

*Letter of approbation from Rav Chaim Malinowitz, shlita*

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The topic of conflicts between Chazal and scientists is not an easy one to deal with. Educational institutions are, by nature, designed to deal with the masses, and must often adopt a simple, and conservative, approach, only hinting at other, more complex ones. Yet these other views do exist, both in Rishonim and Acharonim, and for many people it is this approach that should be taught.

Rabbi Nosson Slifkin has had considerable success in Torah outreach and education. His particular specialty of the interface between Torah and the natural world renders him the ideal type of person to write such a work. *Mysterious Creatures* is an excellent presentation of the zoological aspects of this topic. It presents a range of approaches, and is loyal to true Torah *hashkafah*. I wish the author much success with this and his other works.

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