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Re: Open Mindless

Dear Editor,

Maybe Don Richey is right, maybe we should be more open minded about what we teach in our science classes (Register Guard, Letters to the Editor, 2/9/04). But if we want to be truly open minded in our science courses, we should teach more than just the Christian creation myth that the world popped into existence around 6,000 years ago shortly before the pyramids were built (you know, around the time that Fred Flintstone was playfully cavorting with the dinosaurs). We should also teach other creation myths, including Native American, African and Asian creation myths, such as the Hindu creation myth that the world sits on the back of a giant turtle.

What about Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Biology and Geology you might ask? Aren't these evidence based and empirically tested scientific disciplines slightly more accurate accounts of what actually happened? Heck no, they're just "other ways of knowing". The important thing is to be open minded after all.

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