

Is science leading modern society down the right path?

When John G. West's *Darwin Day in America: How Our Politics and Culture Have Been Dehumanized in the Name of Science* (ISI Books) came out in 2007, I called it "a superb overview of what happens once we start seeing man as an overachieving worm. John West shows how a Darwin Day worldview affects everything from sex and philanthropy to crime and euthanasia." So it's great news that a new edition is coming out on February 9, with an update on recent developments.

West, vice president of the Discovery Institute and associate director of the Center for Science and Culture, nails it when he writes, "Our culture is witnessing the rise of what could be called totalitarian science—science so totalistic in its outlook that its defenders claim the right to remake every sphere of human life, from public policy and education to ethics and religion. Science is a wonderful enterprise, but during the Obama era, it's being twisted in ways that are unhealthy for both science and society."

West has the background and the reporting ability to develop a strong indictment of the Obama administration's offenses in this area. The former chair of the Department of Political Science at Seattle Pacific University, he holds a Ph.D. in Government from Claremont Graduate University and is an acute observer of the current scene.

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