

Re: Bush appointee trying to push Creationism on NASA

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John Savard wrote:

You won't catch the Americans ignoring the atom bomb because relativity and quantum mechanics are "Jewish science" or "idealistic" (and hence contradictory to dialectical materialism).

But wasn't the original story from the Onion?

No, it sounds like something that was made up, but unfortunately this really happened:

The ID movement has more legs than you guys realize. And there's a reason it does. Their intuition is correct, even if their argument is absurd. Modern science has found itself against brick walls for some time now. They've reduced and reduced without finding the 'big idea' that makes sense of it all.

The public recognizes, even if the science community does not, that a new way of approaching these ultimate questions must be found. And I'm telling you, the latest and greatest mathematics agrees withthem...not you.

Self-Organized Criticality : Emergent Complex Behavior in Physical

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and Biological Systems (Cambridge Lecture Notes in Physics)

"The word criticality has a very precise meaning in equilibrium thermodynamics. It is used in connection with phase transitions (strictly speaking continuous transitions). When the temperature of the system is precisely equal to the transition temperature, something extraordinary happens....."

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0521483719/104-7597642-8962348?v=glance&n=283155>

This extraordinary properties that appears at the most chaotic, not simplest, but most complex dynamic states the universe has to offer, is the source of all order, both physical and living. Unless you understand these properties you are defending Dark Age science.

The ID movement has yet to fully grasp these concepts, but they are getting there. While modern science stands pat blaming these ideas on kooks or political hacks.

The complexity of life is where these ultimate answers are to be found. Our fundamental laws, for both science and religion, will be derived from the lessons of the complexity of life. You guys look for it in the simplest the universe has to offer, particles and the like. You guys think the properties of the physical universe will give us these answers, that the simplest or ultimate properties of the physical universe define life.

No, it's the other way around. Your methods are fine, your frame of reference is backwards...literally.

The public increasingly demands that truth is decided by them. Not well-titled ivory towers. And this is reflected in the political arena. That fact that many believe these debates are not settled is not an ignorant or political view. It's reality.

And I see the scientific community responding to this movement with only arrogance.

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http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/04/science/04climate.html?incamp=article_popular_5

Along with the squelching of the Global Warming data.

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