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## Top 10 Darwin vs. Design Resources for 2006

**Colorado Springs, CO** (**Dec 27, 2006**) – Following are the Top 10 Darwin vs. Design resources released in 2006 as selected by the staff at Access Research Network.

- **1.** Intelligent Design Under Fire: Experts Cross-Examine the Top Proponents of Intelligent Design Theory (DVD live recording). For those who have been waiting to see how the leading proponents of intelligent design answer their critics face-to-face in real-time, the wait is over. On Friday May 12, 2006, five leading proponents of the intelligent design theory gathered at a sold-out auditorium at Biola University in Southern California and invited critics to join them and ask their most challenging questions. Joining ID proponents Mike Behe, Steve Meyer, Paul Nelson, Guillermo Gonzalez, and Jonathan Wells were a panel of critics including professors Bruce Weber (Biochemistry, Cal State Fullerton), Larry Herber (Geology, Cal Poly Pomona, ret.), Jim Hofmann (Liberal Studies, Cal State Fullerton), Craig Nelson (Liberal Studies Cal State Fullerton) and media contributors Charlotte Laws (columnist/author), and Keith Morrison (Dateline NBC).
- **2.** The Incorrigible Dr. Berlinski (DVD interview). What happens when a mathematician takes a closer look at the just-so stories of Darwinian evolution? The stories quickly change from plausible to ridiculous. Berlinski likens the cow to whale evolution to the engineering task of converting a car to a submarine. Why are the 50,000+ required morphological changes not found in the fossil record? From the producers of the <u>Icons of Evolution</u> documentary, this video interview is now one of the top five "must watch" videos on the Darwin vs. Design controversy.
- 3. The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design (book) by Jonathan Wells. Six years after igniting the flames of controversy with his groundbreaking 2000 book, *Icons of Evolution:* Why Much of What We Teach About Evolution is Wrong, biologist Jonathan Wells, a senior fellow with Discovery Institute's Center for Science & Culture, has written this very accessible book on the debate over Darwinism and intelligent design published by Regnery as part of their popular series of "Politically Incorrect Guides."
- **4.** The Case for a Creator (DVD documentary) with author Lee Strobel. This is the third in a series of top-quality, block-buster documentaries on Intelligent Design by Illustra Media that started with Unlocking the Mystery of Life and The Privileged Planet. Based on Strobel's popular book by the same title, the documentary leads you through one man's journey to grapple with the scientific evidence regarding one of life's greatest questions: How did we get here? Along the way, he interviews many of the leading scientists and scholars for intelligent design theory. The major topic areas of the documentary cover the fossil evidence, cosmology, astronomy, physics, biological machines, and biological information.
- 5. <u>Darwin's Nemesis: Phillip Johnson and the ID Movement</u> (book). A collection of essays that review and celebrate the life and thought of Phillip Johnson and the movement for which he has served as chief architect. Editor William Dembski presents eighteen essays by research scientists and philosophers who have known and worked with Johnson for more than a decade.
- **6.** A Meaningful World: How the Arts and Sciences Reveal the Genius of Nature (book) by Benjamin Wiker and Jonathan Witt. In this groundbreaking work, Wiker and Witt show that nature offers all of the challenges and surprises, all of the mystery and elegance, we associate with design and, further, with artistic genius. They begin in Shakespeare and range through the fine-tuning of the laws of physics,

the Periodic Table of Elements, the artistry of ordinary substances like carbon and water, the intricacy of biological organisms, and the drama of scientific exploration itself. In contrast to contemporary claims that the world is ultimately meaningless, Wiker and Witt reveal a cosmos charged with both meaning and purpose.

- **7.** The Cave Painting: A Parable of Science (book) by Roddy M. Bullock. Four hundred fifty pages of serious fun, *The Cave Painting* is an allegorical novel exploring the Design versus Naturalism debate in a fictional story format. The novel, together with comprehensive end notes which tie the allegorical arguments to real facts and arguments, highlights the key shortcomings of current Darwinian theories in explaining the origin of specified complex things, whether they be cave paintings, or, by analogy, human beings. This parable pits a bright young student against the academic establishment that tries to convince her and fellow students that a recently discovered local cave painting can be explained by purely naturalistic processes. She's not buying it, and you are likely to stay up all night to find out how the parable ends. A great resource for introducing students to the issues in a fun way.
- **8.** Darwin Strikes Back: Defending the Science of Intelligent Design (book) by Thomas Woodward. Woodward examines three major design theorists: Michael Behe, Jonathan Wells, and William Dembski, as well as their most notable critics including biologist Kenneth Miller, philosopher Niall Shanks, educator Eugenie Scott, and outspoken atheist Richard Dawkins. The book also discusses some of the advances in physics, the problems associated with the chemical evolution of life, and summarizes the work of related scholars such as physicists Paul Davies and Robert Jastrow, and the Chinese paleontologist Jun-Yuan Chen.
- **9.** Traipsing into Evolution: ID and the Kitzmiller v. Dover Decision (book). The first published critique of federal Judge John E. Jones's decision in the Kitzmiller v. Dover case, the foremost trial to attempt to address the constitutionality of teaching intelligent design. In this concise yet comprehensive response, Discovery Institute scholars and attorneys expose how Judge Jones's Kitzmiller decision was based upon faulty reasoning, non-existent evidence, and an elementary misunderstanding of intelligent design theory.
- 10. The Naked Emperor: Darwinism Exposed (book) by Antony Latham. Antony Latham is a medical doctor working in Scotland who has published a new book showcasing the powerful scientific argument that the universe and life were purposely designed. In the process he provides a devastating and detailed critique of Richard Dawkins' *Blind Watchmaker* book. Although the book was published in 2005, it made its appearance in the U.S. in 2006 about the same time as Dawkin's latest tirade, *The God Delusion*. Not all UK scientists are raving materialists, and Antony Latham, M.D is offered as Exhibit A.

These top 10 resources for 2006, and many other resources on the Darwin vs. Design debate can be found on the Access Research Network website <a href="https://www.arn.org">www.arn.org</a>.

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