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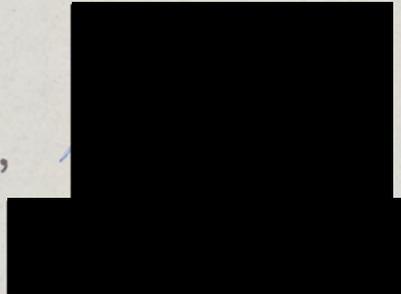
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am an avid viewer of the C SPAN Network and particularly enjoy your program BOOK NOTES. I've recently completed the reading of Darwin on Trial by Phillip E. Johnson. It is a fascinating critique of current Evolutionary theory by a recognized legal scholar. I hope you take the opportunity to read this new work and feature it's author on an upcoming episode of BOOK NOTES.

Sincerely,


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DARWIN ON TRIAL



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"*Darwin on Trial* is unquestionably the best critique of Darwinism I have ever read. Professor Johnson combines a broad knowledge of biology with the incisive logic of a leading legal scholar to deliver a brilliant and devastating attack on the whole edifice of Darwinian belief. There is no doubt that this book will prove a severe embarrassment to the Darwinian establishment."

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Darwin's theory of evolution is accepted by most educated Americans as simple fact. This easy acceptance, however, hides from us the many ways in which evolution—as an idea—shapes our thinking about a great many things. What if this idea is wrong?

That is, what if it turned out that the evidence for Darwin's theory is in tatters and science is hanging on to it only because no other theory is in prospect? What if "evolution" is just a word that covers up scientific ignorance of how the wonders of the living world could have been created?

Berkeley law professor Phillip Johnson looks at the evidence for Darwinistic evolution the way a lawyer would—with a cold dispassionate eye for logic and proof. His discovery is that scientists have put the cart before the horse. They prematurely accepted Darwin's theory as fact and have been scrambling to find evidence for it—mostly unsuccessfully. As the evidentiary difficulties have piled up, they have clung to the theory out of fear of encouraging religious fundamentalism, and in the process have turned belief in Darwinism into their own religion.

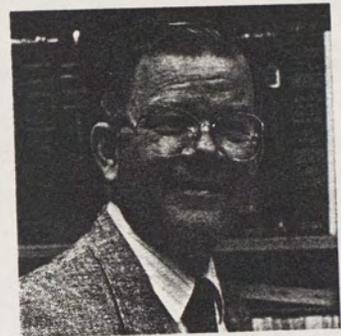
Darwinism, Johnson argues, has become another kind of fundamental-

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ism—merely dressed up in a laboratory smock and with a fierce and condescending refusal to listen to critics.

Darwin on Trial is a cogent and stunning *tour de force* that not only rattles the cages of conventional wisdom, but could provide the basis for a fundamental change in the way educated Americans regard themselves, their origins, and their fate.



Professor Phillip Johnson is a graduate of Harvard and the University of Chicago. He was a law clerk for Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court, and has taught law for over twenty years at the University of California at Berkeley. He took up the study of Darwinism because he saw that the books defending the theory were dogmatic and unconvincing. He wrote this book to give Americans the information they need to make up their own minds.

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