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Intelligent Design at Baylor - Again

Still in denial that this is a problem?

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ID debate to continue in new film

Sept. 19, 2007

By Claire St. Amant
City editor

Troubled by the Baylor administration's removal of an intelligent design Web site from a Baylor server, a producer from the film Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed is planning a Thursday trip to campus in hopes of meeting with President John Lilley.

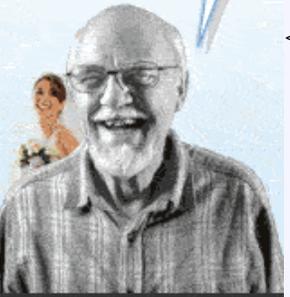
Distinguished professor Dr. Robert Marks' personal research Web site on evolutionary informatics was taken down from a Baylor server last month, and producers of Expelled want to speak to Lilley about it.

"We are disturbed with what happened with Dr. Marks," executive producer Walt Ruloff said. "He was working on some

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really vital research."

Even though he was not granted an official meeting with Lilley, associate producer Mark Mathis has decided to bring a film crew on campus anyway.

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations for Baylor, said the president's office "gets many, many requests for meetings, participation in special events, commentary and interviews."

"Given Dr. Lilley's ongoing commitments that are focused on advancing the university's most significant objectives, it is impossible for us to respond favorably to every invitation," Fogleman said. "In this specific instance, we were unable to respond positively to a request from a filmmaker working on comedic actor Ben Stein's next movie project."

The documentary, due out in February, features Stein as an "academic rebel" in search of answers regarding higher education's treatment of intelligent design issues. Stein and the producers have conducted interviews on both sides of the issue at a number of colleges and universities, including Notre Dame University, Iowa State University, George Mason University, Cornell University, Pepperdine University and the University of Minnesota at Morris.

"We're trying to be as fair and as up front as possible, but these are questions that need answering," he said. "(The administration) should be able to provide logical, reasonable answers."

Ruloff said while the current plans call for Mathis to discuss academic freedom and intelligent design issues with Lilley, he hopes students will come out as well and raise questions to the administration. Mathis, too, believes this is a student cause.

"We think it would be appropriate for the student body to ask the questions," Mathis said.

However, the producers said they wouldn't be surprised if students are hesitant to get involved.

"Students are fearful," Mathis said. "They don't want to go on the record supporting intelligent design."

Through his previous experience on the film, Mathis said students have frequently expressed concerns about coming forward with support.

"The depth of intimidation tactics are unreal," he said. "Students are concerned they won't be able to get into graduate school or get a job."

Mathis also said certain majors are more worried about the stigma of intelligent design than others.

"If you were a biology student, you wouldn't dare touch this," he said. Allentown, Pa. junior Sam Chen, the director of the Intelligent Design

Undergraduate Research Center said he doesn't have any plans to be officially involved with questioning Lilley. "The students deserve an answer," Chen said. "There may very well be a good reason to shut down Dr. Marks' lab, but the president has yet to provide one."

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And a companion piece by the producer:

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BU administration silencing science by design

Sept. 18, 2007

It may sound like a crazy question, but it needs to be asked: Does the administration at Baylor believe in God?

This is a legitimate question in light of the university's heavy-handed actions in shutting down the research Web site of Dr. Robert Marks.

As many of you have heard, Marks, a distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering, has been conducting research that ultimately may challenge the foundation of Darwinian theory. In layman's terms, Marks is using highly sophisticated mathematical and computational techniques to determine if there are limits to what natural selection can do.

At Baylor, a Christian institution, this should be pretty unremarkable stuff.

I'm assuming most of the faculty, students and alumni believe in God, so wouldn't it also be safe to assume you have no problem with a professor trying to scientifically quantify the limits of a blind, undirected cause of the origin and subsequent history of life?

It would seem this kind of research would be praised and encouraged at Baylor.

But the dirty little secret is university administrators are much more fearful of the Darwinian Machine than they are of you.

