

Re: Approaching evolutionary geology

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oriel36 wrote:

It is held that the great Copernicus feared the wrath of the Church in using his reasons to promote the axial and orbital motion of the Earth however this perception is untrue and Copernicus feared that lazy minds capable only of memorisation would not handle the information correctly, in his own words to the Pope –

"And they did so, it seems to me, not, as some suppose, because they were in some way jealous about their teachings, which would be spread around; on the contrary, they wanted the very beautiful thoughts attained by great men of deep devotion not to be ridiculed by those who are reluctant to exert themselves vigorously in any literary pursuit unless it is lucrative; or if they are stimulated to the nonacquisitive study of philosophy by the exhortation and example of others, yet because of their dullness of mind they play the same part among philosophers as drones among bees. When I weighed these considerations, the scorn which I had reason to fear on account of the novelty and unconventionality of my opinion almost induced me to abandon completely the work which I had undertaken."

Hey, ..that's strong words, ..eh? He wouldn't be the only one on that score. Which is why change (I mean real change, ..the earth-shattering, ground-breaking stuff) virtually never comes from the mainstream. Even those personally involved have too much to lose from pushing it forward. Imagine a George, ..or that old Get, or his like, or the donkey, ...as a boss, ..and you have it. And yet those are exactly the sorts of people who find their way into that sort of position.

Copernicus writing to Pope Paul III

<http://webexhibits.org/calendars/year-text-Copernicus.html>

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That Copernican statement is not directed towards the current dismal condition but rather a point of departure for a more expansive and balanced view of natural phenomena. The great strides in astronomy and geology are made through taking more information into account through inter-disciplinary relationships while contemporary views or rather the 'scientific method' is just a dull way to treat the topic, the empirical cult was known by its traits long before it became dominant via Newton. Pascal expresses accurately how narrow perceptions bo