

## **Comments to Rotkirch&Roos**

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**I would like to submit the following short response to Rotkirch&Roos (see: Tieteessä tapahtuu 4/2006), which I hope puts the debate on a more sensible footing:**

The Academy of Finland may treat this matter as it wishes, though it would be interesting to learn how Rotkirch and Roos would respond, were it the case that I have judged their grant proposals favourably in the past. The only substantive point worth addressing in their remarks is the comparison of my 'defence' of intelligent design with Holocaust denial. If an epistemologically interesting analogy is to be drawn here, it is with respect to alternative explanations of the Holocaust, not to whether it occurred. Roughly speaking, intelligent design theory is like a purely Hitler-driven explanation for the Holocaust, whereas Darwinism is like a more diffuse explanation that would appeal to the contingent combination of latent German cultural tendencies and the political realities of the depression and later World War II.

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