

## QUICK REFERENCE: THE CLERGY LETTER PROJECT

### Essential Differences: Clergy Letter Project vs. Biblical Christianity

*Keep religion out of the schools, but allow the theory of evolution into the Church? (Spiritual Implications)*

<b>The Clergy Letter Project</b> <small>(a movement)</small> "THE UNITED CHURCH OF EVOLUTION"	<b>Historic Biblical Christianity</b>
<b>GOD</b>	
Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Beloved stories found in the Bible – the Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark are stories, not scientific truths. Man evolved over millions of years and was not created as a human being then placed in the garden of Eden. Therefore God as Creator is only a metaphor.	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There is only one God – "The Holy Trinity" God the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, 2:7, Matt. 28:19-20, John 1:1-3)
<b>JESUS</b>	
"In the beginning was creativity and the creativity was with God, and the creativity was God. All things came into being through the mystery of creativity; apart from creativity nothing would have come into being." <small>(Rev A E Hunt- Kaufman 2004:ix)</small> Therefore, Jesus is a metaphor	God the Son. Second Person of the Trinity. (Genesis 1:26, John 1:1-3, 14, Hebrews 1:8) The only way of Salvation (John 14:1-6) In Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17)
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>	
Another metaphor	God the Holy Spirit. Third Person of the Trinity. (Acts 5:3-4, 20:28)
<b>The Bible</b>	
The majority of Christians do not read the Bible literally, as they would a science textbook. Timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist.	The Word of God is without error. All Scripture is "God - Breathed" God's Word is eternal. (Matthew 24:35 - 2 Timothy 3:16)
<b>Salvation</b>	
Mankind and all living things continue to evolve. New scientific discoveries will guide us as we learn to save ourselves.	Saved by Grace through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
<b>Resurrection</b>	
Not a resurrection, but instead continuing onward by accepting our position in the circle of life within the animal kingdom.	We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, His ascension, and the future resurrection of all believers. (John 20:27-28, Acts 1:11, )
<b>Second Coming of Jesus Christ</b>	
Metaphor – not scientific	His personal return (Revelation 1:7-8) (I Corinthians 15:3, I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
<b>Heaven &amp; Earth</b>	
The heavens (the sky, clouds, air) as well as the earth must be saved from global warming caused by man as all continues to evolve.	There will be a new heaven and a new earth the eternal glorified state of all believers (2 Peter 3:13)
<b>Hell</b>	
Hell is a myth, metaphor and a negative thought. As humans evolve their intellectual development will leave such thoughts behind.	Eternal punishment in Hell for all who reject Jesus Christ. (John 5:28-29; John 3:31)

**"Those who accept the Clergy Letter Project and all its implications are falling away from the Faith"**