

Op-Chart

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THE DESCENT OF DISSENT



This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully, and critically considered.

This disclaimer sticker, which the Cobb County Board of Education in Georgia approved for use in science books in 2002, is now being challenged in federal court.



This textbook suggests that the universe was created by a "big bang." The "big bang" theory is not a fact, and posits that all matter and energy started as a single point, among other premises that seem inconceivable. The reader is directed to approach this theory with a critical mind.



This book details how God created humans. However, some people insist we are descended from aliens. The reader is advised to keep an open mind, and to stay alert.



This textbook discusses Intelligent Design, the notion that a supernatural being, or an alien, created life on earth and then shaped it over time. Because the authors are, possibly, extraterrestrials with special powers, be polite and do not poke them with sticks.



This textbook discusses the atomic theory. Because it is not a fact or a scientific law, readers should use valuable class time to explore other theories on the composition of matter, even if they are ridiculously unlikely.



This textbook describes the theory of combustion. This theory relies on an imposing number of complicated assumptions and equations, and thus this book might not ignite in your microwave.



This textbook promotes Intelligent Design Creationism as an alternative to evolution and natural selection. Because Intelligent Design is the premise of several best-selling science fiction novels, readers are encouraged to believe the idea has actual scientific merit.



This textbook provides data supporting the theory of global warming. Because this evidence undermines the beliefs of important people, the readers are encouraged to highlight all instances of "theory" with a cool, light-blue highlighter.



This book offers Intelligent Design as an explanation for life on earth. Although this book has a really cute animal on its cover, the author is a lunatic with a faith-based approach to logic. Please consider the book with an open mind, and then quickly move your children to a different school district.



This textbook suggests that life was created, and is now guided, by an Intelligent Designer. Although the author does not specify whether this entity is God or just an alien, he argues persuasively that the creator must be very, very smart and possess a highly developed fashion sense.