

Deceiving the public

I am sure Stephen Jay Gould has been missed by the scientific community. However, it was disappointing to hear how he had characterized creationists. His name calling was inappropriate and the implication that his opponents were trying to deceive the public was a bit over the top. Evolutionists should take the log out of their own eye before they try to take a speck out of the creationist's eye.

Remember Nebraska man; they had him with sticks hunting for game and building a fire to cook his meal, all based on one tooth that they had found. This was scientific inventiveness at its best. Later it was discovered that it was a pigs tooth. Piltdown man was an elaborate hoax that lasted for forty years. Isn't it rich that they accuse creationists of trying to deceive the public?

Let me finish by leaving you with a quote by David Pilbeam Ph.D., "My reservations concern not so much this book, but the whole subject of paleoanthropology. But introducing books — or book reviews — are hardly the place to argue that perhaps generations of students of human evolution, including myself, have been flailing about in the dark, that our data base is too sparse, too slippery, for it to be able to mold our theories. Rather the theories are more statements about us and ideology than about the past. Paleoanthropology reveals more about how humans view themselves than it does about how humans came about. But that is heresy."

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