Subject: Re: Church of FSM

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NeoSaber wrote on Thu, 27 October 2005 16:10How did a topic that started with talk on intelligent design and evolution degenerate so fast into "God exists", "No he doesn't", "Yes, He does", "No, he doesn't"... Is it just a way of avoiding the issue?

So, back on topic for a sec: Evolution isn't a scientific theory, yet it's taught in schools. Intelligent Design is equally a hypothesis that has little to no testable evidence, so why not teach it as well? At least ID includes information that's more modern, whereas evolution is typically taught with information that is, at best, decades out of date. Honestly, I don't think either should be taught until college, at the earliest. Neither merits being taught to children, since there's no scientific experiments to support them.

But people never actually look at that stuff. Debates always seem to turn into one side saying "Evolution is a theory, not a fact", and the other saying "ID is religion, not science"

If you use the argument "Evolution is a theory, not a fact", you might as well concede the entire debate right there. A scientific theory is so well tested, it might as well be 'fact'. A real scientific theory is Einstein's General Relativity, evolution is a joke by comparison.

Then there's the people who say ID is religion, not science. Intelligent Design is a statistical analysis of scientific evidence that indicates things were designed with intent. It's essentially 'the scientific evidence of God'. It is approaching the whole issue of 'is there a God' from a scientific perspective. Whether you agree with the hypothesis or not you can't just dismiss it as 'religion'.

It's nice to know someone actually knows the definition of a scientific theory.