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## The British Think Science is Elitist and Irrelevant

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**A** survey about science was conducted not long ago in Great Britain and the results were an eye-opener. Great Britain is, of course, the home of Charles Darwin. It is Darwin's theory that unifies all of science we are often told. Yet, amazingly most of the British interviewed had a low regard for science, considering it remote, elitist and irrelevant. Only 3% thought science had the most effect on their lives, and not many young people in Britain seem to be interested in pursuing science professions.

The British government is obviously upset by this development and is not sitting still. An expo and a celebrity debate have been set up in an effort to change public attitudes about science. The chief executive of the Science Council said, "We need to get away from the elitist, geeky image that science suffers from."

Perhaps I can offer some suggestions from the viewpoint of a creationist. First, secular scientists should stop being so arrogant. For instance, empty claims such as "virtually all qualified scientists now accept evolution" or "evolution is as well proven as the law of gravity" are getting a bit tiresome because they are used so often and it is so easy to disprove them.

Secondly, these scientists could be a bit more polite. In online creation/evolution debates I have followed, the verbal abuse that creationist participants have been subjected to have taken sarcasm to a new level.

Thirdly, the scientists could be more open. They recently forced the Texas Department of Education to remove a requirement that science teachers were to teach the weaknesses of Darwinism along with the strengths. That move seems to suggest science has something to hide.

Thanks to God science has done much for the public good in making our lives healthier and easier, but the stubbornness many scientists display in holding onto a theory of origins that is contradicted by so much evidence is doing nobody any good.

Scientists should forget the origins debate and concentrate on practical science, and then we can all go about spending more time on important things in our lives, such as spreading the Gospel to the unsaved. **LSI**

—Warren Krug, editor