

## Religion Poisons the Public Discourse

- The religion-industrial complex is threatened when its fairytales are subjected to critical thinking or scientific inquiry.
- Obvious examples are the mythologies of the “Garden of Eden” and “Noah’s Ark.”
- The religion-industrial complex therefore conditions people to ignore inconvenient facts and to believe what is comfortable to believe.
- Thus when science says the burning of fossil fuels is warming the planet and there will be drought, flood and famine as a consequence then it is very easy for the petroleum-industrial complex to sow seeds of doubt.
- These seeds of doubt are cast on fertile soil - soil prepared by the religion industrial complex - and the result is an endless and rancorous debate over “anthropogenic global warming” when the facts are agreed upon by an overwhelming ninety-seven percent of climate scientists.
- Other aspects of the public discourse are poisoned when many people believe in things such as “job creators”, “trickle-down” economics, and magic vaginas which can filter out rape sperm.
- This is why I have created origin-of-religions.org and dedicated \$5000 to a direct challenge to the central tenets of the religion-industrial complex.

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## \$5,000.00 Challenge for evidence proving your religious beliefs - awarded to the first person presenting unambiguous evidence which

- Disproves the modern understanding of the theory of evolution, or
- Disproves certain conclusions published at origin-of-religions.org, namely that religions evolve according to rules similar to those driving evolution of computer viruses and the evolution of life, that the resulting religions have acted and continue to act as a significant pressure on the human gene pool, and that as one consequence of that selection pressure, the human gene pool has been skewed toward brains with a genetically mediated predisposition to harbor religion.
- Proves “Intelligent Design Theory” where “Intelligent Design Theory” means the pseudo-hypothesis that a pre-existing and magical being created the universe including a special planet just for us humans. (Prize awarded only for proving the religion-based version of “Intelligent Design Theory” and not my version as defined in the essay “The Irony of the proof for Intelligent Design Theory”), or
- Proves “Creation Science” - where “Creation Science” means the pseudo-hypothesis that a supernatural deity fashioned the universe with Earth as its center and did so less than 10,000 years ago.

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