

Throughout history great empires of fantastic size and power have arisen, their fortresses seemingly impenetrable, their armies indestructible. Forcing their will upon lesser peoples, they wax ever stronger. Yet within all men is a longing for freedom, for self governance. It is from a growth of this inherent inclination that the world's mighty empires topple. To impede such passions, rulers seek an end to freedom of speech by whatever means necessary. Much like the empires of yesteryear, Darwinists have erected an ideological empire no less strong, and thus fear freedom of speech all the more. I assert that the unfair prejudice by the Darwinian establishment is a strong indicator of the invalidity of Darwin's theory.

The enemy of every empire is freedom of speech. This freedom allows all people to express themselves and their ideas clearly without fear of persecution. Thus freedom of speech allows a kind of enlightenment among man. Through this enlightenment the conquered peoples of an empire grow to hate that abominable sin of forcefully ruling another people. Without freedom of speech, the people would become brainwashed by the daily propaganda of the empire. Therefore, intrinsic to empires of all times and places is to seek an end to this glorious freedom.

The mighty Roman Empire is a case in point; apparently immortal, her empire, which has gone down in history as one of the greatest, was guarded by an elite force of legions, whose skill and discipline is an example even today. Like every empire before and after her, Rome sought to silence any and all forms of opposition to the emperor. Yet despite innumerable advantages, the empire that ruled virtually the entire known world capitulated to a most unlikely people, the Gallic and Germanic tribesmen to the north. The barbaric tribes however, had one advantage: the passion for freedom to rule themselves. This people, once thought of by the Romans as fierce and uneducated, not a long time later routed Rome's legionaries in Italy itself. Such a

vivid picture may turn the reader to utter a sigh of relief that no such empire exists today. But the reader will be shocked to find that in reality an empire of no less strength and threat as the Roman Empire exists today. This empire, otherwise known as the Darwinian establishment, is not a tangible but an ideological dominion, depriving her subjects of the honorable freedom of self-expression.

In 1859 Charles Darwin rocked the scientific community with his book, *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*. Its general ideas were not unique to him, nor their inception his own. Borrowing the idea of survival of the fittest from world-renowned economist Thomas Malthus and the concept that the present is the key to the past from equally famous geologist Charles Lyell, he formulated his own theory of the origin of species. Perhaps he borrowed most heavily from Aristotle's idea of spontaneous generation: that inanimate matter can evolve into living organisms through purely natural causes. At the time he was besieging the ruling paradigm of the day: that God created all that is *ex nihilo* according to the Genesis account. Through freedom of speech, people were allowed to choose freely between the two theories. Today Darwinian evolution is the generally accepted theory of the origin of life. Darwin and his followers successfully tore down the ruling theory of his day and replaced it with their own.

In place of the idea so commonly held throughout history, that of attributing the existence of everything to one or more deities, Darwin founded an ideological empire that explained the origin of species without an intelligent designer. Today, those who oppose this empire are persecuted to varying degrees by the Darwinian establishment. While it is far from a life or death issue, one can easily lose one's job or be otherwise intimidated for defending intelligent design. One has simply to do a web search of intelligent design scientists or walk into a public

grade school science classroom to note the astounding level of discrimination by Darwinists against the followers of intelligent design. Much like the Roman emperors who silenced Gallic and Germanic tribes in the name of their empire: so too the Darwinian establishment seeks to end the uprising known as the intelligent design movement. Rome had overstepped her rights by imposing her authority on the northern tribesmen. Likewise today's ideological empire has exceeded her prerogatives by forcing her dogma on the rest of the world. As history shows us Darwinists make no distinction among intelligent design scientists. Just like Hitler's rude treatment of German-born Jewish scientists such as Albert Einstein, the Darwinian empire seeks an end to intelligent design no matter the cost of discrediting some of today's premier scientists. Many are the examples of highly-credentialed scientists being professionally exiled because they even suggested an alternate theory to Darwinism.

