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# What is the Center for Science & Culture? Who is Discovery Institute?

The *Center for Science & Culture* (CSC) at Discovery Institute is a team of scientists and scholars worldwide who are advancing scientific research, exploring the worldview implications of science, and influencing public policy relating to the growing debate between intelligent design and Darwinian evolution.

CSC Fellows publish scientific texts, peer-reviewed articles in science journals, popular books, and news articles in the mainstream media; they engage in radio and television interviews, radio broadcasts, podcasts, and the production of television and educational documentaries; and they teach and debate at leading universities and research institutions. CSC Fellows and staff also provide guidance for state school boards, legislators and others considering the public policy implications of science.

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With their financial support, members help underwrite cutting-edge scientific research, inquiry-based science education policies, and curricular materials exploring the evidence for and against modern Darwinian theory.

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#### DARWIN'S BLACK BOX: THE BIOCHEMICAL CHALLENGE TO EVOLUTION - 10th Anniversary Edition Michael Behe, Free Press

This seminal book, by Lehigh University biochemist Michael Behe, was the bestseller that first put the term "intelligent design" in the public eye. Behe tells his story of having been a graduate student and biochemist who had no reason to doubt Darwin's theory, that is, until he started to examine the evidence. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of this of this book was just released with an afterward from Michael Behe.

### THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO DARWINISM AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN

#### Jonathan Wells, Regnery Publishing

If you're looking for a highly technical book, this isn't it. The "Politically Incorrect Guide" series is notorious for being easy-to-read, and mainstream. But this is a book for anyone who isn't a scientist, or is a scientist, but doesn't want to spend hours figuring out the state of the ID-evolution controversy. As an easy-to-read and comprehensive introductory book, The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design is an important contribution to the intelligent design literature.

#### A MEANINGFUL WORLD: HOW THE ARTS AND SCIENCES REVEAL THE GENIUS OF NATURE Benjamin Wiker & Jonathan Witt, InterVarsity Press

Is our universe really just a meaningless accident? This book, co-authored by Discovery Institute senior fellows Benjamin Wiker and Jonathan Witt, makes the philosophical argument that the more we learn about our universe, the more it seems laden with meaning. If you want an introductory overview of the many scientific arguments for design in nature and an interpretation of the philosophical implications, this book presents both with elegance and style.



#### **DARWIN'S CONSERVATIVES: THE MISGUIDED OUEST**

By: John West, Discovery Institute Press

The debate over evolution is usually framed by the media as a political fight of left versus right. But a small cadre of conservative commentators and scholars, such as George Will, Charles Krauthammer, John Derbyshire, and Larry Arnhart, have become defenders of Darwinism. Darwin's Conservatives: The Misguided Quest asks whether conservatives-traditionally known as the champions of personal responsibility, family values, theism, and limited government-are wise to embrace Darwin.



#### SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE FOR DESIGN IN THE UNIVERSE: THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WETHERSFIELD INSTITUTE, VOL. 9

By: Michael J. Behe, William A. Dembski, and Stephen C. Meyer, Ignatius Press As progress in science continues to reveal unimagined complexities, three highly regarded scientists revisit the difficult and compelling question of the origin of life in our universe. Science and Evidence for Design in the Universe provides a collection of invaluable, in-depth papers presented by leading design theorists at a conference sponsored by the Wethersfield Institute in 1999.



### **ICONS OF EVOLUTION - DVD**

Are students learning the whole truth about Darwin's theory of evolution? According to a growing number of scientists, the surprising answer is no. They claim that many of the most famous "Icons of Evolution"- including Darwin's "Tree of Life", finches from the Galapagos Islands, and embryos that look remarkably similar-are based on outdated research and sloppy logic. They say that students are being hurt by the failure to present both sides of an emerging scientific debate over Darwin's theory. Come explore this fascinating new conflict over evolution in the classroom-a conflict based on science, not religion. Learn about the controversy that engulfs one town when a teacher actually tries to tell the students that some scientists disagree with Darwin.



#### THE PRIVILEGED PLANET - DVD

Based on the book, "The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery" by Discovery Institute senior fellows Jay Richards and Guillermo Gonzalez, the film explores the many ways in which Earth is ideally suited, not only for complex life, but also for observing the universe around us. According to Richards and Gonzalez, modern scientific evidence indicates that the many factors that make Earth suitable for complex life also provide the best conditions for astronomical discovery. "The Privileged Planet" explores this intriguing correlation and its implications on our understanding of the origin and purpose of the cosmos.



#### **UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF LIFE - DVD**

This 58-minute science program exploring what DNA reveals about the origin of life – documents how scientists are abandoning naturalistic explanations for the origin of genetic information and looking to theories of design for answers. In almost every scientific discipline there is new found evidence that supports the theory of intelligent design. For instance, in molecular biology, the presence of information encoded along the DNA molecule has suggested the activity of a prior designing intelligence and UMOL showcases the progress design scientists are making in this field.

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