I've spent the last two years of my life researching the widely accepted Neo-Darwinian theory and the theory of Intelligent Design.

My team and I (including lawyer, economist, actor, game show host and social commentator Ben Stein) have interviewed dozens of the world's top experts in biology, astronomy, physics and philosophy.

What we have uncovered in our documentary film, Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed, is an attack on freedom of speech and scientific inquiry that is as frightening as it is appalling. And it's happening right here at Baylor.

Last month Dr. Ben Kelley, dean of engineering and computer science, shut down Marks' Web site. He apparently had the blessing of President John Lilley. Why? The university put forth a bunch of phony-baloney procedural explanations that don't stand up to scrutiny.

The truth however, can be found in an e-mail sent to Marks by Ben Kelley in which he told Marks, "I have received several concerned messages..." about his Web site. These complaints have been kept anonymous. How convenient.

Here's what's going on: Somebody within the scientific community let Kelley know that Marks was running a Web site that was friendly to Intelligent Design.

Such a thing is completely unacceptable in today's university system -- even at a Christian institution. Kelley was probably told to have the site shut down immediately or suffer the consequences.

What are those consequences? The ultimate penalty is to have Baylor marginalized by being designated as not a "legitimate institution of higher learning." So designated merely for the "crime" of allowing Neo-Darwinism to be questioned, since conventional elitist wisdom holds it's no longer a theory but an inviolable truth.

Do you think this is some kind of fanciful conspiracy theory? Google the names of Richard Sternberg, Caroline Crocker, Guillermo Gonzalez, Dean Kenyon and Bill Dembski and see what you find. These distinguished scientists have suffered severe consequences for questioning Darwinian theory and there are hundreds, if not thousands, more.

We want to speak with President Lilley about this academic suppression, so we are going to give him one more chance. Mr. Stein is sending a crew down to knock on President Lilley's door Thursday, September 20.

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Will he talk? We hope so. But even if he doesn't, the actions of the Baylor administration will be in our film.

Walt Ruloff Executive producer, Premise Media

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#3



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The opening to that second piece is precisely the problem with the ID "movement" (that, and the fact that there's a ideological movement presenting itself as science.)

I will be very happy to get the good press of a group coming to Baylor asking why we DON'T support ID as science. They'll spin it as some kind of vast Darwinian conspiracy, but they're wrong. It's actually a vast academic conspiracy to keep academics actually academic.

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **from the second piece**
It may sound like a crazy question, but it needs to be asked: Does the administration at Baylor believe in God?

Love the blatant fearmongering. Just go straight for that lowest common denominator.

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#5

Leviathan



fan

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **producer**

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WacoGone★



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300 fan

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Reputation Points: 1560

See, for example, their Wedge Manifesto. This is not about science and never has been. These people are not scientists.

There is a fantastic point-counterpoint that was published a few years ago in Natural History Magazine that addresses this. It has three ID "scientists" defend their "ideas," and then three actual scientists counter them. I've pasted in only the first exchange below, but it should be sufficient to demonstrate why it is insupportable as a scientific hypothesis. It simply is not testable. It's crappy science, and in my opinion, it's pretty crappy theology.

Quote:

Intelligent Design position statement
The Challenge of Irreducible Complexity
Every living cell contains many ultrasophisticated molecular machines.
By Michael J. Behe

Scientists use the term "black box" for a system whose inner workings are unknown. To Charles Darwin and his contemporaries, the living cell was a black box because its fundamental mechanisms were completely obscure. We now know that, far from being formed from a kind of simple, uniform protoplasm (as many nineteenth-century scientists believed), every living cell contains many ultrasophisticated molecular machines.

