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Re: Evolution Used God

Dear Editor,

If Richard Jansen (Letters, 9/8/2007) is trying to put the evolution/creationism debate to rest he has a funny way of doing it. He says that God "used evolution to disguise his creation to all the 'smart' people so mankind can live with free will". Does he mean that all the "dumb" people who don't believe in evolution don't have free will? I might agree, if he means that those believers take their marching orders from a celestial dictatorship that keeps them under constant surveillance and uses threats of hellfire and promises of eternal reward to keep them in line. I would hope that most of us know to be good for goodness sake; isn't that enough reason to be good?

And what does he mean nothing made God? God, if God designed the process of evolution and natural selection, must be a pretty clever gal. If you believe this, then this being is something that requires an explanation. Especially the beard part. Simply saying God has always existed isn't an explanation- it's an evasion. Why not just say the universe has always existed and be done with it? It appears that such believers will accept incoherent reasons in lieu of reasonable though incomplete scientific reasons, but why would that be comforting to anyone?

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