

BAYLOR FACULTY MAKES STATEMENT ON EVOLUTION

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Evolution had been carried to Baylor from Wake Forest, North Carolina. Year after year there has been trouble over it; sometimes the claim being made that Evolution and God's word "rightly interpreted" do not contradict, the "rightly interpreted," of course, meaning the Evolutionists, interpretation; sometimes the claim being made that no Evolution was taught in Baylor University,—only to be followed by resignations of Professors, admitting that they had been teaching Evolution. The Editor of The Conflict reviewed through the Southern Press a book written and Published by Professor Daw of Baylor University, bearing the imprint of The Baylor University Press, which taught the rankest Evolution.

After these years of struggle and contention, at last the deadly teaching brought to Baylor from Wake Forest, has been overcome.

The following declaration has been signed by every member of the faculty of Baylor University.

It is straight-forward, clear-cut, ringing, assuring. Why should not every member of every faculty of all Southern Baptist Schools sign this declaration, including the University of Richmond, Va., and Howard College, Ala.? It would bring joy to hundreds of thousands of hearts.

But The Conflict fight is against Evolution in our tax-supported schools; for that is a violation of Religious Liberty guaranteed to us by our Constitution; and in that fight Evolution is doomed—or the Editor of The Conflict is no prophet.

But read and rejoice over this noble Texas declaration signed by every member of the Baylor University faculty:

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Nov. 12, 1924. To the Board of Trustees of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Dear Friends: We, the academic faculty of Baylor University at Waco, the president and each individual member thereof, wish to express to the board of trustees, in writing, what has often been expressed for us by the board, our conventions in regard to our common task as fellow-workers in belief of the University.

We appreciate the freedom of investigation, of teaching and of discussion which inheres in the very conception of a university, without which freedom a university would be a misnomer and would have no adequate purpose. At the same time, we also recognize the inviolate obligations ever resting upon teachers to distinguish carefully between mere hypotheses and established facts, and to resist the tendency of some textbooks to use fresh discoveries of truth or alleged discoveries of truth as convenient weapons of attack upon the facts of religion. We further re-

cognize the extraordinary duty of Christian teachers in this age of unrest to prove all things and hold fast that which is good, to test to the uttermost all theories and to conserve the precious, established facts of our holy religion. Therefore do we beg the privilege of reassuring the trustees, whose servants we are, concerning our beliefs and purposes on the following points, to-wit:

First, we would reiterate the commanding ideal which we set before us when we dedicated ourselves to our responsible office, to live devout lives in the expression of our Christian experience, to keep open, reverent, obedient minds toward all truth, to maintain a considerate and constructive attitude toward all inquirers after truth, and to be faithful as interpreters and exponents in all our duties as Christian teachers.

Second, in regard to the varied speculative theories and hypotheses current in the educational realm we would express it as our conviction that the evolutionary theory, for example, which all men know has long and generally been a working hypothesis or science and which in its primary sense of development probably will continue to be, HAS NOT, EVEN AS ITS LEADING EXPOUNDERS READILY ADMIT, TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES NOR BROUGHT FORTH ONE SINGLE CONVINCING PROOF THAT MAN IS NOT THE DIRECT CREATION OF GOD AS RECORDED IN GENESIS. As Christian teachers, therefore, feeling obligated to pursue investigation of truth into all fields of human knowledge and to set forth as we find them, we wish to re-

cord our ever-growing conviction that THERE CAN BE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN TRUE SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. Further, WE UNEQUIVOCALLY ACCEPT THE LANGUAGE PRESIDENT E. Y. MULLINS, WHICH WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETING IN KANSAS CITY IN 1923, adopting as our very own the words of this great Baptist scholar and theologian, who was then president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is now president of the largest theological seminary in this country and president of the Baptist World Alliance, when he said: "WE RECORD AGAIN OUR UNWAVERING ADHERENCE TO THE SUPERNATURAL ELEMENTS IN THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S REVELATION OF HIMSELF THROUGH MAN MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND IS OUR SUFFICIENT, CERTAIN AND AUTHORITY GUIDE IN RELIGION. JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE WAS THE DIVINE AND ETERNAL SON OF GOD. HE WROUGHT MIRACLES, HEALING THE SICK, CASTING OUT DEMONS, RAISING THE DEAD. HE DIED AS THE VICARIOUS, ATONING SAVIOR OF THE

WORLD, AND WAS BURIED. HE AROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD. THE TOMB WAS EMPTIED OF ITS CONTENTS. IN HIS RISEN BODY HE APPEARED MANY TIMES TO HIS DISCIPLES. HE ASCENDED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE WILL COME AGAIN IN PERSON THE SAME JESUS WHO ASCENDED FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES."

