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How To Talk To Creationists

by Michael in New York on [9/20/2005 03:18:00 PM](#)

From a NYT article about [museums providing new training for employees bombarded with questions from aggressive creationists](#) who question and attack every basic principle of science:

A pamphlet handed out at the training session...offers suggestions on replying to frequently raised challenges like "Is there lots of evidence against evolution?" (The answer begins, simply, "No.")

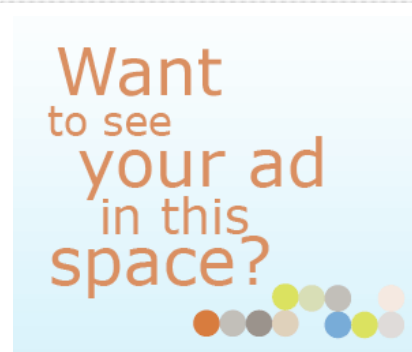
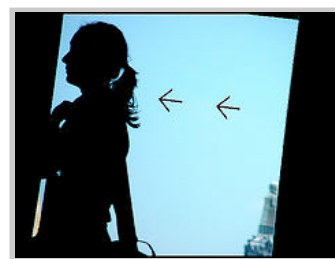
When talking to visitors about evolution, the pamphlet advises, "don't avoid using the word." Rehearse answers to frequently asked questions, because "you'll be more comfortable when you sound like you know what you're talking about."

Dr. Allmon told his audience to "be firm and clear, not defensive." The pamphlet says that if all else fails, and docents find themselves **in an unpleasant confrontation, they excuse themselves by saying, "I have to go to the restroom."**

The old 'I have to pee' defense! That'll stop those creationists dead in their tracks.



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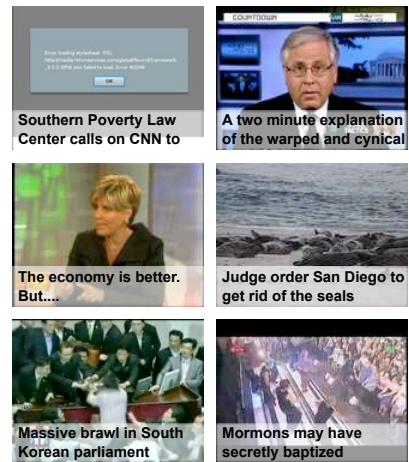
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