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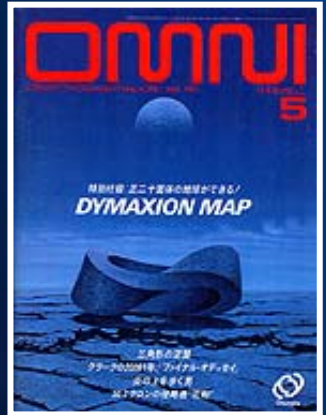
-Norma Bixler

Galileo

- Typical is an editorial in *Omni* which claimed:

“Once a religion becomes politically powerful, it suppresses all “heretical” teachings. Galileo was silenced by the Roman Catholic Church. ... Robert A. Heinlein predicted three decades ago that the United States would be ruled by a religious dictatorship in the twenty-first century.”

(Bova, 1981, p. 6)



Galileo

- A more recent example (an editorial):

“Galileo was branded a heretic for . . . daring to adopt a radical new theory that Earth is not at the center of the universe.” (Marrison, 2002, p. 10)



Galileo

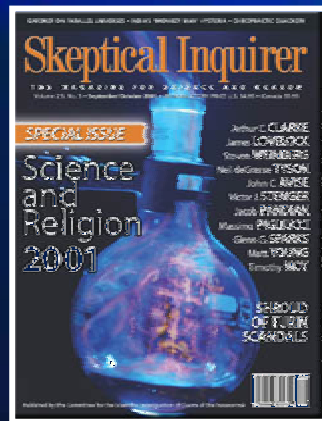
- Charles Darwin's great great grandson Matthew Chapman claimed:

For supporting Copernican theory ... Galileo was tried by the Roman Catholic church ... He was not 'pardoned' until 1988 when Pope John Paul II finally conceded that the church had made a 'mistake'. 1988!

- Over three centuries to concede a scientific point that every man of reason accepted 200 years ago (2000, p. 136-137).

Galileo

- University of New Mexico history of science professor Timothy Moy in “Science, Religion, and the Galileo Affair” *Skeptical Inquirer* 25(5):43-49 2001 concluded that the truth is far different.



Galileo

- “It is more historically accurate to conclude that ... the main opponents of the new Copernican position were **academicians** teaching science in the universities, and that much, if not most, of Galileo’s support came from church officials”.

Galileo

- The problem: Galileo's ideas were looked upon favorably by certain influential churchmen and scientists, causing jealousy in his rival scientists (Drake, 1957).
- Academic opposition to Galileo was because the "natural" philosophies were firmly based on Aristotelianism (Drake, 1980).



Galileo

- Many scholars then did not value experimentation, or research.
- For centuries, scholars concluded that the basic truths of nature were to be found in Aristotle's writings and those of his learned commentators (Wallace, 1981).

Galileo

- Logical arguments and reason, were often more to be trusted than were the evidence of the senses (Santillana, 1955).

Galileo Cont.

- Many conclude that Galileo's proved the case for heliocentrism. Moy notes

"Galileo's new proof ... doesn't work. Galileo simply did not know how to prove that Earth truly moved.

Galileo had crossed the line set sixteen years earlier—he had promoted an idea ... without providing proof of its truthfulness" (2001, p. 45).



Galileo Cont.

- Conversely, many in the church were anxious for new ideas, and the honors it bestowed upon Galileo made his enemies furious:
- They were all jealous of the special treatment Galileo was given by the church, and, of his large salary. (Ronan, 1974, pp. 131-132).

Galileo Cont.

- During a visit to Rome he had an audience with Pope Paul III that made such a favorable impression on the Pope that
*“afterwards church dignitaries vied with one another to do him honor. ... Galileo was overjoyed with the reception he had received; his telescopic observations had been confirmed by the highest astronomical authority in the land.
Church and society were on his side; what more could he ask?”*
(Ronan, 1974, p. 131) .

Galileo Cont.

- Galileo's main problem was his:

"... rash indiscretion, his insistence on throwing open to the common people a question that was far from being settled" (Santilana, 1955. p. 18).

Galileo Cont.

