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baylorlabs



Baylor fan

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**Intelligent Design rears its ugly head at Baylor AGAIN!**

*This is as bad as one of those Zombie movies: intelligent design just keeps biting Baylor in the butt over and over.*

**I.D. rift hits Baylor again**  
<http://www.bpnews.org/BPnews.asp?ID=26372>

Posted on Sep 5, 2007 | by Erin Roach

WACO, Texas (BP)--Baylor University officials ordered the shutdown of a personal website of one of a handful of the school's distinguished professors because of anonymous concerns that the site, hosted on the university's server, supported Intelligent Design.

Robert Marks, distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering at Baylor, launched a website called the Evolutionary Informatics Lab in June to examine whether Darwinian processes like random mutation and natural selection can generate new information.

Marks' conclusions, as explained on the website, placed limits on the scope of Darwinism and offered

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scientific support for Intelligent Design.

In July, a podcast interview with Marks appeared on a website run by the pro-ID Discovery Institute, and a week later Benjamin Kelley, dean of engineering at Baylor, told Marks to remove the Evolutionary Informatics website immediately.

"This is a big story, perhaps the biggest story yet of academic suppression relating to ID," William Dembski, a research professor in philosophy at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, told Baptist Press.

"Robert Marks is a world-class expert in the field of evolutionary computing, and yet the Baylor administration, without any consideration of the actual content of Marks' work at the Evolutionary Informatics Lab, decided to shut it down simply because there were anonymous complaints linking the lab to Intelligent Design," Dembski said.

Dembski himself was at the center of a controversy involving Baylor and Intelligent Design in 2000 when he was removed from his post as director of the school's Michael Polanyi Center for Complexity, Information, and Design after refusing to rescind a statement supporting Intelligent Design as a legitimate form of academic inquiry.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications at Baylor, told Baptist Press Sept. 5 that the school's objection to the website involves standards by which something can or cannot attach its name to Baylor.

"This isn't about the content of the website. Really the issue is related to Baylor's policies and procedures of approving centers, institutes, products using the university's name," Fogleman said. "Baylor reserves the exclusive right to the use of its own name, and we're pretty jealous in the protection of that name. So it has nothing to do with the content but is all about how one goes about establishing a center, an institute, a product using the university's name."

In response to the dean's order to remove the Evolutionary Informatics website, Marks requested a meeting with Baylor legal counsel to resolve the matter. Six days before the scheduled Aug. 9 meeting, Kelley entered Marks' Baylor webspace and, without his consent, removed all references to the Evolutionary Informatics Lab, according to a timeline Dembski sent to BP.

The Aug. 9 meeting involved John Gilmore, an attorney who advised Dembski in 2000 and now represents Marks, Baylor Provost Randall O'Brien, Kelley and Baylor attorneys including Charles Beckenhauer, chief counsel for the school. Baylor officials asked that Marks add a disclaimer to his website and remove anything that could imply the lab is a Baylor initiative.

"Randall O'Brien signs off on the EIL site going back up and closes the meeting with prayer," Dembski's timeline states.

An Aug. 21 e-mail from Beckenhauer to Gilmore included what the Baylor chief counsel called his "proposed fixes" to the website, which by then existed only as a mirror site, not viewable by the general public. Gilmore responded by saying the matter had been settled at the Aug. 9 meeting with the provost and that Beckenhauer's recommendations were out of line.

On Aug. 30, Beckenhauer told Gilmore via e-mail that "there is now a long trail of information that inappropriately links independent research to the Baylor name," and he said the website issue centered on "misleading representations of your client and his collaborator (Dr. Dembski)."

Research papers that Dembski and Marks wrote jointly were on the website, and Dembski said his connection with the lab had been evident from the start.

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Beckenbauer said the Aug. 9 meeting was not meant to be a final agreement, and he expressed concerns that Marks and Dembski had created a "trail of inaccuracies" that would lead people to believe Baylor had given direct support for what in reality was an independent project.

"All the circumstantial evidence points to John Lilley, Baylor's president, as being behind this effort to stamp out ID at Baylor," Dembski told Baptist Press. "The provost was at the crucial Aug. 9 meeting; the president wasn't. Lilley is the only one with the authority to overturn what the provost agreed to at that meeting."

