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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8

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Kansas Science Standards What Really Happened? What Does it All Mean?

by Tom Willis

The phone rang yesterday and I heard this deep voice intoning "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matthew 5:11. It wasn't Jesus, only Mike Fredlund, who prints this newsletter, calling to cheer me up after reading another personal attack on CSA in the Kansas City Star. I wasn't down because I don't read the Star, but I did get the desired chuckle out of his call, and I had already been reflecting (often) on the Scripture he quoted. We at CSA (especially yours truly), and everyone else associated with the Kansas science standards, have certainly received lots of revile-blessings by politicians, "educators" and nearly every news agency in the world. It is difficult to say what aspect of the reviling has made the deepest impression, but the stultifying ignorance, and the lies per paragraph have been exceeded only by the angry arrogance of the hollow rhetoric. That about covers it, but I'll add some detail anyway.

Why such sustained international reviling?

Jesus explained it long ago: "If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" -John 15:18-19. Furthermore, "... Me [Jesus] it [the world] hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil" -John 7:7.

Why such anger aimed at CSA and the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE)? Simple, as Jesus made perfectly clear, it is *evil* to lie to children, especially to deprive them of a relationship with Him (Matt 18:6, Mark 9:42, Luke 17:2) They revile **us** because the KSBE spanked the fannies of the liars, and the liars think it politically wise to blame "*creationists*."

Why sustained so long? As I told the reporter from ABC's Nightline (John Donavan, with Ted Koppel) last Monday, every religious group believes their religion is important to the nation and the world... and is science (or supported by science). I certainly believe Christianity is important to every person and nation in the world and I believe Christianity to be the only religion supported by science. Of course that doesn't mean it is absolutely proven, as both Karl Popper, the leading philosopher of science in the last century, and God, have said, nothing is ever proven by human observation and reasoning. All scientific theories and Christianity must ultimately be believed by faith. Atheists have always believed their religion was science, Lucretius wrote a 4-volume treatise on evolution over 2000 years ago, which he thought was science. Karl Marx thought all religions but atheism were harmful to society. Following his lead all communist countries adopted evolutionism as their national mythology, forcing it on children and adults alike. Darwin repeatedly called his philosophical rambling "science." I read Darwin before I was born again and filled the margins with expletives about the irrational, unscientific nature of his "reasoning." Theistic evolutionists, including "Christian evolutionists" believe their religion is science, and are quite willing to trash major portions of God's Word in favor of their "science." When I remind them that Jesus made clear that his disciples are to be sanctified (set aside) by God's Word ("thy word is truth"), not by philosophy, the discussion usually ends.

Every culture in history has been ruled by resorting to a mythology which supported their religion, government and financial institutions. Even "Christian" Europe was sustained by mythology which enabled a corrupt pseudo Christianity to strangle society. Though God the Father and Jesus are both capitalists (they believe they actually own what they made), the capitalism adopted by "Christian" America would hardly please God.

Many scientists of ancient cultures prostituted themselves to support the mythology of the culture. The leading astronomers in the world prostituted themselves to design hundreds of sun-worship temples to provide the "evidence" needed to sell the cultural mythologies, just as *scientists* in "Natural History" museums and "science classes" do today. Consider one familiar example, the temple at Karnac, Egypt, made famous (though severely distorted) by Johnny Carson. The temple was designed to cause the pharaoh to "burst into light" precisely when he mounted the throne. Of course, to a sane man, that was not evidence the pharaoh descended from the sun, just as sensible people today are not deceived that fossils and lineups of fossils are evidence the dead rock badger on the left gave birth to the dead horses on the right.

The record of academic prostitution is endless. No less an authority than Albert Einstein testified that the academic community of Germany prostituted themselves to Nazism (based on evolutionism). According to Einstein, only "the church" stood against Hitler. The same is true of much of the academic community in every communist block nation.

This brief summary explains God's, and my, position:

"It is easy to explain the sustained, ignorant, angry international reviling aimed at all associated with the Kansas Science Standards when evolution is properly understood as apologetic religious mythology used to sustain the world's largest religions - atheism, pantheism, deism and pseudo Christianity. Mythology cannot survive open, critical dialog.

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It requires monopoly control of our children to convince only half of them the myths have merit!

Atheism is the national religion of Russia, China, Cuba, and most of Europe. Hinduism, Buddhism and New Ageism are called "pantheist" religions. They tend to worship ancestors, *nature*, earth, and consider everyone part of, or capable of becoming, god. Deism is the name given to folks who "believe in god" but one of their own design, who typically retired from active duty a few billion years ago. Of the many forms of pseudo Christianity, not all endorse evolution, but the largest branch takes its doctrines from pop-*science*.

Evolutionism is the origins mythology of each of these religious groups. This further explains their sustained, loud, angry, reviling of those associated with the Kansas Science Standards. Any challenge to evolutionism is an attack on the only *evidence* for these religions. People who base their lives on evolutionism must lie and revile loudly because they have no sound evidence or reasons for their religion. "If they didn't lie and revile often, they couldn't convince themselves they believe it." (from Glenn Kailer).

The reviling is inevitably accompanied by <u>vile behavior</u> simply because evolutionism provides only subjective moral standards. Their ignorance and rage was thoroughly predicted by God (Psalm 53:1, Prov 14:16, Romans 1:22) Their bad behavior is simply acting out their religion. Regardless of the merits of the evidence against them, they must continue to attack until they are willing to change their religion!

Who Wrote the Kansas Science Standards? What Did They Really Say?

According to the Mainstream Coalition, the Kansas Citizens for Science, Kansas City Star, and most of the rest of the media, "Tom Willis, a Missouri Creationist," wrote them, or was very influential in their writing. I realize the impropriety of introducing facts into the discussion but...

