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A creationist response to the National Academy of Science's Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science. The latter, distributed nationwide to thousands of public school teachers, is an effort to saturate students with evolutionary concepts. Refuting Evolution is a cogent rebuttal, carefully examining the points raised in the NAS booklet: science and religion; natural selection; bird evolution; astronomy; the age of the earth, etc. Written by a well qualified voice for creationism, this book will be an invaluable answer summary for both homeschool and public school teachers.

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Eleanor says

He starts with the common argument about creationist scientists making important scientific discoveries. No issue there. However, it only takes a few pages of complaints about "evolutionists" for Sarfati to show that he, like most creationist authors, does not know what evolution is. "Molecules to Man" has never been a thing. Cells to man is evolution while molecules to single cells is abiogenesis (chemistry). Then he argues the influence of bias in science. It's rather amusing when he says that "It's not really a question of who is biased, but which bias is the correct bias with which to be biased!". The correct bias? Where are we to find that?

I roll my eyes through chapter one as he points out that this professor is a self-proclaimed marxist and how "Dr Stanley Jaki has documented how the scientific method was stillborn in all cultures apart from the Judeo-Christian culture of Europe." I don't know much from outside my own continent but the polytheistic man-loving Greeks invented the scientific method and the Islamic golden age worked it out too. Then he lists Christian scientists, again. "the creationist rocket scientist Wernher von Braun" Creationist and Nazi who literally went to his local death camp to choose the slave-labourers to build his rockets. Not the best example.

It's interesting that he brings up the 'impossibility' of sight evolving and how biologists from the NAS are mostly atheist. Child me used to think that eye is too complex to be an accident until David Attenborough explained it.

At this point I gave up on reviewing. If you want to read a good creationist book, pick one not 15 years old.

Zachary Donnelly says

Johnathan Sarfati Ph. D. scientific nonfiction book "Refuting Evolution" is an engaging word after word book promoting that an Intelligent designer is not ridiculous. Johnathan reviews the false claims in the (NAS) "Teaching about evolution and the nature of science" America's guidebook for educators on evolution. Johnathan Sarfati wrote this book to inform youth that scientists lie about the theory of evolution and keep evidence that can affect it away from the public. "I vividly recall a seminar where a young lady, who appeared quite distressed, came up and blurted out "I'm angry." "At me?" I asked ... "No not at you-at my teachers and college professors." "And why is that?" I asked... "Why didn't they tell me about all this evidence that contradicts evolution... isn't that what education is all about?" Pg1. I and many people agree that lies are everywhere that should not be there specially if it is "science." Johnathan states on Pg68 "evolutionary faith..." Faith: "To believe in a unknown or unseen force." As an evolutionist you have faith no matter what you need it to believe it. Evolutionists have faith that missing links are there, birds evolved from dinosaurs, humans evolved from ape ancestors, and the universe came into existence etc. Missing links is a major problem for the theory of evolution. Dr. Colin Patterson wrote in his book : Evolution "...If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them... I will lay it on the line - There is not one such fossil for which one can make a water tight argument." Pg48. The fossil record has many massive gaps between species. Based on the standard model evolutionary chart it shows a nice

flowing evolution of species but in reality the chart is like a barely standing Jenga tower. “Turtles leave more and better fossil remains than do other vertebrates... The “oldest known sea turtle” was fully formed turtle, not at all transitional.” Pg49-50. “Palaeochiropteryx tupaiodon – one of the “oldest” fossil bats ... and is “dated” between 48 and 54 million years old. It clearly had fully developed wings, and its inner ear had the same construction as those of modern bats.”Pg50. The Transitional evidence as told isn’t out there and yes this is just a example. This give evidence that we must of been designed.

Humans : Images of God or advanced apes? We all get preached about humans evolved from apes with a “mysterious process” like it’s a fact. Well Jonathan and I disagree. “Anatomist Charles Oxnard performed a detailed analysis of different bone of A. Africanus and concluded that it did not walk upright in the human manner... Oxnard, an evolutionist, is one of the several experts who do not believe that any of the australopithecines were on the human line.”Pg80. Mitochondrial Eve is a “sequencing of DNA in a part of humans cells known as Mitochondria.”Pg87. Evolutionist propose human ancestors from Africa about 150,000 years ago started spreading out through out the world. “This DNA is inherited only through the mothers line... Evolutionist believed they had clear proof against the biblical account, because “Mitochondrial Eve” supposedly lived 200,000 years ago... Mitochondrial DNA mutates far faster than previously thought. If this new evidence is applied to “Mitochondrial Eve” it indicates that she would have lived only 6000-6500 years ago” Pg 87-88 perfectly consistent to the biblical account.