Dembski, in comments to the Southern Baptist Texan newsjournal Sept. 4, underscored the hypersensitivity surrounding Intelligent Design in scholastic institutions these days.

"You have to understand, in the current academic climate, Intelligent Design is like leprosy or heresy in times past," he said. "To be tagged as an ID supporter is to become an academic pariah, and this holds even at so-called Christian institutions that place a premium on respectability at the expense of truth and the offense of the Gospel."

Dembski said he knows of several faculty members at Baylor who support Intelligent Design, but they are mostly younger faculty who don't have tenure and don't speak up on the topic. An old guard at Baylor, he said, supports secularization.

"John Lilley, in attempting to pacify that old guard, and perhaps because of a sense of foreboding about how Baylor might be perceived in the wider university culture if it were seen as supporting Intelligent Design or as even allowing it merely a presence, has therefore decided to come down hard against it," Dembski said.

Intelligent Design "in a sense became a poster child" of what immediate past president Robert Sloan tried to accomplish at Baylor, seeking to rescue the Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated school from its slide into secularization before he resigned under pressure in 2005, Dembski noted.

Aside from the hot-button issue of Intelligent Design, Dembski said the way the Baylor administration has dealt with Marks in this case is "inexcusable by any standard, certainly Christian but even secular."

"I've been at MIT, Princeton University, Notre Dame, Cornell, Northwestern and the University of Chicago, and at none of these schools have I ever have witnessed the shameful treatment that Baylor has accorded to Robert Marks," Dembski said.

"... [Marks] was a star in his department at the University of Washington in Seattle for 26 years before Baylor recruited him, and now Baylor is subjecting him to treatment that even so 'liberal' and 'secular' a place as UW would find unconscionable," Dembski added. "Yes, there are academic freedom issues here, but at this point the issue is one of plain decency."

Robert Crowther of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture told Baptist Press the institute is watching the Marks situation from an academic freedom standpoint.

"We're deeply concerned that the administration at Baylor University has really not shown any support for academic freedom or freedom of scientific inquiry in shutting down a website and a research project of one of their distinguished faculty," Crowther said. "We find that very troubling. It does show a certain trend at Baylor."

Crowther said he believes Intelligent Design has become such a controversial issue in academia because of the scientific threat it poses. The Scopes Trial should have settled the issue, he said, but discoveries

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Trader Bear**

*Marks said he was satisfied with the new arrangement. Apparently, Dembski's finds are running low so he must go out and stir up controversy where none exists.*

Yet another "unintended consequence" of the Presidency of Robert Sloan, a man who many members of the current BOR clearly support by their actions since Sloan resigned. BOR - this is what happens when you support agendas that do not benefit the institution as a whole, but the agendas of a certain few individuals. At least Baylor did the right thing in this case and had Marks's website removed. If Marks wants to host his own website on ID, that's fine, but it isn't science and shouldn't have Baylor's name attached to it.

quote

Yesterday, 11:54 AM

#4

**Bearprof**



Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003

Posts: 1,003

Reputation Points: 118

""I've been at MIT, Princeton University, Notre Dame, Cornell, Northwestern and the University of Chicago, and at none of these schools have I ever have witnessed the shameful treatment that Baylor has accorded to Robert Marks," Dembski said."

Just curious... Do MIT, Princeton University, Notre Dame, Cornell, Northwestern and the University of Chicago teach, or host websites devoted to the support of, ID? If not, then how has Baylor "shamefully treated" Marks as opposed to the treatment that he might receive at those other institutions? Would ID be tolerated in any way, shape, or form at those schools? If not, then I would say that Baylor has treated Marks quite well, a situation that Marks may clearly appreciate.

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Yesterday, 12:14 PM

#5

**Barely a prof**



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the only act, concept, or PERSON I find "inexcusable by any standard, certainly Christian" at Baylor is William Demski, et al, who, in how many different ways, have been told, "your form of 'scholarship' under the guise of 'science' is not wanted here" but more, your presumption to keep finding clandestine ways to get your ID work affiliated with Baylor University (this is not the first such rodeo, you shall recall with School of Engineering faculty).

