

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
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Here's what provoked me:

A letter writer relegated a significant portion of our religious citizens to a category best described as "irrational stupidity." And it's all because these "believers" are faithful to their belief in a Creator/God. I had to point out that it's just not that simple.

Here's my response:

Don't Be Too Hard on "Godly Folks"! (Let me fill in some of the blanks.)

First came a reasonable explanation about "teaching evolution, creationism" offered by Richard Metz (May 12). Then Vic Boberg relegated the mere mention of creationism to a category of irrational stupidity ("Creationism in schools"- May 26).

Metz was not advocating his support for either theory. He was pointing out that informing students that "creationism" beliefs exist makes sense because not doing so would be ignoring a portion of the population that is "more than a de minimis fraction of the population." These folks exist, and hiding that fact isn't consistent with liberal educational traditions.

It's no longer just about evolution (to the exclusion of belief in a creator), or creationism (to the exclusion of any scientific relevancy). Many objective, true believers in a Creator/God were comfortable with their faith AND their acknowledgement of scientific evidence, but didn't know what to call their theory. Whence cometh their answer – it's been called: creation science / intelligent design, and some other things. This acknowledges scientific evidence, but leaves room for traditional belief in a Creator/God. That's not so bad! Metz was very aware of this, but it was not the subject of his brief letter.

My point? It's just not that simple, Mr. Boberg.