

## YOURVIEWS

### Societal standards absent

This letter is in response to Kristina Smithers' letter, "Whose code applies?" from last month regarding the public library issue. Congratulations, Ms. Smithers, you now know what happens to a society in which there are no moral absolutes. When society gets rid of God and the Bible from public life, there are no standards to follow, and people do that which is right in their own eyes – or as Ms. Smithers put it, "It should really be up to each individual household to decide what their standards are for their family."

Hence the battle over the books. This is not the first battle, and it won't be the last.

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### Finding science in the 200 section

I get upset when kids are lied to, including the force-feeding of evolutionary dogma in schools and elsewhere. Therefore, I was happy when the West Bend Community Memorial Library purchased a few science books from a creationist perspective for school kids. I envisioned kids learning about the world around them without the idea of millions of years attached to the science. A damper was put on my happiness when I saw the books, about weather, astronomy, geology, dinosaurs, caves and oceanography, in the 200 religion section and not the 500 science section.

Director Michael Tyree was quoted saying the books are science books, but he refuses to put them in the science section because they are from a creationist viewpoint. Hmm, censorship?

I tried telling him, without success, that the science in creationist books is the same as the science in evolutionary books. The difference lies in the origins and dating of geology, the solar system, dinosaurs, etc. (i.e. real science builds a rocket and gets to the moon, while historical science tells us how and when the moon got there.) Historical science is not really science at all, but faith-based, whether creation- or evolution-based.

Kids deserve easy access to the difference in interpretation without having to look in a special religion section to find data without the evolutionary dogma of millions of years. Books in the 500 section are only evolutionbased. Knowing that evolution is faithbased, shouldn't those books also be in a religion section?

Interesting note: Creationists have been among the best scientists, experimenting with the understanding that God's creation has order – just two examples: Raymond Damadian, inventor of the MRI scanner, and Johannes Kepler, known for his Laws of Planetary Motion.

Feel free to look in the 200 religion section for some good science books for your kids!

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### Join together on health care

Why don't all of us support unconditionally with our taxes and resources health care's war on disease and illness just as we do unconditionally our nation's wars against terrorism?

Just as each of us doesn't have to protect him or herself individually against terrorism, but rather supports and depends on our society and government, why is it not so with health care? Many more of us die and suffer from disease and illness than terrorism.

It seems to make no sense not to support our society and government in a national health care plan, particularly when we spend so much privately with such mediocre results. (According to the World Health Organization, the United States ranks 37th in health care among industrialized nations, with low rankings in longevity, infant mortality and access to health care, despite spending \$5,000 to \$6,000 more per person than any other industrialized nation.)

Americans do come together for important things for all of our citizens. Now is the time.

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