NATURE'S ARCHITECTS

Discovering Intelligent Design Through the World of Honeybees

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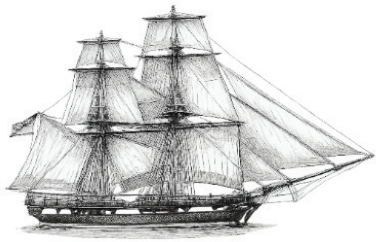
INTRODUCTION

"Such simple instincts as bees making a beehive could be sufficient to overthrow my whole theory."

Charles Darwin



ON DECEMBER 27, 1831, IN PLYMOUTH, England, a twenty-six-year-old, British naturalist stepped on board the Royal Navy's HMS Beagle, a 10-gun Cherokee class brig-sloop, and began a journey that would change millions of people's lives forever. This five-year voyage would carry Charles Robert Darwin to the four continents of South America, Africa, Australia, and Asia, exposing him to a wide variety of ecosystems and animal species. Then, in September 1835, Darwin stepped onto the Ecuadorian islands of the Galapagos and began to observe the tameness of the wildlife and the subtle variations between similar species on the different islands. As he collected specimens, he also began to collect questions. The Galapagos Islands did not hand Darwin the theory that would alter the direc-