

Atheist Comments re. Darwin Giveaway

Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort are coming to my school to hand out altered versions of Darwin's "The Origin of Species". What should I do?

I think it is simply the ranked top 50 (might be expanded to top 100 schools) on Nov 19, with Ray and Kirk only making an appearance at one school (I'm thinking Berkley) with volunteers staffing the other schools. But I attend a top university and have been searching for any details about times or locations and have found nothing.

Hold up a sign with absurd bible verses.

Get them to autograph a copy of it. I would love an autographed copy of that book, and now's your opportunity to get one for free.

Snag one and send it to me! I really want an intact copy.

Get me a copy! I desperately want one. I will pay shipping. Please please please pleeeeee?

Get one. Or, as many as you can, really... consider asking all your friends to ask for one, if they don't want them they can give them to you. Remember, every copy you get your hands on is a copy that doesn't fall into the hands of someone gullible who might believe his BS, and also, every copy you get your hands on is a copy Comfort had to pay for without accomplishing his goal.

Cut out the intro in front of them, leave it on the table and take the book.

One thing is for sure -- they must be stopped.

Does anyone have a list of schools these guys are hitting up?

Get them to sign my book, thank them, and then make some devastating point that will shatter them forever.

Nobody reads introductions.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU @#!%\$ ROT IN HELL IF THERE IS ONE, WHICH I DOUBT THERE IS ONE!! . . . I WISH I COULD KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU...

I just have to say that you people are a bunch of hypocrites, idiots and #@!\$, and Ray Comfort is one of the biggest &%\$#@! of them all. The problem with all you &%\$#@ people is you've taken everything that Jesus taught, which you claim to live your lives by, and you either %\$#@! it or ignore it completely. The heart of Jesus' message was to accept and love people as they are... By the way, tell Ray I say he can go \$#@! himself and tell Kirk his movies \$#@!% and I hated Growing pains as a kid. Have a nice day.

Your campaign will surely have the opposite effect from what you intend and introduce thousands of new young people to Darwin! ...Every American is free to believe as they want. But you are interfering in that--you are forcing YOUR beliefs on others.

I'm prepared to inform these top 100 universities about the offer ray is making and prompt a rejection of the book. I'll just list the reasons why they should reject this book and give em each a call or email.

You are a particularly vile and ignorant excuse for a human being.. .
Please kill yourself immediately.

its very sad i must say that you feel the need to attack Charles Darwin by defacing his work. he may have been a racist and sexist but it was a very different time,

Atheist@large has the list of schools where they are handing out the books.

Couldn't you pose as a church near a major college and have them shipped direct to you? Then have a book burning party.

Man this idea keeps getting around.

We need to have a mass protest and shred the arguments he puts in them.

I wonder if they list somewhere which universities they will be at. I'd like to pick up a copy.

Wait wait wait... are you telling me that Ray Comfort and his goons are going to be giving this trash out at Berkeley?? Someone tell me this is true (and what date/time) because I will SOOO be there! I'll pick up as many copies as I can and send them to whoever wants one. I just need info!!!

I want one of these!

I think this is a great event. It will enlighten university students who may not know the truth to learn it.

Desperate concepts need desperate marketing. This is a bottom of the barrel ploy. I agree with giving away bibles that have been annotated - but the cost! Yard sales? Maybe. The alternative ploy would be to attend church services, stand OUTSIDE, off their property line, and give away atheist material. Do we have any?

I'd make a video of me ripping out his forward on each copy!

Ray Comfort & Kirk Cameron, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

When I thought these idiots couldn't sink any lower they still manage to surprise me.

Well, we should organize a huge campaign to take all the tampered with copies off of their hands and burn it. Anyone up for a large bonfire?

I'm not into burning books, but this one deserves to be.

I'm thinking atheists should play the same game. Act like we want to give out Comfort's version of Origin of the Species and the update it to counter Comfort's claims, then pass it out.

I can't believe that they are doing it. I know that the Junior College where I live near has a campus crusade for Christ or something. I will see if they are gonna hand that out and grab a copy and then criticize it!

That is so #@\$! disgusting. It makes me physically ill. *%\$!@ maggots.

I just want to get a hold of one of those books, and in front of ray comfort, rip out 50 pages and throw it in his face.

This @#&! %\$@!* me off so much...What the @&%\$! is wrong with these pathetic Christian *&%#!? Why can't they just leave everyone else the \$#@&! alone?

I think everyone should send Ray an email asking for a copy and then video themselves ripping the pages out and post it a video response to any of Ray's videos.

If you want to show the other viewpoint, why not write your own book? Why do I have to pay? Where is god and his bundles of money? Why don't these books just magically appear at the universities?

Really poorly written filled with weak arguments. I considered myself a Christ follower before I read this bit of propaganda, but now I think I will try atheism out.

Wow. wow. You have really reached a new low. Can you not be comfortable in your faith without trying to brainwash others. Let people find the faith that works for them. There is no one answer, but many. Love, and tolerance. Doesn't seem like that is what you are preaching.

