

Quote of the Day

“The best index to a person’s character is how he treats people who can’t do him any good, and how he treats people who can’t fight back.” — [Abigail Van Buren](#)

Arizona Governor Vetoes Bill on Refusal of Service to Gays

By Fernanda Santos, Feb. 26, 2014, New York Times

“... Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican, vetoed a bill on Wednesday that would have given business owners the right to refuse service to gay men, lesbians and other people on religious grounds.... amid mounting pressure from Arizona business leaders, who said the bill would be a financial disaster for the state and would harm its reputation. Prominent members of the Republican establishment, including Mitt Romney and Gov. Rick Scott of Florida, also sided with the bill’s opponents, who argued that the measure would have allowed people to use religion as a fig leaf for prejudice....”

Article: www.NYTimes.com/2014/02/27/us/Brewer-arizona-gay-service-bill.html.

Texas Ban on Gay Marriage Struck Down

By Greg Botelho and Bill Mears, CNN, Feb. 27, 2014.

“Texas, on Wednesday, became the latest state to have a federal judge strike down its same-sex marriage ban, thanks to a sweeping decision holding that its current prohibition has no ‘legitimate governmental purpose.’ The ruling, by San Antonio-based Judge Orlando Garcia, will not take effect immediately: Its enforcement has been stayed while the case works its way through the appeal process, meaning same-sex couples in Texas cannot get married for the time being....”

Texas Democratic Party chairman Gilberto Hinojosa called Wednesday “a historic day for the LGBT community and the state of Texas,” while the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force’s head predicted the ruling “hastens the day when all loving couples who simply want the ability to share the benefits and responsibilities of marriage can.”...

Maness: it is *not* just about “benefits” and “responsibilities.” Beware the Ides of March!

Article: www.CNN.com/2014/02/26/politics/texas-same-sex.

The Future of Brain Implants

By Gary Marcus and Christof Koch, March 14, 2014, Wall Street Journal, edited by Maness

How soon can we expect to see brain implants for perfect memory, enhanced vision, hypernormal focus or an expert golf swing?

What would you give for a retinal chip that let you see in the dark or for a next-generation cochlear implant that let you hear any conversation in a noisy restaurant, no matter how loud? Or for a memory chip, wired directly into your brain’s hippocampus, that gave you perfect recall of everything you read? Or for an implanted interface with the Internet that automatically translated a clearly articulated silent thought (“the French sun king”) into an online search that digested the relevant Wikipedia page and projected a summary directly into your brain?

Science fiction? Perhaps not for very much longer. Brain implants today are where laser eye surgery was several decades ago. They are not risk-free and make sense only for a narrowly defined set of patients—but they are a sign of things to come....

Maness: How about an implant that ___?___? Is there no end to “engineering”? Brain and genetic *engineering* are about ethics. No one has said anything yet, but will there be an “ethics” implant, to make things “right” by the ... standard of who?

Article: <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304914904579435592981780528>



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Rand Paul on alleged CIA-Senate hacking: 'This cannot happen in a free country'

Joel Gehrke, March 13, 2014, Washington Examiner

Heads should roll at the CIA if Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proves that intelligence officers hacked her staff's computers as part of a dispute over a committee report on waterboarding, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., told reporters....

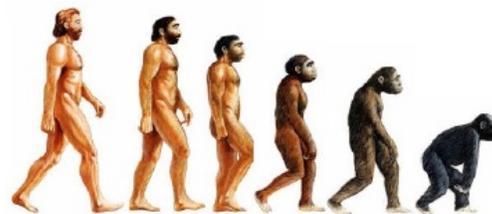
Article: <http://m.washingtonexaminer.com/rand-paul-on-alleged-cia-senate-hacking-this-cannot-happen-in-a-free-country/article/2545625>.

The Devolution that Stems from Evolution: Are the Evolutionists Making a Monkey Out of You?

By Rev. Raymond Desadier, Pastor, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, lived a seminary student named Charlie. Charlie was attending seminary but decided to drop out in order to pursue an idea that would *evolve* into a worldwide phenomenon.¹ Thus began the fairy tale that is the Theory of Evolution, one of the greatest threats to Christianity today....

This is a concept known as the “appearance of age”. God is able to create something that has the appearance of something that has been around for quite some time. The Gospel of John records the story of when Jesus turned the water into wine, and in verse ten it is revealed that this wine which was just created by God the Son had the taste of a quality wine that had been aged over many years....



The Theory of Evolution and the Old Earth Theory are two sides of the same counterfeit coin, and sadly many Christians have embraced one or both of these. However, how can one call himself a Bible-believing Christian if he does not even believe the first two chapters of the Bible?...

No matter how hard misguided Christians try to fit evolution into Christian thought, the fact remains that Evolution is a brand of atheism. For if Evolution is true, there is no God. If there is no God, there is no Heaven or Hell, and if there is no after life then we should all seek to have the absolute best time we can have in this life because when it is over, our chance is lost. As such, there is no time for morality, especially not religion which must also be explained as a result of evolution of thought. Life then becomes a survival of the fittest....

Christians should cease their apathy and treat Evolution as the serious threat that it is and as an anathema to be avoided at all costs. The last thing we should be doing is embracing any part of its teaching or allowing seeds of doubt to be planted into our children's minds. Evolution is a clear and present danger to the church, and it is high time we start treating it as such.

Maness: Desadier put a lot of work into this article as he faces head-on several world-class critics. Some issues of faith do not have all the answers, but the issue of Creation vs. Evolution is one that too many Christian scientists have forfeited. I stand with Desadier on the Young Earth of Genesis. In many cases, it is as simple and funny as Desadier makes it – either/or – and the complication of the Young Earth has never really been a big issue for me. It is for scientists to find the truth of Genesis, and they would do better to start with that truth than try to argue backwards – like a monkey – and find fault with what they cannot yet understand. Here is where a brain implant might help some.

Article: www.Academia.edu/6298593/Devolution_of_Evolution.

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¹ Daniel Jappah, *Evolution: A Grand Monument to Human Stupidity*, (Morrisville, NC: Lulu.com, 2007), 8.