



The Horse's Mouth

Intelligent Design (ID) proponents deny any hidden creationist agendas, but rather claim they are only trying to promote good solid science in our public schools. To clear up any confusion over this matter, let's hear about it straight from the mouths of those leading the Intelligent Design movement.

"We are taking an intuition most people have [the belief in God] and making it a scientific and academic enterprise. We are removing the most important cultural roadblock to accepting the role of God as creator."

- Phillip Johnson quoted, *Enlisting Science to Find the Fingerprints of a Creator*, The LA Times, 3/25/2001.

"Father's words, my studies, and my prayers convinced me that I should devote my life to destroying Darwinism, just as many of my fellow Unificationists had already devoted their lives to destroying Marxism. When Father chose me (along with about a dozen other seminary graduates) to enter a Ph.D. program in 1978, I welcomed the opportunity to prepare myself for battle."

- Jonathan Wells, *Darwinism: Why I Went for a Second Ph.D.*, Unification Church, www.trueparents.org.

"If we take seriously the word-flesh Christology of Chalcedon (i.e. the doctrine that Christ is fully human and fully divine) and view Christ as the telos toward which God is drawing the whole of creation, then any view of the sciences that leaves Christ out of the picture must be seen as fundamentally deficient."

- William Dembski, *Intelligent Design: The Bridge Between Science & Theology*, Downers Grove, InterVarsity Press, 1999.

"The job of apologetics is to clear the ground, to clear obstacles that prevent people from coming to the knowledge of Christ," Dembski said. "And if there's anything that I think has blocked the growth of Christ [and] the free reign of the Spirit and people accepting the Scripture and Jesus Christ, it is the Darwinian naturalistic view.... It's important that we understand the world. God has created it; Jesus is incarnate in the world."

William Dembski quoted, Benen, Steve, "The Discovery Institute", Church and State Magazine, May 2002.

"Intelligent Design opens the whole possibility of us being created in the image of a benevolent God."

- William Dembski quoted, *Science Test*, Church & State Magazine, July / August 2000.

"The sad story is that denying the true God is often the starting point for human wisdom. We do not wish to honor the true God, and so we turn from the creator to created things, including idols of the mind like the theory of evolution."

- Interview with Phillip Johnson about *The Wedge of Truth*, Christianbook.com, August 14, 2000.

"There's a difference of opinion about how important this debate [advocating intelligent design] is. What I always say is that it's not just scientific theory. The question is best understood as: Is God real or imaginary?"

- Phillip Johnson quoted, *The Search for Intelligent Design in the Universe*, Silicon Valley Magazine, January 9 2000.

"That's always a major part of the human project, to get rid of God so we can be utterly self-sufficient and on our own. Darwinian Evolution did a better job of getting rid of the Creator than any other system. It's really the foundation for everything that's happened since."

-Interview with Phillip Johnson, SCP (Spiritual Counterfeits Project) transcript, Summer 1993 Newsletter, of an interview on KBLF Radio 1490 AM, "The Voice of Tehama County" in Red Bluff, California, aired originally in 1992.

"If humans are in fact designed, then we can expect psychosocial constraints to be hardwired into us. Transgress those constraints, and we as well as our society will suffer. There is plenty of empirical evidence to suggest that many of the attitudes and behaviors our society promotes undermine human flourishing. Design promises to reinvigorate that ethical stream running from Aristotle through Aquinas known as natural law."

- William Dembski quoted, *Science and Design*, First Things, October 1998.

"The world is a mirror representing the divine life...Intelligent design readily embraces the sacramental nature of physical reality. Indeed, intelligent design is just the Logos theology of John's Gospel restated in the idiom of information theory."

- William A. Dembski, Touchstone Magazine, July/August 1999.

"Baylor's Mr. Dembski also has little interest in publicizing his research through traditional means. "I've just gotten kind of blasé about submitting things to journals where you often wait two years to get things into print," he says. "And I find I can actually get the turnaround faster by writing a book and getting the ideas expressed there. My books sell well. I get a royalty. And the material gets read more.""

Darwinism Under Attack, The Chronicle of Higher Education, chronicle.com/free/v48/i17/17a00801.htm, 12/21/2001.

"...we will discover that "in the beginning was the Word" is fact not fantasy. It's as true scientifically as it is spiritually or Biblically or whatever."

- Phillip Johnson, Northshore Church, Everett, WA. 4/19/2001.

"The absence of God is a necessary presupposition of Darwinism."

- Interview with Phillip Johnson about *The Wedge of Truth*, Christianbook.com, August 14, 2000.

"The ultimate question here is: Is God real? I mean, is there a God that we are answerable to who created us and gave purpose to our existence or not?"

- Jonathan Wells quoted, *CNN NEWSROOM for May 3, 2001*, Aired May 3, 2001 - 04:30 ET.

"Theistic evolution is exactly the same thing as atheistic evolution only with some meaningless, vacuous God-talk spread around. It's not really an intellectually honest position at all; it's a kind of political compromise."

- Phillip Johnson quoted, "*Designer genes: Phillip E. Johnson talks to Peter Hastie*," Australian Presbyterian, No. 531, October 2001, pp.4-8.

"People of differing theological views should learn who's close to them, form alliances and put aside divisive issues 'til later," Johnson told *Christianity Today* in 1998. "I say after we've settled the issue of a creator, we'll have a wonderful time arguing about the age of the Earth."

- Phillip Johnson quoted, Benen, Steve, "Insidious Design", Church and State Magazine, May 2002.

"If God is an illusion and the Bible's just been wrong about everything, and religious belief is just believing what you want to believe and the facts show you that it didn't happen that way, well then the logical conclusion it seems to me would be not to try to save Christianity but to give it up as a mistake. Now, that's one reason I was so interested in this field."

- Interview: Phillip Johnson, *Communiqué: A Quarterly Journal*, Spring 1999.

Well there you have it, straight from the horse's mouth.