

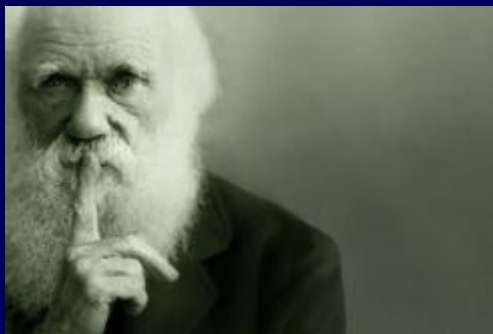
Spiritual and Societal Consequences of Darwinian Evolution



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Introduction

- What harm is there if a society doesn't accept the truth regarding the origin of man and his eternal destiny? What if a culture accepts naturalistic Darwinian evolution? Will there be any irreparable damage?
- **I Cor. 15:32** *“If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’”*

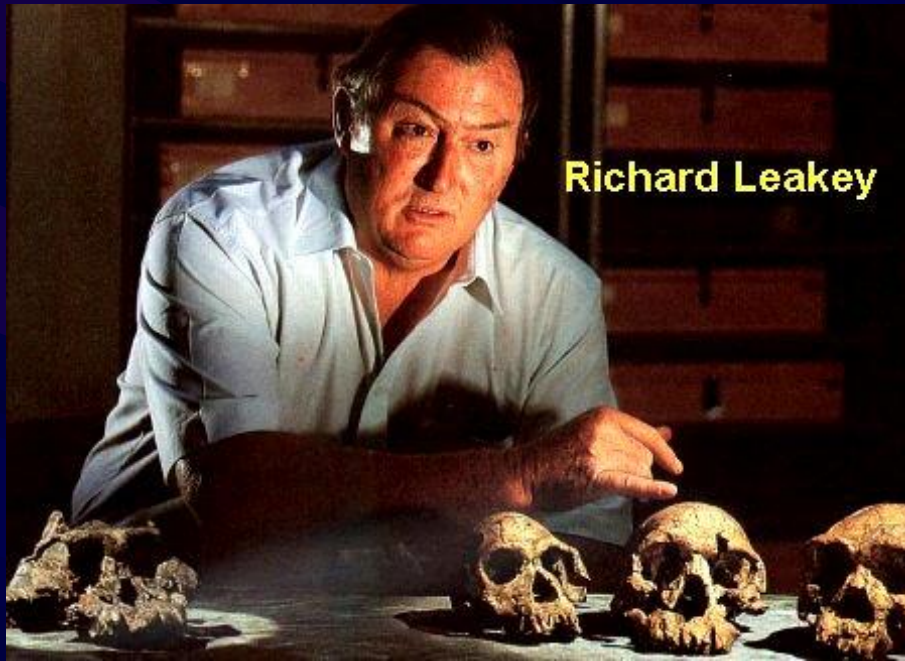


I. Neo-Darwinism Teaches that You are a Worthless, Random, and Unplanned, Cosmic Accident



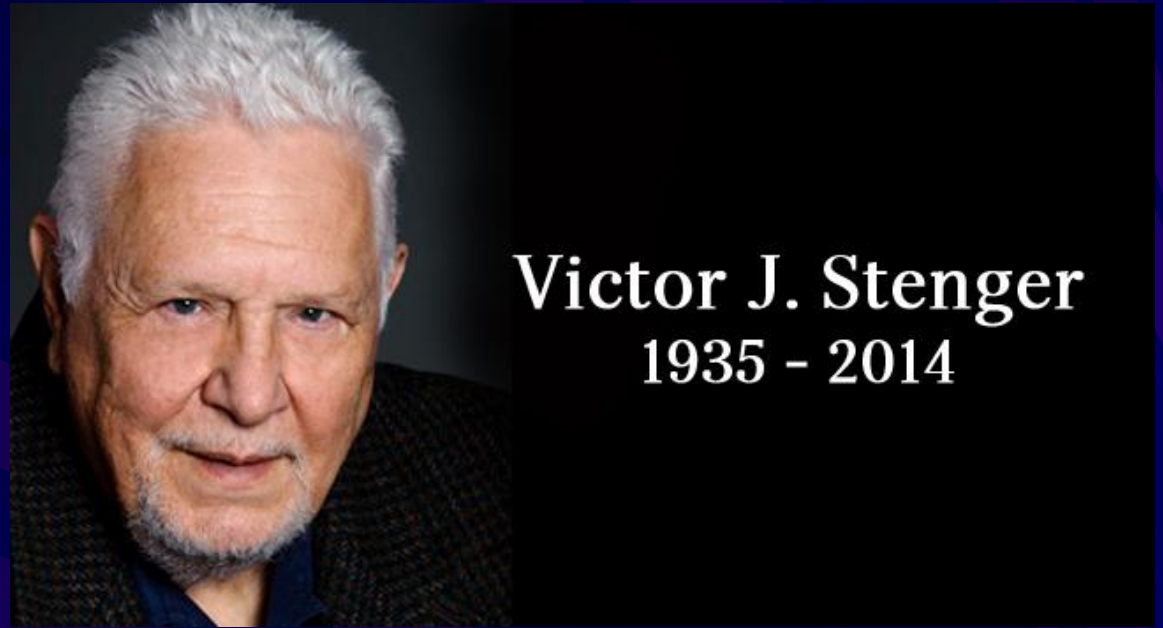
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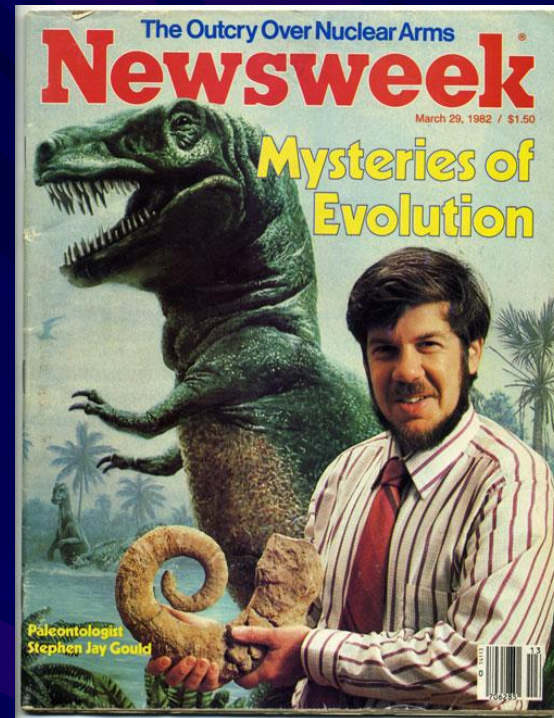
“In many ways we are a biological accident, the product of countless propitious circumstances.”

- Dr. Richard Leakey, Co-author with American science writer Roger Amos Lewin. *Origins: What New Discoveries Reveal about the Emergence of our Species and its Possible Future* (1977), p. 256.



“physicists are now claiming that the hundreds of billions of stars and galaxies, including the earth and humanity, are not conscious creations but an accident.”

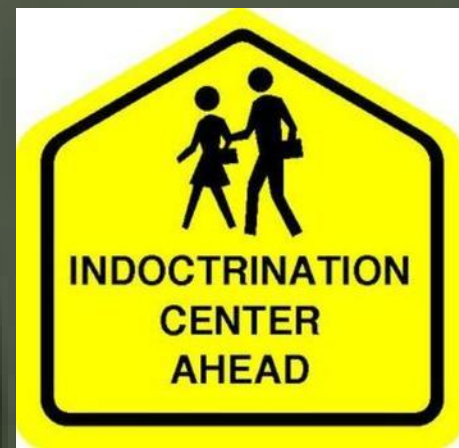
- Dr. Victor Stenger, (professor, particle physicist, philosopher, atheist) “Was the Universe Created?” Free Inquiry (Summer 1987), p. 26.



“Many paleontologists, myself included, now view Homo sapiens as a tiny and unpredictable twig on a richly ramifying tree of life— a happy accident of the last geological moment”

- Dr. Stephen Jay Gould, “Modified Grandeur,” Natural History, Vol. 102 (March 1993), p 20.

II. Macroevolution Destroys Christian Faith, Because it Provides a *Perceived* Alternative to Creation





“ . . . evolution itself, a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.”

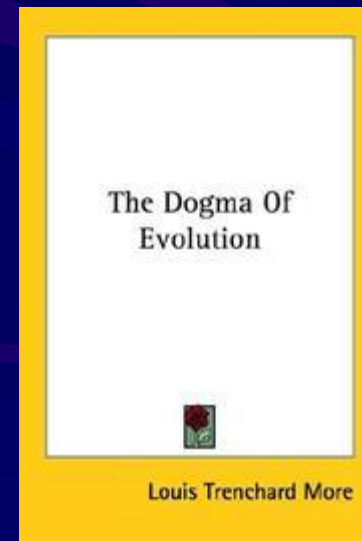
**- D. M. S., Watson,
“Adaptation,” *Nature*.
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University College,
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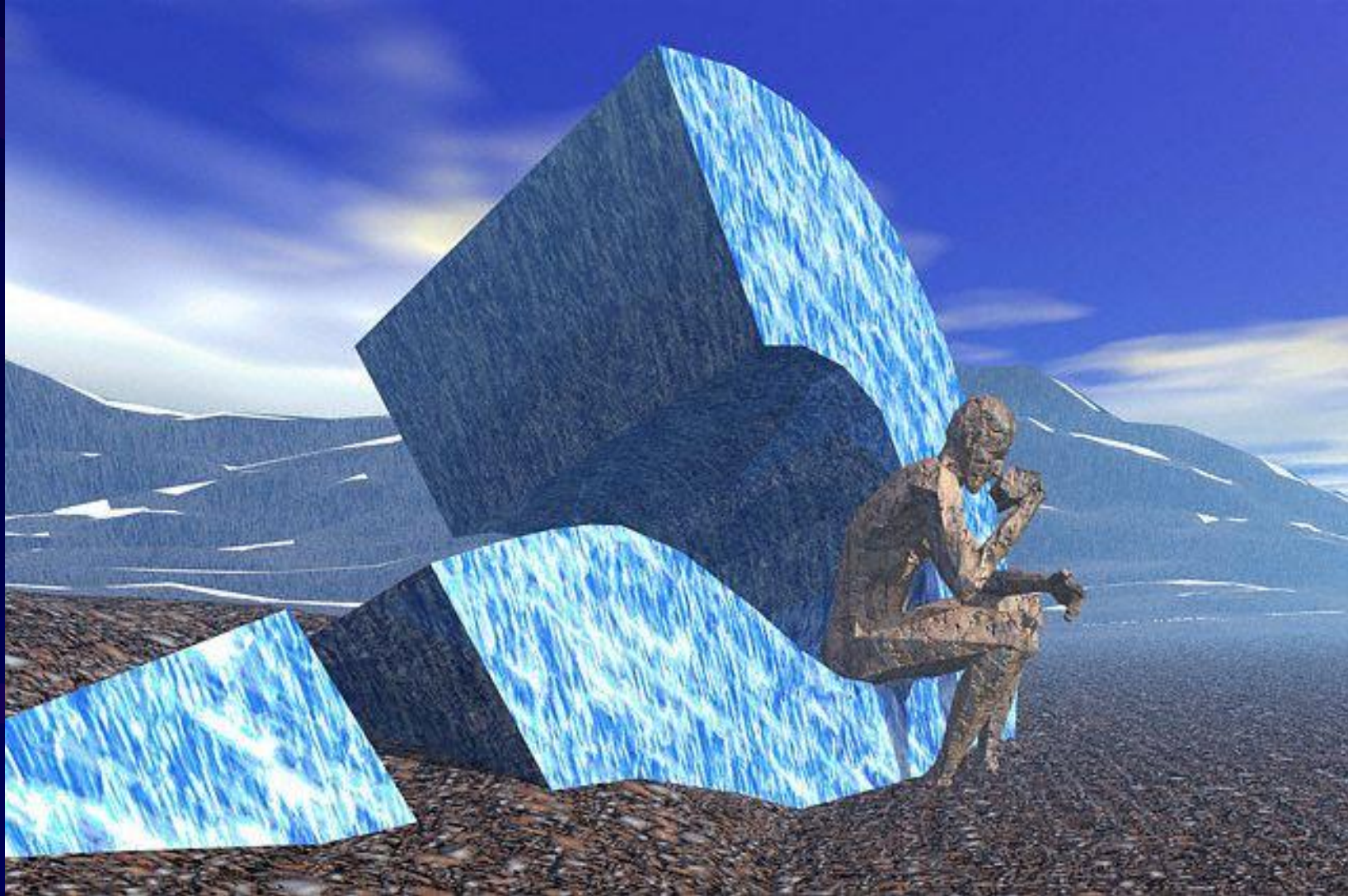


“Our faith in the idea of evolution depends on our reluctance to accept the antagonistic doctrine of special creation”