No one has an inalienable right to Baylor University's heritage--not Dembski, not Presidents, not regents, not me--(and I'm about as much a son of Baylor blood as one can get).

I regret that the Provost did not nip it in the bud when he had a chance. But in fairness to the Provost, those of us not in those meetings don't know the dialogue of compromise that is invoked.

But if John Lilley simply nixed it. Done, finis. Then kudos to President Lilley. We need mores such decisions at Baylor, i.e. the kind that protect BAYLOR from those who would alter it's course from its historic mission and posture for the smaller, more narcissistic usage.

*Last edited by Barely a prof : Yesterday at 12:16 PM.*

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Yesterday, 12:18 PM

#6

### Trader Bear



Baylor fan

Join Date: Feb 2002  
Location: Missouri City, TX  
Posts: 19,806

My Mood: I'm Breezy

Reputation Points: 1327

Let's not forget Dembski tried to sneak int he back door at BU a year ago in the engineering school before he was Lee Corso'ed -- "not so fast my friend."

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Yesterday, 01:12 PM

#7

### baylorlabs



Baylor fan

Join Date: Sep 2007  
Posts: 2

Reputation Points: 1

Isn't it time President Lilley issued a formal statement laying out clear policy guidelines about intelligent design at Baylor?

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## NORSEMAN



Belmont fan

Join Date: Aug 2002  
Posts: 4,659  
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Quote:

Originally Posted by **baylorlabs**   
*Isn't it time President Lilley issued a formal statement laying out clear policy guidelines about intelligent design at Baylor?*

No doubt it is past time for Lilley to use the authority and power vested in the office of President of Baylor University.

What the Regents gonna do? Fire him? Oh, please...make my day Regents. Also doubt that will happen since what you see in Lilley so far is who he is and what he is going to do as prez.....You fill in the blank for your own answers here.

Whoever the guy/gal who claimed to be from UN-Reno and who posted about Lilley just after he was hired was apparently correct in regard to Lilley's leadership and personality.

 quote

 Yesterday, 04:30 PM

#9


## Bearprof



Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003  
Posts: 1,003  
Reputation Points: 118

Quote:

Originally Posted by **NORSEMAN**   
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Agreed, Norseman. I've said from the beginning of Lilley's tenure that he was as bulletproof as any incoming Baylor president perhaps ever due to the circumstances upon him entering. He needs to step up help out our science faculty who have been undermined in the academic realm by the ID proponents.



quote

Yesterday, 06:17 PM

#10



quash★



Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003

Location: Dallas

Posts: 863

My Mood: 😏 Cheeky

Reputation Points: 176

On this issue Lilley got it right. Dembski is toxic.

KALLISTI y'all!!!

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Yesterday, 10:11 PM

#11



Jetskibear★



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Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2000

Location: Houston

Posts: 35,036

My Mood: 😌 Relaxed

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Yesterday, 11:54 PM

#12

## Bearprof



Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003

Posts: 1,003

Reputation Points: 118

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear**   
*Why not teach the truth?*

Who's "truth?" Yours? I'll pass, but thanks for playing.

quote

Today, 01:12 AM

#13

## NORSEMAN



Belmont fan

Join Date: Aug 2002

Posts: 4,659

Reputation Points: 177

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear**   
*Why not teach the truth?*

Couldn't agree more, jetski. And the truth about chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology and all the micro areas within those fields of study is that in none of them will one find God in the flesh. No fingerprints; no signatures. Of course, that is the opposite of the ID mentality, and is the truth that irritates the "integration of faith and learning" crowd.

The argument about teaching truth has not found great favor with the F&L patriots, unless it is the truth they tell the faculty to teach.

The truly amazing aspect of all this is that the F&L's don't seem to want a faith approach to the hard sciences.

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Today, 07:36 AM

#14



quash★



Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 863  
My Mood: 😏 Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 176

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear** >  
*Why not teach the truth?*

Which prof is teaching lies Ski?

KALLISTI y'all!!!

quote

Today, 07:54 AM

#15

LordByron★



BaylorFans Sponsor ★  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Dec 2003  
Location: Arlington, TX  
Posts: 6,170  
My Mood: 😇 Angelic  
Reputation Points: 294

Quote:

Robert Marks, distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering at Baylor

I certainly hope no one equates an engineer with a scientist.