Shameful. What about "separation of church and state?" You all should be ashamed. Thankfully, the younger generation is aware of religious antics. With the "age of information," religion is being seen for its absurdity.

The idea of adding an introduction that undermines the true meaning of the book is frankly insulting and offends me greatly. If Richard Dawkins published a Bible with a 50 page introduction about how wrong it is, you bet that the cretins who defiled this book

would be on his case so fast it would make your head spin faster than Charles Darwin is spinning in his grave right now.

Thank you for making the PDF available on your site. I teach Anthropology at a small western university and I am finding this introduction and the multitude of factual issues very instructive for my students in our discussion of Evolution and Creationism.

Terrible. This set of readings completely proves James' point of view. I have thus decided to renounce my faith.

I recommend we all vote with our feet by fairly rating the YouTube video.

That's a pretty clever stunt they're pulling there. Deeply offensive, amusing and guaranteed to create publicity however well or badly it goes down. Ripping out the intro is one thing, but perhaps another way to win this battle would be to make it impossible for them to unload their product; to make their efforts so laughable that they won't even be able to give the books away.

Priceless. These will become collectors items. I'm serious, I want one. A signed copy would be preferable.

Copyrights are a funny and complicated thing.. they protect the works of the author for as long as he-she lives, plus 70 years (120 for corporate authorship - 95 after publication), and that rule applies for recent works. Sadly for Darwin, it would have been the 1831 copyright act that protected him, which is long expired. As for defamation or slander, as long as the "intro" does not attack Darwin at a personal level, there's not much that can be done. It's free speech.

Do we really need to censor these folks. They are after all giving out free copies of the origin of species. I really think if anyone reads the whole book they will realize what a twat Ray Comfort really is. Plus I'm not really big on censorship. Let these kooks have their silly forward. Also, If someone gets a hold of one of these books, I will pay for the shipping to send me one.

Would anyone be willing to send letters to every high school in the nation warning about this book?

Would it be possible to cobble together a succinct 5 page (or so) rebuttal to this, and have it available for downloading so that we could insert it/glue it into the copies we get (instead of ripping out the 50 pages, whereby they would then scream out "See!!! They're censoring us, just like we told you!!!") ?

Anyway, I'll be out taking those books. I'm sure non-students can easily do the same. You can't tell who is a student and who is not... just visit your nearest college campus wearing a back pack.

As a proselytizing atheist, I can't say I support your cause, but I can't help but admire your sneaky methods.

This book was terrible. Made me question my faith, now I am an atheist because of this book.

Can't wait to get a fresh copy and tear out Rays introduction!! I have over a 1000 friends pledged on my Myspace to do the same!! THANKS GUYS!!

Personally, I think you should be imprisoned for the good of humanity.

I hate you Ray Comfort. Your very existence makes me sad that so many people are deceived by your greedy and dishonest actions. You make me lose faith in humanity. If there is a hell, you will burn. You will scream and gnash your teeth for your lies and distortions. If I do go to hell, I will be comforted to see that you are there. Brandon Carl

I hope I can snag one of these books next month because I plan to use it in my History of Life course at Wooster. There is no better way to reveal the speciousness of creationists than to actually read and analyze their writings.

I love the idea of passing out science books as a counterpart to this! But I don't think it's a "trouble maker" idea but rather an appropriate and complementary action to a group that claims it wants to get more information out there.

These guys are evil. They are the ones trying to brainwash people.

It would undoubtedly increase the media attention for their effort - which causes me slight hesitation, but only slightly. Because it would also shine a spotlight on the extraordinary flaws in their attempts to discount evolution. The event logistics part of my brain has kicked in and the fantasy works like this: Smart science lovers put their research skills to work to figure out what universities will be targeted and when. Immediately after someone gets their hands on the first copies, individuals (maybe the hard-core types like Richard Dawkins, Jerry Coyne, PZ Myers, et al could work together and with the more conciliatory types like Ken Miller, Neil Shubin and Eugenie Scott of the National Center for Science Education) to jointly craft a point-by-point refutation of the claims made in the "special introduction." The refutation is immediately made available on line. Ideally, copies of it would be printed in similar format and size as the book. That way it could be passed out to those receiving the books on the targeted campuses. Standing right beside the Living Waters book distributors and handing them out to students so they get both. Students can then read the Living Waters introduction, read the scientists refutation of that introduction, and then continue on to read The Origin.

Funny how Ray Comfort used to be an atheist. What made him "switch over"?

These will become collectors items. I'm serious, I want one. A signed copy would be preferable.

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I want one of these!

I'd love to get my hands on a copy of this, do you have any more info on when and where exactly I can pick up a copy?

I would love to read it and bring it into a discussion in my freshmen biology course -- this is the perfect demonstration of how science and religion are two separate entities.

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I want it just for the freaky weirdness of it....

I'm so jealous! I wanted to snag one of those!

I'm an atheist, this doesn't enrage me. Gimme a break. I would like a free copy of The Origin of Species. I used to have a copy but I gave mine away. If some religious group wants to spend money to publish and give me a copy, that's cool.