**-Dr. Louis Trenchard More
(Head, University of
Cincinnati Graduate School),
The Dogma of Evolution,
1925**

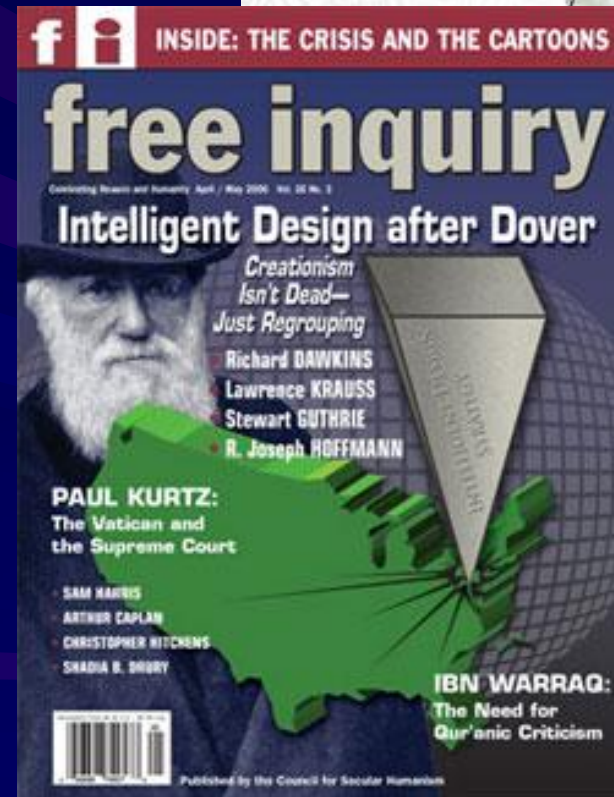
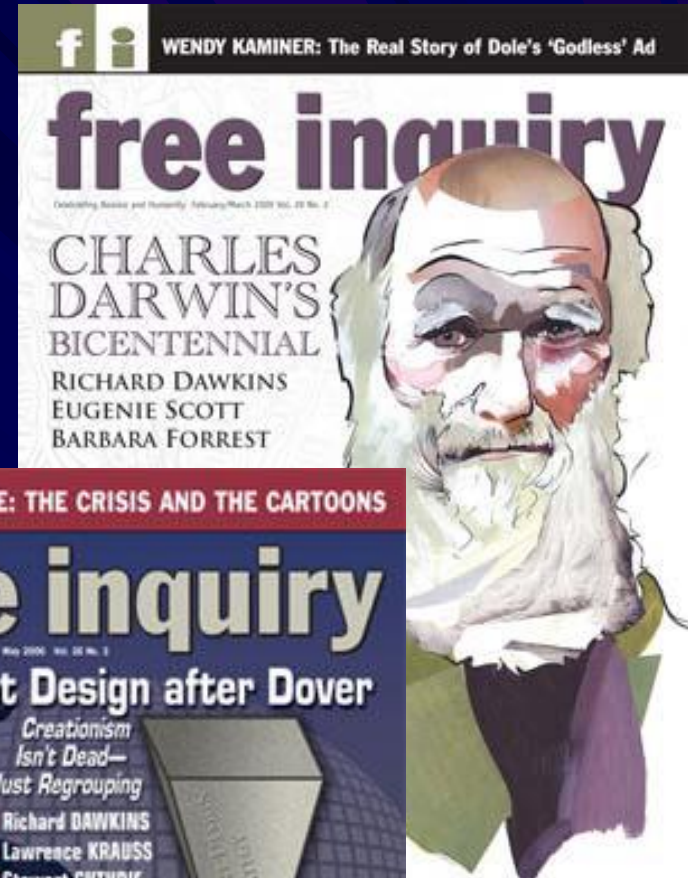


Does Darwinian Evolution Destroy Faith in God?



“Evolution thus becomes the most potent weapon for destroying the Christian faith.”

- A.J. Mattill Jr., “Three Cheers for the Creationists,” *Free Inquiry*, vol. 2 (Spring 1982)



"We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures. . . We may yearn for a 'higher' answer--but none exists."

- Stephen J. Gould, "The Meaning of Life", *Life Magazine*, Dec. 1988

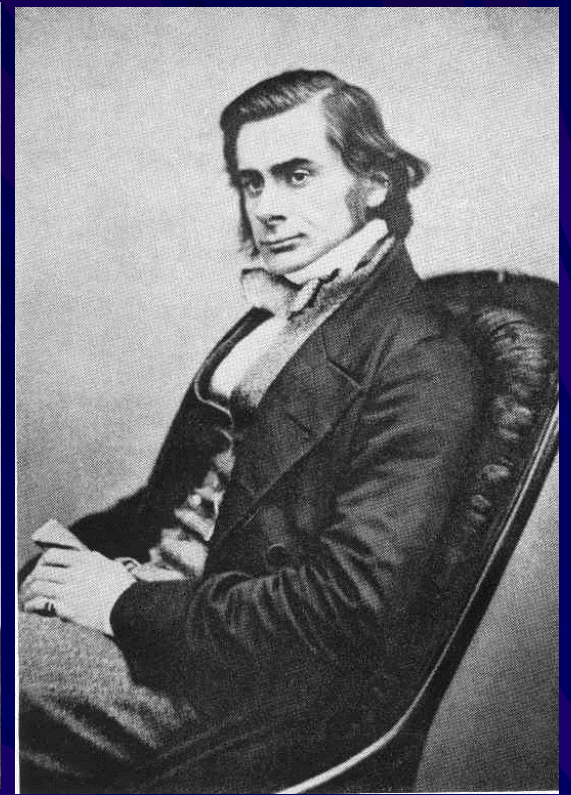
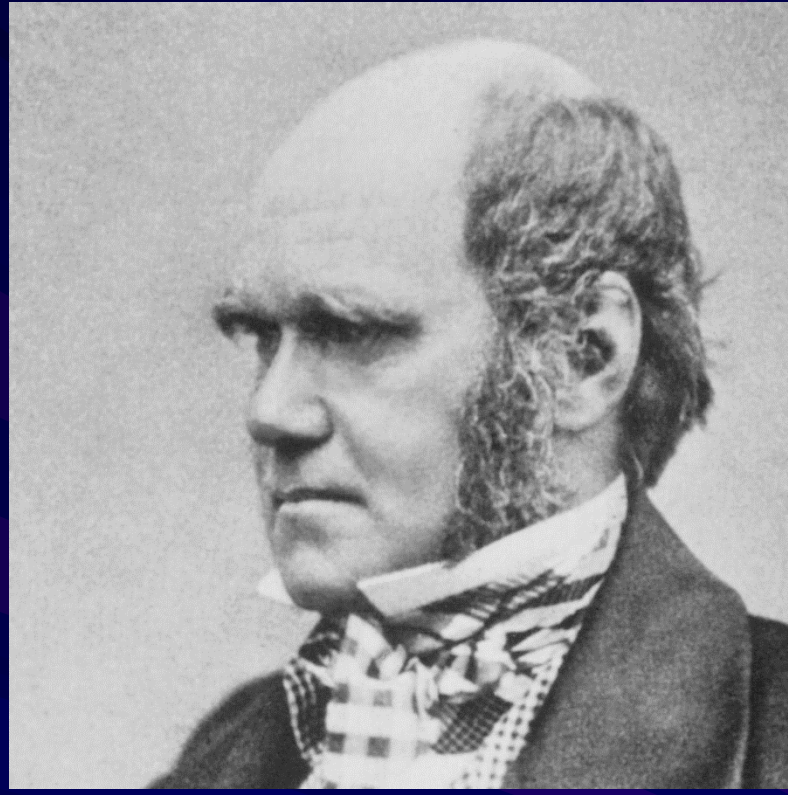


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“We owe it to [Darwin] that the world was brought to believe in evolution; ... Here is a theory that released thinking men from the spell of a superstition, one of the most overpowering that has ever enslaved mankind. . . We owe to the Origin of Species the overthrow of the myth of Creation.”

- C. D. Darlington, “Origin of Darwinism,” *Scientific American* (May 1959), p. 60-66. (Oxford University Geneticist, Eugenicist; Winner of Darwin Medal)





"In the evolutionary pattern of thought, there is no longer either need or room for the supernatural. The earth was not created; it evolved. So did all the animals and plants that inhabit it, including our human selves, mind and soul as well as brain and body. So did religion."

- Sir Julian Huxley, "Evolution After Darwin", Speech at The Centennial Celebration of The Origin of Species, 1959, In Issues in Evolution, Vol. 3, ed. Sol Tax, 1960

Darwinian Evolution – Strongest Tool in Satan’s Arsenal to Destroy Faith in God

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 - 2. Christian Girl at Auburn University**
 - 3. Young preacher-WV**
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- 6. Man in South Carolina’s three children**
 - 7. Neighbor in Pennsylvania**
 - 8. Jeffrey Dahmer**

Evolution vs Morality

A photograph of Jeffrey Dahmer and Stone Phillips. Jeffrey Dahmer is in the foreground, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. Stone Phillips is behind him, looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

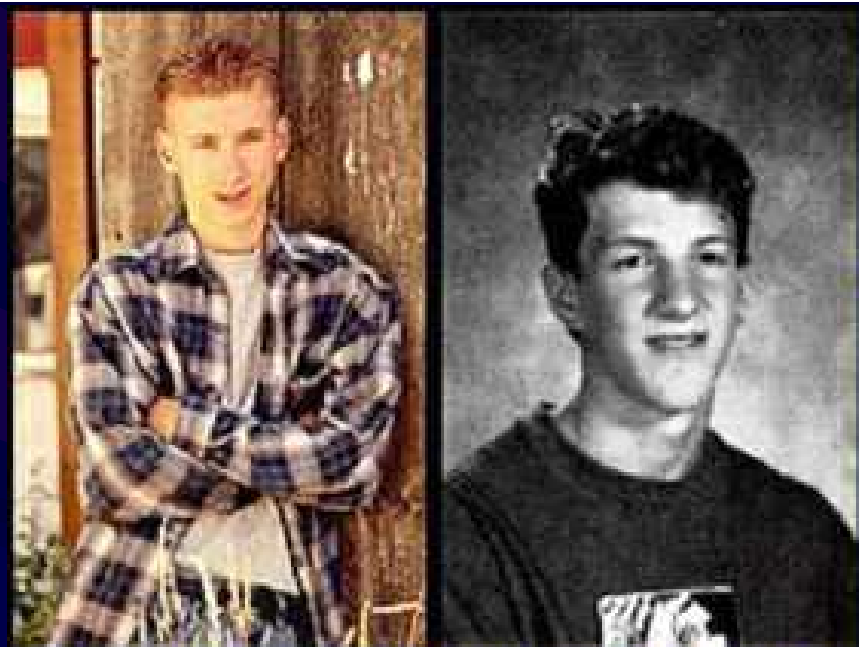
'If a person doesn't think there is a God to be accountable to, then-then what's the point of trying to modify your behaviour to keep it within acceptable ranges? That's how I thought anyway. I always believed the theory of evolution as truth that we all just came from the slime. When we, when we died, you know, that was it, there is nothing..'...

Jeffrey Dahmer (Mass Murderer), in an interview with Stone Phillips, *Dateline* NBC, Nov. 29, 1994.

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9. Columbine, CO High School Shooting: Eric Harris and Dylan Kliebold
 - During the shooting Harris had a t-shirt on underneath his trench coat that said, “**Natural Selection**”, Asked people if they believed in God, if they said yes, they shot them.



