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On Jan 4, 4:28 pm, Jo Schaper <jonot34schape...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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A legal
standard for
dating is
needed.
Using AD
or BC does
not
interfere
with an
university
using BP in
the geology
department
or any other
dating
system for
scientific
use.

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Umm, what part of "Neither the state, nor any political subdivision, shall use any other designation", do you not understand?

George

Yes I do ! It is obvious that you do not!!

JL

Obviously, you don't understand. Our state universities are part of the State government. Which means, according to the wording of that law, they would be required to use AD and BC in all of their publications. This is clearly a case of trying to force science (and society at large) to revert back to "the good ole days". It is yet another attempt by bigoted Christians to usurp secular society by forcing their beliefs on believers and non-believers alike. It's absurd (and probably a violation of our constitutional rights), and shouldn't be allowed.

OK, I agree – it's absurd. It's about as absurd as the move to stop using BC/AD was in the first place, considering that the terms were very recognizable to everybody. I mean, really, what's the big deal? Were unsuspecting non-Christians going to be subversively converted to Christianity because of BC/AD? Did it hurt people's feelings? Give me a break. I'm an atheist myself, yet somehow I still slept at night, even while knowing that religious references were defining our calendar terminology. OH, the HORROR!

I have no objection if people (even the state of Missouri) want to use a calendar based on the appearance of the Crab Nebula, or the birthday of someone's poodle. I don't object to the use of AD/BC or CE/BCE on

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correspondence or laws — that's all the same to me. I don't think we've got a problem of people knowing when it is. He is fixing a non-existent problem IMO.

It is the second sentence which bothers me: "Neither the state, nor any political subdivision, shall use any other designation." That's an open invitation to the young earthers to sue, based on the law, against state and state academic publications which use other time scales, such as geologic and archaeological time scales, which would clearly be forbidden unless converted to the AD/BC system.

I suspect, if you took a poll of all adults in the state, people who are convinced the earth is 4–5 billion years old are outnumbered by people who believe the earth was created at 4004 B.C. on October 22, at 11 a.m. around here, and it's that way because the Bible said so. I'd rather peacefully co-exist with those people until they start stepping on the toes of science.

Before you judge other people I suggest you look to yourself first and test what you believe as an individual and as part of 'science'. You will discover why people choose to believe in concepts which they otherwise would not dream of doing, more as a reaction to the ultra-secularism of the empirical cult and the awful way it goes about applying the 'experimental method' to topics that do not require such an 'experimental' approach, evolutionary geology, astronomy and to some extent climatology as examples. So, how bad is the situation! – it is really, really desperate, so let me show you exactly how shocking your beliefs actually are.

If I were to ask people who is was the most famous scientist of the last century, most people here would agree that it was Einstein. If I asked the same people the reason why he was considered a genius, there would be a sharp drop in responses or they were simply in concord with the general agreement that he did something special, something which is proposed to this day by many of the well known universities –

'What does the word 'spacetime' mean?' Question 42

"It means that in our universe, 3-dimensional space and time form a single indivisible new physical object which has 4 dimensions. All physical laws and phenomena seem to require thinking about space and time as this blended object. That's what Einstein's relativity theories were all about."

<http://einstein.stanford.edu/>

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The last line of that statement is curious or at least it should be, for although Einstein did propose space/time in the 20th century, the actual concept existed in the 19th century as a narrative contrivance by H.G. Wells for his enjoyable fiction novel – 'The Time Machine' –

"Scientific people,' proceeded the Time Traveller, after the pause required for the proper assimilation of this, 'know very well that Time is only a kind of Space" H.G. Wells

<http://www.bartleby.com/1000/1.html>

So,if you want to know something that actually is scary then discover how your 'science' tries to pass off as 'achievements',concepts which could be found in any science fiction section of a bookstore in the late 19th century.

That's the reason it's a big deal: to see this bill stays in committee and dies a natural death. Incidentally, the senator who introduced this isn't some rural yahoo— he represents one of the most affluent urba –

suburbs of St. Louis. That's what's really scary.

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