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# Evolution Teaching Hit

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A massive attack on the teaching of evolution in Dade schools is being mounted by a Miami minister with the backing of an accomplished scientist.

Petitions were being circulated this week in at least 50 churches and at least three ministerial organizations have indicated they will join in the battle when the first skirmish occurs at the Nov. 7 school board meeting.

Directing the attack is the Rev. David, 815 Commerce St., Miami Beach, radio and television director for Soul Clinic. He heads the Committee for Constitutional Rights whose petition declares that the teaching of organic evolution is atheistic and should not be permitted unless equal time and emphasis is "given to teaching faith in God, religion and the Bible."

The principal objection is to the "Biological Sciences Curriculum Studies — Blue Text" now being used in Dade high schools. The Rev. Mr. David called it "a direct attack upon the Bible, a violation of our religious liberties."

In addition, the text makes some misstatements of fact at many points where it conflicts



Rev. David  
... directing attack

search has ever shown that one specie evolves into any other specie.

But the text declares that, "The operating principle he (Darwin) had discovered was that new species were produced by means of natural

Nearly three-fourths of the text is devoted to the Heterotroph hypothesis of the Russian biochemist A. I. Oparin. It assumes the spontaneous generation of life from chemicals.

The scientist giving technical advice to the Committee for Constitutional Rights said this hypothesis is "way out" to begin with and is basic to the atheism of Communism. He noted that many contributors to the text are Iron Curtain scientists whose training has all been under this atheistic influence.

He said part of his objections to the whole course is the fact that it is presented to students so young and inexperienced as to not understand the difference between an hypothesis, a theory and experimentally proven fact when the material is presented in the manner it is in the

"What is the theory of evolution?" wrote Dr. Standen.

"It is very easy to find out in a vague way, but very difficult to find out in a precise way. . . . The precise theory Rev. David who had his son has never been proved at all. However, like relativity, it is accepted as a faith."

So evolution, as it is being taught in Dade schools, is a "faith" which conflicts with his religion and should be banned from the schools, said the Rev. David who had his son withdrawn from the course at Miami Beach High School.

STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!  
LET'S STAMP OUT ANTI-GOD & ANTI-BIBLE TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE  
FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT  
AS FOUND IN GENESIS I

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT  
I CORINTHIANS 15: 39

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

with religious beliefs, according to the scientist, a man with 20 years experience in research and teaching in biology and related fields, who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being.

For example, the text says at one point that, "This fossil evidence dramatically shows that life has been gradually changing over millions of years from one form to another. There is no longer any reasonable doubt that evolution occurs."

The scientist labeled this "absolutely false." He said that while variation does occur within species, no re-

selection."

There are at least a dozen more major statements in the text which the Rev. Mr. David and the biologist, a devout Christian who believes true science supports the Biblical account of creation, hold to be scientifically incorrect and at odds with the fundamental Judeo-Christian faith.

They object most heartily to the text's statement that, "The first living organism evolved from a complex of organic molecules." This is no more than a guess and not a provable fact, according to the scientist.

"Blue Text."

Noting that the Florida legislature, at the same time it adopted the law requiring Bible reading in the schools in 1925, voted to make it unlawful "to teach the theory of evolution as true" in state schools, the Rev. Mr. David said the teaching in the "Blue Text" is against the Bible account that "in the beginning God created all things after their kind within six days."

He also quoted Dr. Anthony Standen, the eminent chemist whose book "Science is a Sacred Cow" as been a best seller on evolution.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts; another of fishes, and another of birds.

ABSOLUTELY CONTRADICTORY TO -

THE LIE OF EVOLUTION HERE  
ILLUSTRATED FROM THE BSCS  
BLUE BOOK USED IN OUR SCHOOLS.



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## Darwin's Monkey On Their Backs

By JOAN BUCKS  
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The Rev. David is ready to re-enact the Scopes monkey trial of 1925 if the Dade County school system doesn't stop teaching evolution in biology classes.

David, who is the local head of Souls Clinic International, says he will go to court if appeals to the School Board don't result in the withdrawal of a biology course based upon Darwin's theory of evolution.

He already has withdrawn his son from the biology class, which he says is in violation of his and his son's religious convictions.

The biology book in question is the new Biological Science Curriculum Studies, which was compiled by leading science teachers throughout the country.

David objects to the book on the grounds it "presents the theory of evolution as if it were a fact, without giving equal space to the Biblical account of the origin of man."

According to David the course is unconstitutional in that it "is a kind of religion in itself, being a body of belief, not fact, and should not by law be taught in our public schools."

He calls the course "un-American, atheistic, subversive and Communistic."

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"I was particularly incensed at the amount of space devoted in the book to the works of a Russian scientist," David said. He is circulating a petition among religious leaders here demanding that the course be withdrawn from the public schools.

David appeared briefly before the school board last week, but was asked to return at the Nov. 7 meeting because a heavy agenda did not allow time for adequate discussion of his request.

School board members said

they could not comment on David's complaints until they get a full hearing at the board meeting.

If the board fails to do as he asks at his Nov. 7 meeting, David says he is prepared to go further.

"If necessary, we will take legal action," David says. "Because it is a prejudiced, biased and one-sided viewpoint."

In 1925 a similar case went before the courts in Dayton, Tenn., when William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow clashed in the case of an obscure school teacher, John

Thomas Scopes, who had taught evolution.

Scopes was found guilty of violating a Tennessee law prohibiting the teaching of anything in contradiction to the Bible.

Scopes was fined \$100 and the issue was dropped immediately after the 11-day trial. The \$100 penalty was set aside.

Bryan, a firm believer in the literal interpretation of the Bible, assisted the prosecutor but was prevented from delivering the elaborate speech he prepared to refute the Darwinian theory. He died five days after the trial.