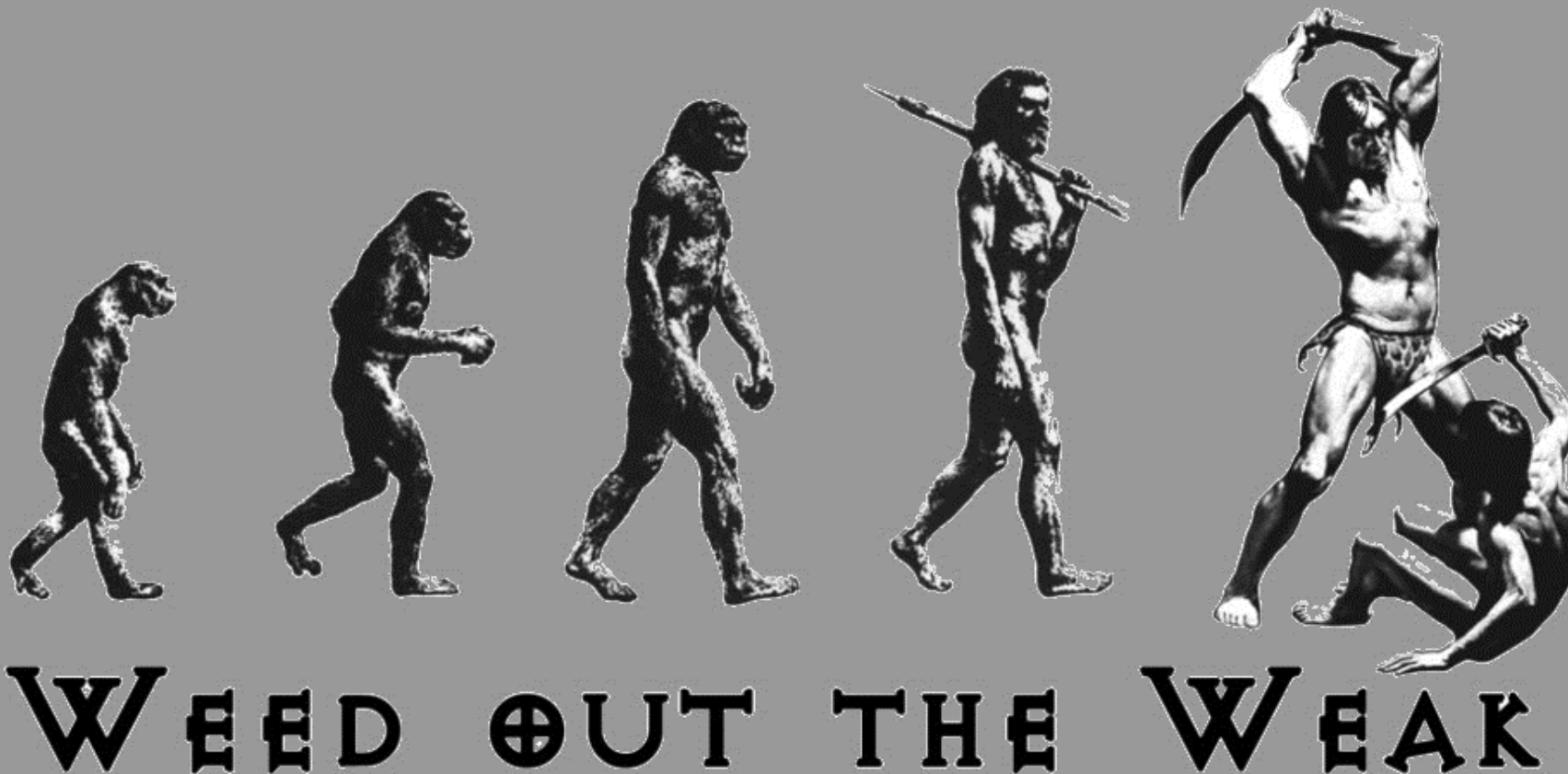
Eric Harris & Dylan Klebold

Dylan Klebold and Eric made a video prior to the Columbine shootings.

“He [a football player] doesn’t deserve the jaw evolution gave him. Look for his jaw. It won’t be on his body.”

Dennis Sewell in the *Times* of London, said Harris **“was a worshipper of Darwin and saw himself as acting on Darwinian principles.”**

Survival of the Fittest

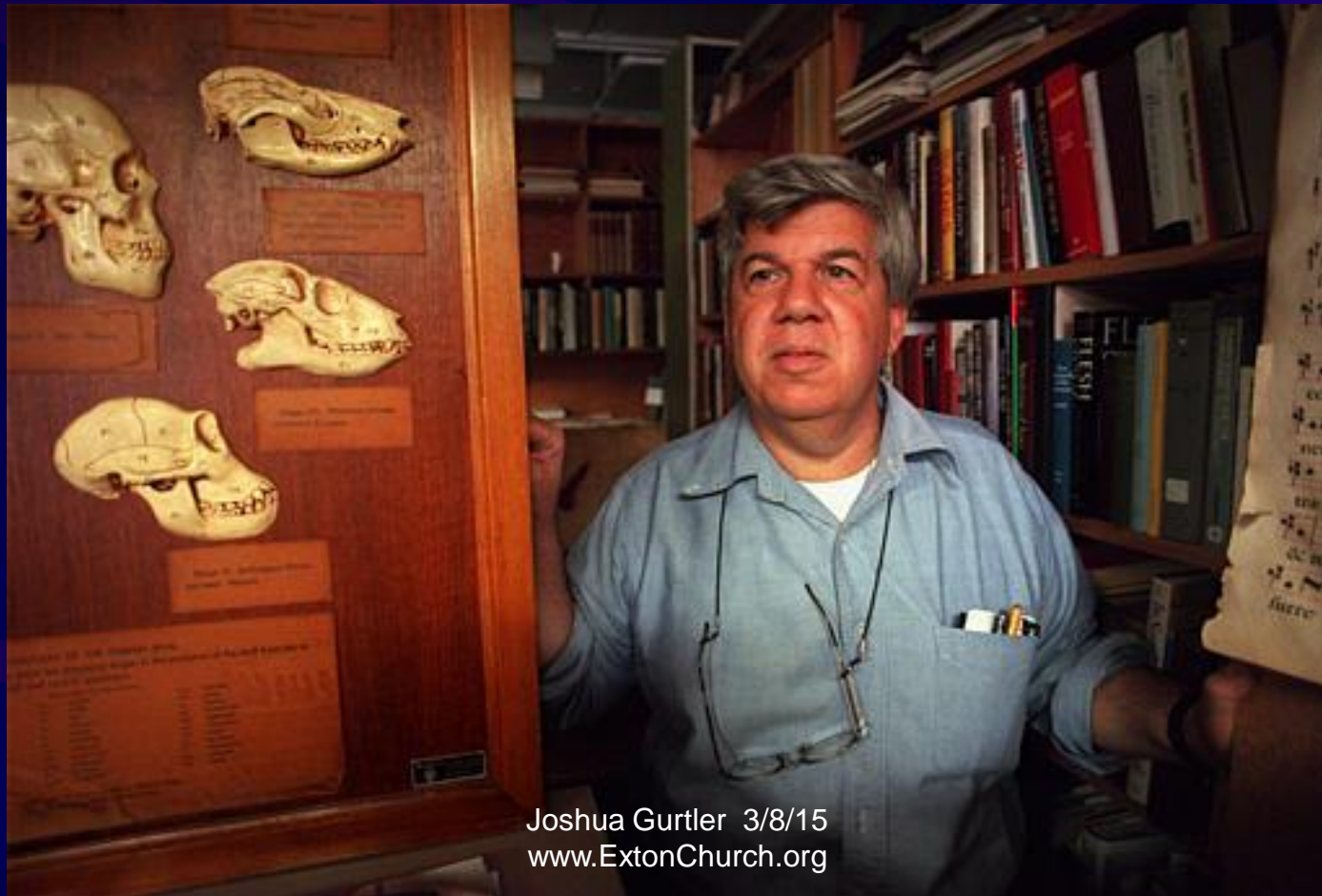


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What's Wrong with Murder?

“The price of perfect design is messy
relentless slaughter.”

- Stephen Jay Gould, "Darwin and Paley Meet the Invisible
Hand," *Natural History* (November 1990):8.



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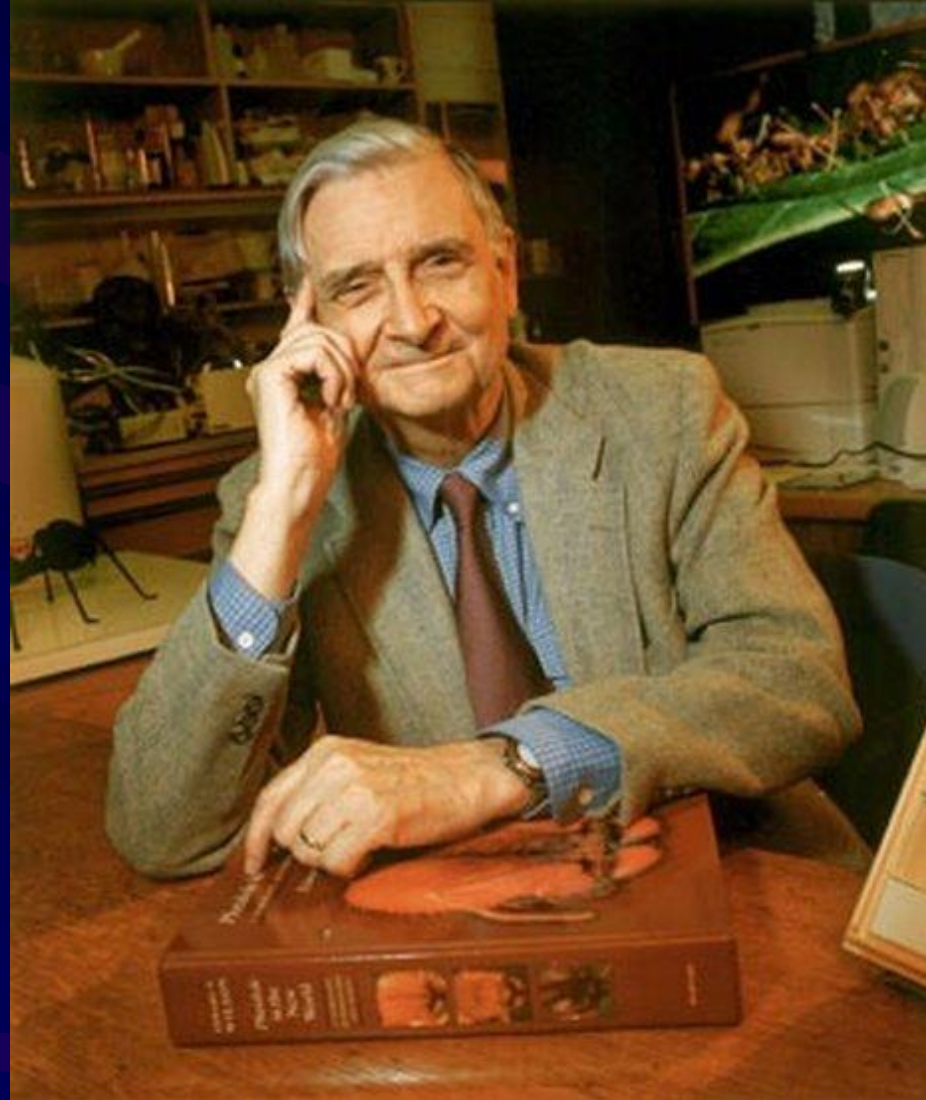
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-J.B. Gurtler

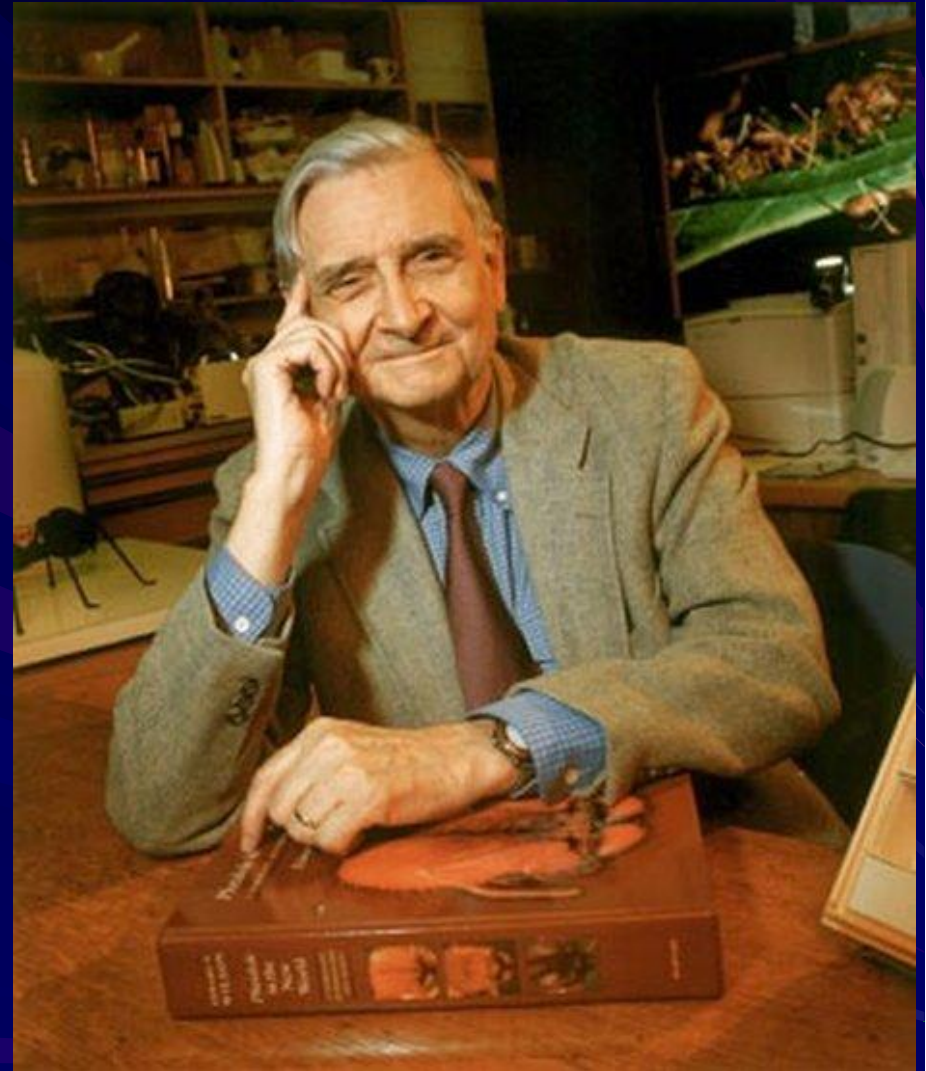
E.O. Wilson, Harvard University

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Atheist #1

“As were many persons from Alabama, I was a born-again Christian. When I was fifteen, I entered the Southern Baptist Church with great fervor and interest in the fundamentalist religion; I left at seventeen when I got to the University of Alabama and heard about evolutionary theory”

