

**PE1530/OO**

Donald Scott Email of 28 December 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was disappointed to read in *The Herald of Scotland* that our education directors refuse to ban the teaching of creationism to schoolchildren. (See the article at <http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/schools-creationism-ban-rejected-by-scottish-government.114739893>).

Creationism, as a way of looking at the physical world, offers a contrary interpretation to conventional science. Many believe this introduces a non-scientific view on the physical sciences based on religion, and not on a rational world view. This alternative paradigm may and probably does lead to confusion within the student population. The science based subjects are challenging for many youngsters, why complicate them further?

Schools in England and Wales aren't permitted to teach creationism, but for reasons that I can't fathom, Scotland's schools refuse to join them.

Kind regards,

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