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Another Annoying NYT Article On Intelligent Design

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This one talks as if scientists who are religious are an embattled minority who whisper about their faith when no one is listening.

But disdain for religion is far from universal among scientists. And today, as religious groups challenge scientists in arenas as various as evolution in the classroom, AIDS prevention and stem cell research, scientists who embrace religion are beginning to speak out about their faith.

So evolution versus creationism/ID is NOT about shoving one group's narrow religious beliefs into public schools, as we all foolishly assumed. It's about godless scientists versus people of faith. Besides, stem cell research is an ethical issue that all people wrestle with even atheists. And AIDS research would have been a good comparison, since the far right lies about basic facts -- such as the efficacy of condoms -- that are simply not in dispute.

The truth is that some of the greatest scientists in history -- Einstein, Isaac Newton -- have been people of faith. And for most major religions, there is no conflict between religious belief and the latest scientific findings. They might have done a serious article detailing this but instead took the side of the IDers who want to force MY children to learn THEIR religious beliefs as science when it's nothing of the sort. This NYT series is getting worse and worse.









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