



# **Christian Fundamentalists in the Physics Classroom**

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# Why Does It Matter?

SCIENCE

## 1 in 4 Americans Apparently Don't Believe the Earth Orbits the Sun

Samantha Grossman

Feb 16, 2014

Does the Earth go around the sun, or does

≡ TIME | Newsfeed

≡ THE DENVER POST



NEWS / COLORADO NEWS

## These Coloradans say Earth is flat. It's a hoax. Now, they're recruited.

...ment is growing in Colorado, thanks to criticism about science

TYT NETWORK  
THE YOUNG TURKS

"The first academic freedom bills popped up in the early 2000s, but until this year only three had become law: one in Mississippi in 2006, one in Louisiana in 2008 and another in Tennessee in 2012."

Erin Ross, *Scientific American*



Reviews  
10 user | 8 critic

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Members of Flat Earth Fort Collins watch YouTube videos on the topic at a meet up on June 27, 2017 at the Purple Cup in Fort Collins. The group is skeptical of the science behind the Earth being a spinning sphere.



By **GRAHAM AMBROSE** | gambrose@denverpost.com | The Denver Post  
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# Their Characteristics (Generally)

- Knowledge is revealed
  - Scripture/Teacher/Pastor
  - Skepticism is bad
- Science is defective
  - Will catch-up with Bible
  - Misled by Satan
- There is a spiritual war
  - Fate of USA at stake
  - It is a conspiracy
- Biblically illiterate
  - Despite Biblical reverence

Thy Word  
is a lamp  
unto my feet,  
and a light  
unto my path

Psalm 119:105

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# Home-schooler Characteristics

- U.S. Dept. of Education Statistics<sup>1</sup> – 2012 data
  - 3.4 % of school-aged children
  - Reasons:
    - 64% – “provide religious instruction”
      - (36% as top reason<sup>2</sup>)
    - 77% – “provide moral instruction”
    - 91% – “concern about environment”
    - 74% – “dissatisfaction with academic[s]”

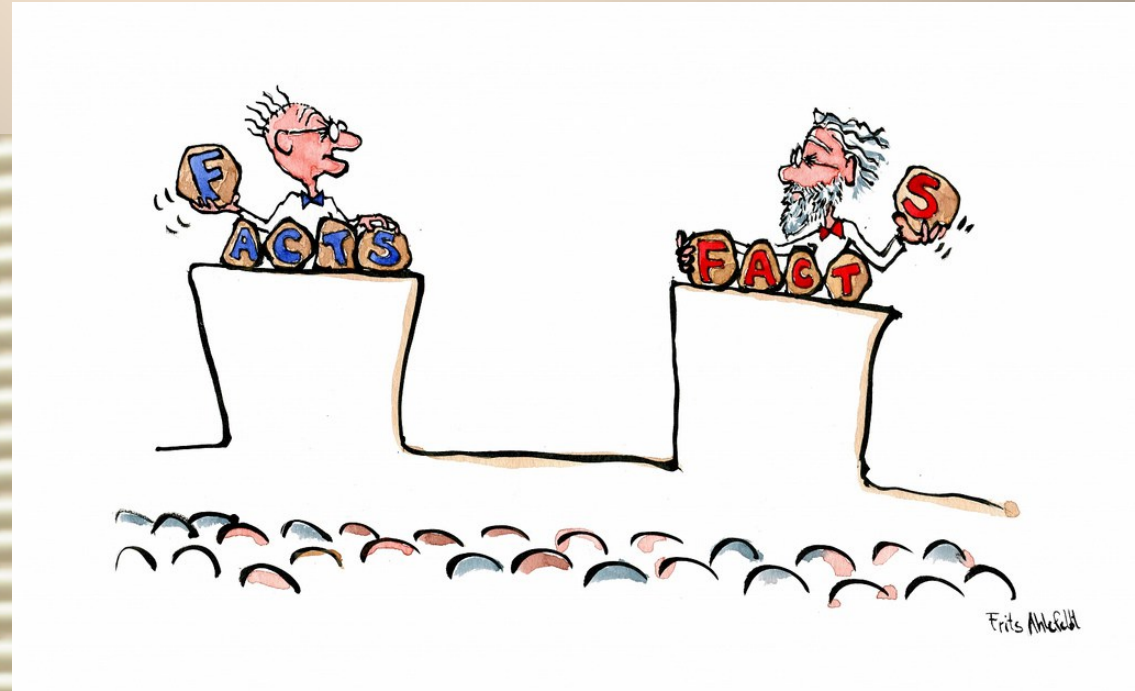
- In 2014, home-school enrollment surpassed private-school enrollment in North Carolina<sup>3</sup>

- Secular home-schoolers have difficulty finding curricula.<sup>4</sup>

- In an extensive search, this author was unable to find an evangelical home-school curriculum that wasn't both Libertarian and Creationist

