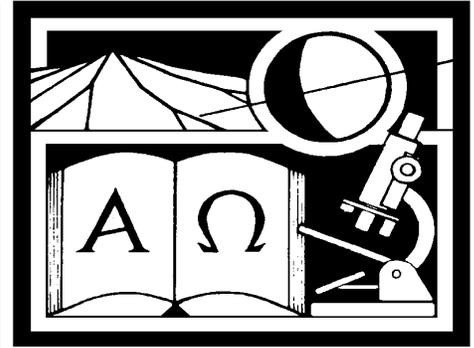


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Evolution: The Fraud That Shapes The Worldview of Our Kids

By Bob Harsh [and Chuck Colson]

Evolution, instead of being a valuable tool that can help us understand nature, has been the source of much **misinformation**. Instead of being a “grand organizing concept” and a huge interweaving thread that ties all of biology together, it has served as an unequalled deterrent to the progress of understanding nature.

One broad incitement against the usefulness of evolution is its long history of fraud and deception and the gullibility of the scientific and educational communities and their pattern of jumping on the bandwagon of the frauds.

“Piltdown Man” was probably the first. In 1912 the Piltdown hoax dug up in England was immediately touted as “the missing link”. Models of the hybrid jaw of an ape and altered human skull soon appeared in museums around the world and pictures appeared in books as scientific fact. How many millions of school children were doomed to grow up under the misinformation that missing links between humans and apes really did exist in the distant past? The Piltdown misinformation was reinforced by the discovery and then mass distribution of information about “America’s Missing Link”, Nebraska Man. Although technically not a **deliberate** hoax, the gullible

community of anthropologists, bought into Nebraska Man and Piltdown Man so completely that both were used in the infamous Scopes “Monkey” trial to show that proof existed that people have evolved from apes. It was not until the 1950’s that Piltdown Man was proven to be a hoax, even though reputable scientists wrote about their doubts about Piltdown from the very first. Nebraska Man was based on one tooth that came, in reality, from a pig! In the meantime hun-

dreds of children who were to be the scientific and educational leaders of the next generation were formulating their paradigms about nature under the tutelage of scientific misinformation. That’s not the way to make scientific progress. Misinformation about the two proven apes, Java “Man” and Peking “Man” continue even into the “21st” century to be used as evidence for links between humans and apes. Lucy, clearly an ape, continues in museums and schoolbooks to be used as

MEETING INFORMATION

HOST: William Stillman

TOPIC: Cosmic Evidence for Creation (Design) and Catastrophism

The prevailing theory for origins and development of the universe relies almost totally on the “Big Bang” scenario. At present nearly every one of its requisite assumptions is under varying degrees of attack. Is the speed of light an absolute maximum limit and is said speed constant for all time? Can all red shifts of stellar light spectra be attributed to the Doppler effect? Is the cosmic background radiation effect sufficiently lumpy to be the current Big Bang residue? Where is the cold dark matter? Does such stuff even exist? How do we account for the dynamics of galaxies?

A number of phenomena seem to indicate a universe much younger than most scientists think it is. In addition to galactic configurations we look at the existence of short period comets; the distribution of solar system angular momentum and chemical elements; questions about the origin of solar energy and the size of the sun; moon surface dust and its distance from the earth; and ghost lunar craters.

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evidence for man's link with apes. How many people are still under the false impression that Neanderthal Man was a "pre-human" species of half man-half ape?!

Ernst Haeckel's deliberate misinformation impeded the progress in a valid understanding of embryology for over 100 years. And now it turns out that the peppered moths, used in every biology textbook in the world to illustrate natural selection, had an unacceptable measure of deception associated with illustrations depicting their life history.

I found Chuck Colson's account of his *Breakpoint* article particularly enlightening [as usual] and I would like to share it with you. Those of us who have been involved in CSF for several years have become convinced long ago about the invalidity of evolution but many have merely used that bit of enlightenment to satisfy our own intellectual appetites and have moved on with our lives. I want to appeal to you who have dropped out of "active interest" in the "creationist movement" to become involved again. We all have a personal responsibility to do what we can in our varied capacities to not allow the religious hoax of evolution to continue to go unchallenged in the formulation of the world view of the next generation of scientific, educational, and sadly, even religious leaders.