Astronomy Johathan explains we have problems with the common knowledge of astronomy. “Evolution is a philosophy trying to explain everything without God. Thus, it must be applied to the origin of the universe and solar system.” Pg91. “Dr. James Trefil professor of physics at George Mason University, Virginia, accepts the “big bang” model, but he admits that there are fundamental problems... “The problem of explaining the existence of galaxies has proved to be one of the thorniest in cosmology. By all rights, they just shouldn’t be there, yet there they sit.”” Pg93. “The creationist astronomer, Dr. Danny Faulkner, pointed out : Stars supposedly condensed out of vast clouds of gas, and it has long been recognized that the clouds don’t spontaneously collapse and form stars.” Pg94. I was given false facts ever since I was young and still teach it like a fact this word needs to spread.

Evolution is very faulty the school systems teaching lies and selective evidence. They aren’t teaching us how to think but what to think. Jonathan Sarfati : Refuting evolution is for anyone looking for the truth that he very well writes and cites that the truth is design.

Tomas Perez says

The book is very brief. It's just a response to a teacher's textbook. It isn't a detailed critique of the general evolution theory. If you want that, I recommend his book "By design".

Joshua Letchford says

This surprisingly small book has ten chapters packed full of the holes in Evolutionary theory. If you have ever wondered how Evolution and the Bible mix, then this book (and another of Sarfati's, Refuting Compromise, on my to-read list) are for you!

The book is written as a response to a textbook on how to teach Evolution in the class room. It's not hard to

read and very understandable. There is so much information packed into these chapters about the incredible design of animals, ape-to-man Evolution, the Big Bang, and Fish-to-land animal Evolution and much more that I recommend only reading one chapter a day or less, then writing or talking to somebody about what you read, to cement it into your memory.

This book probably for pre-teens and up for the scientific information in here, and I believe it's for everyone. Fantastic!

Christopher says

This is probably the worst book ever written. Instead of providing even a single argument to support his assumptions, Sarfati instead weaves a long string of hopes and speculations while providing no evidence in his favor. This book is worse than simply incorrect, it is wholly dishonest.

Tim says

Pure drivel. Slanted and just plain... weird. The 'science' put forward just isn't and it is odd how the author chose to 'go after' evolution in general. If you read this and think it sounds right, you probably have gaping holes in your general education.

Ryan says

My summary:

Sarfati responds to a report put out by the National Academy of Sciences to teachers of evolution across the nation. He addresses it in many different ways varying from underlying assumptions in the report to the gross inaccuracies cited in its pages. He begins by noting the creation perspective and the scientific predictions that it affords. He quickly points out that evolutionary theory also allows for the promotion of religion is not purely scientific. An example of this is the report's recommendation of openly atheistic books that promote atheism as much as evolution. Sarfati then goes into the mechanisms of evolution, natural selection, and variation within a species. Evolutionists believe that particles eventually turned into people through random mutation sorted by natural selection. Creationists believe that all creatures were created with enough genetic information to allow them to adapt to a variety of environments.

Creationists also believe in the principle of deterioration such that copying errors (mutations) results in a loss of genetic information. More specifically, creationists argue that as creatures experience different environments they become more specialized and lose some of the variation in their genetic code. This causes them to be less able to adapt in future environments. Genetic drift is also defined as something that is likely to occur in small, isolated populations, such that genes are lost because of random sampling among the population when organisms come from sexual reproduction. The founder effect is when a single pair of a species are separated from the rest of the population and develop a population from the single pair. This also results in a loss of information so that eventually the founder pair's progeny may no longer be able to interbreed with the rest of the group because so much information has been lost. This process explains how creatures evolved after the flood.