Third, we desire to make these statements in full appreciation of the age-old Baptist principle that no binding creed should be fastened by any ecclesiastical authority upon the conscience of Christians, but freely of our own accord, just as a church or convention may declare its faith. This we do in our sincere desire to inform, through the board of trustees, the great denomination to which Baylor University belongs that we are in hearty agreement with the fundamentals of Christian faith as held by the Baptists, and in order that we may assure that noble brotherhood that we are seeking to the limits of our ability to discharge the high obligations that rest upon us as Christian teachers."

J. FRANK NORRIS AND EVOLUTIONISTS

He never defends himself. He never asks anybody to defend him. He does some things which the Editor of THE CONFLICT thinks are wrong. He considers it a fearful wrong to try to injure the influence and good name of great, useful men, and to try to cripple great Christian institutions. And Frank Norris doubtless thinks that The Editor of THE CONFLICT does some things that are wrong. On the other hand, J. Frank Norris has been treated wrong. But let the people say what they may, God is using J. Frank Norris. He has held and is holding, the greatest meetings ever held by any Pastor of any denomination in America; and no man dares to say that he is not preaching the Gospel. Paul rejoiced that even though some men preached Christ from envy and strife, the Gospel was preached. But some never rejoice that Frank Norris is preaching the Gospel with such power and that the Gospel he preaches is being used of God to the salvation of multitudes. The Editor of THE CONFLICT supplied for Frank Norris six weeks, a few years ago. He went to Fort Worth expecting to find a mushroom church built up by sensationism. He found, instead one of the most spiritual churches he has ever known; he met old ex-saloon keepers, ex-gamblers and ex-drunkards who were decent, godly men who had been led to Christ by Frank Norris.

But let us grant that every thing said against Frank Norris is true—shall we become neutral on the greatest issue that Christianity ever faced, simply because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution? Shall we remain inactive when we are

facing the greatest curse that ever fell upon mankind since Adam fell; simply because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution?

Some men are saying "I am opposed to Evolution and I would fight it, but I am afraid people would think that I am lining up with Frank Norris."

Well, if you are not lining up against Evolution, you are lining up with the Devil, for the Devil is certainly on the side of Evolution. When it comes to lining up with Frank Norris or the Devil, let those who will line up with the Devil.

A dog trees a skunk in your back yard and you say, "I would shoot the skunk, but I am afraid that some one might think that I am lining up with the dog!"

A dog is battling with a rattlesnake in your back yard where your children are at play and you say, "I would kill the rattlesnake but I am afraid some one would think I am lining up with the dog!"

A tramp is trying to choke poison down your child's throat and a slouchy, boot-legging negro is trying to save your child, and you say, "I would knock the poison from the tramp's hand and save my child, but some one might think that I am lining up with the negro!"

And yet here are the Evolutionists choking Evolution down the throats of our children and forcing us to pay their salaries with our taxes for them to destroy the faith of our children in God's word and in the Savior, damning fifteen per cent of them the first year in College, thirty per cent the second year and forty-five per cent the third year, and yet you stand by and say, "I would fight Evolution, but some one might think that I was lining up with Frank Norris!" you poor little back-boneless, effeminate, shrivel-souled,

boot-licking time-server! Slink away and save yourself.

Because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution, therefore we will turn our schools over to Evolution; because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution, therefore we will not fight and let the Evolution school-teachers destroy the faith of our children in God's word; because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution, we will not fight it, but let the Evolution school teachers destroy our children's faith in the virgin birth of the Saviour and in his deity; because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution, therefore we will not fight, but will let the Evolution school teachers destroy the faith of our children in Christ dying for our sins to redeem us from all iniquity; because Frank Norris is fighting Evolution, therefore we will not fight it, but will continue to pay our taxes to pay the salaries of the Evolutionists to damn our children.

Let those who will follow this course, but as for THE CONFLICT, we will fight this God-defying, Bible-destroying, Christ-betraying, faith-destroying, Constitution-trampling, anarchistic Evolution till this right arm and this tongue and brain are palsied with death. If Frank Norris fights it, we will, too; if the Jews fight it, we will, too; if the decent infidels fight it, we will, too; if the Catholics fight it, we will, too.

Let the prejudice-arousers sneak around and whisper and back-bite and say, "THE CONFLICT is lining up with Frank Norris and with the Jews, and with the Infidels, and with the Catholics!" We welcome into the ranks every man who will strike a blow at this hydra-headed monster that is sweeping from college presidencies, and professorships, from editorial chairs and school-rooms.

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