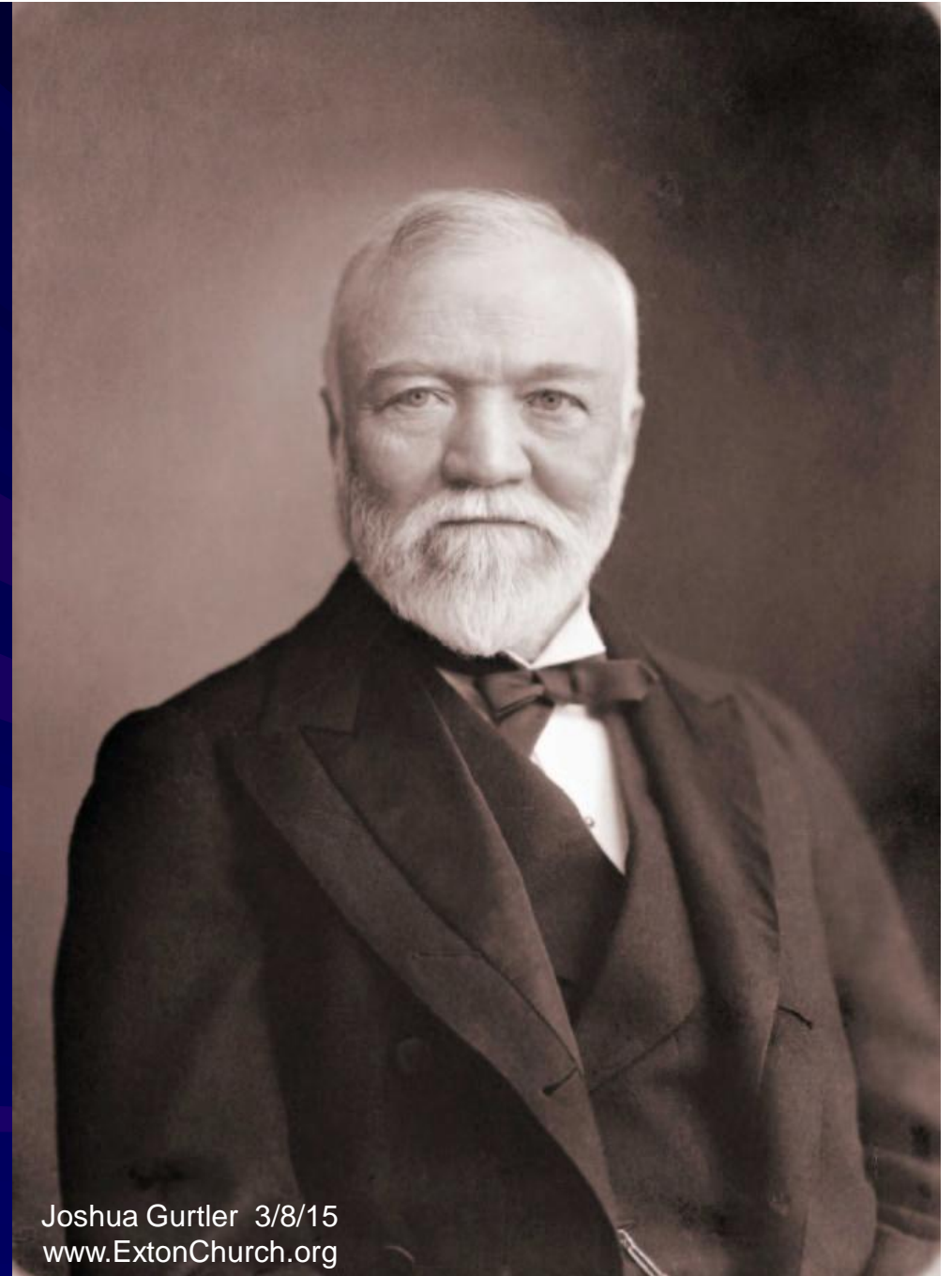
- E.O. Wilson, *The Humanist*, Vol 42, Sept/Oct, 1982, p. 40