- Moy added that:

“While scholars have been unable to come to a consensus on why Galileo was tried by the Inquisition, almost all historians agree that it was not primarily because Galileo believed in the Copernican heliocentrism” (Moy, 2001, p. 43)



Moy Concluded

- “Galileo’s trouble with the Church became a means to condemn the church as backward.
- For most of the medieval and Renaissance periods, the primary supporter of research and teaching in the sciences was the Church”.



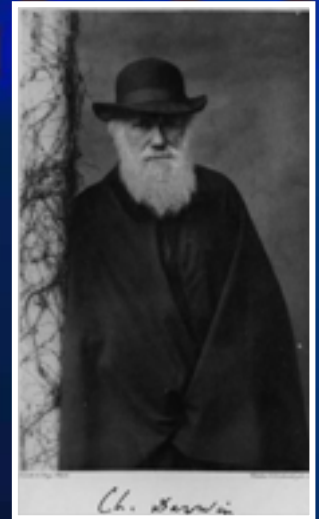
Moy Added

- After the Galileo affair, the church continued to promote research, even turning entire cathedrals into giant pin-hole cameras to measure the apparent diameter of the solar disk at various times of the year (2001, p. 45).



Church Today Sides with Darwinists

- The Catholic Church's major sin was capitulating to the pressure from the *scientific community*.
- Secular humanist magazine, *The Free Inquirer*, commonly claim that Darwinist's strongest allies are the clergy.



Church Sides With Darwinists

- Many modern denominations may again be proved wrong for defending a belief system that is without scientific foundation and intellectually bankrupt.
- History may once again condemn religion for siding with scientists:

Prof. Maatman Said:

“Many churches and theologians have great respect for natural scientific conclusions . . . But holding unwarranted respect for all things scientific is dangerous . . .”

(Maatman, 1994, p. 181)

The Problem

- It is no accident that Hitler arose, and the Holocaust occurred, in a country that had a higher educational level (and a greater percentage of Ph.D.s than any other nation).
- With few exceptions, academia supported Hitler's tyranny and policies (Morse, 1968).



Indoctrination

- All too often education indoctrinates those in its care in a certain world view,
- For this reason college graduates have remarkably similar views on a wide variety of social questions, from abortion to gun control to religion (Robertson, 1981).
- In our age of almost worship of the science establishment, it is quite possible that a more accurate view of reality will be dismissed simply because it does not conform to some body of scientific opinion.

Indoctrination

- The view often most at issue is religion:
- In universities, “the religious people keep their mouths shut ... And the irreligious people discriminate.” (Larson and Witham, 1999, p. 91).

Indoctrination

- Suppressing minority views in science :

In “virtually every branch, lectures were proscribed, publication was hampered, professorships were denied, Scholars ... with unpopular ideas sometimes recanted, published anonymously, presented their ideas in weakened forms, or delayed publication for years” (1981, pp. 203).

Are Things Worse Today?

- Sir Fred Hoyle, in an introduction to one of his books, said:

“The popular belief is that the Copernican Revolution and the inquisition of Galileo are things of the past. In this book we show that ... If anything the situation may have got worse, with ... the Industrial Revolution conferring upon human beings a degree of arrogance not seen before” (1993, p. 1).



Things *Are* Much Worse Today

- This is true in the current creation-evolution controversy.
- Darwinists have worked hard to gain support from both the clergy and the common people.
- It is unfortunate for science that there is so little tolerance for nonDarwinists.

Things *Are* Much Worse Today

- Reports of terminations and other problems in academia based on religious beliefs now abound.

Harvard's Owen Gingerich concluded that "... scientific censorship, remains in our world today, and it may well be far more effective and insidious than in the seventeenth century" during the time of Galileo (1981, p. 60).



A Place at the Table

- For Science to progress, freedom of inquiry must exist.
- The scientists have become the new priesthood of truth.
- The focus of non Darwinists should be for a place at the table.



Evolution Deception

Contradicting Confab!

Evolutionists say that human beings "evolved" from simple cells entirely by random chance.

But when the word "evolving" is used with technology, it means improvements that are planned, carefully worked out, and implemented using intelligent guidance.

However, when academia uses the word "evolution" in biology, they shift its meaning to deny any planning or intelligent design. Are you being deceived by evolutionists?



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