

Kolbe Center Seminar Recommendations

The culture and mind-set of the so called modern times is mainly characterized by a turning away from God. God is denied to be God the Creator and instead of Him the creature and ultimately man is declared to be god and creator. This kind of atheism or anti-theism found its most widespread and seductive expression in the so-called evolution theory of Charles Darwin. It is time to show to the world the scientific inconsistency of such a theory and to unmask the myth of evolutionism. The unmasking of the atheistic and even of the theistic evolution myth, will set free a lot of people from the intellectual slavery of evolutionism. The myth of the so-called evolution brought the man of modern times to a life-style independent from his Creator with all the horrible cultural, social, moral and spiritual consequences. May the work of the Kolbe Center be wide spread and help to free the people of our days from the greatest myth of modern times and help them at the same time to direct their intellectual and spiritual glance to God their Creator. In admiring the power and beauty of His work of creation, may man glorify Him through a life according to His wise will. When man lives according to the will of His Creator, he achieves the very meaning and end of creation, as Saint Irenaeus said: "The glory of God is the living man and the life of a man is the vision of God" (Adversus haereses IV, 20, 7).

+ Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of Astana, Kazakhstan

The first step to restore correct thinking to the Catholic community on creation and evolution is to make Catholics aware of the importance of our views on origins, and their influence on our attitudes and belief.

+ Bishop Roman Danylak, Titular Bishop of Nyssa, Episcopal Advisor, Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation (R.I.P.)

We recently had the joy of hosting in our Seminary a series of talks about Creation and Evolution delivered by Mr. Hugh Owen and Mr. Pedro Aguado, both from the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. Thanks to these presentations, we have had the opportunity to clear our minds of misunderstandings about creation grounded in evolutionary theories that were clearly shown to be erroneous. We also appreciated the method used in the presentations which harmoniously integrated faith and reason, theology and empirical science. Indeed, we highly recommend these talks, which are able to "give back" to the Creator the glory that He deserves for His work of Creation, making it shine forth in all of its mystery and beauty. We wish all of those involved in the Kolbe Center every success in their apostolate.

Fr. Giuseppe Cardamone, MSP, Rector, House of Formation, "Holy Mary Mother of the Poor," Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain

I fully support the work of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation and its defense of the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation. I think that the battle for the defense of the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation as opposed to evolutionism and scientism in ecclesiastical and government schools and research centers is one of most important

missions that Christianity has to carry out in response to Christ's call to "teach all nations" (Mt. 28:19).

Rev. Iouri Koslovskii, Ivano-Frankivsk Theological Academy, Assistant Professor,
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Clearly and logically, Mr. Owen exposes the underpinnings of the evolutionary theory, the tidal wave that has swept intellectual circles, impacted our worldview, and thinned our logic on every level. Communism, skepticism, the sexual revolution, "gender ideology," selective breeding and the destruction of life have become the frightful progeny of this new religion. His presentation was fruitful for us as women, as Catholics, as contemplatives and as Benedictines. Giving primary place to the authority of scripture itself, Mr. Owen brings out the best in Patristics and the Church's magisterial teachings in an approach worthy of scholastic Catholicity, highly informed and professional. As Benedictines committed to the cultivation of the land, we were invited to see that God is goodness and Mercy Itself. His goodness is reflected in the earth with which our work draws us in close contact, the earth we incite to sing His praise each morning in the psalms. It cannot be that He is the architect of repetitive and systematic destruction. Mr. Owen's presentation was quite apt in making stability more real to us, rooted in the changeless (not evolutionary) Truth where our vocations are anchored.

Mother Cecilia, Prioress, Benedictines of Mary Queen of Apostles Priory, Gower,
Missouri

My name is Fr. Peter Dwyer, a priest of the Diocese of Armidale, New South Wales, Australia. At the end of 2001, I was asked to develop, teach and facilitate a Propaedeutic Seminary Year for the intake of new seminarians each year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, of the Archdiocese of Sydney. For the six years, 2002-2007, it was my responsibility to operate and oversee this program in the seminary . . . While in Sydney, Mr. Owen gave a series of presentations in a variety of venues throughout the Archdiocese. Despite Mr. Owen's busy schedule, I was delighted that we were able to arrange a day's presentation for fifteen first year seminarians . . . Mr. Owen's presentations consistently indicated a thorough knowledge of his material . . . Some of the topics covered included: a variety of evolutionary hypotheses were explained, often with excellent refutations where necessary . . . the noxious impact evolutionary thought has had in the "Crisis of Faith" . . . Mr. Owen utilised a wonderful mix of the Scriptures, the writings of the early Fathers of the Church, traditional Catholic teaching and his comprehensive knowledge of science. The presentations had a profound impact on the seminarians . . .

Fr. Peter Dwyer. OAM; M.Ed.; B.Th.; G.R.S.M. (Lon); L.R.A.M.; A.R.C.M.; A. Mus. A.

During a time in which clarity regarding a very difficult topic is necessary due to a great deal of confusion, I highly recommend the seminars given by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. Having heard the seminars personally, I can testify to their orthodoxy as well as to their scientific rigor. Universities, colleges, parishes as well as any other

Catholic educational body would be highly served by inviting the members of the Kolbe Center to come and give lectures pertaining to the study of creation.

Fr. Chad Ripperger, formerly professor of dogmatic theology at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical Humani generis exhorted those who were investigating the question of human origins to seriously weigh the reasons for opinions both favorable and unfavorable to the evolution of man's body. Since that time most Catholics have heard very little or nothing to challenge the current consensus in favor of an evolutionary model of human origins. The Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation is a tremendous resource for those who would like to hear the compelling evidence for the contrary position, one that accords well with the longer tradition of the Church. The work of the Center deserves a careful hearing by all who are seeking to come to a full knowledge of the truth about God's magnificent creation.

