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Creationism's Trojan Horse *The Wedge of Intelligent Design*

By Barbara Forrest and Paul R. Gross

"Intelligent Design 'theory' (ID) has been well described as Creationism in a cheap Tuxedo. One of its luminaries, we are told, has 'angrily denied that ID is stealth creationism'. He's right. There's no stealth about it. It *is* creationism. Unfortunately, ID 'theorists' have a streetwise political professionalism to outweigh the amateurishness of their science, and we therefore cannot ignore them. Barbara Forrest and Paul Gross meticulously document their pretensions, destroy their arguments, and expose their true motivation. An excellent and sadly necessary book."

—**Richard Dawkins**, author of *The Selfish Gene* and *A Devil's Chaplain*

"This is the definitive work on modern creationism, an exhaustively detailed and compelling exposure of the attempt--by the well-known process in nature called by biologists "aggressive mimicry"—to corrupt science in the service of sectarian religion. In the process, the book explores the larger and seemingly endless struggle between religion-based tribal values and science-based universal values."

—**Edward O. Wilson**, University Research Professor, Emeritus, Harvard University

"With all the rigor and detail of Ronald Numbers's *The Creationists* but with the passion and verve of Richard Dawkins or Stephen Jay Gould, *Creationism's Trojan Horse* incisively analyzes the latest evolutionary step of creationism: "intelligent design." Forrest and Gross's history and critique of intelligent design creationism is both authoritative and fascinating, painstakingly researched and compellingly argued. *Creationism's Trojan Horse* will be the standard work on intelligent design creationism for years to come."

—**Dr. Eugenie C. Scott**, Executive Director, National Center for Science Education

"*Creationism's Trojan Horse* documents the disturbing movement to sneak religious dogma back into science education, driven by the vague fear that Americans can't handle the truth. Educators, scientists, and politicians would do well to understand this movement and its tactics, and this book is a superb and timely analysis."

—**Steven Pinker**, Johnstone Professor, Harvard University, and author of *How the Mind Works* and *The Blank Slate*

"Forrest and Gross have combined scrupulous standards of documentation with a fluid and lively narrative to generate an engrossing and chilling account of how a few people have been able to wreak havoc with science education. A must-read for anyone interested in how America can be hijacked."

—**Ursula Goodenough**, author of *The Sacred Depths of Nature*

"A scholarly and penetrating analysis of why intelligent design is simply a form of creationism, and why both are in turn a form of religious ideology, with nothing to do with serious science. A must read for educators, scientists, and policy makers. A wake up call for everybody else."

—**Massimo Pigliucci**, Professor, University of Tennessee, author of *Denying Evolution: Creationism, Scientism, and the Nature of Science*

Under the Microscope for the First Time: The Real Aims of the "Intelligent Design" Movement

In recent years, a new proposition on the origins of life has made its way onto college campuses and into debates over the shape of science education in our public schools. "Intelligent Design" seeks to supplant science founded on Darwinian principles.

Creationism's Trojan Horse: The Wedge of Intelligent Design (January; \$40) is an incisive critique of the scientific failure, the religious essence, and the political ambitions of "intelligent design" creationism.

What is the "Wedge Strategy"? The "thin edge" starts with appeals to the public by non-scientists, and progresses to polemical books and articles published outside the mainstream channels of scientific exchange. The broadest part of the wedge, and certainly most controversial, is the introduction of Intelligent Design theory into public school education in an effort to bring about a cultural shift to Christianity. Recent court battles in Texas, Ohio, and Kansas—just to name the high-profile cases—have shown that the Intelligent Design movement is to be taken seriously as a legal force.

Barbara Forrest and Paul Gross take up the gauntlet thrown down by "the wedge." *Creationism's Trojan Horse* comes out of countless hours digesting the Intelligent Design movement's literature, attending or reading transcripts of lectures, tracking down strategy documents, and even following internet site discussions. Forrest and Gross have come to the conclusion that the Intelligent Design movement succeeds through a public relations strategy, rather than actual scientific contribution.

Does the "Wedge" threaten a few hundred years of scientific advancement? Do you think that science is free from politics? *Creationism's Trojan Horse* is an urgent wake up call for anyone concerned about the future of science education in the US.

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