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Today, 01:29 PM

#16

caseman



Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2000  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 15,629  
My Mood: 🍷 Drunk  
Reputation Points: 1092



Quote:

Originally Posted by **LordByron** [▶](#)  
*I certainly hope no one equates an engineer with a scientist.*

That deserves as much rep love as I can give away. Nice one! 🍺🍺😄

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Today, 01:57 PM

#17



**Jetskibear** ⭐🐾

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Join Date: Jun 2000  
Location: Houston  
Posts: 35,036  
My Mood: 😌 Relaxed  
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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Bearprof** [▶](#)  
*Who's "truth?" Yours? I'll pass, but thanks for playing.*

God's



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#18



## Maxwell's Silver Hammer



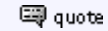
Father McKenzie fan

Join Date: Oct 1999  
Location: Abbey Road, London  
Posts: 7,886  
My Mood: 🧠 **Psychedelic**  
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Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear** >  
*God's*

Good suggestion, but you may have noticed that, across history, there has been some minor dispute over what exactly is God's truth . . . .



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#19



## Jetskibear ⭐ 🐾

Baylorfans SponsOr and #1 poster  
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Join Date: Jun 2000  
Location: Houston  
Posts: 35,036  
My Mood: 😊 **Relaxed**  
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Quote:


Originally Posted by **Maxwell's Silver Hammer** >  
*Good suggestion, but you may have noticed that, across history, there has been some minor dispute over what exactly is God's truth . . . .*

Not in my book.



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#20


[Bearprof](#)




Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003

Posts: 1,003

 Reputation Points: 118


Quote:

Originally Posted by **NORSEMAN** 

*The truly amazing aspect of all this is that the F&L's don't seem to want a faith approach to the hard sciences.*

And this would be the picture of irony... I wish I had thought of this example.

Norse gets it...again.

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[Bearprof](#)

Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003  
 Posts: 1,007  
 Reputation Points: 118

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear**   
*Not in my book.*

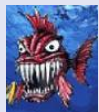
I rest my case...

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Join Date: Jun 2000  
Location: Houston  
Posts: 35,086  
My Mood:  Relaxed  
 Reputation Points: 492

Again, no argument in my book....it's inerrant.



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#23



**quash**    
Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood:  Cheeky  
 Reputation Points: 186

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Jetskibear**   
*Again, no argument in my book....it's inerrant.*

Maybe you can help me, because my concordance seems incomplete; where in the book is "Evolutionary Informatics" discussed?

KALLISTI! y'all!!!

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#24



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My Mood:  Angelic  
 Reputation Points: 296

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#25



**BigBadBear**  
oscillating fan

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#26



**piratestef**  
Back to how much I rule...  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Jan 2006  
Location: A vote of no-confidence  
Posts: 13,216  
My Mood: SAD  
Reputation Points: 927

Quote:

Originally Posted by **BigBadBear**  
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where's lilley on this?

Link didn't work.

Quote:

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

quote

09-10-2007, 07:00 AM

#27



**quash**  
Baylor fan

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Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

Quote:

Originally Posted by **LordByron**  
*Quash, you could invest your time more efficiently arguing with a sign post.*

Hey, I once talked a yield sign into voting Stoppist.

Yer prolly right tho.

KALLISTI y'all!!!!

quote

09-10-2007, 03:49 PM

#28



**Jetskibear**  
Baylorfans SponsOr and #1 poster  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2000  
Location: Houston  
Posts: 35,086  
My Mood: Relaxed  
Reputation Points: 492

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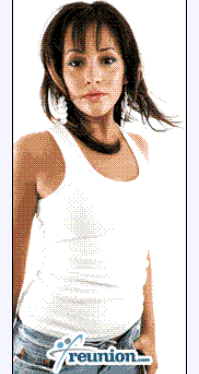
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quash★



Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

Jesus wept.

KALLISTI y'all!!!!

quote

09-10-2007, 06:11 PM

#30

PapaBear86



Baylor Bears fan

Join Date: Feb 2006  
Location: Austin  
Posts: 698  
My Mood: Cheerful  
Reputation Points: 118

Amazing stuff

Quote:

Originally Posted by [Bearprof](#)  
Agreed, Norseman. I've said from the beginning of Lilley's tenure that he was as bulletproof as any incoming Baylor president perhaps ever due to the circumstances upon him entering. *He needs to step up help out our science faculty who have been undermined in the academic realm by the ID proponents.*

The highlights in red are stunning. What an amazing leap of faith you must have to dismiss ID. Impressive!!!

