LETTER TO THE EDITOR ABOUT MEDIA BIAS

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NOTE: The following will introduce this letter to the Editor. The Tupelo Daily Journal published the letter on 21 March 1996. It was printed under “THE FORUM” with the following introduction, “A reader from Saltillo believes Christian apologists don’t get a fair break in the media.”

BIAS IN THE MEDIA

In reference to the “Parade” Daily Journal, March 10, article by Professor Carl Sagan, “In the Valley of the Shadow.” Professor Sagan does not believe in God. He has the power to believe whatever he chooses. Carl Sagan is well known and his anti-God, anti-creation views have been made public via the news media, television, etc. Professor Sagan’s “Cosmos” series on television more than likely were viewed by millions.

Dr. Sagan, professor of astronomy at Cornell University, has been described as sort of a “superstar” of science.

When Dr. Sagan speaks, the world stops, looks and listens. Not long ago Walter Cronkite hosted a television show in which in his charming “I have all the answers” manner belittled the Bible and the view that mankind was created by God. Mr. Cronkite, of course, can choose to believe whatever he wants to. When Madalyn Murray O’Hair, an atheist movement leader, speaks in general the news media will inform the public.

To me all this seems somewhat unfair. Now, this is the real reason I wanted to address this seemingly biased situation.

The general public is not informed that the atheist, the evolutionary thought, the skeptical world, has been challenged over and over again by Christian apologists in the defense of God, the Bible and creation.

What do you think, does the “media” inform the public of the challenges to refute atheism, etc.? Now back to Dr. Carl Sagan.

Time magazine interviewed Dr. Sagan (Time, Oct. 20, 1980, page 63). Of him, Time says, “Sagan also issues open challenges. To creationists, who argue for the biblical interpretation of life’s beginnings, he states that evolution is not a theory, it is a fact.”

Guess what? That challenge was accepted by Thomas B. Warren, Ph.D. Dr. Warren wrote to Dr. Sagan (two letters) without any response. On Feb. 26, 1981, Dr. Warren wrote to the Time editor. Amy Musher of the Time editorial offices kindly wrote to Dr. Warren, saying that Time was unable to publish any part of Dr. Warren’s letter in its letters column. Now I ask, does this sound fair? It seems the lesson is obvious.

By the way, many works have been published (debates between Christians and atheists) but don’t look for them in the public library or libraries of higher education. You can’t find them. Wonder why? Do you reckon that pseudo-intellect is trying to hide something? I wanted to inform those who are interested in such, so do not let your faith in God fall. In debate, God, creation has been proven through logic and common sense. Yes, “In the beginning, God…”
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