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Goal: Understand the difference between creationism, intelligent design, and evolution and think about how you view the intersection of science and faith

Purpose:

- Read a viewpoint from an anthropologist who has been critical of both science and religious viewpoints on human origins
- Be able to articulate this debate from a biological anthropology perspective.
- Think about the role biological anthropology plays in the public understanding of human origins.

Questions

1. What is creationism? How does Marks define it? What is its connection to Intelligent Design?
2. What did you know, if anything, about the Scopes Monkey Trial before reading this article? Could something like the Scopes trial happen today? What would it look like?
3. What do you think about the way that Mencken talked about theology and religion?
4. What links are there between evolution and eugenics?
5. What role can faith play in understanding human origins?

Bonus: Look up Steven Jay Gould's theory of Non-overlapping magisteria (NOMA) and think about how his views might help inform the discussion of science and religion