

To the Tablet,

I got the attached email from you indicating an interest in my complaint against the Jesuit-run Magis Center for using the Big Bang to argue that God exists (<http://www.pseudoscience123.com>) and against Cardinal Dolan for suppressing my slideshow (<http://www.holyshroud.info>) about the Shroud of Turin (<http://www.dkroemer.com>). I got 4891 visits last month on the seven slideshows and 6328 visits this month. Also the website with my canonical complaint against Cardinal Dolan got 724 visits last month and 1129 visits this month.

What I want is to have a conversation with a group of educated Catholics to explain these issues. I have tried to do it in writing, but there has been no give and take. With give and take both sides can see what is wrong with their thinking or explanations.

I had an insight this morning about the source of the conflict between the Magis Center and me. Consider this quote from a major biology textbook. I discuss it in my article "Reasons to Believe in Jesus" which is on my website (<http://www.newevangelization.info>), but this will be shorter analysis:

And certain properties of the human brain distinguish our species from all other animals. The human brain is, after all, the only known collection of matter that tries to understand itself. To most biologists, the brain and the mind are one and the same; understand how the brain is organized and how it works, and we'll understand such mindful functions as abstract thought and feelings. Some philosophers are less comfortable with this mechanistic view of mind, finding Descartes' concept of a mind-body duality more attractive. (Neil Campbell, Biology, 4th edition, p. 776)

Because of quotes like this, many Christians think that "most biologists" have poor judgment because there is more evidence for *dualism* than for *materialism*. In my opinion, there is more evidence for materialism than dualism. This causes these Christians mental and emotional stress. To make themselves feel better they think irrationally and unintelligently. They think the Big Bang, fine-tuning of constants, and evolution is evidence for dualism.

Very truly yours,
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