All species that exist today didn't exist back then, instead root species existed which diverged into multiple related species. Sarfati then goes through the "proof" for evolution given in the report. First is the resistance to bacteria to antibiotics. Although it explains it in terms of mutations that allow them to overcome antibiotics, there is little evidence for this. Generally, bacteria not resistant to antibiotics is killed out and all that is left is resistant antibiotics. Also, when mutation does occur that helps resist antibiotics, it is a loss of information or defect that occurs that just happens to be beneficial. He then goes into the finches and other breeds that are purported to have evolved for different purposes. Evolutionists claim that this process occurred by the addition of information by mutation to help them survive, but Creationists argue that these breeds all came from an ancestor with more genetic information (which is lost when the breeds become more specialized). Sarfati then goes into talking about the gaps in evolution-supporting fossils.

One of the examples is the evidence showing that present day species exist unchanged from prehistoric times. Another example is a creature that was supposed to be a transition between fish and land animals (according to fossil evidence), but then a live one was found and it was observed that the hypothesized use for its fins was completely wrong. Dating procedures also completely disagree with the time periods necessary for most purported transitional creatures. He also goes into the examples of dinosaur to bird links and how they are not supported by fossil evidence. Most of the transitional forms are simply an extinct species of bird. Whales also offer more evidence for the lack of transitional species. They would require the loss of the hip bone, which would be impossible while the creature was still a land animal because it would not be able to walk, but yet not be able to swim well either. Humans and apes are another example of the claim of missing links. Sarfati points out that most of the fossils claimed to be early humans are much more akin to extinct species of apes.

Sarfati then goes into cosmology and the origin of our galaxy, the big bang, etc. He argues that there is much evidence showing that stars cannot be formed without other stars present. In other words, dust (i.e., heavier elements) is needed for H and He to adhere to, etc. so it becomes a chicken and the egg problem on whether stars or the dust needed to form stars appeared first. He then goes into the age of the earth and the controversy surrounding dating methods. He presents evidence for geologic formation based on a global flood vs. a gradual formation assumed by non-creationists. He then goes into dating methods and their flaws. Specifically, radiometric dating is based on assumptions that often aren't true. One of them is whether the rock has been contaminated, how much parent and daughter element was present originally, and the rate of decay has remained the same throughout time.

He points out many anomalies with dating methods. One is the dating of known rocks (volcano rocks) and how they are tremendously overestimated, one is the disagreement between methods, and one is the discovery of "older" rocks in layers that should be "younger". This supports the global flood interpretation rather than the gradual theory of geology. He ends the book talking about whether a design theory is legitimate. He uses many examples of how we normally detect "intelligent design" and argues that we should use the same criteria for life on earth.

Xion says

science can be used to refute evolution very easily.

Priscilla says

This book does a succinct, but thorough, discussion of the main points of evolution and the science that refutes what they believe. It also brings up some evidence that is kept under wraps or ignored by evolutionists because that evidence points pretty clearly to intelligent design. This book can be a bit dense for a non-science person, like myself, even though it's short, but it is still understandable and it makes a lot of sense.

Debbie says

Succinct, easy to read and follow. This book did in 125 pages what Darwin's Doubt attempted to do in 512, and it didn't bury me alive in science that I needed additional resources to understand.

Mr. Sarfati synthesized important information from many scientific fields and presented it logically and simply. From the basis/bias' of decision making of both sides of the creationist/evolutionist argument, to specific examples of animal creation (or non-evolution), to earth age - he covered it all. This would be a perfect resource for Christians witnessing to non-believers and evolutionists.

This is an excellent book to start with if you are venturing into the creationist/evolutionist waters and are looking for more specific information other than your own "informed opinion."

Amanda Barbeau says

This is a really good brief overview of several different branches of evolutionary theory and how many scientists can't agree with each other, don't have proof for their theories, and even how many theories have been disproved but are still used in science books today. It's always best to do research on both sides of an argument rather than simply believing what you are fed.

Ankur says

Wronger than wrong.

"Evolution is bad, let's become Christian."

Michael Vincent says

A solid work with many good points concerning complexity and design. A good place to start in learning about the creationist view of the creation/evolution debate.

Stacy says

Interesting

Vicki says

This is my favorite book to-date offering scientific evidence that supports Biblical creation. It is an easy read at 139 pages and written in language that anybody can understand. I would highly recommend this book as an overview of what creationists believe and why.