How can we decide whether Darwinian natural selection can account for the amazing complexity that exists at the molecular level? Darwin himself set the standard when he acknowledged, "If it could be demonstrated that any



complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

Some systems seem very difficult to form by such successive modifications -- I call them irreducibly complex. An everyday example of an irreducibly complex system is the humble mousetrap. It consists of (1) a flat wooden platform or base; (2) a metal hammer, which crushes the mouse; (3) a spring with extended ends to power the hammer; (4) a catch that releases the spring; and (5) a metal bar that connects to the catch and holds the hammer back. You can't catch a mouse with just a platform, then add a spring and catch a few more mice, then add a holding bar and catch a few more. All the pieces have to be in place before you catch any mice. Natural selection can only choose among systems that are already working so irreducibly complex biological systems pose a powerful challenge to Darwinian theory.

Irreducibly complex systems appear very unlikely to be produced by numerous, successive, slight modifications of prior systems, because any precursor that was missing a crucial part could not function. Natural selection can only choose among systems that are already working, so the existence in nature of irreducibly complex biological systems poses a powerful challenge to Darwinian theory. We frequently observe such systems in cell organelles, in which the removal of one element would cause the whole system to cease functioning. The flagella of bacteria are a good example. They are outboard motors that bacterial cells can use for self-propulsion. They have a long, whiplike propeller that is rotated by a molecular motor. The propeller is attached to the motor by a universal joint. The motor is held in place by proteins that act as a stator. Other proteins act as bushing material to allow the driveshaft to penetrate the bacterial membrane. Dozens of different kinds of proteins are necessary for a working flagellum. In the absence of almost any of them, the flagellum does not work or cannot even be built by the cell.

Another example of irreducible complexity is the system that allows proteins to reach the appropriate subcellular compartments. In the eukaryotic cell there are a number of places where specialized tasks, such as digestion of nutrients and excretion of wastes, take place. Proteins are synthesized outside these compartments and can reach their proper destinations only with the help of "signal" chemicals that turn other reactions on and off at the appropriate times. This constant, regulated traffic flow in the cell comprises another remarkably complex, irreducible system. All parts must function in synchrony or the system breaks down. Still another example is the exquisitely coordinated mechanism that causes blood to clot.

Biochemistry textbooks and journal articles describe the workings of some of the many living molecular machines within our cells, but they offer very little information about how these systems supposedly evolved by natural selection. **Many scientists frankly admit their bewilderment about how they may have originated, but refuse to entertain the obvious hypothesis: that perhaps molecular machines appear to look designed because they really are designed.**

I am hopeful that the scientific community will eventually admit the possibility of intelligent design, even if that acceptance is discreet and muted. My reason for optimism is the advance of science itself, which almost every day uncovers new intricacies in nature, fresh reasons for recognizing the design inherent in life and the universe.

The boldfaced "hypothesis" is simply untestable. The use of the mousetrap as an analogy is unfortunate, as pretty much anyone can imagine multiple uses for a spring, a component that can be a part of many different complex machines. Also, I've never personally met a scientist who frankly admits any bewilderment about that particular subject.

Quote:

Evolution response to Michael J. Behe

The Flaw in the Mousetrap

Intelligent design fails the biochemistry test.

By Kenneth R. Miller

Michael J. Behe fails to provide biochemical evidence for intelligent design.

To understand why the scientific community has been unimpressed by attempts to resurrect the so-called argument from design, one need look no further than Michael J. Behe's own essay. He argues that complex biochemical systems could not possibly have been produced by evolution because they possess a quality he calls irreducible complexity. Just like mousetraps, these systems cannot function unless each of their parts is in place. Since "natural selection can only choose among systems that are already working," there is no way that Darwinian mechanisms could have fashioned the complex systems found in living cells. And if such systems could not have evolved, they must have been designed. That is the totality of the biochemical "evidence" for intelligent design. Parts of a supposedly irreducibly complex machine may have different, but still useful, functions.

