

## GUNTER BECHLY

**“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:25-26 KJV)**

Gunter Bechly was born in W. Germany Oct. 16, 1963. He is a German paleontologist an entomologist, specializing in fossil insects. In 1999 he finished his PhD thesis on the fossil history and phylogeny of dragonflies and damselflies. He became the curator for amber and fossil insects at the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart.

Bechly’s research was mainly focused on the evolution, phylogeny, and fossil history of odonates and other basal pterygotes and fossil insects. He described some 167 new species and additional information resulting in the re-classification of dragonflies and damselflies. In 2009 Bechly organized one of the largest events of the “Darwin Year” attracting over 90,000 visitors. The concept for this exhibition was also among the winners of the idea competition “Evolution Heute”. This highly acclaimed scientist, however, was about to suffer serious criticism in the scientific community. Suddenly, his former friends turned against him!

IT ALL BEGAN IN 2015 WHEN BECHLY EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR INTELLIGENT DESIGN! His analysis of the facts forced him to conclude that the design he observed in the universe had a designer. His departure from evolutionary dogma led to his removal as curator in Stuttgart, and also to his bio being erased from Wikipedia. As an evolutionist Wikipedia apparently had no problem listing information about him in their encyclopedia. They dispassionately recounted his education, employment, and accomplishments. These accomplishments included an impressive list of scientific publications as well as a variety of species and taxa named for him. After concluding that the design of the universe reflected “Intelligence”, however, an inquisition occurred in which he had no voice.

Bechly’s deletion from Wikipedia was apparently the work of three editors. The first was a man known as “Trekker” whose interests include “pro-wrestling, literature, science fiction, fantasy, and comic books”. The second was David Eppstein, who apparently had the courage to use his real name. He is a science professor at UC Irvine and explained that Bechly is not notable enough to merit a mention in Wikipedia. This excuse was given in spite of the fact that Bechly was better known than 85% of other Research Gate members. The third editor who pulled the plug on Bechly is known as “Jo-Jo Eumerus”. His other pseudonym is “Septimus Heap” after a popular fantasy series for juvenile readers. His bio includes a graphic of himself as a wizard “from a time 500 years ago”. Wikipedia, by contrast, devotes 9,000 words to the bio of an obscure poly-amorous author and blogger named Richard Carrier who claims to be an atheist.

Fortunately, Bechly has not been totally exiled from the scientific community. Since 2016 he has been a Senior Fellow of the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute in Seattle. Also since 2017 a senior scientist at the Biologic Institute in Redmond. He was also featured in the Intelligent Design documentary “Revolutionary” in 2016.

As Jesus said: **“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as it’s own . . .” (Jn. 15:18, 19)**. The follower of Christ is therefore forced to choose sides. You must choose to stand with the world, or to stand with truth. You cannot do both! If you think the world stands for truth, then you need to take another look at history. Jesus came to bear witness of the truth and everyone on the side of truth listens to him (Jn. 18:37). It seems that Gunter Bechly was listening to Him, are you?