Fr. Robert Nortz, MMA, STL; Most Holy Trinity Monastery (Maronite), Petersham, Massachusetts

The Staff and Parishioners of The Church of Notre Dame would like to thank you for the fine presentation the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation presented here. Both you and Dr. Joseph Strada gave wonderful presentations covering both the science and the Catholic Church's consistent teaching on the subject of human origins. There is no doubt that the attack on God's Word through Historical Biblical Criticism, and the assault on Him as Creator through the various forms of evolutionary thought, have robbed multitudes of "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." We know from the many comments that your presentation had a profound impact on those who attended.

Rev. Brian Jazdzewski, Pastor; Deacon Mark Arnold; Dean Arb, Director of Outreach, Notre Dame Catholic Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

I am writing on behalf of the Diocese to express our heartfelt appreciation for your visit to our Diocese and for the lecture you gave to the priests, religious and the laity on the Creation and Evolution Theories.

The lecture was very inspiring and an eye opener to the participants on the modern challenges facing the Church and the faithful. The participants who have since shared with me have expressed their gratitude for the useful insights you gave them. They were very delighted with your presentation.

The Bishop was also very happy and is grateful to you both for offering your time and energy to share such important knowledge with the Diocesan personnel . . .

Very Rev. Fr. William Kosgey, Vicar General, Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya, East Africa

I am happy to recommend the seminars of the Kolbe Centre. The speakers explain the truths that God has revealed to us about the origins of man and other creatures; they clearly show how these truths have been understood by the Fathers of the Church and by Catholics down the ages.

Fr. Thomas Crean, O.P., STD, Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, United Kingdom

What was conceived as an idea by the Staff of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation (USA), in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria), became a reality: The first African international seminar on "Origins" . . . the "special creation model" was logically, scientifically, traditionally, historically, and theologically argued at the seminar by our two erudite scholars/presenters.

Rev. Dr. John Chidi Obasi, Ph.D., Biomedical Ethics, Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria

We sincerely thank you for sharing your knowledge with us. Your presentation was enlightening, inspiring, and illuminating. We appreciate the effort you put forth and the time you invested in our university community. We also hope to cooperate on future projects with you.

Marcus Cody Bell, President, IDEA Club @ Franciscan University

Hugh Owen provides an enlightening insight into the teachings of the early Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes and Councils on the subject of Creation. His three presentations in the UK to the Family Life International Conferences in 2010 and 2011 were simply outstanding and gave many of the delegates a profound understanding of the serious flaws in evolutionary theory from a philosophical and scientific point of view. Hugh was also able to provide his audience with a comprehensive understanding of the dangers to Faith and life when we adopt a belief system involving human evolution from primitive forms. I can honestly say that the overwhelming majority of those present were convinced by Hugh's presentation and would welcome him back to the UK in the future.

Greg Clovis, Executive Director Human Life International-UK (Family Life International)

In the persons of Hugh Owen and his companions, science and Theology are successfully being married in the teaching and defense of the doctrines of the Church. This is truly amazing! It was indeed a reawakening, encouraging, informative and, at the same time, challenging presentation. The comments made and questions asked were evidence enough that your intervention was worthy and timely especially to theology students whose mission is to clearly make known the teachings of the Church.

Rev. Fr. Daniel Nakameti, Rector: St. Matthias Mulumba Senior Seminary-Kapsabet, Kenya.

*St. Nicholas Church was blessed to have the lecture entitled, **Creation, Evolution & the Crisis of Faith: the Theory of Evolution in the Light of the Byzantine Tradition & the Judgment of Natural Science** . . . On that afternoon, what we experienced was a re-articulation of the truth of Scripture based not on the false hermeneutic of the fundamentalist but on the true hermeneutic of the Fathers confirmed by the legitimate findings of the scientific community . . . We are grateful to you and your colleagues at the Kolbe Center for the excellence of your scholarship, for your humility to sustain many sacrifices, and for your courage inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak the Word of truth before all men.*

Rev. Christopher Manuele, Administrator, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Rochester, New York

I am a physician and scientist with the degrees MD and PhD. I have been on the Board of Advisers and Executive Board of the National Catholic Medical Association. In this position I was instrumental in arranging for Mr. Hugh Owen to give the presentation: "The Negative Impact of Faith in the Evolutionary Hypothesis on Scientific and Medical Research" . . . The presentation was illuminating for the physicians and was exceptionally well received. Mr. Owen presents his evidence from a clear and unbiased historical and scientific perspective. I highly recommend his presentations.

Dr. Lynne Bissonette-Pitre, M.D., Ph.D., past member of the executive board of the National Catholic Medical Association of the United States

Hugh Owen shows very clearly that there are a lot of mistakes in the theory of evolution that is taught, and he shows the terrible consequences of this theory for our society! He is a wonderful example of a person searching for truth in science and in faith.

Fr Filippo Maria, Brothers of St John, Christchurch, New Zealand

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend the work of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. My parish recently hosted a Conference on Creation presented by the Kolbe Center. I have nothing but praise for the conference and the Center's director, Mr. Hugh Owen. Hugh Owen is thoroughly grounded in the doctrine and dogma of the Catholic Church. All of the presentations were in accordance with Catholic Church teaching . . . and were thought-provoking, dynamic and thoroughly Catholic . . . The feedback we received from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

Fr. John Brancich, FSSP, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Omaha, Nebraska