
YOUR VIEWS

'There is only Science'

I've just finished reading Carl Sagan's wonderful book, "Demon Haunted World," available in the West Bend Library. Sagan laments that we have created a civilization based on science and technology while average citizens are woefully ignorant of what science truly means.

While reading the Your Views section (Aug. 28) I find Sagan's prophetic vision is proven true. A writer opines that the library purchased creationist "science" books, but did not put them in the science section.

Rightfully so, many of these books are not science. They are thinly veiled attempts to wrap creationism in a cloak of science. Intelligent Design, the leading creationist "scientific" alternative to The Theory of Evolution, was found not to be science by the courts (See Kitzmiller V. Dover 2005).

The writer erroneously drew a distinction between "real science" and "historical science." There is only Science. The same scientific method that sent a man to the moon and doubled the average human life span formulated and supports the Theory of Evolution. Some people accept the bountiful benefits that science brings, but reject its validity when it makes them uncomfortable.

Yes, many of the great scientific minds like Galileo, Copernicus and Mendel were creationist, but the discoveries they made contributed to overall human knowledge. There is no such thing

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as Christian science or Muslim science or Hindu science. Only Science.

If we are honest and unafraid we will follow where the knowledge leads us.

I agree that kids deserve easy access to accurate scientific information. Scientific information that has been rigorously tested and peer reviewed. Creationism has not. Portraying an untested and untestable religious philosophy as science, would rob our kids of valuable knowledge they need to succeed in a competitive world.

Remember, keep an open mind, but not so open your brain falls out.

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