

# All Terrorists Are Darwinists



Adnan Oktar im Interview

## From the Adnan Oktar interview

On 22 September 2008, *Spiegel Online*, the web site of the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, carried an interview given by Adnan Oktar to their Istanbul correspondent Daniel Steinvoth under the heading **"All Terrorists Are Darwinists."** *Spiegel Online*, which attracts some 90 million visitors a month and is the widest read German web site, carried the following introduction on the main page of the interview:

**"Adnan Oktar (aka Harun Yahya) is one of Turkey's major proponents of creationism and he believes Darwin's theory of evolution is the Devil's work.** In a SPIEGEL ONLINE interview, he explains how he plans to defeat Darwinism."

A composite image showing a book cover on the left and a snippet of an interview on the right. The book cover features a skull and the text: "The Scientific Collapse of Darwinism and Its Ideological Background" by HARUN YAHYA. The interview snippet is titled "INTERVIEW MIT HARUN YAHYA" and contains the headline "'Alle Terroristen sind Darwinisten'" and a paragraph of text in German.

**Spiegel Online:** Virtually every respected biologist in the world considers the theory of evolution as perhaps the best-proven scientific theory ever, on par with the knowledge that the world is round. How do you want to prove them wrong?

**Adnan Oktar:** First of all, there are 100 million fossils that prove creation. And these have never changed in any respect. For example, fish have always been fish, shrimp have always been shrimp, and crabs have always been crabs. And their fossils are on display in every corner of the world. We displayed them in Turkey as well, and people saw them with their own eyes. First and foremost, this is a clear proof. Secondly, in contrast to Creation, Darwinism does not have a single piece of evidence demonstrating the theory of evolution. Its proponents don't have any fossil evidence, of the kind which they should be able to put forward.

**Spiegel Online:** Last year, the Council of Europe even asked its member states not to teach creationism along with the theory of evolution in schools. Do you consider this a defeat?

**Adnan Oktar:** Darwinism is under official protection throughout the world. No other ideology in history, no other idea, has ever been kept under such strict official protection. To make any kind of statement criticizing Darwinism causes an official reaction. However, the invalidity of Darwinism and the actuality of Creation are scientific facts. Anyone reading or looking over my "Atlas of Creation" arrives at this opinion. Darwinism lies about many issues and deceives humanity. They have deceived the whole of humanity for 150 years.

**Spiegel Online:** How much were you influenced by Christian movements, the so-called intelligent design movements in Europe and the United States?

**Adnan Oktar:** I find the concept of intelligent design rather dishonest. One should openly stand up for the existence of Allah, should sincerely stand up for religion, for Islam. Or, if one is a Christian, one should honestly stand up for Christianity. This is a theory which claims that things have somehow been created, but it is unknown who created them. I find this rather dishonest, actually. The followers of intelligent design should openly and clearly declare the existence of Allah as the Creator.

**Spiegel Online:** Richard Dawkins, one of the most prominent figures of the new atheism, recently had his book ... translated into Turkish. In Turkey, 15,000 copies were reportedly sold. In it, he writes that religion is one of the causes of terrorism.

**Adnan Oktar:** Darwinism has laid the groundwork for Hitler's and Mussolini's fascism and Stalin's communism. And when we look at the present day, we see that all the members of terrorist organizations -- even those that portray themselves as Muslim organizations -- are Darwinists, atheists. That is to say, a faithful person who prays regularly does not go and plant bombs here and there. It is just people who pretend to be Muslims, those who depict themselves as Muslims, who perpetrate bombings, or Darwinists who make it clear that they are terrorists or communists who commit terrorism. Consequently, they are all Darwinists.

**Spiegel Online:** Do you really think that someone like Osama bin Laden, who justifies terrorist acts using the Koran and the alleged ungodliness of the west, is following Darwinist ideas?

**Adnan Oktar:** Things are not what they seem to be. You do not see that appearance and style in such people in their youth. Yet, when their actual faith is scrutinized, it emerges that they are genuine materialists and Darwinists. It is impossible for a person who fears Allah to commit terrorist acts because of his faith. Such acts are committed by people who were educated abroad, who received a Darwinist education and who internalized Darwinism, but who later called themselves Muslims.

**Spiegel Online:** Speaking of Hitler and fascism: On your Web site, you condemn the Holocaust and link it to Darwinism. But, in the early 1990s, you published a book about the so-called "Holocaust Lie."

**Adnan Oktar:** The book, "The Holocaust Lie," is by one of my friends, Nuri Özbudak. It is not one of my books. He published his own essays under that title. Later, we protested against this through the Public Notary and declared the fact to the public. I did not take any other legal action but only protested through the Public Notary because he used my name. My book expressing my own ideas was published later.

**Spiegel Online:** Next year, a part of the world will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of his first publication of "On the Origin of Species." Will you be celebrating, too?

The image shows a screenshot of a Spiegel Online article. At the top, the Spiegel Online logo is visible. The main headline reads "Alle Terroristen sind Darwinisten". Below the headline, there is a sub-headline: "Eine Revolution geht an die Arbeit. Richard Dawkins' 'The God Delusion' ist ein Bestseller. Seine Bücher machen Adnan Oktar aber nicht glücklich. Er ist ein Gegner der Evolutionstheorie und ein Anhänger der Schöpfungsgeschichte. Im Interview mit SPIEGEL ONLINE erklärt er, wie er die Darwinisten besiegen will." There are several small text blocks and images interspersed throughout the article. A prominent image is the cover of the book "EVOLUTION DECEIT" by Adnan Oktar, which features a skull and the text "The Evolutionary Deceit". Other smaller images show people and text snippets. The article discusses the author's views on Darwinism and his response to Dawkins' work.

**Adnan Oktar:** It will actually turn out to be a worldwide celebration of Darwinism's collapse. People will be stunned at how they believed in Darwinism. They will be amazed at how they were taken in by such a hoax for years. They will also be astonished at themselves and at how hundreds, thousands of universities around the world and hundreds, thousands of professors backed such a hoax, and how they were deceived by satan's plot.

**Spiegel Online:** One of your books is called "The Atlas of Creation," a massive and obviously very expensive volume. It was distributed all over the world, and many free copies were sent to members of the Western media. How do you finance your struggle against Darwinism?

**Adnan Oktar:** The publishing house makes a great profit, since I do not take any royalties from my books. And my books are being sold in great numbers both domestically and abroad. Last year, 8 million copies were sold in Turkey and 2 million abroad. This makes a considerable total sum. Almost no other book has ever sold so much in Turkey. This year it is even higher; it is many times higher. Sales have doubled. It is perfectly normal for the publishing house to use part of that income to distribute books. This counts as publicity. However, the financial resources for this, as I have stated, are supplied by the publishing house.

**Spiegel Online:** In May, you were sentenced by a Turkish court for having founded an illegal organization for personal gain.

**Adnan Oktar:** Yes, I was accused of being a gang leader. I have been given a penalty of three years' imprisonment. This needs to be ratified by the Supreme Court of Appeals. However, there is no legal evidence in the sense that I understand to be acceptable. My deposition was taken without my lawyer present, I was made to give it under coercion, by force. Not a single person in Turkey would accept the sentence I have been given.

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