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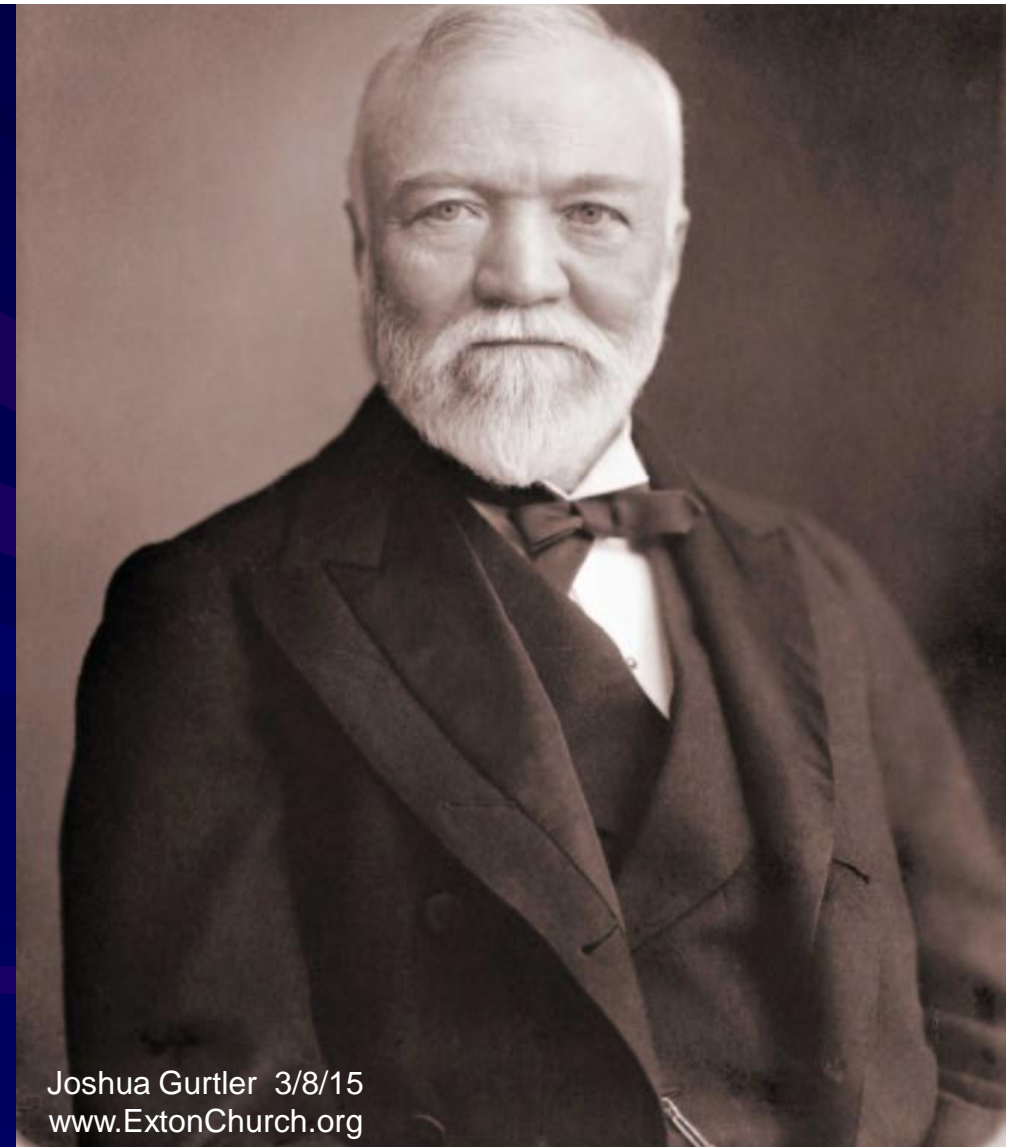
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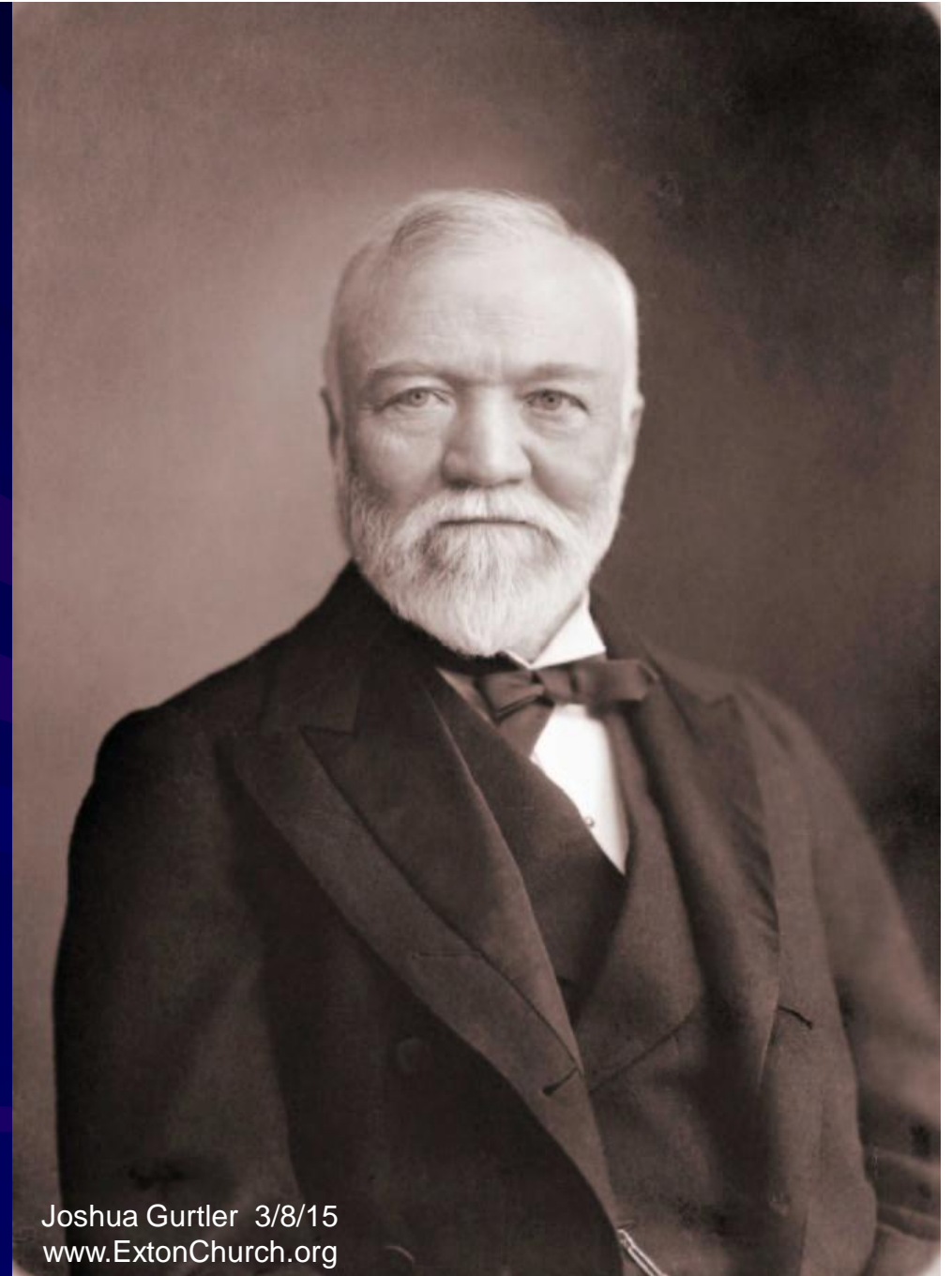
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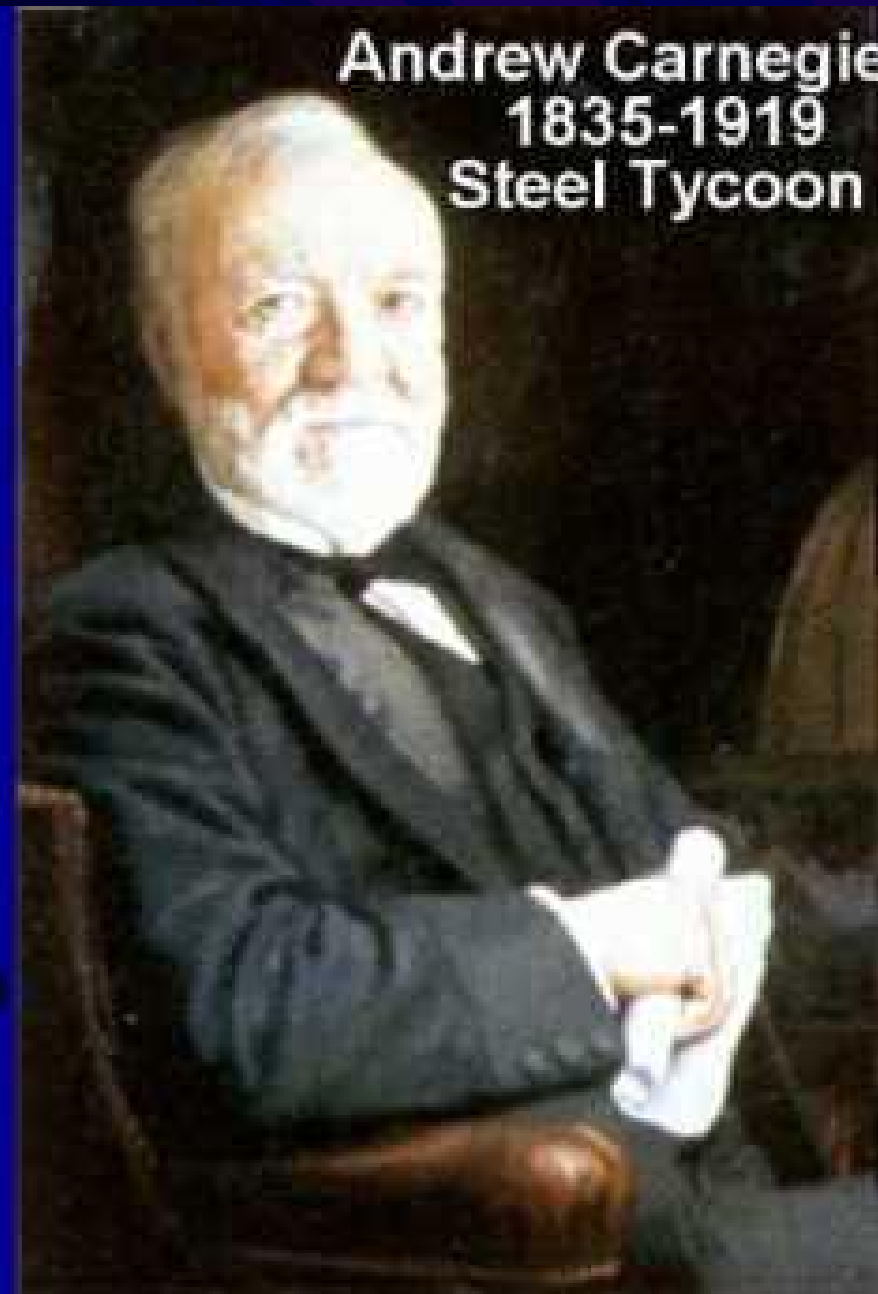
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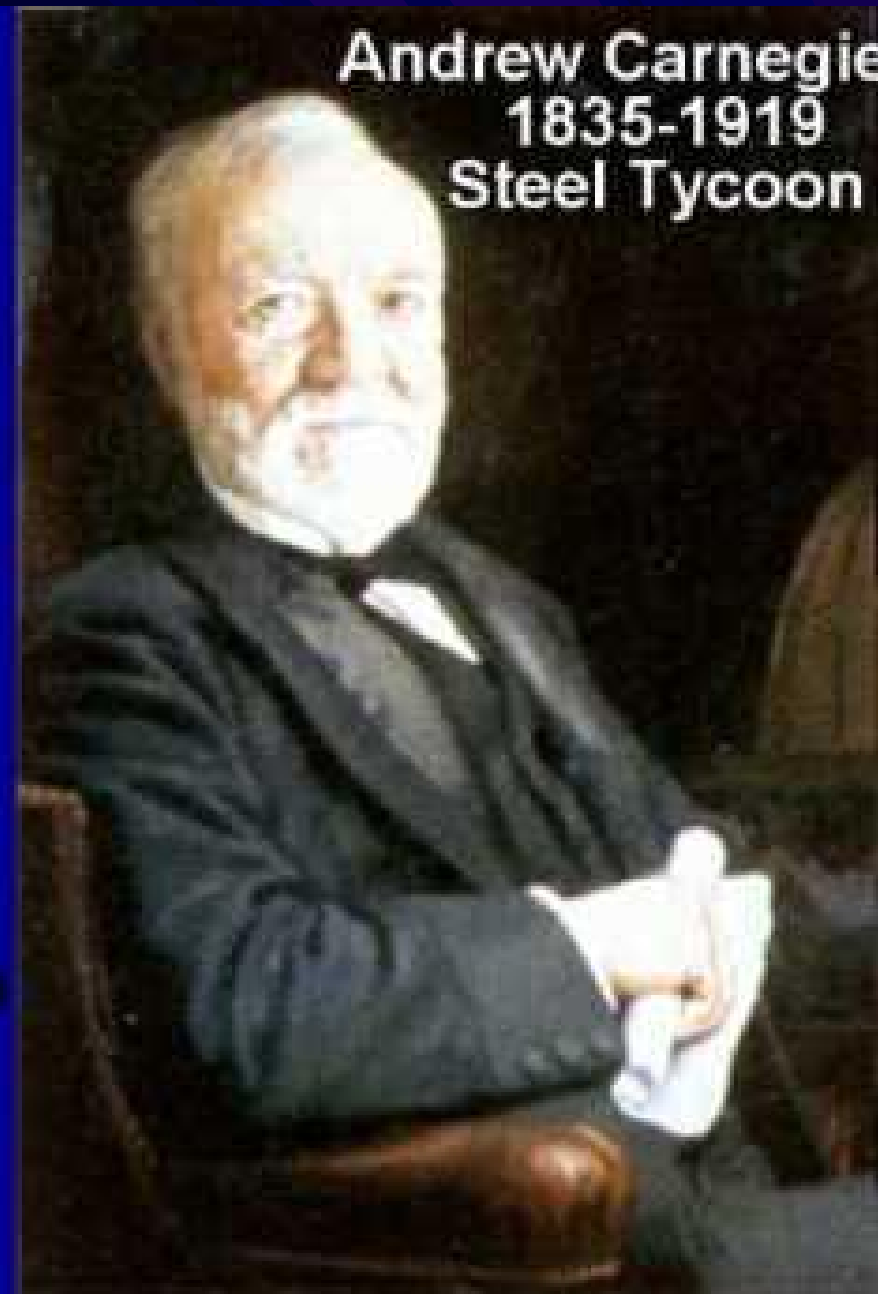
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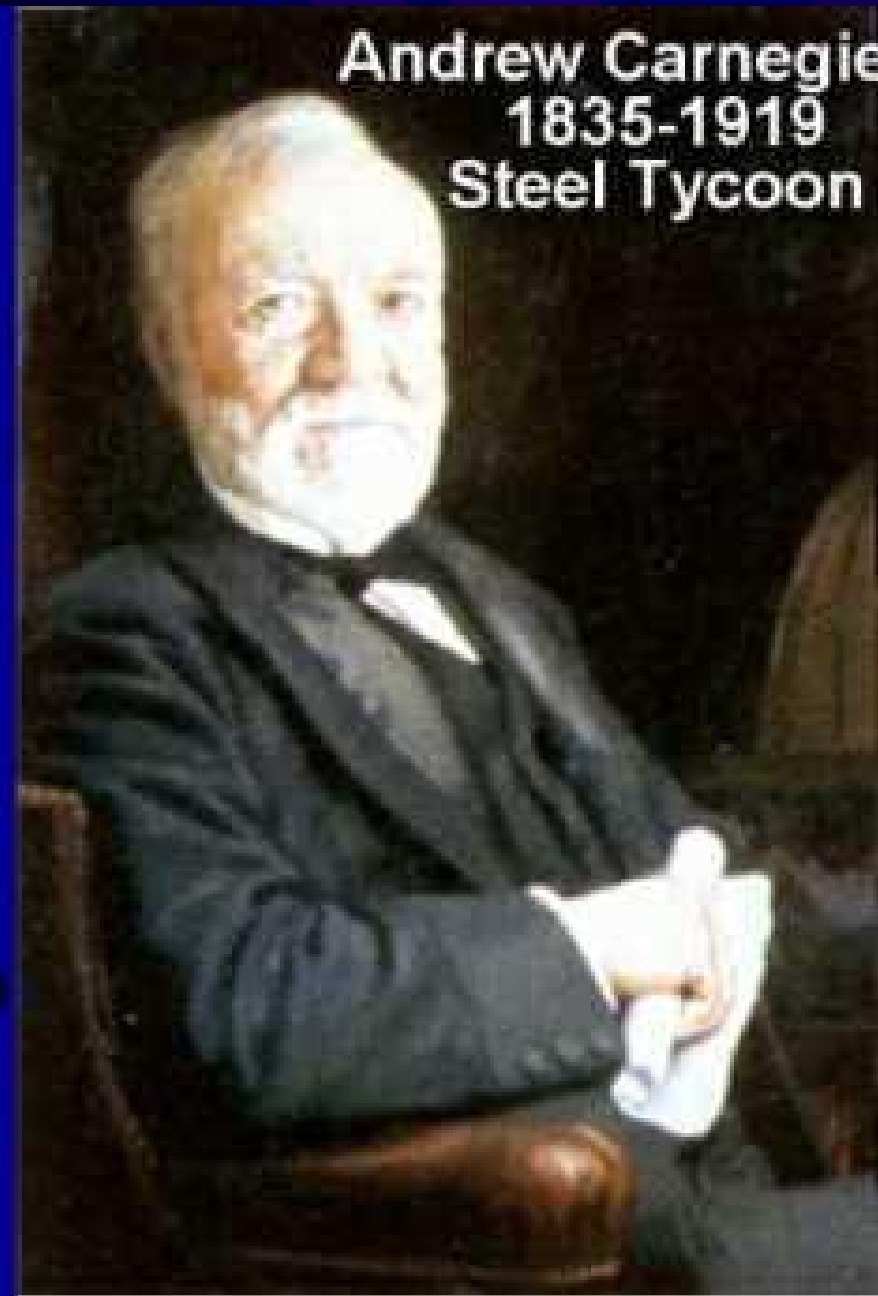
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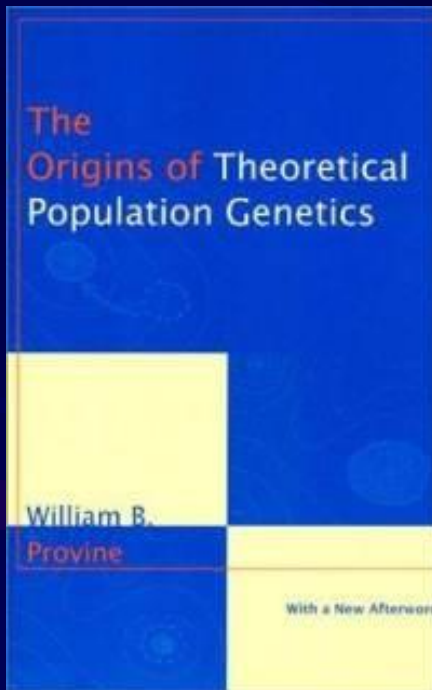
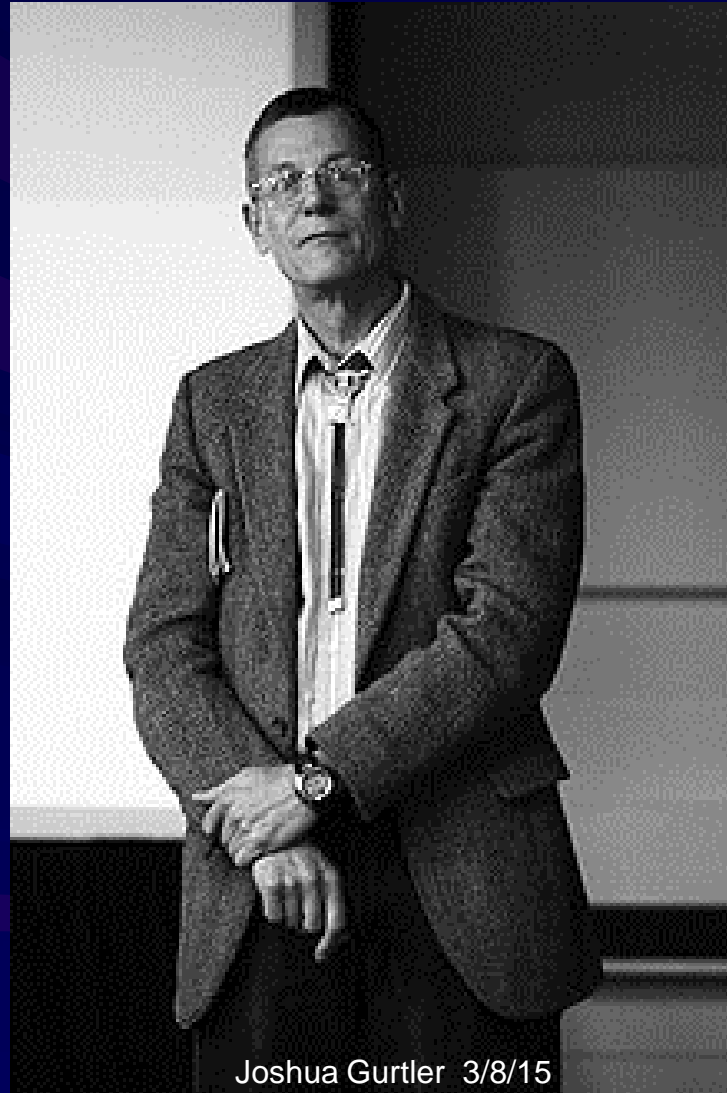
