

PE1530/GG

John Thomas Email of 1 January 2015

I was quite surprised to learn that the prohibition on teaching "creationism" as science in England and Wales does not exist in Scotland and is still being debated.

With American volunteer teaching assistants believed to have been promoting creationism in East Kilbride and attempts a few years ago by Baptist clerics to get greater unfettered access to children - put down by West Lothian Council - I don't think this is something innocent to be dismissed.

"Give me a child until he is seven and I will show you the man," said the founder of the Jesuits.

I could not feel more strongly that children should be taught about religion, but must not be indoctrinated with a religion viewpoint in any school - whether state, private or home-schooled.

Adults can make up their own minds.

Regards, and Happy New Year,

John Thomas