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Absurd, Shermer's Event, Some Heavy Comments, Alarming Acceptance of Quackery, A Huge Step Backward, Stupid Answers, Some Hope, In Closing…

A certain Vince Fenech, Evangelist pastor and director of the fully-licensed, state-approved "Accelerated Christian Academy Creationist institution" in Malta, has achieved a new level of fantasy that rivals most of what we encounter these days, even on the US political scene. Says this student of mythological science, dinosaurs helped build the pyramids of Egypt. This is a little-known aspect of archaeology, even as taught in Egypt or to Scientologists.

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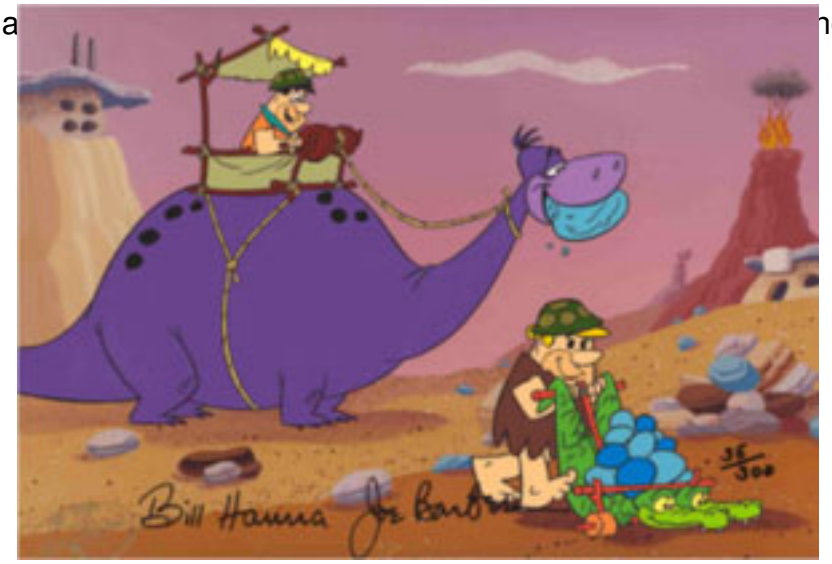

nes here – became extin

free of such fanciful reinventions of history. They insist the basic Evangelist tenet that the entire universe

When man landed on the moon [1969], they expected the landing module to sink in a deep layer of d

Hey, how can we deny this evidence?

As an article in the Malta Times revealed when they commented on this nonsense from the Accelerat

…the war on the theory of evolution and on its proponents most often originates in forms of religious

And EU members are asked to

…firmly oppose the teaching of creationism as a scientific discipline on an equal footing with the theo

From Dr. Borg came this response:

From previous correspondence I am sure you could clearly deduce that the position of the Education

Dr. Borg, I believe, has failed to differentiate between subjects of strictly educational, factual, value –

These are my personal opinions.

SHERMER'S EVENT

We take pleasure in announcing the 2008 Skeptics Society Conference to be held this October 3rd a

Today, there is arguably no hotter topic in culture than science and religion, and so much of the deba

With a co-sponsorship of the Templeton Foundation—who worked with Skeptics Society Executive D

Drs. Leonard Susskind, Paul Davies, Sean Carroll, Donald Prothero, Christof Koch, Stuart Kauffman,

Mr. Deity offers a humorous (and slightly irreverent) look at the day-to-day operations of the universe

For many reasons, I regret that I'll not be there, and the only reason I know is, Time Stenger Speaks

You can make conference reservations for the Westin Pasadena, a 4-Star Hotel, by calling 866/837-4

Wish I could be there…

SOME HEAVY COMMENTS

Reader Derek Hudson writes from the UK:

After 30-40 years I finally got round to contacting you! First to say thank you for the good and necess

I've just heard some idiot on the radio promoting his latest book on how the world is falling apart, mor

When the Christian crusaders butchered every man, woman and child in Jerusalem, no doubt inspire

The great majority of people in the UK (and elsewhere, I am sure) do NOT rape, murder, torture or co

Second rant concerns, with apologies, the role of religion in US society. Do we really have a potentia

As a teacher, I used clips from the TV show you did here many years ago [GRANADA TV], to show t

Thank you, Derek. Though I share much of this concern, I feel that US voters will base their decisions

But, we'll see, in November…

ALARMING ACCEPTANCE OF QUACKERY

While I don't necessarily expect intellectual brilliance from the armed forces of the United States of A

…supports the use of alternative therapies if they are proved efficacious.

Now, that should mean that the DOD will conduct meticulous tests of these quack notions, then repor

Why do I have such a negative expectation? Always happened! *Because that's what has always happened!* cies have fearful employees who tip-t

It was ever thus, as we see from one of the first applications. Lola Scarborough, proprietor of Yoga L

Kundalini yoga awakens an untapped reserve within each of us, envisioned as a sleeping serpent in

Yeah, sure, I'll spend $300,000 on that…

Matthew Friedman, executive director of the VA's National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Maybe I'll be surprised, but I don't expect that the four million will be properly invested, knowing how

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A HUGE STEP BACKWARD

From reader Mark G. Meredith we hear that a positive step has been reversed, and St. Johnsbury, V

…to reveal future events in the life of another or by means of occult or psychic powers, faculties or fo

Other communities, too, had similar laws. In Philadelphia, city inspectors shut down more than a doz

The problem was that St. Johnsbury had never enforced its ban. Why, we can only wonder…

STUPID ANSWERS

Reader Lawrence W. Lee Jr. writes:

The local newspaper in my hometown runs a weekly advice column, of a religious nature. Perhaps yo

Q: Does prayer really work?

A: In due course, prayer always "works." No prayer is wasted. After all, you're working wi

Q: Is loneliness a weakness?

A: No, it's not. It simply points up that the human heart is made for God and it shall not rest until it re

Incredible pap…

SOME HOPE

Reader Nils Geylen, in Antwerp, Belgium, writes:

A quick note from a fellow skeptic that might interest the Foundation. A Dutch public TV consumer sh

A win for skeptics!

From a news report on “Broadband TV News” about this item, we take this:

RTL Nederland said that it is cancelling all of the so-called “Astro programming” from its schedule wit

The cancellation of the live broadcasts, in which people can call for advice from astrologers, follows a

News: The American TV evangelists still use radio and TV transmitters located just across the Mexica

IN CLOSING…

While still reeling from the Giraldo Tour, I attended Dragon*Con, an assembly of 37,000+

www.Giraldo.com/randi.tour