

Scopes monkey trials

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WHAT WAS THE SCOPES/MONKEY TRIAL?

THE SCOPES/MONKEY TRIAL WAS A TENNESSEE LEGAL CASE INVOLVING THE TEACHING OF EVOLUTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. A STATUTE WAS PASSED (MAR., 1925) IN TENNESSEE THAT PROHIBITED THE TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THEORIES CONTRARY TO THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF HUMAN CREATION.

JOHN T SCOPES, TWENTY-FOUR YEAR OLD GENERAL SCIENCE TEACHER AND PART TIME FOOTBALL COACH, WAS PUT IN A LEGAL CASE FOR TEACHING EVOLUTION IN HIS CLASS ROOM.

CLARENCE DARROW SPOKE FOR SCOPES AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE THERE WAS WILLIAM J BRYAN, THREE TIME PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SPOKE FOR THE OTHER SIDE.

THE BUTLER ACT

IN FEBRUARY, TENNESSEE ENACTED A BILL INTRODUCED BY JOHN BUTLER MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO TEACH ANY THEORY THAT DENIES THE STORY OF DIVINE CREATION AS TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE INSTEAD OF TEACHING THAT MAN WAS DESCENDED FROM A LOWER ORDER OF ANIMALS.

A CARNIVAL OCCURRED IN DAYTON TENNESSEE AS THE OPENING TO THE TRIAL IN JULY OF 1925. BANNERS WERE DECORATING THE STREETS AND LEMONADE STANDS WERE SET UP.

CHIMPANZEES WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO TOWN TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION, PERFORMED IN A SIDESHOW ON MAIN STREET.



NEARLY A THOUSAND PEOPLE, 300 OF WHOM WERE STANDING, JAMMED THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON JULY 10, 1925 FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE TRIAL.



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IMPACTS THE SCOPES TRIAL HAD ON AMERICAN HISTORY

RELIGION:

THE MAJOR EFFECT THAT THIS HAD ON RELIGION IN AMERICA, WAS THAT IT POINTED OUT REFUSAL BY MANY STATES, (MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH) TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINE OF "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" SET BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS. THEY WERE INFRINGING UPON THE RIGHTS OF EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T HOLD THE SAME BELIEFS AS THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, SCOPE BELIEVED THAT EVOLUTION SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS, BUT EVERYONE HAD DIFFERENT OPINIONS AND BELIEFS LEADING TO THEIR CERTAIN RELIGION.

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SOCIETY:

A LARGE EFFECT OF THE SCOPE TRIAL, WAS HOW QUICKLY IT AFFECTED NOT ONLY AMERICA BUT ALSO THE WORLD'S INTEREST. THE COURTROOM WAS FULL OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS THE FIRST TRIAL BROADCAST IN AMERICAN HISTORY, AND ALSO MADE MANY PEOPLE GO TO THE TOWN TO WITNESS IT. THIS PROVES HOW IMPORTANT THE CASE WAS, AND HOW IT HELD ATTENTION FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT BROUGHT EVERYONE IN AMERICA INTO ONE MINDSET FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. AFFECTING HOW SOCIETY FUNCTIONED.

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EDUCATION:

BEFORE THE TRIAL, IT WAS A COMMONLY HELD BELIEF THAT EVOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS, BECAUSE OF ITS UNDERMINING OF THE RELIGIOUS CONCEPT OF CREATION. WITH THE EVENTS THAT UNFOLDED IN THIS CASE, THE THOUGHT OF ALLOWING STUDENTS BEING TAUGHT ABOUT EVOLUTION AND ABOLISHING THE LAWS THAT MADE IT ILLEGAL, BECAME MORE REASONABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT. EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK SEVERAL DECADES IN SOME STATES TO REACH THIS POINT, THE THOUGHT THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT BELIEFS, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE RESPECTED WAS SEWN IN THE INFAMOUS SCOPES TRIAL.

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