# Advice: The Don'ts

- Laugh
- Speak derogatively
- Argue facts or debate

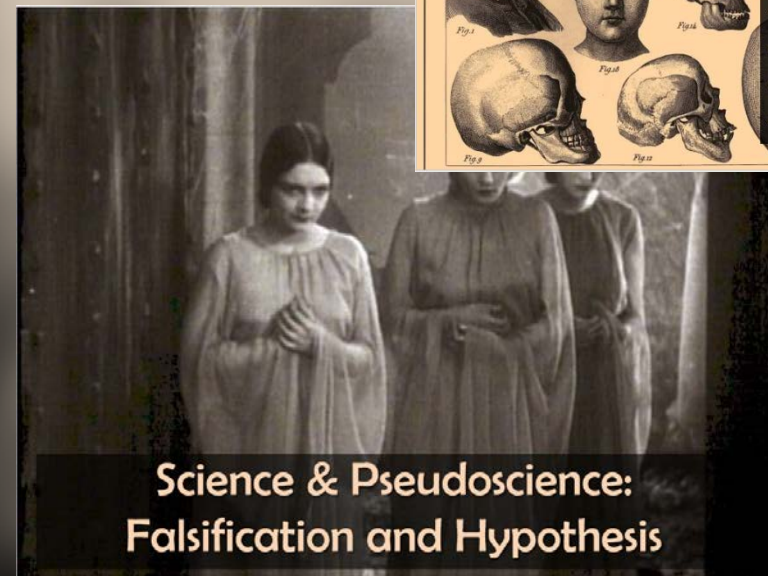
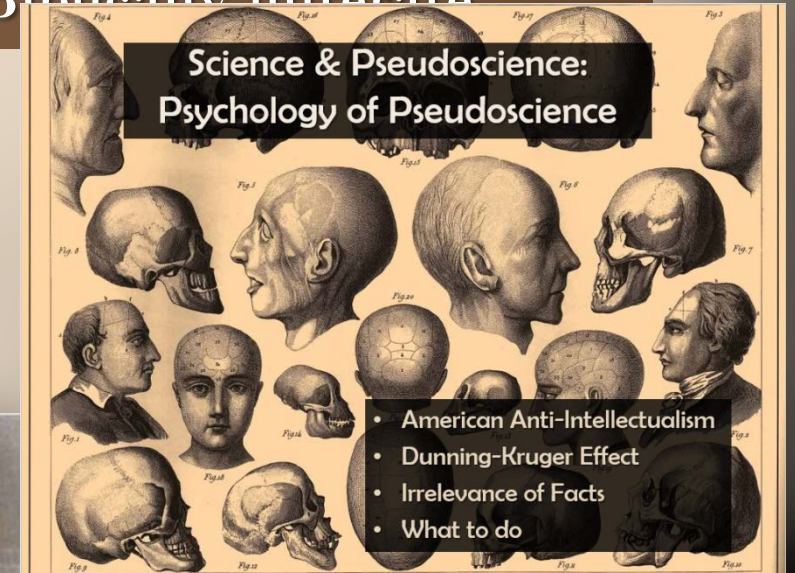
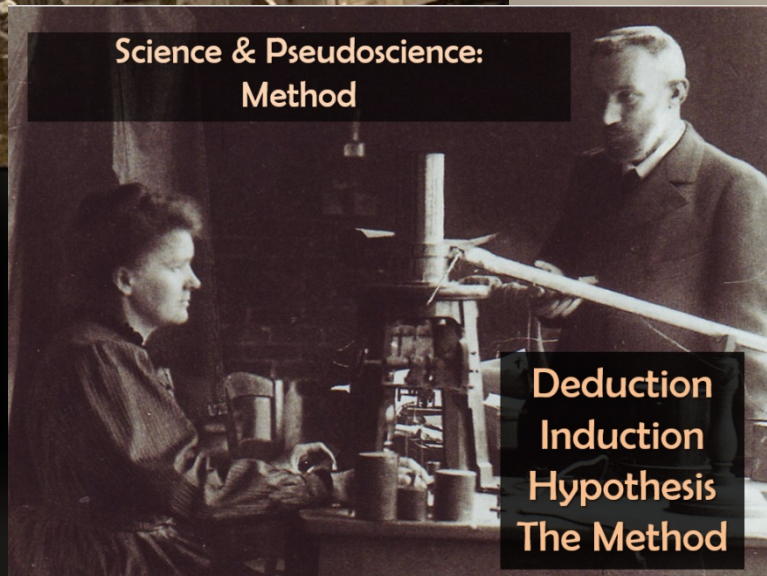
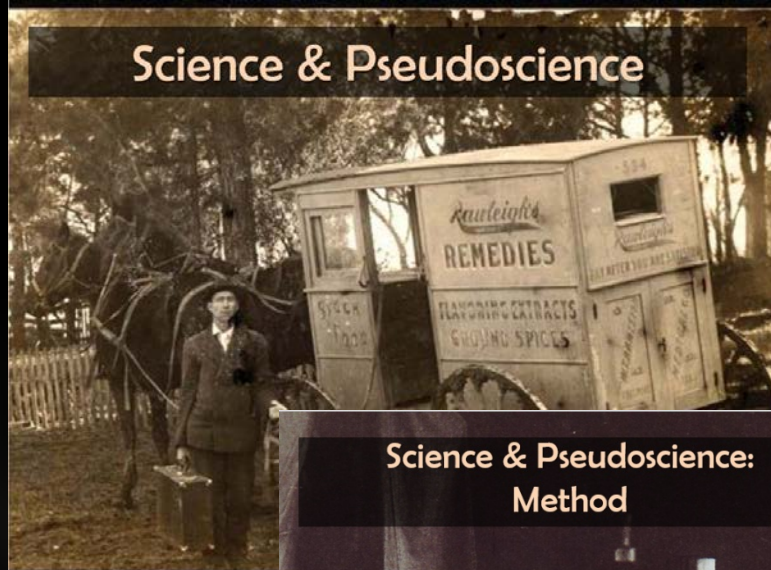


Backfire Effect

# Advice: The Do's

Remember, they think:

- Knowledge is revealed
- Science is defective
- There is a spiritual war
- Biblically illiterate



# Q & A