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Australia has many animals that are not found anywhere else in the world today. One of the most unique is the wombat, which looks like a small bear with brown fur. The wombat is a burrowing animal.

Like many of Australia's animals, the wombat is a marsupial, having a pouch in which its prematurely born young complete their development. The pouches owned by most marsupials are open at the top toward the mother's head. This works fine for the kangaroo and other marsupials – no one ever saw a kangaroo standing on its head. But the wombat is a burrowing animal. If its pouch opened toward the mother's head, it would very quickly fill with dirt, which wouldn't do the young wombat inside the pouch any good. So, unlike any other marsupial, the wombat's pouch opens toward the animal's hind legs – it points backward!

The marsupial's pouch is a wondrous enough invention all by itself. But this pouch is a clear case of a specialized intelligent design for a unique situation. If the wombat's backward pouch had been produced by mutations, how would baby wombats have gotten by during the millions of years of trial and error needed to redesign the pouch? It's easy to see the wombat's backward pouch as a humorous hint from the Creator that human theories simply cannot replace the account of creation that He has revealed to us in the Bible!

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