

## **Intelligent Design**

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What is the latest creation oriented theory known as “Intelligent Design” (ID)? Is it creationism in disguise or is it an actual working theory that “proves” the existence of God. The roots of this subject are long standing and go back at least as far as Galileo and the Roman Catholic Church in 1633. More recently was the publication of Charles Darwin’s book “On the Origin of Species” in 1859. Ever since then there have been numerous legal battles mainly over what theory, evolution or creation, can be included or excluded in public school curriculum. For example: Scopes vs. State of Tenn. (“Scopes Monkey Trial”) held in 1925 and Edwards v. Aguillard in 1987. Also in 1987 the term “Intelligent Design” is used in place of “Creationism” by a new group of scientifically oriented men and Evangelical scholars. In the 1990’s a Seattle, Washington based Think Tank by the name of the Discovery Institute was formed. One of their scientific endeavors is Intelligent Design.