



Cheering on Intelligent Design from the Sidelines

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When we first reported on the Intelligent Design movement back in 2001, we mentioned a three-phase program which ID backers had adopted and which they hoped would eventually knock Charles Darwin off his lofty perch.

We are four years now into Phase 3. If ID's plans are going as its proponents had wanted, we should at this time be seeing the theory of evolution beginning to topple. Is that what we're seeing?

Unfortunately, most TV nature shows still portray evolution as an established fact. Most science textbooks used in public schools and universities, and probably even most private schools, still present evolution as a theory beyond reproach.

The scientific establishment is still firmly in the hands of Darwinists. Judges continue to rule against Intelligent Design and creationism being allowed in public school classrooms.

Truthfully, some minor cracks in the rock of evolution can be seen from time to time. Last month in the inaugural issue of the LSI Bulletin, we offered some evidence that one bastion of evolution orthodoxy, *Discover* magazine, is lately showing a bit more respect for intelligent designers and creationists.

Yet, for all the scores of books the Intelligent Design movement is currently having published, on the surface at least ID's backers are not making a great deal of headway.

Now we can cheer them on but not join them. Why not join them? ID's scientists are not as a rule biblical creationists.

Kenneth Pope, author of *Reclaiming Science from Darwinism*, copyright 2006, mentions all the reasons why the world is far too complex to have arisen by chance. Yet he felt it necessary to briefly attack young-earthers.

Geneticist and anti-atheist Francis Collins, supposedly an evangelical Christian who we favorably mentioned in this column two months ago evidently isn't "evangelical" enough. In a February *Discover* interview, he admitted to being a theistic evolutionist.

Meanwhile, we repeat what we said in 2001. If ID succeeds someday in helping knock down the evolution monolith, Christians ought to be prepared to step in and identify the true Designer. Who else will? *LSI*
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