

**From Fred:**

**I would add to the recommended Gould reading list his book "The Mismeasure of Man". It is a great book about debunking racial prejudice, and also how cultural bias can creep into "unbiased" science.**

**From Tommy:**

**"Panda's Thumb" is a great collection of Gould's essays on evolution.**

**"Wonderful Life" covers some rather weird fossils that were found in a shale deposit near the Canadian border.**

**The head of the Smithsonian back in the 20's through 40's did his summer sabbatical each year knocking around in the shale deposit. The fossils there don't seem to be closely related to other fossils. And, they are very old.**

**Gould considered the head of the Smithsonian an ideal leader. The book covers a fair amount on leadership as well as fossils.**

**I greatly enjoyed both books, but the Burgess Shale book is a bit tedious in places (long descriptions of the weird fossils).**

**"Panda's Thumb" was fun all the way through because of its essay format.**

**As far as reconciling science and religion, Gould was an atheist. The best he could do was to say that science and religion were non-overlapping universes or 'magisteriums'. He really did not offer much guidance on the topic.**

**From Dick --**

**"Dr. Titiana's Sex Advice to All Creation," by Olivia Judson, is relevant.**

**From Lynne --**

**See <http://www.ptwi.com/~bobkat/titiana.html>.**