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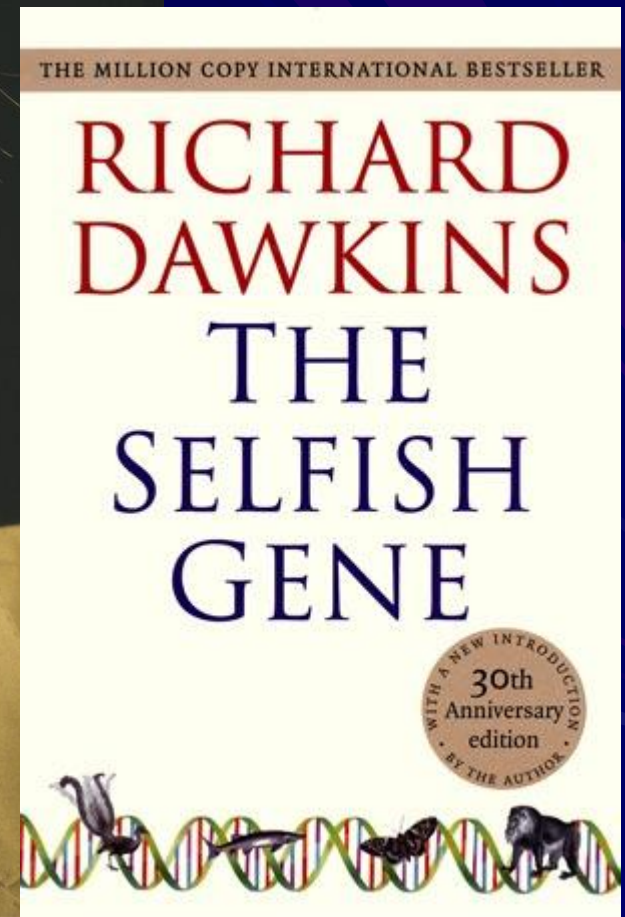
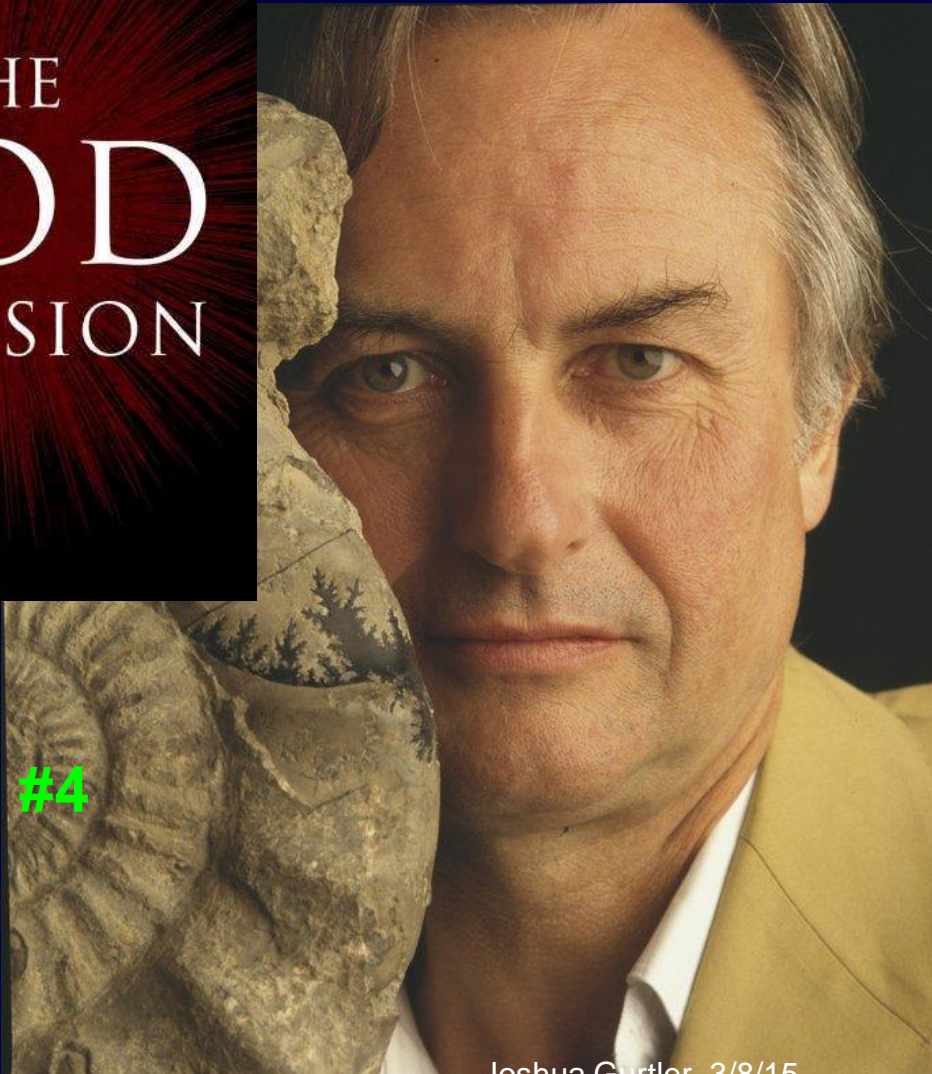
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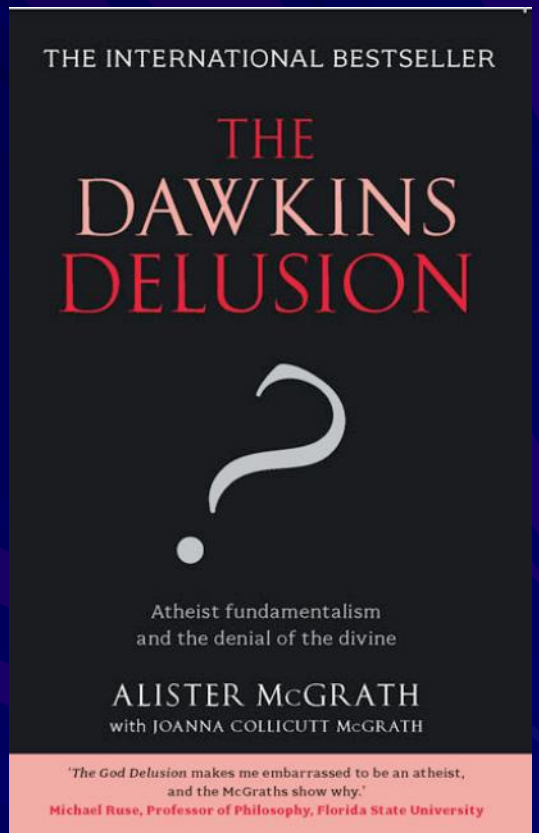
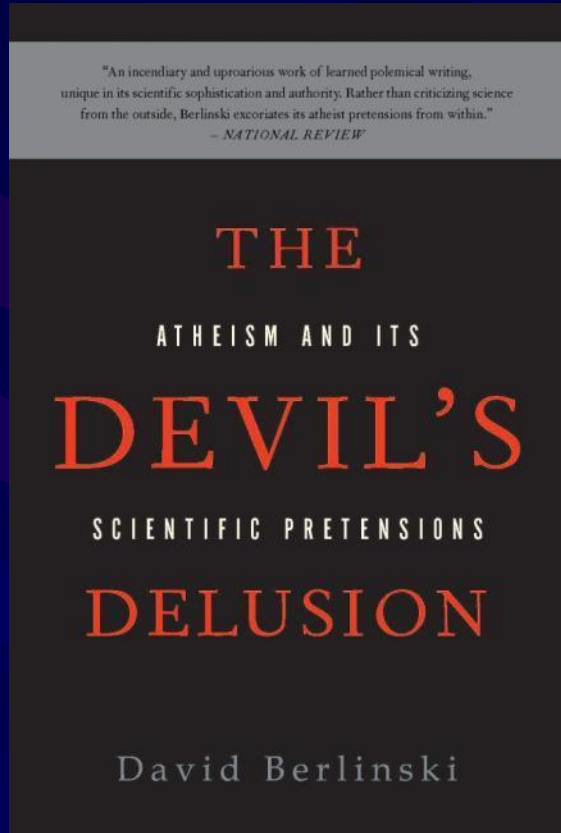
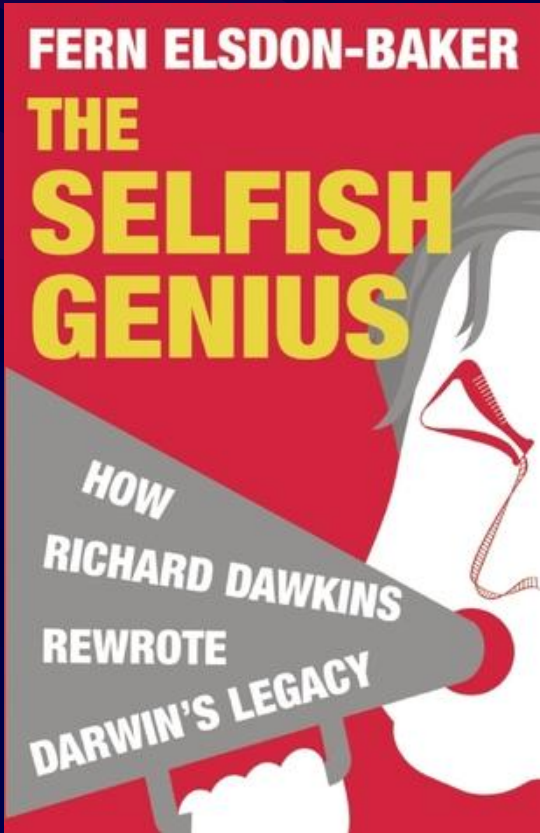
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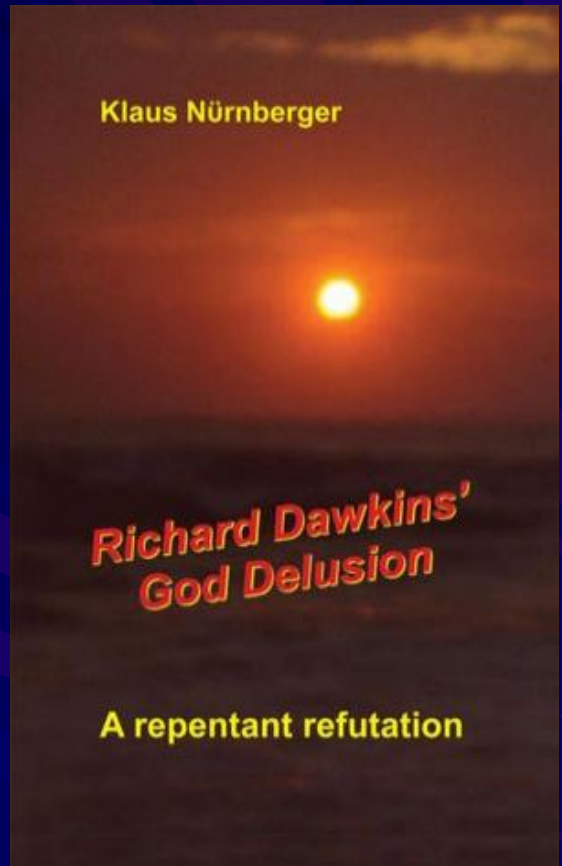
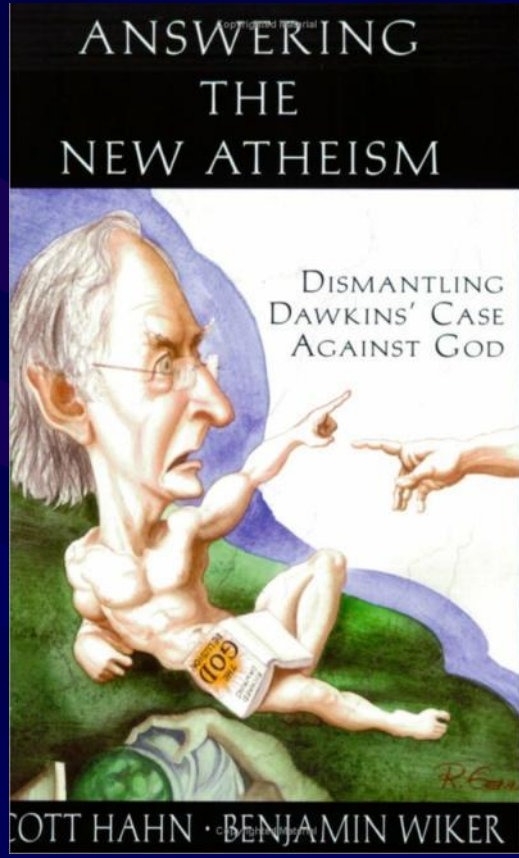
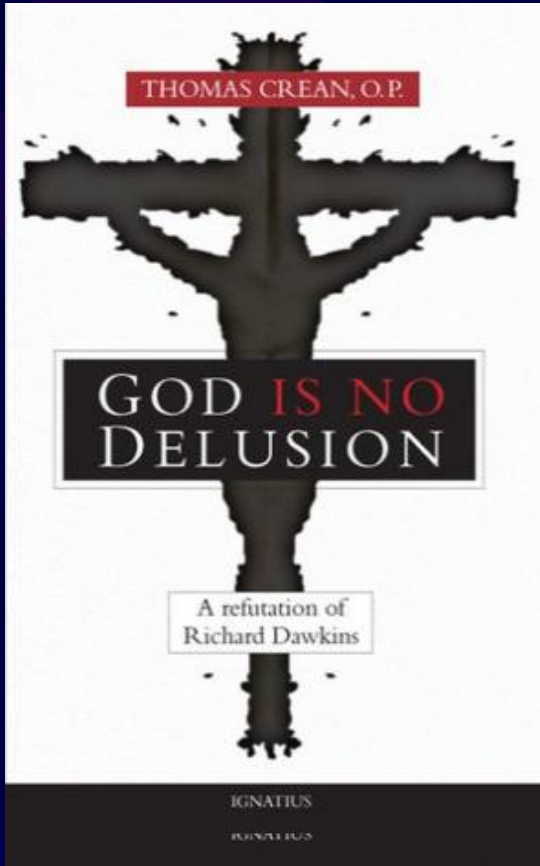
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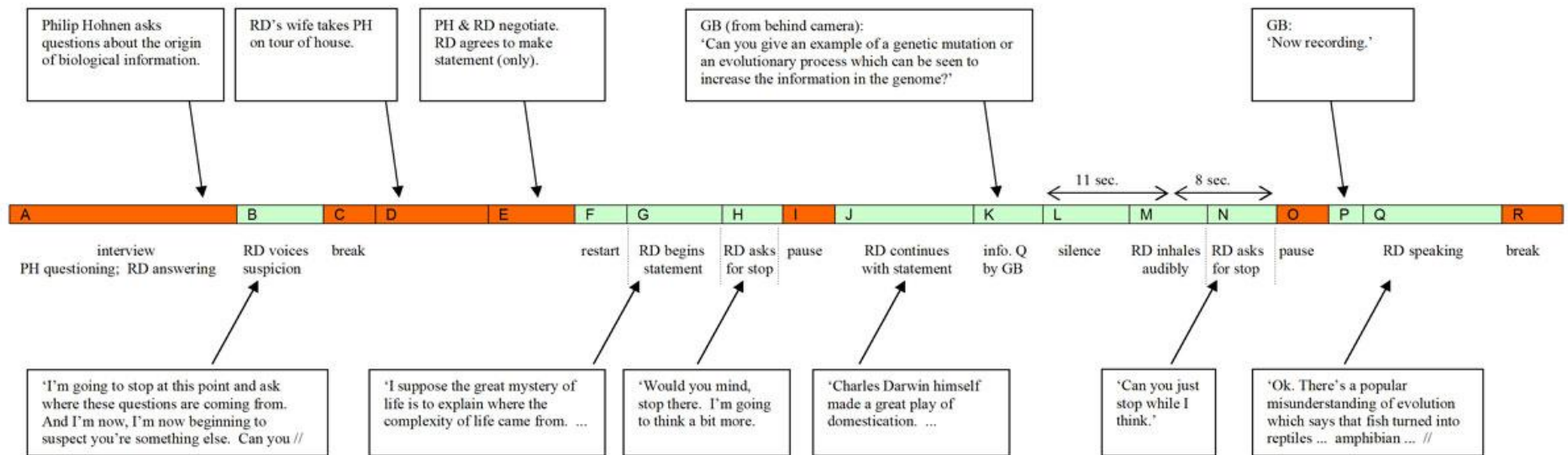