Few know this better than Dr. Francis Beckwith, member in good standing of many prestigious academic organizations, multi-degreed and author of numerous books and papers, his academic career was severely hampered when he was denied tenure and nearly fired by Baylor University. His credentials should have insured him lifelong job security but Baylor, like so many other colleges and universities, ignored his impeccable credentials because of his pro-intelligent design views. The controversy arose from his suggestion that the Constitution permitted the teaching of intelligent design. Though he remains at Baylor, the mutual relationship has been marred. Striking as this may seem he is not alone in this respect. Instead, professors and students are being persecuted by Darwinists eager to spread the boundaries of their empire. Nor is this confined to America; the borders of Darwin's empire are seen invading freedom of speech the world over.

A prime example is the Rev. Professor Michael Reiss, another man of enormous influence and stature in the scientific world. An ordained clergyman of the Church of England, his scientific prowess is not diminished as exemplified by his former position as Director of Education at England's prestigious Royal Society. He recently sparked controversy by suggesting that creationism is a viable scientific theory. Reiss' original proposition was that of freedom of speech: that creationism should be debatable in schools. The Darwinian empire quickly twisted his words. In accordance with their typical propaganda, two Darwinists and Nobel peace prize laureates instantly attacked his ideas. Meanwhile Richard Dawkins, a prominent leader among the Darwinian rank and file, vigorously bombarded Reiss with accusations of religious bias.

Dr. Nancy Bryson, a brilliant chemist, is only one of many in academia who find themselves surrounded by the armies of Darwinism. An accomplished scientist, she was invited to lecture at the Mississippi University for Women where she taught graduate studies. There she showed that Darwinian evolution is far from a convincing theory. When she finished the senior professor of her division gave a several minute speech discrediting both her and intelligent design. Her lectures, though enjoyed by the students, aroused the wrath of many of her fellow faculty members. She refused the next day's request for her resignation. Like Beckwith she remains at her school, but with the knowledge that she works with hostile peers. Despairing as it may seem, such discrimination is not limited to college and graduate professors; it is rampant also in the high schools of today.

Mr. Roger DeHart, who received his Masters in Science Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, was relieved of his biology class and given an earth sciences class after a lawsuit threat from the American Civil Liberties Union. After teaching at Burlington-

Edison High School for 14 years, parents of a student complained that he taught intelligent design. These examples show that from public grade schools to such prestigious institutions as the Royal Society, Darwinists attempt to deliver a lethal blow to the rebellious intelligent design community.

One can trace through history those nations who have opposed freedom of speech and one finds they have all one similarity: though shine they might for a while, their days were numbered and destruction came upon them like a rushing torrent. Though this paper was not meant as a scientific treatise on the faults of Darwinism, through Darwinism's denial of freedom of speech we have determined that, at least as freedom is concerned, Darwinism is a corrupt theory. Any nation, group, or theory that feels it necessary to deny freedom of speech to the opposing party is faulty and not worthy of support.

Never satisfied with enough, the ruling party who successfully silences freedom of speech broadens its vision of conquest and looks to heights of achievement not yet conceived. Much like the Roman emperors who, not satisfied with an already vast empire, conquered Gaul and then England, the Darwinian empire seeks to broaden its control on western thought. Convinced they are the supreme rulers of the intellectual world, Darwinists have become even more power-hungry, seeking to end all uprisings against the empire. It is here that they are being foiled. Their monopoly on western thought is slowly melting. Intelligent design is being backed by an ever-increasing amount of scientific facts and the number of Darwinists who find Darwinism unconvincing is on the rise. Here, in the midst of their march on the minds of all men, the Darwinists see armies of the least likely kind: a comparatively rag-tag band of scientists, academic careers nearly or completely destroyed by Darwin's legions. This party of evicted scientists is growing, and, like the Gallic and Germanic tribes, they will give their all for

their love of freedom. It is here on the slopes of world history that the greatest ideological battle of our time is to be fought. Who will win? Only time can tell; but history comforts us by showing that those who defend freedom always eventually win.