

Re: Quote Mine: "The emperor has no clothes"--Hsu

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"On Fri, 10 Sep 2004 12:42:04 +0000 (UTC), in article <dford3-b1c67abe.0409100442.23852310@posting.google.com>, david ford stated...
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>*abstract of Hsu's "Darwin's three mistakes"; Hsu quoting Ernst Chain*
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Ernst Chain (1906-1979) as quoted by R.W. Clark, in THE LIFE OF ERNST CHAIN: PENICILLIN AND BEYOND, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, London, 1985, ISBN 0-312-48419-4:

"In general [he wrote to one correspondent] I cannot work up too much enthusiasm for any theory, knowing that theories are ephemeral and, as new facts are discovered, must be dramatically changed or discarded. In my view they have no absolute value, and their usefulness consists essentially in their capacity to stimulate new experiments. This is, at least, the criteria by which I judge them."
(Page 147. The bracketed remark is that of Clark.)

His son is quoted in this book as saying, "I am quite certain that _at_no_time_ did my father believe in a fundamental creationist theory of evolution. I think that it would be seriously misinterpreting his views if you did deduce this from his writing. There is no doubt that he did not like the theory of evolution by natural selection -- he disliked theories in general, and more especially when they assumed the form of dogma. He also felt that evolution was not really a part of science, since it was, for the most part, not amenable to experimentation -- and he was, and is, by no means alone in this view." (Pages 147-148. The emphasis is in the original.)

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---Tom S.

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" Romans 1:19-20