



## Letters to the Editor

### Beware the Wolf

In regard to your story in the September 3 issue “Who’s Behind a Constitutional Convention?” my family and I found out the hard way back in the latter 1980s that Mike Farris was a wolf in sheep’s clothing. We were embroiled in a struggle to homeschool our four children. At the time, New York essentially had no statewide laws on homeschooling, nor was there any power given the state government via its constitution to regulate this area of parental responsibility.

Farris sold us and others out. He led a few well-meaning but misled Christian homeschooling organizations down the garden path as well. Rather than support a black-and-white argument that New York State or people working for the state had no constitutional authority to “police” homeschool families, *period*, he actually worked with state educational and other officials to craft uniform regulations to control homeschool families, curriculum, etc. He claimed to do this so that homeschoolers were treated the same everywhere in New York State. To him, the fact that this ceded power to state officials over families and children that it never had via New York’s constitution was irrelevant.

We knew way back then Farris was a phony. Others are finding out belatedly.

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### Enforcement of the Sixth Amendment

As it obviously is today, politically motivated prosecution of individuals was a problem well before our country was founded or our Constitution was established. Our Founders gave citizens the ability to protect their fellow citizens who are victims of politically motivated prosecution by the way they crafted the Sixth Amendment. Anyone accused of a crime is guaranteed the right to be tried by an impartial jury. An impartial jury is not burdened to follow the law as is declared by the judge, usually suggested to him by the prosecutor.

Today, judges instruct juries that they must follow the law that the prosecutor has chosen to charge the accused with. This instruction itself is unconstitutional; however, if the counsel for the accused mentions that the jury can ignore the law, he will be most likely found in contempt of court, and a mistrial will probably be declared.

One of the ways of combating politically motivated prosecutions would be to make sure that the jury is free not to follow a law, especially a law that was chosen to be applied against an accused for obviously politically motivated reasons. Of course, this would require a judge to tell a jury about their constitutional right to not enforce a law.

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## Selective Scripture

Jonathan DuHamel shot himself in the foot when he wrote his letter “Geologically Speaking” (September 3 issue) to the editor. He indicates that he’s read the book of Genesis, and that he finds no contradiction within the framework of Genesis and evolution. He then proceeds to ignore the book of Genesis, and completely misinterprets it in his acknowledgment of “intelligent design.” First, he says that God is depicted as a “tinkerer.” Not so, and that word was never used in Genesis. Then he refers to God’s comment that what He created was “good.” He questions why God didn’t know it was “going to be good beforehand.” Jonathan needs to understand English sentence structure. God *declared* it good, and He was not surprised by it. Then, in Jonathan’s redefinition of the Creation account, he suggests that God (this is a deist’s misinterpretation) just snapped His fingers, and voila all of the ingredients for evolution appeared, and God just stood back and watched what would happen. No, the Creation account declares that man was made in the image of God from the clay of the earth, and God breathed life into man.

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