Please get involved again! Creation Science Fellowship in Pittsburgh can make a bigger impact with your renewed involvement!

BreakPoint Commentary
January 28, 2000

The Archaeoraptor Fraud:
This Bird Will Never Fly
By Charles W. Colson

Most of us know National Geographic as the magazine we

flip through at the doctor's office. Renowned for its stunning photography, National Geographic is one of the most highly esteemed periodicals in the world. That is, until last

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November's issue featured a discovery hailed as the best evidence to date for Darwin's so-called "missing link".

But what was supposed to be startling news has turned out to be yet one more example of the scientific community peddling fraud as scientific fact. The discovery was remarkable. Archaeologists in China had unearthed a fossil of a half-bird/half-dinosaur. This fossil was proclaimed to be irrefutable evidence of a transitional form between one species and another—evidence that evolutionists have long sought but never found. Then the truth came out.

In reality, the Archaeoraptor fossil turned out to be the remains of two animals pieced together. While some call it an honest mistake, most now believe that it was actually an elaborate and deliberate hoax. But why, you may ask, is the scientific community so quick to embrace disreputable evidence? And why would an institution

like National Geographic fail to take steps to confirm the reliability of such an amazing discovery?

The answer:

They're desperate.

You see, the lack of any evidence for transitional forms is one of Darwinism's dirty little secrets, and some scientists would do just about anything to keep it a secret - even to the point of fabricating evidence.

Believe it or not, this kind of hoax is nothing new. In the 1860s, Barnum's traveling circus featured the Cardiff Man, a petrified giant who was proclaimed to be a human ancestor. Ten years later, it was revealed to be a fraud.

The best-known scientific hoax is the infamous "Piltdown Man," the name given to the skull fragment of an apparent "ape-man" discovered in 1912. It was only after scientific dating techniques were developed, more than forty years later, that scientists recognized Piltdown Man as an elaborate scam.

In fact, evolutionists have quite a track record for this kind of fraud. One of the most recent examples is the case of the peppered moth. As described in my book, *How Now Shall We Live?*, these moths supposedly changed color with their environment, confirming the theory of natural selection. But it turns out that the evidence was faked by a biologist who glued dead moths to the trees.

But why resort to trickery? Well, Darwinism, as a theory, is full of holes, and the Darwinists are afraid of falling

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through them. Darwinists hedge their bets because they know they can't win on the merits of the argument. What's left is not scientific theory but a philosophical commitment to naturalism. They start by denying the existence of the creator God and do whatever is necessary to make their case.

In the wake of the recent debates over teaching evolution in Kansas, Christians have been labeled as anti-intellectual Luddites. But the truth is, it's the evolutionists who are running from the facts.

What our neighbors need to know is that we don't want to suppress teaching about evolution. We want to present all the facts. And that's good news for educators, too. Because pasting things together belongs in the art room, not the science lab.

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Aug 99: "The Dead Speak" - Dennis E. Wert. This talk examined the effect of the flood on living things. In particular, what was the impact of

the world wide flood of Noah on all the living creatures on the earth at the time of that flood. We looked at the questions of evidences for the flood in the fossil record and effect of the flood on the survival of the animals taken on the ark and those that were not taken. This lively talk had a number of good questions and answers at the end.

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The future population of Earth appeared doubtful for quite a while until Adam & Eve finally kissed and made up.

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- MAY 16:** Geological Evidences for Creation and the Flood—Chuck Danley
- JUNE 20:** Evidence for a Young Earth—Jeff Lawther
- JULY 18:** Anthropological Evidence for Creation and the Flood—Reid Moon
- AUGUST 15:** Fossil Evidence for the Flood—Robert Ivey
- SEPTEMBER 22:** SPECIAL SATURDAY FIELD TRIP MEETING; Empirical Evidence for the Flood: Tour of the Carnegie Museum—hosted by Dr. Kurt Wise (Proposed)
- OCTOBER 17:** Mankind Evidence for being Made In God’s Image—Robert Walsh
- NOVEMBER 21, 2000:** Evidence for the Design of the Physical Man—Robert Harsh

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