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Amerika"daki Ulusal Bilim Eđitim Merkezi (The National Center for Science Education) Harun Yahya'nın çalıřmalarını yakından takip eden evrimci bir kuruluřtur. 17 Temmuz 2007 tarihinde "İslami Yararıřçılık ABD'yi İstila Ediyor" bařlıđı ile yayınladıkları bir makalede, Yararıř Atlası'nın Amerika"daki etkileri řu řekilde yorumlanmaktadır:

2007'nin bařlarında Avrupa'ya dađıtılan ve Harun Yahya müstear ismini kullanan bir İslami yararıřçının hazırladıđı kalın kitap Yararıř Atlası řimdi Amerika'daki bilim adamlarına dađıtılıyor. The New York Times (Temmuz 17, 2007) bir çok kitabın "ülke çapındaki bilim adamlarının, Kongre üyelerinin ve Queens, Bemidji, Minn gibi yerlerdeki bilim müzelerinin posta kutularına geldiđini bildiriyor. 11x17 inçlik ve 12 pound ađırlıđında, parlak kırmızı kapađı ve çođu bolca resimli olan yaklaşık 800 kuře sayfalı Yararıř Atlası, Yahya Bey'in Kuran'ın yalanladıđı, yenilmiř ve sapkın bir ideoloji olarak adlandırdıđı Darwin teorisine karřı řimdiye kadar yapılmıř olan muhtemelen en büyük ve en güzel yararıřçı meydan okuma."

Bunu alanlar arasında Berkeley California Üniversitesi'nden Kevin Padian (NCSE'nin yönetim kurulunun bařında bulunan) ve Brown Üniversitesi'nden hücre biyolođu Kenneth R. Miller (NCSE'nin destekçilerinden) var. Her ikisi de Atlas'ın üretim deđerine hayran, Miller böyle bir kitabın parakende satıř yapan bir kitapçıda en azından 100 dolarlık bir maliyeti olduđunu tahmin ediyor..

Makalenin sonuna dođru Times muhabiri "Bilim adamlarının kitabı ne yapacaklarını düřündüklerini, çünkü bunun çöpe atılmayacak kadar güzel olduđunu, ama kütüphaneleri için de çok büyük olduđunu..." söylediklerini yazıyor..



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Islamic creationism invading the United States

The Atlas of Creation, a massive volume by the pseudonymous Islamic creationist Harun Yahya distributed throughout Europe in early 2007, is now being circulated to scientists in the United States. The New York Times (July 17, 2007) reports that copies of the book are "turning up, unsolicited, in mailboxes of scientists around the country and members of Congress, and at science museums in places like Queens and Bemidji, Minn. At 11 x 17 inches and 12 pounds, with a bright red cover and almost 800 glossy pages, most of them lavishly illustrated, 'Atlas of Creation' is probably the largest and most beautiful creationist challenge yet to Darwin's theory, which Mr. Yahya calls a feeble and perverted ideology contradicted by the Koran."

Among the recipients were University of California, Berkeley, paleontologist Kevin Padian (who serves as president of NCSE's board of directors) and Brown University cell biologist Kenneth R. Miller (a supporter of NCSE). Both marveled at the production values of the Atlas, with Miller estimating that such a book would cost at least \$100 in a retail bookstore, but both were dismissive of its content, with Padian commenting that Harun Yahya "does not really have any sense of what we know about how things change through time." Padian added that he thought that the distribution of the Atlas would have little effect in the United States: "We are used to books that are totally wrongheaded about science and confuse science and religion."

It is unclear how the recipients were chosen. The Times noted the irony that Padian and Miller, who served as expert witnesses for the plaintiffs in *Kitzmiller v. Dover*, in which teaching "intelligent design" creationism in the public schools was ruled to be unconstitutional, were on the list, as was Ohio State University biologist Steve Rissing (a member of NCSE), a long-time defender of education evolution. It is also unclear how the campaign is funded. Truman State University physicist Taner Edis (a member of NCSE), author of the recent book *An Illusion of Harmony: Science and Religion in Islam* (Prometheus Books, 2007), told the Times that Harun Yahya's activities are generally described in the Turkish press as funded by donations, adding, "But what that can mean is anybody's guess."

Toward the end of the article, the Times's reporter wrote, "As the scientists ponder what to do with the book -- for many, it is too beautiful for the trash bin but too erroneous for their shelves -- they also speculate about the motives of its distributors." (The Times was unable to reach the shipper, Global Publishing of Istanbul, or Harun Yahya himself.) NCSE's executive director Eugenie C. Scott commented, "My hypothesis is, like all creationists, they believe that they have a startling truth that the public has been shielded from, and that if they present the facts, in quotation marks, that the scales will fall from the eyes and the charade of evolution will be revealed." She added, "These people are really serious about this."

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