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Page 1: Clarence Darrow

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Darrow: What we find here today, is as brazen and bold an attempt to destroy learning as was ever made in the Middle Ages. The only difference is, we have not provided that Mr. Scopes shall be burned at the stake. But there is time for that, Your Honor. We have to approach these things gradually.

Now we have been informed that the legislature has the right to prescribe study in the public schools. Within reason, they no doubt have. But the people of Tennessee adopted a piece of legislation that says you shan't teach any theory on the origin of man, except the divine account contained in the Bible.

No legislature is strong enough to pick any book as being divine. The state of Tennessee has no more right to teach the Bible as the Divine Book than that the Koran is one, or the Book of Mormons, or the books of Confucius or the Buddha, or the essays of Emerson, or any one of a thousand books to which human souls have gone for consolation.

Bryan: Mr. Scopes tells the children to copy this diagram, which effectively detaches them from the throne of God, and links their ancestors with the jungle. I quote page 195..."from the old world monkeys, at a remote period came, man, the wonder and glory of the universe." Not even from American monkeys but from "old world monkeys" mind you!

That's a great game to be put in the public schools - to find man among animals! And then, my friend, if these children believe it, they go back home to scoff at the religion of their parents! But these parents have a right to say that no teacher paid by their money shall rob their children of faith in God and send them back to their houses skeptical infidels, or agnostics, or atheists!

They call us ignoramuses and bigots because we don't throw away our Bible, and yet they demand that we allow them to teach this stuff to our children!