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Comfort says Rome believing Darwin over Jesus

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A best-selling Christian author says the Vatican is believing Charles Darwin over Jesus in accepting evolution.

In challenging a report by Archbishop Gianfranco Ravasi, head of the Pontifical Council for Culture, saying Darwin's theory is compatible with Christianity, Ray Comfort, author of one of the hottest Christian book on Amazon, "You Can Lead an Atheist to Evidence But You Can't Make Him Think," points out Jesus himself backed up the Genesis account of Creation when he said, "In the beginning God created them male and female."

"But the Vatican has chosen to officially believe Darwin rather than Jesus," added Comfort. "That belief reveals a shallow understanding of the claims of atheistic evolution. God gave us six senses, and the sixth one is *common* sense. That one doesn't get used when it comes to Darwin's theory. And that's the problem – its devoted believers don't *think* too deeply. That's why I wrote the book. It shows that Darwin's theory is a fantasy – a ridiculous and unscientific fairy tale for grownups."

Autographed copies of Ray Comfort's new book, published by WND Books, are available exclusively in WND's online superstore – along with two other bonus book free!

Alluding to statistics that show nearly one in four professors in U.S. colleges and universities is either atheistic or agnostic, Comfort said, "They are turning out atheists like there's no tomorrow. Most young people don't know that they are just embracing the theory of a man with an overripe imagination, who had lost his faith in God. It's no wonder that so many young people are losing their own faith in God and turning to atheism."

"The Vatican, in essence, is saying, 'Don't believe Jesus or Genesis. Believe Darwin instead," Comfort said. "God made man in his own image, and God is not a primate. In the name of diversity, the Vatican is encouraging atheism, and that's a terrible betrayal of Christianity."

"It seems strange that the Vatican can stand without wavering on the subject of abortion, and cave in on the subject of evolution," added Comfort. "They know the issues when it comes to abortion, but my guess is that they don't understand the issues when it comes to Darwinian evolution. I hope they rethink their decision, because atheists will no doubt use it to further their own godless agenda."

Comfort is the author of 60 books and the co-host of "The Way of the Master," a weekly television show about personal evangelism with actor Kirk Cameron, star of the hit movie "Fireproof."

"You Can Lead an Atheist to Evidence but You Can't Make Him Think," rocketed up the Amazon.com rankings on its first day of release, moving from No. 69,572 to No. 38 in 24 hours. The book was also the No. 1 book in the categories of religion and atheism on "Darwin Day" – the 150th anniversary of the release of "On the Origin of the Species."

The book was No. 1 in both atheism and apologetics categories under religion. It ranked No. 2 in spirituality and No. 6 in Christianity.