

# Anarchy: The Science is Settled

In the latest issue of *Nature*, the world's leading scientific journal, a team of paleontologists from seven top-rank universities has presented conclusive evidence from the fossil record that during the nearly 200 million years in which non-avian dinosaurs roamed the earth, anarchy was the prevailing political system.

To place their finding in perspective, the authors compare the era during which the modern nation state has predominated — only a few centuries — and conclude that the state is such a relatively short-lived and manifestly less successful system that those who describe it almost as part of eternal nature are scientifically cloud-cuckoo. In regard to the question of the viability and competitive strength of anarchism, they say, the science is now settled.