I will remember to put on my church clothes before reading any additional comments about your "theories"

quote

09-10-2007, 06:45 PM

#31



billytheskink★



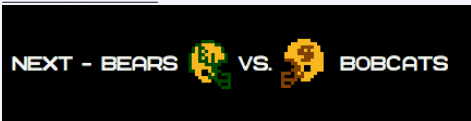
Baylor fan

Join Date: Dec 2003  
Location: Richmond Tx.  
Posts: 6,298  
Reputation Points: 399

Quote:

Crowther said he believes Intelligent Design has become such a controversial issue in academia because of the scientific threat it poses. **The Scopes Trial should have settled the issue**, he said, but discoveries since then have altered the discussion.

Had the Scopes trial settled the issue, Marks and Dembski wouldn't be having any trouble right now.



quote

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#32



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Does the red text represent what Jesus stated?



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#33

**BigBadBear**

oscillating fan

Join Date: Feb 2006  
Posts: 50  
Reputation Points: 11

Quote:

Originally Posted by **piratestef**   
*Link didn't work.*

i shall try again:

<http://www.wacotrib.com/news/content...entdesign.html>

quote

09-10-2007, 07:24 PM

#34

**Bearprof**

Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2003  
Posts: 1,007  
Reputation Points: 118

Quote:

Originally Posted by **PapaBear86**   
*The highlights in red are stunning. What an amazing leap of faith you must have to dismiss ID. Impressive!!!  
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Not a leap of faith at all. I guess the folks with whom I speak who teach in the science building must be making up the skeptical reception by some (or more than some) they receive at conferences when their respective conference badges read "Baylor University." It's bad enough when some of the academy (scientifically speaking) don't take Baylor University science faculty seriously simply because they are Christians (a position I've never understood, but that's a subject for another day), but having faculty members touting ID as science makes that situation much worse. It undermines the legitimate scientific research many of our faculty are conducting.

ID belongs in the humanities for now. When ID can be proven by the scientific method, then it will be taught in the sciences. Why is this so difficult for you to understand?

quote

09-10-2007, 07:46 PM

#35

**quash** 

Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

I can assure you it takes no leap of faith whatsoever to follow the scientific debate over an issue that is not yet good science. It may get there (though I doubt it) but so far ID has failed to carry the burden of proof. I have no more "faith" in science than I have "evidence" of god.

KALLISTI y'all!!!!

quote

09-10-2007, 10:22 PM

#36

**PapaBear86**

Baylor Bears fan

Join Date: Feb 2006  
Location: Austin  
Posts: 698  
My Mood: Cheerful  
Reputation Points: 118**Its a bit late in the evening to finish this, but..**

When did the burden of proof ever stop an intentioned scientist from reaching the conclusion that he wants to make? Especially when grant money is involved and a non pc loudmouth has the potential to muddy the waters.

Before you start bombing me, there exists thousands of example to contradict the above statement. The point is that discovery is an on going process for which "theories" evolve to vet new science.

My favorite aspect of the debate is when a disagreement takes place and the intellectual shout down drowns out any dissent in the name of prestige.

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**FOLLOW THE MONEY**

Has ID been proven, nope. Has it been disproven, nope. Any money in those statements, nope.

Quote:

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#37



quash★  
Baylor fan

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Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

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quote

09-10-2007, 10:31 PM

#38

PapaBear86

Baylor Bears fan

Join Date: Feb 2006  
Location: Austin  
Posts: 698  
My Mood: Cheerful  
Reputation Points: 118

Prove or disprove

?

ID or any other scientific theories.

Quote:

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quote

09-10-2007, 11:15 PM

#39

LordByron★

BaylorFans Sponsor★  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Dec 2003  
Location: Arlington, TX  
Posts: 6,182  
My Mood: Angelic  
Reputation Points: 296

Quote:

Originally Posted by PapaBear86  
*The highlights in red are stunning. What an amazing leap of faith you must have to dismiss ID. Impressive!!!  
I will remember to put on my church clothes before reading any additional comments about your "theories"*

Just curious, PapaBear86, do you believe the world is flat?