Dawkins Interview Timeline

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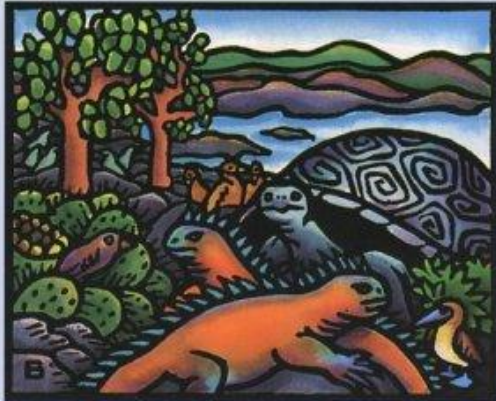
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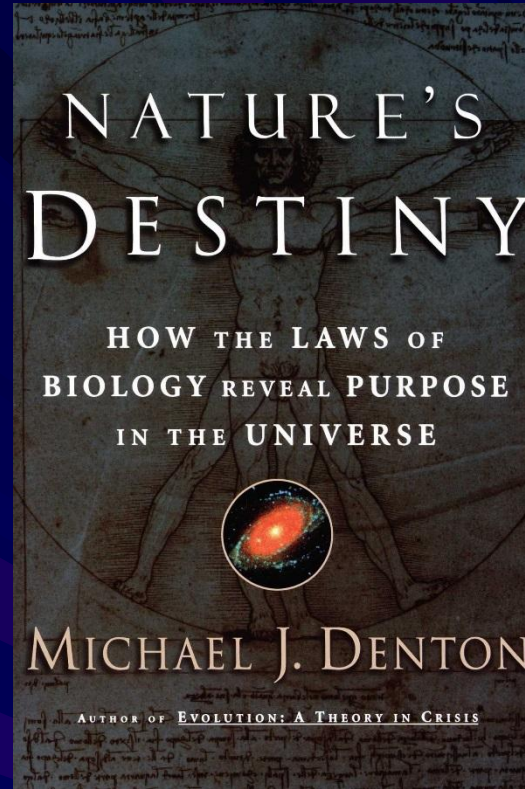
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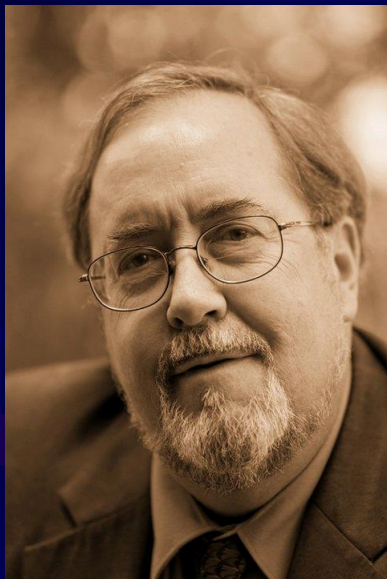
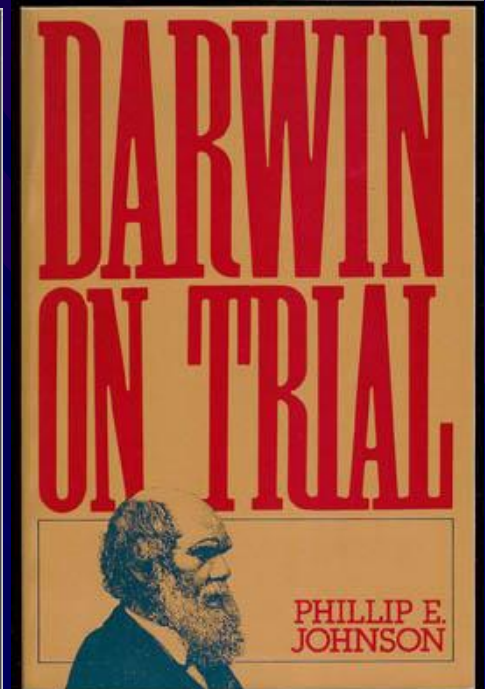
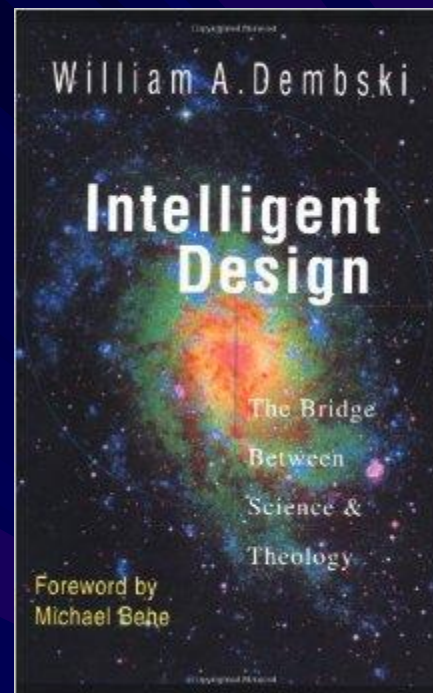
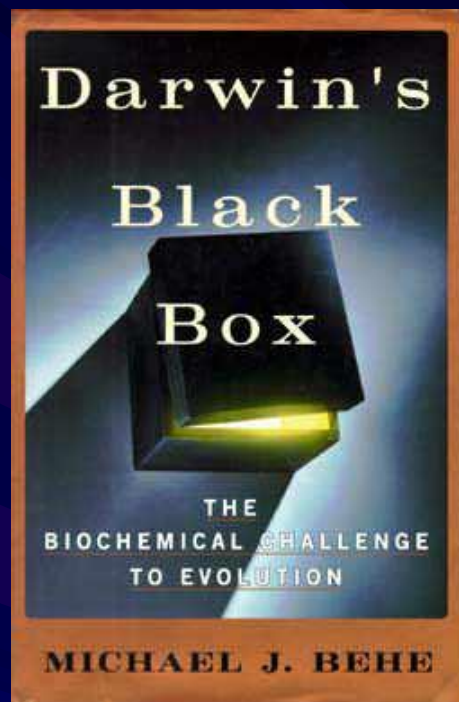
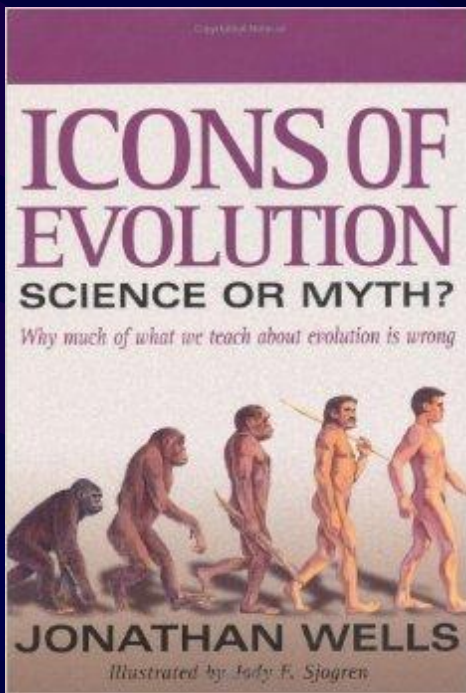


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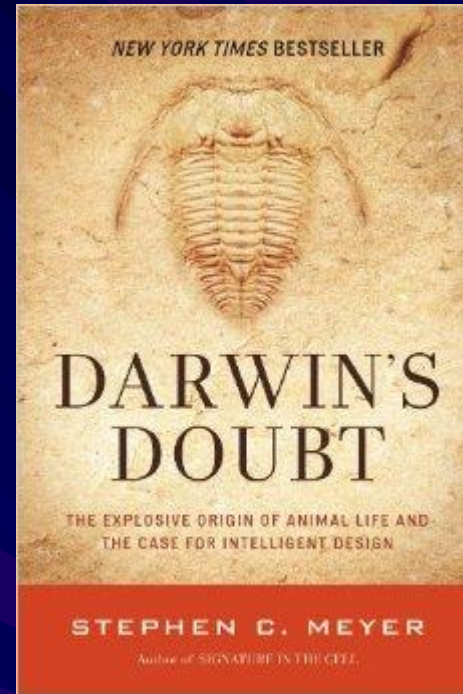
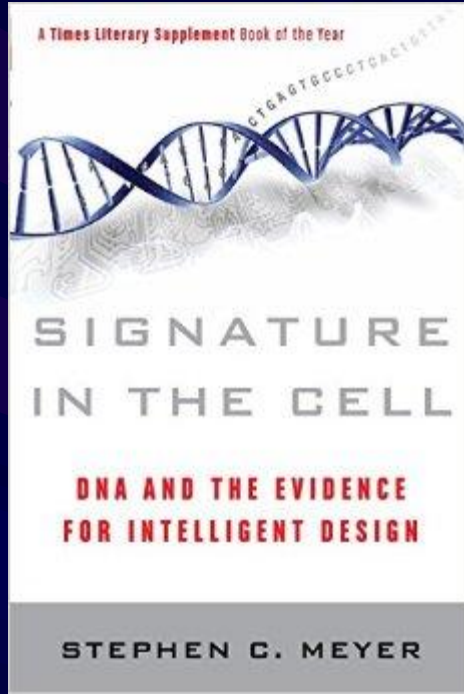


