



Nature has provided us with a wonderful world, hasn't it, despite all the dreadful things we humans do to try and mess everything up. It's given us beautiful sunsets to admire, mountain scenery to make us gasp, and oceans that fill us with wonder.

And while it's doing all that, it's also creating the air we need to stay alive, the warmth of the sun and rain so we can grow our food. Yes, we would be lost without the power of nature protecting us and, in many ways, directing us.

But occasionally nature seems to slip up, to have a hiccup or a moment of distraction. It creates things and situations for which there seems to be little, if any, reason.

Take for instance our eyebrows, those twin streaks of hair growing just above our eyes; what on earth did nature provide us with them for?

Are they there to catch the mass of sweat continuously pouring down our foreheads?

Or are they the last vestigial remnants of a hairline that once ended near our eyes, because we had such small brains that everything had to be crowded together?

They certainly do little for us now, don't they, in fact most women do all they can to remove the little beasts, then spend long periods of time drawing in new ones with an "eyebrow pencil", which they suppose will be a more attractive shape than the ones nature gave them!

And why did nature provide us with twin nostrils?

Surely one large hole in the front of your face is going to be a more efficient method of removing all the rubbish collected in the upper reaches of your nose, or inhaling air to breathe, than the two rather small apertures we have been provided with.

I can well understand two eyes, they're what we use to measure distances and perspective, etc., and similarly with ears, we work out the direction sounds are coming from with our stereo

hearing, but two nose holes have got me beat.

To stay within the human body just a little longer, nature gave us two kidneys, but only one bladder . . . why? And the same applies to our lungs; surely one nice big lung, spread right across our chest cavity, would work better than the two much smaller devices we have been fitted with?

Final item of humanity, what possessed nature to create such an archaic and difficult way to procreate – surely there must be cleaner, less messy, and just as cheerful ways of doing it than the present method. (Ideas would be appreciated).

Things can get even weirder, once you get out of what goes on in the human frame.

Take for instance the Angler Fish, a creature which just seems to be composed of an ENORMOUS mouth and head, attached to a tail, with no body in between. Why does it need all that fantastic and large catching equipment, when all it can really need to keep nourished is that mouth and the tail attached to it?

A prime case of “overkill” I would have thought!

Mother Nature could get quite frivolous in other ways too! When she invented trees, what possessed her to make one lot of them with leaves that fall off every autumn, and another lot which don't lose leaves at all? I'm sure there's a hidden reason in there somewhere, but blowed if I can figure it out.

And it's the same with bananas too, why do they have tiny black seeds all the way through the fruit, but you only get replacements by transplanting? Who did the transplanting before humans came along to provide the service. Or is it just an idea that lazy banana trees have forgotten about, because we were prepared to take on the chore?

And finally, the big one, *(though of course there are a myriad of other situations I could write about if I had the room)*, why did nature put the earth on an angle, when it was starting its long life as a spinning ball?

I'm actually very happy about this oddity, if it wasn't on an angle, we'd have no seasons at all, both the poles would always be in perpetual day or night, and I'm sure many parts of the earth would be uninhabitable.

The main thing is, I guess, despite all the oddities I have mentioned, things still seem to operate quite satisfactorily around this little rock we inhabit, so the best thing we can do is, not worry about it all and get on with surviving, just as we always have.