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## **THE STAND**

### **INTELLIGENT DESIGN**

There are some people, wise unto themselves, who have a serious problem with God. Many are Agnostics, maybe yes or maybe no, and still others are Atheists, betting their lives here and hereafter that there is no God. Never mind that the old saying goes that the fool has said in his heart that there is no God.

The politically correct way to talk about God is to refer to some amorphous INTELLIGENT DESIGN. Something or someone is out there, and that someone or something can be just about anything anyone cares to believe. There is, these generalists say, very possibly some kind of intelligence governing the universe, some order, some force or power making things happen. Whatever it is, there is something MORE out there however well we can know what it is. As long as this so-called divine concept stays vague and general, no problem. But the problem comes when we seek to really know this God and we look in faith at the universe believing that there is a real creator who actually cares for and is involved with our lives, his very own creations. That is not politically correct or acceptable in this day and age. Atheists and Secularists, and in fact all who have deep aversions to anything religious are fanatically attempting to expunge religion from the public life, and of course from education. They want evolution to be taught, and evolution only. They are not even willing to have the possibility of INTELLIGENT DESIGN even discussed much less taught. All such Secularists are bound and determined to get God out of the classroom and the public arena, and they are aggressively using the courts to make sure this agenda occurs.

But surely there is room for both God and Darwin, is there not, in our public schools and elsewhere? The Constitution does indeed protect against the establishment of any religion, or promoting any specific religion in any public arena. That is well and good, but the Constitution does not in any way prevent the discussion or even consideration of the possibility of the existence of God and Intelligent Design. There are those who firmly believe that the universe and all therein are simply the product of chance and mechanical natural laws. They are entitled to that belief. But there are others, many more so, far and away the majority, who believe in both God and Intelligent Design and both points of view should be fully and fairly discussed and considered at any level of public life, including and especially education. We deprive our children and our people from all such healthy discussions and learning when there is this fanatical insistence by Secularists that nothing God-like can ever be discussed or taught in classrooms. That is just simply not right.

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What a tremendous intellectual and spiritual exercise it would be for children to be challenged to prove or disprove the concept of God or Intelligent Design. They could read and study contrary points of view. They could study some of the great writings of all time, philosophic and religious. They could think and meditate on their own. Students could discuss and debate the issues. Their point of view could be challenged and refined. They could learn from others, the points of view of teachers and professors, and they could be challenged to think more deeply and widely, again in the search for truth. Why should anyone, including and especially Atheists and Secularists, fear the search for truth, the answer to the most important question any human being can ask:

DOES GOD EXIST?

If so, a life should be spent determining who that God is, the divine ways and wisdom, and the truth of God which emanates through the universe. Our educational systems and our Constitutional foundation should encourage, not prohibit, the search for truth in every possible way.

One must be blinded and totally indifferent to the things of this planet, our galaxy, and our universe not to see evidence at every turn of INTELLIGENT DESIGN. For most of humanity, that means GOD and God at work. It is for Atheists and Secularists unintelligent to ignore INTELLIGENT DESIGN, or to attempt to prohibit others from recognizing and understanding this incredible truth. It is hard to believe that anyone could live a life without some belief in God or Intelligent Design. There are those, perhaps many, but I for one am not, thank God. And I trust that God is in your life in the richest most personal way possible. That for me, and I hope for you, is nothing but INTELLIGENT!

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