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## Study: Microsaccades needed for vision

Microsaccades were once considered an "evolutionary mystery" since some evolutionists believed that they served no useful purpose. In fact one even suggested that perhaps they were "merely a kind of nervous tick." ([Reference \(PDF\)](#)) But here we see that they play an important role in vision.

And you can add this behavior to the growing list of functions and features that were once considered useless but later have been discovered to have some important purpose.

"Vision researchers at the Barrow Neurological Institute say they've resolved a 40-year dispute, finding microsaccades are necessary for vision.

The controversy focused on whether microsaccades -- rapid, but minute, eye movements occurring when a person's gaze is fixated -- are responsible for visibility.

Institute researchers resolved the debate by establishing microsaccades are indeed responsible for driving 80 percent of our visual experience.

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Greetings! I'm both a Christian and a Proponent of Intelligent Theory. I became very interested in origins during graduate school in the early 90s and have felt that the growing evidence of design has been underappreciated. The purpose of this blog is to point out the large number of scientific discoveries that are consistent with the design paradigm.

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