Ironically, Behe's own example, the mousetrap, shows what's wrong with this idea. Take away two parts (the catch and the metal bar), and you may not have a mousetrap but you do have a three-part machine that makes a fully functional tie clip or paper clip. Take away the spring, and you have a two-part key chain. The catch of some mousetraps could be used as a fishhook, and the wooden base as a paperweight; useful applications of other parts include everything from toothpicks to nutcrackers and clipboard holders. The point, which science has long understood, is that bits and pieces of supposedly irreducibly complex machines may have different -- but still useful -- functions.

Evolution produces complex biochemical machines.

Behe's contention that each and every piece of a machine, mechanical or biochemical, must be assembled in its final form before anything useful can emerge is just plain wrong. Evolution produces complex biochemical machines by copying, modifying, and combining proteins previously used for other functions. Looking for examples? The systems in Behe's essay will do just fine.

Natural selection favors an organism's parts for different functions.

He writes that in the absence of "almost any" of its parts, the bacterial flagellum "does not work." But guess what? A small group of proteins from the flagellum does work without the rest of the machine -- it's used by many bacteria as a device for injecting poisons into other cells. Although the function performed by this small part when working alone is different, it nonetheless can be favored by natural selection.

The blood clotting system is an example of evolution.

The key proteins that clot blood fit this pattern, too. They're actually modified versions of proteins used in the digestive system. The elegant work of Russell Doolittle has shown how evolution duplicated, retargeted, and modified these proteins to produce the vertebrate blood-clotting system.

Working researchers see evolution in subcellular systems.

And Behe may throw up his hands and say that he cannot imagine how the components that move proteins between subcellular compartments could have evolved, but scientists actually working on such systems completely disagree. In a 1998 article in the journal *Cell*, a group led by James Rothman, of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, described the remarkable simplicity and uniformity of these mechanisms. They also noted that these mechanisms "suggest in a natural way how the many and diverse compartments in eukaryotic cells could have evolved in the first place." Working researchers, it seems, see something very different from what Behe sees in these systems -- they see evolution.

Behe's points are philosophical, not scientific.

If Behe wishes to suggest that the intricacies of nature, life, and the universe reveal a world of meaning and purpose consistent with a divine intelligence, his point is philosophical, not scientific. It is a philosophical point of view, incidentally, that I share. However, to support that view, one should not find it necessary to pretend that we know less than we really do about the evolution of living systems. In the final analysis, the biochemical hypothesis

of intelligent design fails not because the scientific community is closed to it but rather for the most basic of reasons -- because it is overwhelmingly contradicted by the scientific evidence.

The whole thing is available here:

<http://www.actionbioscience.org/evolution/nhmag.html>

Where there is DNA, there is life.

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Quote:

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lol wow. Are you going to beat me up if I disagree with you? I hope not. You'll probably use caps lock a few times in your response, but i guess thats okay.

jk

On a serious note though:

What would you consider to be the best and worst case scenarios of Baylor allowing this website to continue to be online?

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Quote:

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jk

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Don't worry, I'm non-violent. But I do get frustrated with people like this guy writing in the lariat.

As for the outcome for Baylor, I have mixed feelings. Because I support academic freedom, I believe as long as Marks does his job well in his department then what he believes and does on his own time with respect to this issue is his prerogative--provided the lawyers can hammer out the details of how he can publicize his work without implying institutional endorsement. At the same time, it saddens me that Baylor has become ground zero for this issue. The university is being used as a sacrificial pawn in a larger political game.

Worst case is that situations like this continue to escalate, making it harder and harder for Baylor faculty, particularly in the sciences, to secure grant funding and other academic objectives due to their being from a "nutcase" university, which in turn assures that the university's goal of becoming a top-tier research university will not only not be reached, but will recede farther from view. Best case, this blows over in a couple of months, people forget about it, and everybody goes on about their business

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#9

NORSEMAN 

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Anyone still question the comments by Baylor faculty that Baylor has become, shall we say, less than respected by true research institutions?

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#10



Yogi* 

The Gangster of Love
Baylor fan

Join Date: Oct 1999
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Posts: 31,401
My Mood:  INSPIRED
 Reputation Points: 1792

Is it possible to have evolution discussed in the science department while having intelligent design discussed in the religion department?

