

Below is a response (name removed) to a friend about an evolutionary article he mentioned.

Dear _____, Feb. 19, 2017

I really appreciated you bringing up the recent article you read about how strong beliefs affect peoples' willingness or ability to accept new "facts" or evidence. You probably noticed that I didn't respond much. Please don't misunderstand my limited feedback.

I love it when any of anyone brings up issues involving foundational subjects like the big questions of life – origin, purpose, suffering, destiny – and how they relate to worldview, science, religion, or politics. It's a good way to find out what each of us have been reading about, thinking about, etc. Yet, discussing our deeper related and possibly differing views and supporting evidence is best done when we have more time and there's kind of a mutual eagerness to go there. When real or apparent disagreements come up without time to clarify and really understand one another's hearts it can lead to misunderstanding, assumptions, hurt, conflict, and barriers.

Many articles, on the subject of perceptual belief filters, have come out recently by various science sources, particularly regarding issues of origins. For example, macroevolutionary atheist, Michael Shermer, wrote an article in Scientific American last month on, "*How to Convince Someone When Facts Fail: Why worldview threats undermine evidence*". Like most, his purpose was to paint creationists as blind faith science deniers. Yet, he fails to apply his own logic to his own rigidly held worldview. We all see distortedly through perceptual belief glasses. Please, see the following rebuttal to Shermer by Dr. Cornelius G. Hunter, Ph.D. in Biophysics and Computational Biology and intelligent design proponent. His newest book is *SCIENCE'S BLIND SPOT*. Here's the link to Dr. Hunter's article:

http://www.evolutionnews.org/2017/01/irony_alert_mic103445.html. By the way, Hunter is a member of the Discovery Institute in Seattle that I mentioned to you before. If you ever want to visit let me know and I'll notify the guys I know there (Dr. Stephen Meyer, Dr. Casey Luskin) in case they can show you around. Steve's books, *Signature in the Cell*, and *Darwin's Doubt*, are highly praised by scientists around the world. Steve and I don't agree on everything, but our discussions together have been friendly and mutually respectful. I hope you took the time a couple of months ago, to read my directly related little two page summary: "*Why Macroevolutionists Believe M&M's (Mystery Mechanisms) Created Everything*". http://www.soulcare.org/docs_pdf/Macroevolutionists-Believe-M-and-M-s-Made-Everything-Galloway-SHORT-2-PAGE.pdf.

Also, here's a different type of rebuttal to Shermer's Sci. American, macroevolutionary position article mentioned above. This rebuttal is philosophical, theological and even more to the point.

<https://answersingenesis.org/worldview/why-arent-people-convincd-by-facts/>

So, as I've shared in our discussions before, I especially love it when you ask to sit down and really dialog about some of these important worldview subjects. These are the core of who we really are, so that's the only way to really understand and know one another heart to heart. I don't want you to ever feel at risk of me trying to use brief lunch-type visits to try and "force" deeper dialog. As I've offered before, anytime you' like to plan a time to sit back, relax together in a comfortable setting and seek to better understand our mutual worldviews, I'm eager to listen and share. I hope you know that I care about you, even if you are not open to deeper discussions. Please realize though, that if we don't, then as the months and years progress, we'll end up know one another less. Remember, *agreement* is not necessary to grow a friendship of heart to heart understanding. All that's needed is time and open, respectful dialog.

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