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#40



quash★  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 886  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

Quote:

Originally Posted by PapaBear86  
*?*  
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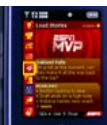
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#41

Leviathan



fan

Join Date: Sep 2004  
Posts: 219  
Reputation Points: 98

Quote:

Originally Posted by **PapaBear86**   
FOLLOW THE MONEY.

I agree, follow the money. Forget all the highfalutin philosophy of what can be proved or not proved. There's only one real test of science, and that's whether it works and produces results. People pay for what works because money makes the world go round.

Using NSF data for 2004 (most recent I could find), private industry funded about 45 billion dollars in basic and applied research. We're not talking federal funding here, which you might claim is controlled by some cabal of liberal scientific elite. We're talking money laid out by captains of industry who couldn't care less about TRUTH, they just want an ROI.

How much of that 45 billion went to fund ID? None. All of it went to fund work based on the best available scientific understanding, which includes evolution, big bang, etc. Why wasn't ID funded? Because it isn't science. It makes no predictions. It provides no guidance for discovering new things. It yields no information that can be adapted to useful applications. It is devoid of any productive content. And it has no prospect for any of that changing.

On the other hand, it would seem a bit odd that people known for their judicious management of money would bet 45 billion of it a year on modern science unless that science generally produced good results, and the fact that modern science consistently produces good results is a pretty good indication that it has a decent truth content.

So I'll follow your advice. I'll follow the money. When companies are spending billions of dollars per year to fund ID because it produces such wonderful and useful results, I'll be a believer.

*Last edited by Leviathan : 09-11-2007 at 08:20 AM.*



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#42

PapaBear86



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Posts: 700  
My Mood: Cheerful  
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**Crow eating time.**

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He convinced me that ID should not be part of the "conventional science curriculum". However, he did state that alternative scientific theories can and should be espoused, albeit in a different department.

I am converted and seek redemption.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **quash** *OK, right off the bat we have a problem. ID is not a scientific theory. At best it is a critique, but one based outside of science. At least so far.*

quote

09-11-2007, 02:42 PM

#43



**quash**   
 Baylor fan

Join Date: Aug 2003  
Location: Dallas  
Posts: 891  
My Mood: Cheeky  
Reputation Points: 186

Quote:

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Wow, a truly open mind, what a rarity.

I have long had a real attachment to alternative scientific theories. Love to read about 'em if they're well done. But I'm also a skeptic, so new ideas need more than being edgy, they need real science. When something moves from unconventional to mainstream it is doubly exciting. If the only thing ID does is make mainstream guys work harder, that's OK, too. Meanwhile, teach the mainstream and watch the fun on the fringes.

KALLISTI y'all!!!!

quote

09-11-2007, 03:05 PM

#44

**Leviathan**

fan

Join Date: Sep 2004  
Posts: 219  
Reputation Points: 98

Quote:

Originally Posted by **quash**   
*Wow, a truly open mind, what a rarity.*

Ditto

quote

09-11-2007, 04:41 PM

#45

**Trader Bear**

Baylor fan

Join Date: Feb 2002  
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Posts: 19,836  
My Mood: I'm Breezy  
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*I am converted and seek redemption.*

It takes a big man to come and admit what you just did. Openness of mind (and university policies) is an admirable quality. Willingness to admit error is something sorely lacking around Baylor these days.

quote

09-11-2007, 04:45 PM

#46

**LordByron**



BaylorFans Sponsor  
Baylor fan

Join Date: Dec 2003  
Location: Arlington, TX  
Posts: 6,183  
My Mood: Angelic  
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Way to go, PapaBear86. I am truly impressed with your ability to think - not because you agree with me, but because you have an open mind.

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Baylor fan

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Location: Houston  
Posts: 35,098  
My Mood: Relaxed  
Reputation Points: 500

Open mind = change your opinion to mine.



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### West Coast Bear



Baylor fan

Join Date: Jun 2000  
Posts: 1,049  
My Mood: HUNG OVER  
Reputation Points: 179

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quote

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