

October 9, 2017

School Board Members  
Bayonne High School  
123 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Re: Teaching Evolutionary Biology

Dear Board Members,

My name is Jessica Jones, Pastor of the New Life Baptist Church here in Bayonne. I am writing this letter to prove to you that intelligent design should be taught in biology classes at Bayonne High School. My proof to you will be in the form of the Design Argument, which is a straightforward argument that will prove to you that God does exist. The world seems to show signs of purposeful design, meaning that everything is intentionally made by an intelligent being, which we call God.

Imagine working in your garden on a Sunday morning and you find an acorn. There is nothing different or surprising about seeing an acorn in the garden, as it could have fallen from the nearby trees. As you continue to work in your garden cutting the weeds and picking your vegetables and herbs and you come across a ball point pen. You will probably ask yourself, how a ball point pen got into the garden as it was not there last Sunday. You then pick the ball point pen up and notice that it has different parts (i.e. tube filled with ink, a spring and a pointed end). You then notice that all of the parts formed together and when held upright it will allow the ink to flow so that you can actually write with it on paper. In that moment, you realize that if these parts were not put together properly the pen would not write. You now know that someone created the ball point pen for the purpose of writing with ink. The acorn on the other hand, is just a simple acorn with no functional parts to put together for a purpose. This is just an example that everything is intentionally made by an intelligent being, God.

In my example above, I have utilized the premises of the Design Argument which are as follows:

- The analogy of the acorn and the pen. The reason why we think the pen was designed and the acorn was not. The pen was put together to write with and the acorn does not have an obvious purpose.
- Biology is a study of living organisms and these organisms are arranged to achieve some purpose (i.e. like joints in our limbs helps us to bend and be flexible).
- Organisms exhibit a design created by a designer, which is God.
- There is a God.

Therefore, as a religious leader in this community, I hope that I have proven to you that God does exist and it is important that you the School Board implement teaching intelligent design in biology classes so that all students get to learn that all organisms were created by designer, God and that God does exist.

If you happen to have any questions regarding the implementation of teaching intelligent design in biology, please feel free to contact me at 201-200-2001 or I would be happy participate in you next board meeting.

Sincerely,

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