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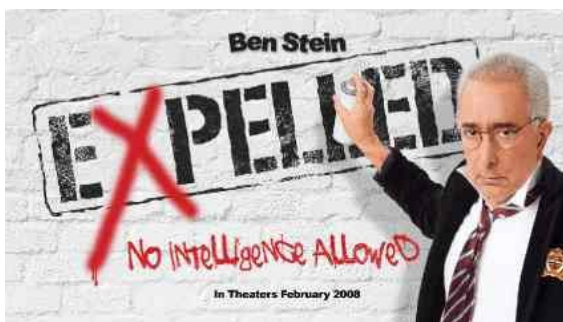
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## Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed by Andrew Lemus

If spending the evening at the theatre is something you enjoy doing then this title has probably caught your eye. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the documentary by Ben Stein Expelled hit theatres all around the nation. I was fortunate to be able to catch this movie on the day it came out and hope to soon see it again. What is it about?

First, it is about the many holes in the theory of evolution. In 1859 a book written by Charles Darwin titled The Origin of Species was published. This publication and



others has influenced and indoctrinated millions. Many have adopted that mankind is the product of billions of years of macro evolution. Unfortunately for those who have adopted this theory, there is no evidence to support it.

Since the inception of this theory there has been no discovery that has withheld scientific inquiry that upholds this destructive doctrine. Many who have heard about the so called evidence that supports

macro evolution have not heard about how those evidences have been discredited. While society might not hear how recent finds have been discredited most scientific professional do. What are our scholarly scientists doing with this information? Unfortunately most of them are staying mute and those that are speaking up are being fired. This documentary reveals that not all scientists are sold on the evolutionary theory.

Second, it is about the design we can find in a cell. When Charles Darwin wrote about this theory of evolution he did not have access to the technologies that we have today. He was unable to look at the intricacy of an individual cell. Charles Darwin admitted . . .

*If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down (1872, p. 154).*

About a hundred years later A.E. Wilder-Smith, of the United Nations stated . . .

*Now, when we are confronted with the genetic code, we are astounded at once at its simplicity, complexity and the mass of information contained in it. One cannot avoid being awed at the sheer density of information contained in such a miniaturized space.*

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*When one considers that the entire chemical information required to construct a man, elephant, frog, or an orchid was compressed into two minuscule reproductive cells, one can only be astounded. Only a sub-human could not be astounded. The almost inconceivably complex information needed to synthesize a man, plant, or a crocodile from air, sunlight, organic substances, carbon dioxide and minerals is contained in these two tiny cells. If one were to request an engineer to accomplish this feat of information miniaturization, one would be considered fit for the psychiatric line (1976, pp. 257-259, emp. in orig.).*

The cell is beautifully designed and runs like a machine. Through the recent technological advancements in our society the power of an almighty creator can be seen (Romans 1:20).

Third, it is about effects that come from the theory of evolution. In a sobering fashion *Expelled* reveals the consequences of such a destructive theory. It makes the viewer reflect on the way our elderly, mentally ill, unborn children, and our weaker members of society are treated. Has the theory of evolution affected our thoughts or worldview? Sadly the answer can be sobering. The theory of evolution has promoted atheism, fornication, selfishness, and many other sins. Think about it. If we have evolved from animals then the next step of evolution is up to us. Through natural selection mankind moves forward to the next stage in evolution and there are no rules to get there. Murder, homosexuality, and all acts of immorality would merely be the vessel that moves our kind forward to a greater being. How can we say actions are wrong if those very actions might produce the next step in evolution? A few minutes of considering the consequences of evolution can bring us to imagine an awful world to live in. Think of Hitler and the Nazi regime.

The documentary *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* is not a Christian movie per se. The purpose of the film is to promote academic freedom to other theories about how this world and its inhabitants came about. When this film hits the rental stores don't pass it up but rather pick it up. Take a few hours to look deeper into a theory that has changed our society, schools, and actions.

## The Bible is Still the Favorite by Kyle Butt, M.A.

According to a recent Harris Poll, the Bible continues to be the number-one, favorite book in the United States. The survey was based on a sampling of 2,513 adults ("Bible is America's..." 2008). The second-favorite book varied among age groups and other factors, but the Bible swept first place in every age group, ethnic group, and among both genders.

The fact that the Bible remains the favorite book is encouraging. It shows that the majority of citizens in our country are willing to put forth some effort to obtain a Bible, read it, and understand the concepts found therein. When the moral landscape of our country is surveyed, however, it seems that most who claim that the Bible is their favorite book do not put into practice the moral concepts contained in the sacred volume.

It is time Americans take their affinity for the Bible to the next level by obeying its commandments. Concerning God's commandments given to Israel, Moses wrote: "Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people'" (Deuteronomy 4:6, emp. added). In order for the United States of America to be a "wise and understanding people," we must determine to put into practice the teachings found in our favorite book—the Bible.

