A Campaign The Like Of Which Has Never Been Seen Before



Le Monde, one of France's best-known dailies with a circulation of 400,000, once again carried a report concerning Atlas of Creation. The report described the Atlas as a "campaign the like of which has never been seen before," and went on to say:

... Adnan Oktar recently achieved renown, in 2007, in many countries in Western Europe, Canada and the USA through *Atlas of Creation*. Thousands of copies of this book, which is most luxurious and lavishly illustrated, bearing the name of Harun Yahya (Adnan Oktar's pen-name), were sent out to schools and universities in France.

It contained dozens of photographs of various animal and plant species, and sought to demonstrate the invalidity of Darwin's theory of evolution. The dispatch elicited strong reactions from teachers and scientists... The second and third volumes of this "encyclopedia" are shortly to arrive in France... Adnan Oktar states that he sold 1.5 million works world-wide in 2007.

... Dressed in a white silk suit, Adnan Oktar does not hide his delight at the popularity in Europe of creationist and religious expressions; he rejects materialism and atheism. In his view, the publication of the *Atlas* and the spread of his ideas lie behind Tony Blair's conversion to Catholicism and the recent statements on religion by Nicolas Sarkozy.



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