

"Last Speech"

Bryan, William Jennings and Mary Baird Bryan. *The Memoirs of William Jennings Bryan*. Chicago: The John C. Winston Company, 1925.

Page 529: Bryan admires the "class" of the jury.

Page 530: The issue is Scopes as an employee, not as an individual. Tennessee's law is not bigoted.

Page 531: Bryan gives an example of Scopes' influence on a student.

Page 532: Religion is not hostile to learning and Tennessee values science. Evolution is only a hypothesis, not a fact.

Page 533: Darwin's sexual and natural selection have been discredited, and chemistry disproves evolution. Resemblances are not proof.

Page 534: Tennessee's law does not prohibit teaching evolution, as long as man is not included in the subject. Most people misunderstand 'evolution.'

Page 535: Including man in evolution degrades human beings. Evolution cannot be proved, but it casts doubt on Creation itself.

Page 536: Excerpt from Charles Darwin's "Descent of Man."

Page 537: Bryan attacks Darwin's hedging language, **1st indictment**: evolution disputes the Bible's creation story. **2nd indictment**: evolution disputes every vital truth of the Bible.

Page 538: Bryan treats Darwin as a 'witness' in the trial; Darwin *was* a Christian until science corrupted him.

Page 539: Darwin drags humans to brute level and questions our judgment.

Page 540: Evolution intends to destroy religion. Miracles are true.

Page 541: Scopes' crimes are very serious.

Page 542: The real attack of evolution is on religion itself, not just Christianity. At least half of scientists do not believe in God and disbelief in college students is increasing.

Page 543: Parents have an obligation to protect kids from dangerous teachings.

Page 544: Frederick Nietzsche's 'superman' idea has permeated colleges.

Page 545: We should blame academics, not students, for false thought.

Page 546: Schools are guilty if they teach false thought. Illinois, for example, has a law prohibiting crime stories.

Page 547: Evolution blames the evil in human nature on our ancestors and endorses predestination. **3rd indictment**: evolution puts focus on the past and future, not the present.

Page 548: Evolution is deadening our spiritual life. **4th indictment**: evolution discourages improvement of the human condition.

Page 549: Evolution science lacks heart.

Page 550: **5th indictment**: evolution eliminates love and makes humans into brutes.

Page 551: Darwin claims we must bear the bad effects of surviving weaknesses.

Page 552: Adherents say evolution is a 'bloody business,' for example in the war of selection.

Page 553: Evolution is against peace.

Page 554: Evolutionists are against sexual morality. Science needs religion to direct it.

Page 555: Science does not teach love. The Scopes trial has wide importance for education and society.

Page 556: We must uphold Tennessee's law to honor God.