

"harun Yahya Dangles Big Prizes For Creationism Essays"




In his "World of Faith" blog Reuters news agency senior religious affairs editor Tom Heneghan reported the scientific competition being held by the Science Research Foundation. The report, dated 25 November, 2008, was titled "**Harun Yahya dangles big prizes for creationism essays.**" It then went on to provide the following information about the competition:

Turkey's Muslim creationist Harun Yahya is not satisfied with sending lavish books against evolution and Darwin to western schools. He's now running an anti-evolution essay contest with a top prize of \$64,000. He has just doubled the prize money from \$32,000 and boosted the maximum length for essays from 15 to 60 pages.

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... One hundred participants have to first be accepted on the basis of the essays. They will then have to take a test consisting of 80 questions about evolution. The announcement says the test will be held in December 2009 at a location to be announced.

This made me wonder about who would enter this contest. Harun Yahya is one of the few Muslims active in the creationism field... would they [Christians] approve of their children submitting essays to Harun Yahya's contest? Would the creationist museums in the United States advertise this attractive offer? **I can't imagine there is such a jackpot anywhere else for a creationist essay.**

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The procedure is a bit complicated. One hundred participants have to first be accepted on the basis of the essays. They will then have to take a test consisting of 80 questions about evolution. The announcement says the test will be held in December 2009 at a location to be announced.

This made me wonder about who would enter this contest. Harun Yahya is one of the few Muslims active in the creationism field otherwise dominated by conservative Christians. These Christians are often — but not always — sceptical to hostile towards Islam. So would they approve of their children submitting essays to Harun Yahya's contest? Would the creationist museums in the United States advertise this attractive offer? I can't imagine there is such a jackpot anywhere else for a creationist essay.



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