# Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

By Dorothy Rees

Finally maybe we can have consistently nice weather so I can enjoy the BB-Q a bit more. As soon as spring arrives, I enjoy getting cooking on the grill, but I much prefer warm weather. Since late April on many of the nice days, I made up my mind, BB-Q was the way to go. In April and early May, dreary weather is expected and when its mealtime, it has really cooled off.

However, I don't expect to have to put on a winter jacket to keep from freezing or blowing away in mid-June. However, that's Nova Scotia. If you don't like the weather, hang around for five minutes its sure to change.

Now that the weather finally warm up, it has brought along high humidity, which makes it seem warmer than it actually is. Great for those going camping or using their travel trailers, but I'm sure they wish the weekends would have less rain and lots more sunshine.

That's my hope starting this weekend. Maurice and I are off to Moncton for a trade show for my t-shirts. The summer schedule is filling up fast, as we have an event somewhere almost every weekend until and including Labour Day. The BBq will get lots of use, even if I have to do it under the canopy.

This month's mailbox containing some interesting submissions from Doreen Smith, Parrsboro NS, who provided recipes for Sweet and Sour Sauce and Orzo Shrimp Stew. She also included the following note: "I enjoy the Shoreline and always look forward to Dorothys' Kitchen Korner".

#### **Sweet and Sour Sauce**

3/4 cup maple syrup, 3/4 cup ketchup, 1/2 cup water

A friend of mine gave me this recipe and it is the only one

#### **Orzo Shrimp Stew**

2 1/2 cups chicken broth, 1 pound cooked shrimp 5 cups broccoli florets, 1 cup uncooked orzo, 1 can ( 14 1/2 oz. ) diced tomatoes, salt, pepper, basil to taste, 2 tbsp. butter

Bring broth to a boil. Add broccoli, tomatoes and orzo. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Add shrimp and remaining ingredients, continue simmering until orzo is ten-

Makes 4 - 1 3/4 cup servings.

Orzo is a pasta and looks just like rice. Superstore and Masstown Market sell it. This recipe is from a magazine and I have used it many times as it is very good. With the next edition at the end of July for the month of August, it would be nice to receive some pickling and preserve recipes, as the gardens will be delivering lots of fruits and vegetables.

#### Please send your favourites to:

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# Letters to the editor

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(Intelligent Design) supporter, you must abandon the scientific method and ignore so much evidence, that you are going to be a poor scientist."

That is the statement that I was responding to in my first letter because I believe it is at the heart of the issue here, and that is, as I stated, the "tendency within so much of contemporary academia to label anyone who disagrees with the status quo as 'stupid' and dismiss them as 'poor scientists'". Exposing the culture of coercion that exists in academia is what the 'Expelled' documentary is all about.

As for Troy's questioning in his recent letter of "how thorough Mr. Adams is in his research of evolution and its evidence", I readily admit that I am no expert in the field. Never claimed to be. I don't even consider myself to be an academic. (I'm sure I wasn't the only one who had to look up 'pareidolia' to find out what it meant.) Maybe I haven't watched enough PBS or National Geographic, but I do know what I haven't seen. For example, I haven't seen the thousands upon thousands of transitional forms that should be part of the fossil record but are somehow mysteriously absent. I haven't even seen even one yet that was really

convincing. Nor have I seen any satisfactory explanation coming out of evolutionary theory for the origins of information or intelligence. Troy goes on in his second

letter to state that "evolution has been observed". Think about that for a moment. If by evolution, he means micro-evolution or slight modifications within a species, then that is readily admissible. But, the macro-evolution from one species to another that is essential to Darwinian evolutionary theory has not ever been observed that I know of. It remains a theory which has not been empirically corroborated. And, the problem, as I see it, in identifying evolutionary theory with scientific fact is that it demeans science taking it from the realm of observation and experimentation and placing it into the realm of speculation. It is not the ID advocates that are "abandoning the scientific method". The Oxford Dictionary says that science is "the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experimentation." Darwinian theory is not truly scientific in the classic sense of the term. It is philosophical. It is materialism. It is not objective.

"Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer," wrote Kansas State University biologist Scott Todd in 1999, "such an hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic."

This is not objectivity and it is not real science. Science follows the evidence wherever it leads, but Darwinism does not. This should cause us great concern. Do we really want our students to be trained by intellectual bullies who punish honest skepticism and reward blind allegiance to unproven theory? Science is supposed to be a search for truth that examines theories in light of the evidence. Education should present the evidence truthfully. Unfortunately, much of what gets passed off as 'fact' in science text books has no basis in fact whatsoever. As a result, students are being indoctrinated rather than educated.

"Scientific journals now document many scientific problems and criticisms of evolutionary theory and students need to know about these as well. Many of the scientific criticisms of which I speak are well known by scientists in various disciplines, including the disciplines of chemistry and biochemistry, in which I have done my work." Philip S. Skell, Member National Academy of Sciences, **Emeritus Evan Pugh Professor** Pennsylvania University

I'm thinking that Troy will want to dispute the following

statement, but there are many credible scientists that are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. They just don't have much of a voice in the current conditions.

Allow me one more quote:

"We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, and in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so-stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counterintuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door." Richard Lewontin, "Billions and Billions of Demons," The New York Review, January 1997, p. 31.

That doesn't sound much like science to me.

Respectfully,

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