

## Textbook disclaimer stickers

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This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a 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 textbook contains material on gravity. Gravity *is a theory*, not a fact, regarding a force that cannot be directly seen. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully, and critically considered.

This book discusses heliocentrism, the theory that the Earth orbits around a centrally located sun. Students should be encouraged to fully consider the evidence *for*, and the evidence *against*, this interesting idea.

This textbook suggests that the Earth is spherical. Because some delusional wackos still think the Earth is flat, while others insist it is oblate spheroid, teachers are urged to skip over this controversial topic in lesson plans.

This textbook states that the Earth is over 4 billion years old. Because this fact conflicts rather directly with a hugely popular fictional account, students are encouraged to critically analyze the scientific evidence for a very old Earth.

This book promotes the theory of plate tectonics, the gradual movement of the major land masses. Because nobody actually witnessed the land masses moving, teachers should refer to the theory as unprovable.

This textbook used to contain material about general relativity. General relativity is a scientific theory that promotes relativism, plus few scientists fully understand it. The offending section was therefore cut out of the book with a razor blade.

This textbook suggests that the origin of life was a wholly natural event, not a holy magic trick. Because this view makes fundamentalists go off their medication, readers are encouraged to burn this book along with the author.

This book discusses God. The existence of entities with supernatural powers is controversial, and many believe that myths, especially other people's myths, are fictional. This material should be approached with a sense of humor.

This textbook claims that evolution is not fully accepted by scientists because it is just a theory. The author hopes to confuse you into equating *scientific* theory with *cockamamie* theory.

This book does not contain the word "evolution," *the* unifying principle in biology and an important component of the National Science Standards and the Scholastic Achievement Test.

This book mentions Intelligent Design. Scientists first rejected supernatural explanations for life in the 1800s, and still do today — regardless of how these explanations are named.

This book contains an evolution disclaimer sticker mandated by your local school board. For fun, submit an article to a local paper that analyzes the effects of weakened science instruction on the success of students' college applications.

This book was anonymously donated to your school library to discreetly promote magical, religious alternatives to the theory of evolution. When you are finished with it, please reshelve the book in the fiction section.

This book discusses evolution. President George W. Bush said, "*On the issue of evolution, the verdict is still out on how God created the Earth.*" Therefore, until 2009 this material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully, and critically considered.