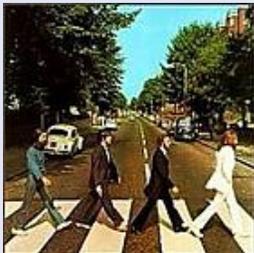
Heck, Baylor makes you take both of them anyway.

"I'll take the fifth... and then I'll take another fifth."

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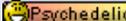
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Maxwell's Silver Hammer



Father McKenzie fan

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Posts: 7,956
My Mood:  Psychedelic
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Of course it is. But I doubt most of the religion faculty want to talk about intelligent design. Instead, it seems to be engineers wanting to talk about intelligent design

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#12

Leviathan

fan

Join Date: Sep 2004
 Posts: 229
 Reputation Points: 107

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Yogi** 

Is it possible to have evolution discussed in the science department while having intelligent design discussed in the religion department?

Sorry to pick on you Yogi, but this is the perfect example of what infuriates me--not about you, but about the ID movement. Your question implies that it must not be permissible for the religion department to discuss whether or not God created the universe. After all, Baylor's trying to suppress discussion of intelligent design, right? That's just what the guy quoted in the lariat wants people to be thinking. He wants you asking that question so you'll "put 2 and 2 together" and conclude that there is some vast Darwinian conspiracy to remove God from academia, including from Christian institutions like Baylor. If you're against ID, then by golly you're against talking about God.

But religion classes and philosophy classes and who's know what all other kinds have classes at Baylor--and at every other college in the world--have always explored the topic of God's hand in creation--the nature of the universe--the meaning of life--science's relationship to religion--etc., etc. Discussions of God's having created the universe--and how that might have happened--are not being suppressed at Baylor, nor have they ever been. But ID is not about a philosophical/theological discussion of God's role in creating the universe. It is a political strategy to undermine the credibility of modern science as a step toward a cultural revolution "to renew American culture by shaping public policy to reflect conservative Christian values"

Implying that Baylor's administration doesn't believe in God--or is trying to suppress discussion of God's hand in creation--because it wants to distance itself from any endorsement of ID is like saying that the administration must not believe in the Trinity--which includes the Holy Ghost--because the administration took down Egon, Ray, and Peter's website publicizing work in their Baylor Ghostbusting Laboratory.

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#13

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Has anyone challenged yet whether or not there is an intelligent designer?

That seems to be common ground, at least from what I have seen so far.

What are some alternative ways that one would pursue that fact (belief?) as an academic endeavor?

Leviathan, I believe you that for many people this is a political tool more than anything. (I think I believe that), but my question is, does it have to be?

Could there be some well-meaning people out there who just want to do research on the idea? Surely academia, and Christian academia especially, is a good place to do that, and you know what, maybe it will turn out they are wrong. That's what happens to a lot of hypotheses, they are wrong. But there was a time when people were thrown in jail for wanting to learn about the earth orbiting the sun. I see no reason (and I'm not a scientist) but I see no reason why there is not at least the POSSIBILITY that God could be unveiling himself through science, and one-hundred years from now, something like ID might be a credible theory.

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson



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My Mood: Cheeky

Reputation Points: 214

While ID MAY be good science, so far it hasn't gone through the rigorous requirements of any good scientific idea. There are websites and books on ID, but no testable hypothesis. Get some peer reviewed research published, let somebody try to knock it down (again). If it manages to retain its footing after all that then we can talk about a place for it in the sciences. Meanwhile, ID is a critique of science, not science.

KALLISTI y'all!!!

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#15

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Peanut Farmer**

Still in denial that this is a problem?

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ID debate to continue in new film

Sept. 19, 2007

By Claire St. Amant
City editor

Troubled by the Baylor administration's removal of an intelligent design Web site from a Baylor server, a producer from the film Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed is planning a Thursday trip to campus in hopes of meeting with President John Lilley.