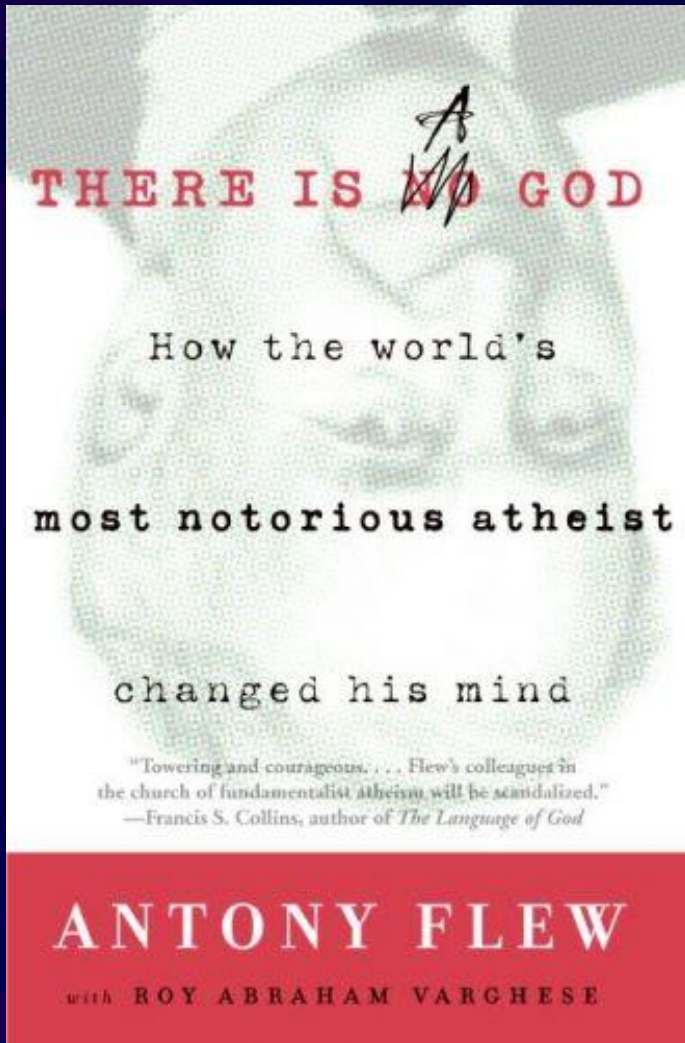
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III. Belief in Macroevolution Erodes Morality



“Morality needs no supernatural sanctions or motivations. It is not heaven-sent; it is human-evolved. . . In the coming planetary civilization of a world-embracing humanism, those ‘religions’ that obstruct social advance must be subordinated. In the world of scientific humanism, religion will be obsolete”

-Lloyd Morain, and Oliver Reiser, “Scientific Humanism: A Formulation,” *The Humanist*, vol. 48 (September/October 1988) – Morrain helped found the Am. Human. Assoc. , two-time president; Reiser is prof. organic chemistry, Univ. Regensburg, Germany

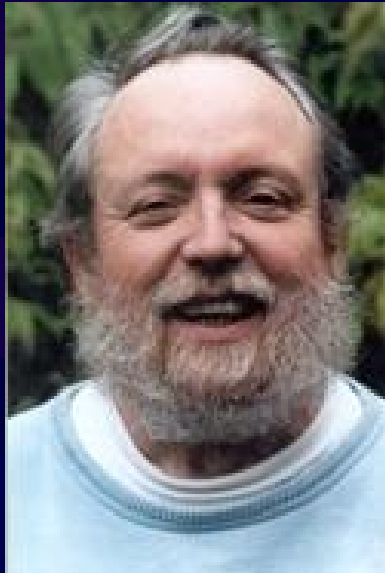
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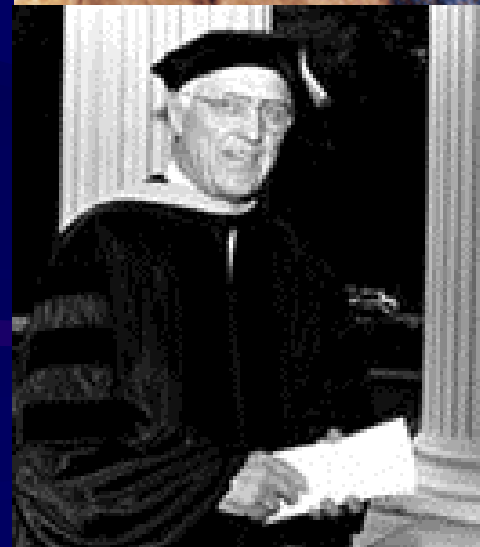
"The time has come to take seriously the fact that we humans are modified monkeys, not the favored Creation of a Benevolent God. . . We must think again especially about our so-called 'ethical principles. . . As evolutionists we see that no (ethical) justification of the traditional kind is possible. . . In an important sense, ethics as we understand it is an illusion."

- Michael Ruse and E.O. Wilson, "The Evolution of Ethics", in Religion and the Natural Sciences: The Range of Engagement, comp. James E. Huchingson, 1993



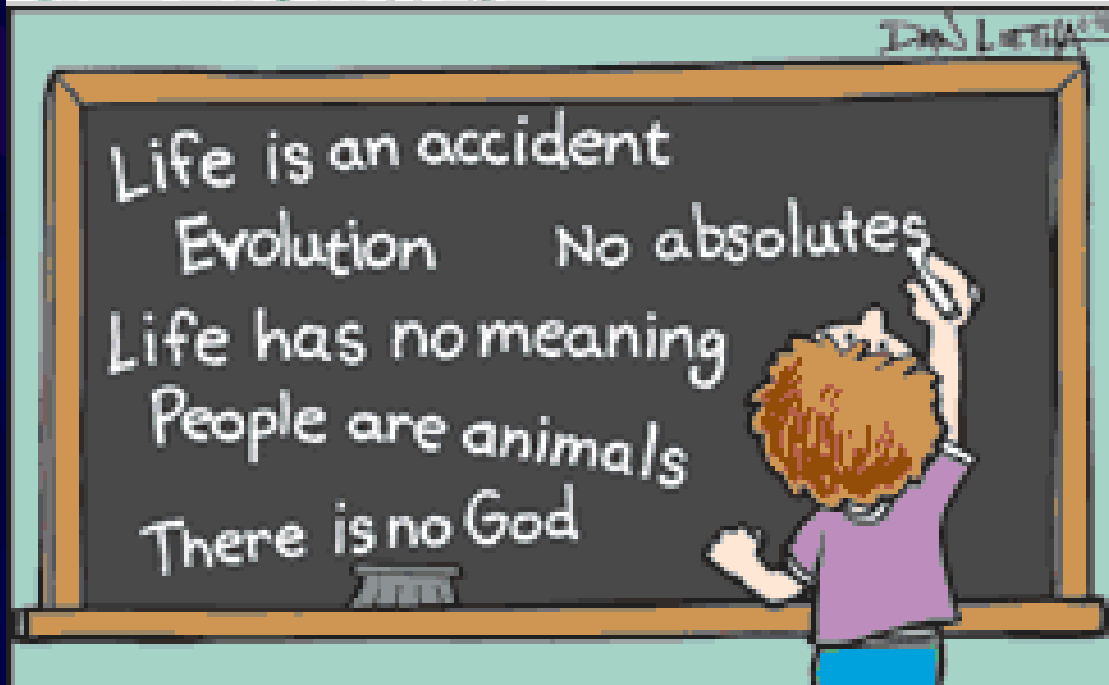
“[The] Unbridled self-indulgence on the part of one generation without regard to future ones is the *modus operandi* of *biological* evolution and may be regarded as rational behavior.”

**- Dr. W. H. Murdy,
“Anthropocentrism: A Modern
Version,” *Science*, vol. 187
(March 28, 1975), pp. 1168-1172.
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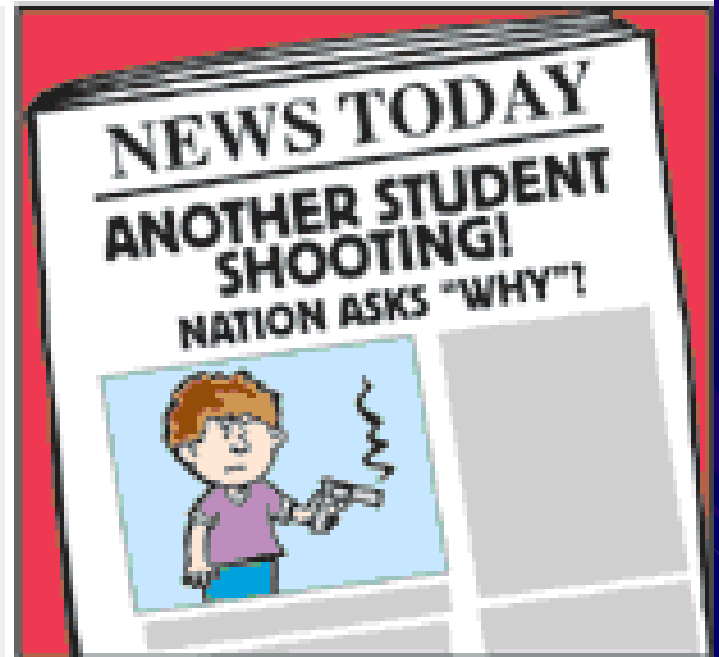


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Proverbs 22:6

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Parents, what did your child learn in school this year?

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For as a man thinketh in his heart, so [is] he

Proverbs 23:7





Pekka-Eric Auvinen, Nov. 7, 2007, Killed 8 People and then himself in Jokela High School, Finland. Auvinen wrote: “I, as a natural selector, will eliminate all who I see unfit, disgraces of human race and failures of natural selection.”

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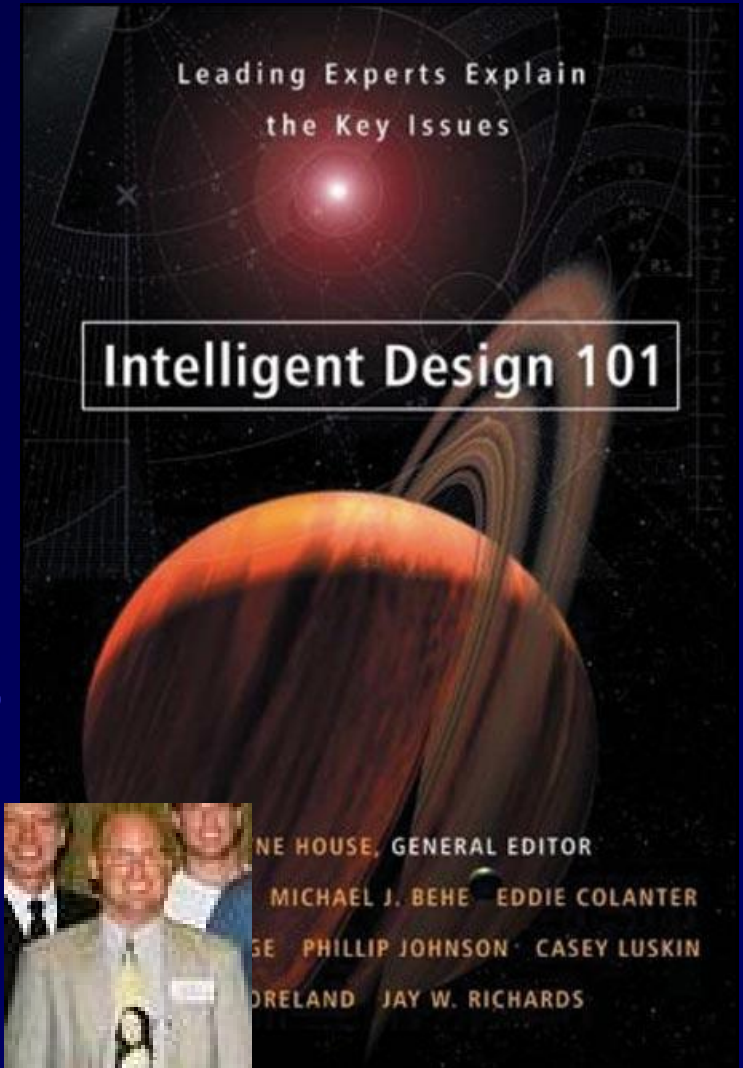
Lanier-Dawkins Debate
Jason Lanier: 'There's a large group of people who simply are uncomfortable with accepting evolution because it leads to what they perceive as a moral vacuum, in which their best impulses have no basis in nature.'

Richard Dawkins: 'All I can say is, That's just tough. We have to face up to the truth.'

'Evolution: The dissent of Darwin,' *Psychology Today* 30(1):62, Jan-Feb 1997.

"The philosophical implications of ND not only have no reference for objective morality, but also have nothing ethically to say about whether past or future holocausts are right or wrong. . .If philosophical naturalism is correct, then human beings are reduced to pieces of impersonal matter. . . There is no truth, good or bad ideas, worthy or unworthy arguments, or love, but only determined chemical processes and the firing of neurons in brains. Science itself ends up a meaningless endeavor with no one left to share in its alleged benefits."

- Eddie N. Colanter, "Philosophical Implications of Neo-Darwinism and Intelligent Design." In Intelligent Design 101, Ed. H. Wayne House, 2006



You cannot always rely upon secular science. You can always depend upon the word of God.

“Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar”

- (Rom. 3:4).

“When you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God” (1 Thess. 2:13).

“Every word of God is pure. . . Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar”

- (Prov. 30:5, 6).