning to realise just how incredible and complex the human brain is, for instance.

Of course, if my watch goes wrong I can always go back to the person who made it to put it right again.

The Bible says our lives have all gone wrong and are not being used according to the maker's specification. The great thing is that we can because of Jesus talk to the maker of our lives and ask Him to change us and reshape our destinies. That's what has happened to us. And it can happen for you too.

© A.Lund
25/03/06