Distinguished professor Dr. Robert Marks' personal research Web site on evolutionary informatics was taken down from a Baylor server last month, and producers of Expelled want to speak to Lilley about it.

"We are disturbed with what happened with Dr. Marks," executive producer Walt Ruloff said. "He was working on some really vital research."

Even though he was not granted an official meeting with Lilley, associate producer Mark Mathis has decided to bring a film crew on campus anyway.

Lori Fogleman, director of media relations for Baylor, said the president's office "gets many, many requests for meetings, participation in special events, commentary and interviews."

"Given Dr. Lilley's ongoing commitments that are focused on advancing the university's most significant objectives, it is impossible for us to respond favorably to every invitation," Fogleman said. "In this specific instance, we were unable to respond positively to a request from a filmmaker working on comedic actor Ben Stein's next movie project."

The documentary, due out in February, features Stein as an "academic rebel" in search of answers regarding higher education's treatment of intelligent design issues. Stein and the producers have conducted interviews on both sides of the issue at a number of colleges and universities, including Notre Dame University, Iowa State University, George Mason University, Cornell University, Pepperdine University and the University of Minnesota at Morris.

"We're trying to be as fair and as up front as possible, but these are questions that need answering," he said. "(The administration) should be able to provide logical, reasonable answers."

Ruloff said while the current plans call for Mathis to discuss academic freedom and intelligent design issues with Lilley, he hopes students will come out as well and raise questions to the administration. Mathis, too, believes this is a student cause.

"We think it would be appropriate for the student body to ask the questions," Mathis said.

However, the producers said they wouldn't be surprised if students are hesitant to get involved.

"Students are fearful," Mathis said. "They don't want to go on the record supporting intelligent design."

Through his previous experience on the film, Mathis said students have frequently expressed concerns about coming forward with support.

"The depth of intimidation tactics are unreal," he said. "Students are concerned they won't be able to get into graduate school or get a job."

Mathis also said certain majors are more worried about the stigma of intelligent design than others.

"If you were a biology student, you wouldn't dare touch this," he said. Allentown, Pa. junior Sam Chen, the director of the Intelligent Design

Undergraduate Research Center said he doesn't have any plans to be officially involved with questioning Lilley. "The students deserve an answer," Chen said. "There may very well be a good reason to shut down Dr. Marks' lab, but the president has yet to provide one."

This guy should of been born in Russia back in the early part of the century. He would have made a good communist. He's really good at propaganda.

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#16



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Asbestos: The Other, Other White Meat
Baylor fan

Join Date: Jan 2006

Location: A vote of no-confidence

Posts: 13,388

My Mood: BORED

Reputation Points: 990

Quote:

Originally Posted by **quash**

While ID MAY be good science, so far it hasn't gone through the rigorous requirements of any good scientific idea. There are websites and books on ID, but no testable hypothesis. Get some peer reviewed research published, let somebody try to knock it down (again). If it manages to retain its footing after all that then we can talk about a place for it in the sciences. Meanwhile, ID is a critique of science, not science.

...yep.

Oddly, this whole thing kind of reminds me of the official Baylor statement against The Gays. When Baylor makes a statement for or against anything like this where a group takes the "woe is me, people just don't like me" angle, it tends to exacerbate the problem. Baylor arresting the Souforce group gave them more ammo to say that they're a persecuted bunch. Likewise, Baylor taking this dude's ID pages off the server gave him and the other ID folk ammo to say that they're also a persecuted bunch.

Good grief. Let the guy keep his site up with the disclaimer that it's not Baylor-sponsored research and nobody has any

room to pitch a fit. We're still not sponsoring something that's pseudoscience at best (and apparently only about God when they're speaking to a Christian audience--which, honestly, is the thing that insults me the most about it), and they're still not able to say that they're being shut out by the big bad Darwinists at Baylor. Meanwhile, peer-reviewed scientific publications can continue shutting out ID as something that's not science in the first place. Everyone still wins.

