## **Evolution and Religion**

I filed a First Amendment lawsuit against Columbia University that is now before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (Docket No. 17-818). This lawsuit is analogous to Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District (2005), which barred public schools from teaching the theory called "Intelligent Design." In 17-818, the state actor is the General Counsel of Columbia and a department of the New York State Unified Court System. The scientific question concerns not how elephants evolved from bacteria, but the cosmological argument for God's existence. I explain in the brief that the cosmological argument is based on the scientific fact that human beings did not evolve from animals.

I'm accusing New York State of promoting the religion called humanism. In the United States, many humanists have a church, a pastor, and a creed. What makes humanism a religion under the First Amendment, however, is the fact that humanists discriminate against people who believe in God. Humanists also consciously and unconsciously disseminate misinformation about history and science to promote their religion. An example of discrimination can be found in Wikipedia's entry titled, "Sternberg peer review controversy."

What follows is a list of truths about evolutionary biology that many non-biologists don't know because of humanistic pseudoscience and misinformation:

- 1. Charles Darwin contributed nothing to biological evolution. Pierre Louis Maupertuis in the 18th century and al-Jāḥiz in the 9th century invented the theory of natural selection. Darwin was just a propagandist for eugenics.
- 2. The theory of evolution is more accurately called the theory of common descent with modifications because of how rapidly bacteria evolved into elephants and how much more complex an elephant is than a bacteria.
- 3. The branch of science called biology does not address the mind-body problem because the mind-body problem is a philosophical or metaphysical question.
- 4. Natural selection is just one proposed mechanism for common descent. Three other mechanisms are epigenetics, natural genetic engineering, and facilitated variation. All these mechanisms only explain why giraffes have long necks, not how giraffes descended from worms. No biologist claims these mechanisms explain common descent.
- 5. Biological evolution does not violate the second law of thermodynamics because the second law does not apply to biological systems, not because of energy supplied by the Sun.

The American Journal of Physics published an absurd article titled "Entropy and Evolution" (November 2008) with a calculation proving that #5 is not true. My correspondence about this scandal is at: http://www.pseudoscience123.com.

The following essay includes an account of the Sternberg scandal: https://www.academia.edu/20939526/An\_Analogy\_Between\_Nazi\_Germany\_and\_the\_United\_States

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