

THE WARSHAL

Paleontology

"People have no idea whatsoever how essential paleontology really is. To most, it is only something like a "dusty scientific domain" with a few old decrepit bearded men, digging here and there for fossils and then writing long boring treatises of little interest. Nothing could be further from the truth. On the contrary I proclaim with the utmost solemnity, that paleontology as a whole is the most explosive, indeed the most sensitive field, in the whole of science. Remember how prophetic George Orwell's words were: "Who controls the present controls the past and who controls the past controls the future".... Who indeed controls the truth about your own evolutionary past has full control of your deeper identity.

Of all the scientific fields within modern science, paleontology represents both the most ideologically "loaded" and deeply influential upon people's psyche when, in the same time it is (with medicine which I often, and highly successfully, confronted in the past) the weak link of the entire scientific paradigm.

Although it forces me to make a very short digression, I think it is of the utmost importance for the reader to realize the extreme fragility of paleontology. In the same time, it will also put the most cruel emphasis on the staggering limitations of the human mind which seems sometimes capable of remarkable intellectual achievement while, most often, it lacks the most fundamental cognitive faculties. By so confronting a few paleontologists (paleo-herpetologists, especially), I would be a hypocrite to hide that I took some pleasure at destroying within less than half an hour of my argumentation, sometimes thirty or forty years of their professional life...." (*The Warshal* 7:10)