

National Geographic Asks, 'Is Religion a Harmful Superstition'

The headline of a recent article in *National Geographic* reads, "In Age of Science, Is Religion 'Harmful Superstition'?" The article includes an interview with atheist author Jerry Coyne. Now, we've written about Coyne before. He's a very outspoken critic of creation and promoter of evolution. Actually, I've pointed out that he seems to understand how absolutely incompatible evolution and biblical Christianity are more than even most Christians!

This recent interview with Coyne is intended to show how religion is "harmful superstition" with no place in the age of science. He makes specific reference to the doctrine of creation and how evolution has supposedly disproved the beginning chapters of Genesis. Of course, he completely ignores the major problems with evolutionary ideas about the past. The article also includes a photo and brief description of the Creation Museum.

During his interview, Coyne made this statement: "One of the meanings of superstition in the Oxford English dictionary is a belief that is unfounded or irrational. Since I see all religious belief as unfounded and irrational, I consider religion to be superstition." So Coyne thinks that religion is superstition because it's "unfounded and irrational." But what Coyne would refuse to admit is that atheism itself is a religion. It's a set of beliefs through which atheists view and interpret the world, and they hold to this worldview with ardor and blind faith—despite the inconsistencies and irrationality of the religion! So, then by Coyne's own definition, his religion of atheism is nothing more than superstition! And his religion contains irrational beliefs—it

goes against the laws of nature, the laws of logic, the uniformity of nature, and observational science, which confirms that the naturalistic explanation for the origin of life is impossible!

Read the rest of the article at .