

The "facts" offered by opponents of evolutionary science are indeed a danger, because they are not facts—radiometric dating grossly in error, no fossil forms intermediate between existing species, "Darwinism" not accounting for complexity, the Grand Canyon formed in the Noachian flood, the Paluxy River "footprints," and the like. And as one commentator has observed, creationists *can* tell more lies in "debate" than an honest disputant can skewer. Nevertheless, the advice given by Eugenie Scott of the National Center for Science Education—that individual scientists should probably not enter debates—is self-defeating. If not scientists, then who? The claim that to enter such debates is demeaning, or is a lost cause, or might harden the opposition, is an invitation to quietism. It is the same advice as that given, for too long, to opponents of animal rights extremism. It is bad advice.

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The oxymoron of "creation science" is as farcical as are the terms "abrupt appearance theory." It is distressing that creationists' bills use tactics to intimidate teachers and their job security to the point that evolu-

tion is not taught, or worse that the teachings provide misinformation. It is also unfortunate that creationists continue to prey on the young and ignorant.

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### Charges of Anti-Semitism

Constance Holden's article "Publisher draws censorship charge" (News, 12 July, p. 177) is a concise and accurate synopsis of a protracted and nasty series of events. Although charges of anti-Semitism against me are wrong, they are also understandable. My review (1) of Kevin MacDonald's excellent book, *A People That Shall Dwell Alone: Judaism as a Group Evolutionary Strategy* (2), made unrealistic assumptions about readers' familiarity with issues at hand, and so drew conclusions based on inadequately supplied information.

Unfortunately, one way to make charges of anti-Semitism stick is to publish a submission that draws such charges, then refuse to publish a rejoinder (3) that apologizes for shortcomings, attempts to clarify misunderstandings, and refers readers to ad hoc sources of relevant information (4). Five

editorial board members of *Ethology and Sociobiology* judged my rejoinder to be such a submission, but the journal's publisher, Elsevier Inc., still refuses to publish it.

I ask interested readers to withhold judgment until they have a fuller explanation of my views—which can be obtained (including a copy of the accepted-but-censored addendum) by forwarding an address label to the address below.

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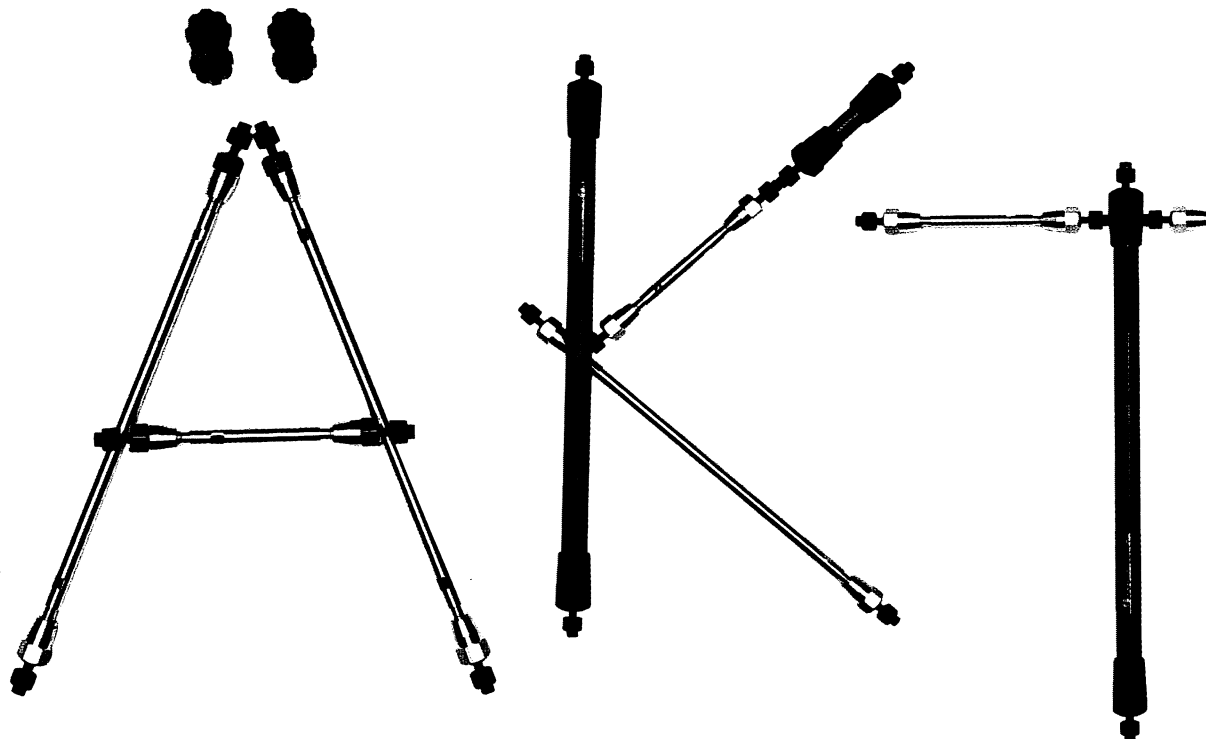
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### Tobacco Research: One Researcher's Experience

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