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AAAS and Pseudoscience

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Mon, Apr 17, 2017 at 10:29 AM

To: Fred Grinnell <frederick.grinnell@utsouthwestern.edu>

Dear Fred,

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 attached 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-Jāhīz 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

Very truly yours,

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Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 2:44 AM

To: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

Thanks David.

I think you might find valuable Chapter 6 -- "Faith -- More than one way to practice the world" -- of my book Everyday Practice of Science.

Regards,

Fred Grinnell

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Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 12:13 PM

Dear Frederick,

Thank you for telling me about your book. It is my hope that we can reach an agreement about what follows.

| Killing a human being may be wrong but not because humans are members of the species Homo sapiens. (page 160)

According to paragraph 10 of my attached federal complaint, humans are not members of a species Homo sapiens.

| Is there really something that human nature can feel but that science cannot overtake? (page 162)

Science is the method of inquiry arising from sense observations. Metaphysics is the method of inquiry arising from our ability to make ourselves the subject of our own knowledge. Why the sky is blue is a scientific question. Knowing that the sky is blue is more than that light is entering the eye and a signal is going to the brain. It is an *awareness* of the blueness of the sky. What is that *awareness* is a metaphysical question, not a scientific one. Scientists did not figure out why the sky was blue until the 20th century. The answer to the metaphysical question is that the sky is manifesting its blueness and humans are open to that manifestation.

| Their realization created a paradox by making the idea of cause and effect—a central tenet of scientific thinking... (page 167)

I suppose by you are referring to the method of inquiry called *science* when you use the phrase “scientific thinking.” Philosophy is a method of inquiry above another method of inquiry. Commenting about science is philosophy, not science. “Cause and effect” is a concept in metaphysics, not science. In metaphysics, cause and effect occur simultaneously. The cause precedes the effect in the order of causality, not in the order of time. In metaphysics, you also have what is called a *final cause*. If you spend 20 minutes washing your car, the final cause is having a clean car. In physics, a causal system is one where the energy is constant. Cause and effect has nothing to do with science.

In summary, science requires faith in the possibility that nature’s patterns and structures can be understood. (page 168)

As philosophy, this is utter nonsense. Einstein’s faith in the intelligibility of nature caused him to waste a lot of time trying to improve quantum mechanics. As history, however, it explains why science developed as it did in the West and not in the other civilizations. It can be argued that science began in 1277 when the Catholic Church condemned certain propositions of Aristotle that implied God did not create the universe. In metaphysics, however, as I explain in paragraph 11 of the complaint, the assumption or hope that the universe is intelligible is part of the argument for God’s existence.

Whatever one might think of the merit or failure of ID in terms of religion, its underlying assumptions situate the idea of ID outside of science. (page 176)

What caused elephants to descend from bacteria is a scientific question and ID is an answer to the question. The reason ID is irrational is that there is no evidence for it. I put it to you that your motive for this drivel about ID is to cover up the following biological fact. The quote is from an open letter I sent to the American Association for the Advancement of Science:


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Very truly yours,

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Thanks for your comments.

Regards,

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