

## Six Easy Pieces

Richard Feynman

I needed a break from being assaulted by some of the recent science for the masses books I have read. The overt insertion of religion I can take or leave. Religion being covertly slipped into the pages I have difficulty with. Christianity is for the most part overt. Atheism is for the most part covert. A recent look at the physics section of the book store revealed an unexpected number of titles with the words "god" or "creator" or some such in them. Is there no more physics to write about? It seems that one must look back to the glory days of physics, which brings one to Mr. Feynman.

Reading Feynman is more a journey than a reading. Feynman was not someone who was just a physicist or interested in physics. He was fascinated with it and conveyed that fascination. There was one point I found of interest but I am not in agreement with.

Feynman states that "the most important hypothesis in all of biology is that everything that animals do, atoms do." He goes on to say "in other words, there is nothing that living things do that cannot be understood from the point of view that they are made of atoms acting according to the laws of physics." There is a lapse of logic in these statements. The first is a hypothesis and the second is a definite statement drawn from it. It is the method of the evolutionist.

As I have said elsewhere, there is nothing in our physics form which it can be concluded that atoms can form life. It may be within our physics, but that has not been shown. It may be that there are laws of physics that we have not discovered. It may be that life is beyond the laws of physics. Whatever it is, anyone's definite conclusion is based on no more than personal opinion.

Six easy pieces is a book well worth reading for the knowledge gained and for the experience of gaining it.