Fool me once, shame on thee. Fool me twice, shame on me.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **LinuxBear** 
'we can do all things thru coco.' - BoL

 quote

 09-20-2007, 08:35 AM

#17

NORSEMAN 

Battle Ground Academy
fan

Join Date: Aug 2002
Posts: 4,683
 Reputation Points: 178

This ID business is not about convincing others about empirical science or philosophy/theology. It is about selling the the idea that Baylor has lost its way and that the light is going out.

That's the deal: Baylor is in an ideological war and its leadership either doesn't know it or subscribes to it. It is a 21st century crusade, period, and it is about control with the subsequent purging of non-believers. And 2012 is the mantra and camouflage which tries to conceal that this is about academia.

 quote

 09-20-2007, 11:13 AM

#18

West Coast Bear



Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2000
Posts: 1,326
My Mood:  Relaxed
 Reputation Points: 203

Ok is it just me or in the hands of the ID bigiots does intelligent design become an oxymoron rather than a descriptor?

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 09-20-2007, 01:15 PM

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ninjacoco★ 

Insubordinate Puffalump
Spring Valley Elementary
fan

Join Date: Feb 2006
Location: Cocos Islands
Posts: 1,741
My Mood:  SICK
 Reputation Points: 547

Quote:

Originally Posted by **West_Coast_Bear** 
Ok is it just me or in the hands of the ID bigiots does intelligent design become an oxymoron rather than a descriptor?

 Well put.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **BigOIBurlyBear**
*It's hard out here for a bunny,
with all the gangs and guns it ain't funny
run and you hide try to stay alive
but the hole you hide in it ain't sunny.*

 quote

 Yesterday, 03:37 PM

#20



Yogi★ 

The Gangster of Love
Baylor fan

Join Date: Oct 1999
Location: The Texas Hill Country
Posts: 31,401
My Mood:  INSPIRED
 Reputation Points: 1792

Quote:

Originally Posted by **West_Coast_Bear** 

Ok is it just me or in the hands of the ID bigots does intelligent design become an oxymoron rather than a descriptor?

What makes them "bigots"?

"I'll take the fifth... and then I'll take another fifth."

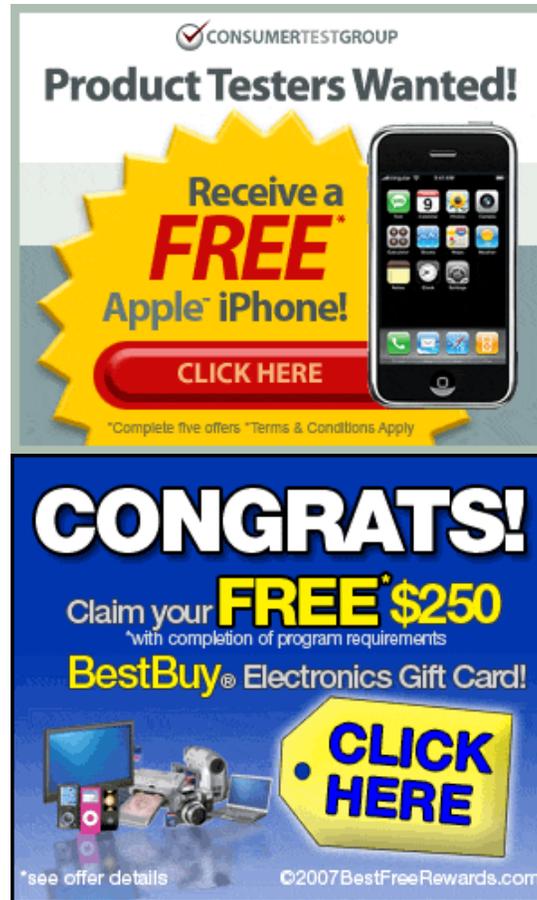
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User profile for Yogi: The Gangster of Love, Baylor fan. Includes a profile picture of a toucan.

