



THE BATTLE RAGES ON

Evolution v. Intelligent Design: Academic freedom for teachers and students or indoctrination?

"Nothing in biology makes any sense except in the light of evolution." Theodosius Dobzhansky

This quote first appeared in *The American Biology Teacher* in March, 1973. Theodosius Dobzhansky was a geneticist who was an ardent disciple of evolutionary theory and, as a result, became a proponent of eugenics. Eugenics is the "science" of creating through selected breeding, or in modern times, through gene manipulation, the "master race." Eugenists believe that mankind can be improved by weeding out undesirables from the gene pool and encouraging the strongest and fittest to have children. Dobzhansky served on the board of the American Eugenics Society from 1964 to 1973 and was Chairman of the Board from 1964 to 1975. He is known as the father of "evolutionary synthesis," and is still revered by proponents of evolution and eugenics. Other eugenists/evolutionists that achieved the status of revered gurus are the Huxleys, Alfred Kinsey, Hermann J. Muller, and Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood.

Charles Darwin, the father of evolutionary theory, agreed with Thomas Robert Malthus' theory of scarcity being the mechanism that drove evolutionary progress. Darwin even argued that charitable acts by man only led to evolutionary degeneration; that men should allow the unfit to die out, leaving the strongest and fittest to procreate. Sir Julian Huxley, leader of the British Eugenics Society, the first president of UNESCO, and a charter member of the Society for the Study of Evolution stated, "Evolution – or to spell it out, the idea of evolutionary process – is the most powerful and the most comprehensive idea that has ever arisen on earth." He also stated that "the God hypothesis has ceased to be scientifically tenable, has lost its explanatory value and is becoming an intellectual and moral burden on our thought. It no longer convinces or comforts, and its abandonment often brings a deep sense of relief – once our relief in jettisoning an outdated piece of furniture is over, we *must construct something to take its place.*" [Emphasis Added] Sir Francis Galton, Darwin's cousin, invented the "science" of eugenics, endowing an academic chair for it in London in 1904. As a result eugenics "societies" sprang up all over Europe and eventually came to the United States. The eugenics notion was highly popular in Europe, particularly in Germany, giving rise to Hitler's "final solution" for the Jews, a race he considered inferior. After Hitler's defeat, eugenists had to re-create their public image as most people were quite shocked at the cruel genocide of the Hitler regime. Since 1973 the American Eugenics Society has called itself The Society for the Study of Social Biology and has become an

affiliate with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, (AAAS), and the organization that writes science standards across the nation. Five members of the eugenics society were also presidents of the AAAS according to **The Nazi Connection**, by Stefan Kuhl (Oxford University Press 1994).

In fact, the AAAS claimed that they would not allow the Kansas Standards as amended by the present State Board of Education to stand with their "copy-righted" language. The reason – Kansas did not adapt their view that evolution is all in all – that it is THE unifying concept in all of biology. They were unhappy that Kansas teachers and students would now be allowed to go outside the "evolutionary box" to search for evidence and explanations for the earth and man's origins.

It is clear from some of the writings of these evolutionist/eugenists that traditional religion should play no part in observing the world around us. Ernst Mayr, who endorsed a biology book, **Science as a Way of Knowing**, by John Moore, a textbook used across the nation, stated, "At no previous time in history has an understanding of biology been more crucial than it is today. All our major current problems are ultimately biological: the population explosion, the greenhouse effect, the depletion of resources, unsolved medical problems, famines. Solutions will have to be *biological as well as sociological.* [Emphasis Added] No one is better qualified to provide citizens with an understanding of the essential principles and concepts of biology than John A. Moore..." John Moore is a past president of the Society for the Study of Evolution. Mayr, along with Julian Huxley was a founder of this society with the purpose to "synthesize" or unify all concepts of science with Darwin's idea of natural selection. Moore's book and former Kansas science standards mirrored that philosophy. Moore dedicated an entire chapter of his book to "The Judeo Christian World-View" in which he delineates his "scientific" world view as being incompatible with Christianity. He states, "the statements of science are derived ultimately from the data of observation and experimentation. In contrast, religious dogma "is interpreted by a caste of priests and is accepted by the multitudes on faith or under duress."

The information in this article was obtained from an article by Rebecca Messall, a colleague and friend who wrote "The Evolution of Genocide" which appeared in **The Human Life Review** in the winter of 1999. Rebecca spent many hours researching the connections between evolution and eugenics. Her entire article may be read at www.humanlifereview.com/1999_winter/messall_w2000.php

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