- 1. Most of the Kansas Board of Education (KSBE) are very intelligent, well-informed, diligent citizens. Only two might be ranked in the "deluded" category, one of whom, a Ph.D., demonstrated with many KU faculty his devotion to *real science* by participating in a week-long, 24-hour "prayer vigil," on the steps of the KU Natural History Museum reading Darwin's "Origin of Species or the Preservation of Favored Races by Means of Natural Selection." They, of course, thought this was funny, but to more stable minds it was more than funny, but to more stable minds it was more than funny, it was something not one of them would have done in support of a real scientific theory. In fact, not a single scientific theory in history could have generated the global clamor caused by this trivial tweaking of evolutionism. It truly confirmed the religious character of the evolutionism movement.
- 2. The KSBE had worked for a year with a 26-member committee appointed largely by the state department of education. When we were dragged into it, at the insistence of Kansas citizens, no one on the board had heard of us, and exactly half of the board was committed to rejecting *the* "standards" proposed by this committee. We reported on these proposed "*standards*" in **CSA News** beginning March, 1999.

The main philosophical statements in their document were lifted nearly verbatim from a publication of the "National

Academy of Science," a political action group which, according to the journal *Nature*, has about 517 people in the physical and biological sciences, 72% atheist. They defined *evolution* as transcendent to science (the word "transcendent" was one of the few concessions they later made to sanity). Therefore evolution was to be untestable by science. Students were required to believe in macro evolution (molecules to people, not mutated fruit flies), or they had to lie on the test, or flunk. Evolution was defined as creator of the "form and function" of everything in the universe. Discussion of, or evidence for any alternative to evolution was forbidden. The KSBE had worked with this committee for a year trying to get them to inject a little sanity, but the committee was dominated by arrogant, dogmatic evolutionists, who refused to budge.

- 3. A group of nonboard members (horrible, incompetent folks citizens) met to decide what could be done. Everyone who had read the proposed standards knew they were trash. One Ph.D. commented that they were designed to promote evolutionism, at the expense of science. This group decided to write their own standards. They formed a committee with over twenty members, three Ph.D.'s, several engineers, two environmental specialists, biologists, chemists, physicists were all involved. As citizens of the republic, we were under the impression it was our right to create any document we please and submit it to a governing agency for their consideration... and even legal for the agency, Motherearth forbid, to read and consider our suggestions. According to our rancorous attackers, it is fine for atheists and "I believe in God too" folks to control public policy, but evil for Christians to even participate in the dialog. Of course, these folks are all unbiased scientists, and we uneducated bigots. Did you ever wonder, since random processes have no purpose, how can an evolutionist know what is evil or bigotry? "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness..." -Isaiah 5:20.
- 4. Dr. Steve Abrams was the choice of the "conservatives" (a press term) on the KSBE to lead the effort to improve the proposed standards. At first he was cool to our efforts, but, like any

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public servant, he said he would consider them. As we developed drafts, we made them available to him (and others). Most were extremely rough. He began circulating them privately for comment. The first written comment was by a Ph.D. in the Kansas educational system, who said (roughly) "If these standards were adopted they would advance the cause of science in the State of Kansas more than anything we have ever done." Encouraged by these, and other remarks, Abrams began paying close attention to our work, critiquing it (wisely and thoroughly) and eventually joined us for a couple very long sessions. He made two drafts public.

- 5. Abrams was able to count only five of six required votes, but a 6th joined with the five in their resolve to eliminate macro evolution as a standard. It wasn't that he didn't like our standards, but he felt it more appropriate to try to salvage as much of the state draft as possible. The KSBE formed an ad hoc subcommittee and wrote their own draft based largely on the State Committee Working Drafts 4 & 5, borrowing a few brief passages from our drafts Trail 4a and CDC/A8.
- 6. None of the "horrible creationist" drafts, much less the one approved by the KSBE, promoted creation, or religion. They mandated that **theories not be taught as fact, that evidence against popular theories not be censored from the students** positions endorsed by every philosopher of science in history, but hated by evolutionists because their "theories" will not convince children if the kids hear even a smattering of the truth. In order to document for posterity the truth of these statements, the Citizens Drafting Committee formed the "National Committee for Excellence in Science Education (NCESE)." All of the drafts mentioned in this article, including the one eventually adopted are available at www.homestead.com/ncese under "Kansas Opportunities."

Conclusion: CSA leaders, in their proper role as citizens, are pleased to have made a modest contribution to new science standards, but the **KSBE** deserves the real credit, and will probably get it, from God, and from the world. The ignorant,

bitter, angry, reviling is caused by a herd of poorly educated, reprobate-minded, undisciplined, anti-Christ-minded people, at all levels of the political, educational and economic spectrum. "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." -Jeremiah 51:7. Only madmen would behave and argue as they have consistently done in this event

For the record, we have diligently endeavored to get the great scientists who have opposed our efforts to meet us in a public debate, and they have systematically refused. It is a simple fact of history that God's enemies have never been able to win using honest public discourse, they have always lied and reviled, and ended up by killing God's people. Throughout history, there seems to have been a contest for who could kill the most of God's people, the atheists (there is no god) and pantheists (we are god) competing with the "I believe in god" and the "I'm a Christian too" crowd to see who could kill the most Christians. Had they the political power, it seems obvious this bunch would just kill us, as their spiritual brethren have always done, and are now doing all over the world. Probably soon, even in the "land of the free," they will have the power to achieve their desired goal. Do not lose heart! "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption [and their destruction, Ed] draweth nigh" -Luke 21:28

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The Basic Institute in Creation Science

The Chair

by: Frank Peretti - video

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