Join Date: Oct 1999
Location: The Texas Hill Country
Posts: 31,446
My Mood: [INSPIRED]
Reputation Points: 1802

Quote:
Originally Posted by Solan=Christ!!!
The opening to that second piece is precisely the problem with the ID "movement" (that, and the fact that there's a ideological movement presenting itself as science.)
I will be very happy to get the good press of a group coming to Baylor asking why we DON'T support ID as science. They'll spin it as some kind of vast Darwinian conspiracy, but they're wrong. It's actually a vast academic conspiracy to keep academics actually academic.

I am a Christian. That means that I do believe that God created the cosmos as we know it, or at the very least, set it into action from a single creative point. I don't mind buying evolutionary theory. For example, if I see a burned out building, I can conclude that a fire happened at that place at a particular time or times. I have no problem with the adaptation of species to the changing environment. That makes God's creation all the more beautiful and actually reveals a God who is open to adaptation and change.

I normally don't disagree with you Solan, but here, I think one can have an academic discussion on the matter. I don't think there should be many subjects that are not worthy of academic discussion. Now, should it be given the same credence as Darwin's Theory of Evolution? Well, that's different. Even if I didn't believe in the theory of evolution, I'd sure like to know what it is. Heck, I am by far no socialist, but I have read the works of Karl Marx. That's just education. Darwin's theory is so old and controversial that it should be discussed in scientific circles. Well, then, should we just ignore ID theory, then?

I just hate to see one side trying to downplay the other. The fact is that both theories exist, and, therefore, neither should be banned from student review and discussion.

I hate to see either theory thrown into a closet merely because Darwinists hate Christians and vice-versa.

"I'll take the fifth... and then I'll take another fifth."

Last edited by Yogi - 09-21-2007 at 03:51 PM.

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User profile for Solan=Christ!!!: Scorpion Eater, Baylor fan. Includes a profile picture of a scorpion.

Join Date: Feb 2004
Location: Woodway
Posts: 16,059
My Mood: [Sneaky]
Reputation Points: 1849

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For the nearly 11 millionth time, a theory of creation that ignores evolutionary science and focuses on a divine being as an intelligent designer absolutely belongs in the realm of academic study. Where it does not belong is in a science classroom next to scientific theories which are testable and falsifiable and are not theology or philosophy wearing a pocket protector and a lab coat.

People at Baylor should absolutely be exposed to a variety of ideas about the diversity of human life. In a science class, however, we need to be showing them only what's empirically testable. In liberal arts classes they can examine how to combine the evidence with a predetermined worldview.

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09-21-2007, 06:34 PM

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KODIAK

Baylor fan

Join Date: Oct 1999
Posts: 8,740
Reputation Points: 280

.....and people at Baylor have been exposed to this since 1845. I wonder if this has dawned on anyone.

quote

09-21-2007, 08:04 PM

24

Leviathan

fan

Join Date: Sep 2004
Posts: 230
Reputation Points: 117

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Yogi**
I hate to see either theory thrown into a closet merely because Darwinists hate Christians and vice-versa.

This is exactly the type of statement that is so damaging and so infuriating because it is so perjorative and so completely false. It implies there are two mutually exclusive types of people, Darwinists and Christians, and that they are sworn enemies.

quote

Yesterday, 12:32 PM

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caseman

Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2000
Location: Dallas
Posts: 15,832
My Mood: **Pensive**
Reputation Points: 1207

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Leviathan**
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Before I was informed about the ID movement, I was in favor of it (Dembski's books are interesting and thought provoking). It is a shame that people are forcing us to take sides, but that is what every "movement" is about. *Origin of the Species* and Christianity shouldn't be at odds with one another, but they are for the most part (not to me) and that is a crying shame.

quote

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KODIAK

Baylor fan

Join Date: Oct 1999
Posts: 8,740
Reputation Points: 280

It may be at odds with Christianity but not Christianity at all.

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