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Responses to last Sunday's letters on intelligent design, creationism and the theory of evolution

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Letter-writers Sandy Daniel, Mike Brown and Lawrence Bell collectively assert that we evolutionists are a

closed-minded lot motivated by fear of alternative theories, antagonism to religion, and a conspiratorial interest in concealing the truth from children. Their letters contain numerous misconceptions about the subject of evolution, its methods, and the state of scientific agreement about the empirical validity and practical utility of evolutionary theory.

My colleagues in biological sciences and religious studies and I invite all interested citizens and high school classes to come to the University of Denver to see for themselves the evidence for evolution and discuss with us the scientific and theological implications of this evidence. You have a world-class university with world-class resources in your midst, and we're here to serve the public good. Use us.

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