

To: Mensa Bulletin
Letters to the Editor
Betty Curry, Letters Editor

I first of all want to thank the Mensa Bulletin and Betty Curry for allowing this column to be a forum where the debate between evolution and creationism is allowed. It has been enlightening and enjoyable to read.

With respect to Eric Krein's letter (Letters, December), he set up the classic straw man argument. He stated that the contention of creationists boiled down to "evolution is wrong and creation is right because the writer says so" and that evolution is wrong because it hasn't been proven right and creationism is right because it hasn't been proven wrong. And then Mr. Krein spends several paragraphs proving that this is faulty reasoning. Well, duh!

You have embarrassed yourself, Mr. Krein, in revealing your total and abysmal ignorance of our position and arguments. Obviously, you have never read a single book which scientifically disputes the theory of evolution. Most creationists would be happy as clams if science teachers would teach both the evidence for and against evolution and not even mention God. In instances where that has been done on the college level, the result is that the class ends with significantly more creationists than it began with. Probably the single best book on the scientific evidence against evolution is "Bones of Contention" by Marvin Lubenow. In this volume is a much more thorough collection and examination of the human fossil evidence than can be found in any book that supports evolution.

You further claim that you would abandon evolution if there is a theory which better fits the facts. Not that I believe you, Mr. Krein, but try Dr. Gary Parker (his doctorate is in biology) and Dr. Henry Morris' book "What is Creation Science?" where that issue is specifically addressed. These books should be on the shelves of every academic institution which is not afraid of the truth.

The letter from Howard Paris (Letters, December) was far more interesting. Like most rabid creationists, I originally believed in evolution. It seemed so logical and so right, not because I had carefully examined the evidence, but because that is all I had been taught. Few evolutionists have even a clue as to how profoundly that has affected their own personal dogmatism. What Mr. Paris pointed out is that my belief in Jesus Christ and my belief in creationism either stand or fall together. When I first believed in Jesus Christ, I was an evolutionist and did not realize how accurate Mr. Paris was in that observation till perhaps twenty years later. However, because I did not give that particular issue a great deal of thought, I went for years not realizing how intertwined these two beliefs are.

Now, Mr. Paris, as for the idea that my evangelical belief in creationism is a front or a smoke screen for my own psychological inadequacies because of my religion (obviously, I am paraphrasing here, and I hope not too inaccurately), that simply is not

the case. In fact, in this respect, you project, a common characteristic which I have observed in evolutionists who write disparaging letters about creationists. You must cling to evolution otherwise you must face the possibility that there is a God to whom you are answerable. Without evolution, you must face the possibility that God really did take upon Himself the form of a man and walk here among us; and that He then chose to go to the cross.

Finally, to all you evolutionists: please don't think that the essence of debate between evolution and creation has been distilled in this letters column and that you can dismiss creationism on the basis of your superficial perusal of this column. There are hundreds of books out there which tackle evolution from the standpoint of genetics, biology, and archeology. If you purport to have an open mind and "the enlightened position", then what could it hurt to actually examine the more detailed position of the creationists? You certainly realize that an issue as complex as this cannot be covered in a few hundred words.

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