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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 00:11:32 GMT

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4296373.stm>

People wonder why I have little faith in religion. I used to be a pretty damned devout Christian, and then suddenly I woke up, smelled the Communion wine and decided the grapes it was made of were a little on the sour side.

I must admit, hats off to the person who came up with this:

Quote:Out of those polar opposites, even Solomon himself would find it hard to forge a united church.

Pretty much describes the whole situation. It seems that the 21st century will be remembered as the century that the Christian church splits.. er.. again.

I had faith in people again, faith that these people wouldn't just return to the ways of "I'm right, you're wrong, see you in three years", but hey.

It's going to be an interesting topic.

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 00:25:43 GMT

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I have my own, rather strong feelings about religion that I probably won't be sharing here, but this book can largely sum all that up:

No, my opinions are in no way connected to anything ACLU. Thanks for asking, though.

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Posted by [Renardin6](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 02:17:20 GMT

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You can see some stuff on the american dollars :

Quote:In God we trust

True for me aswell.

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Posted by [prox](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 02:43:49 GMT

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OH MY GOD! ARE YOU SERIOUS? I CANNOT- WILL NOT BELIEVE THAT IT SAYS "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN OUR MONEY. THANKS FOR THOSE LIFE-CHANGING NEWS.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 02:46:47 GMT

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As an Anglican (at least on paper), I can understand their situation. However, if you want to look at it in a more worldly view, organized religions are ticking timebombs anyway.

So I don't care.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 03:40:44 GMT

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Normally I would agree Java but its like changing something that has been there so long now that it has become tradition. Im not a huge religious guy but I do think that the Bible serves a purpose even if there is no God. Its a book of guidelines that a human being should follow to be a decent person. This much I do understand about religion, Its a way to keep some form of mental order stable. Anyone understand what I mean?

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The thing that has changed is the homosexual question. And it's causing too much of a turmoil for their liking, so they want it to cool down.

It's not going to, and it's certainly not going to go away. Which is why I don't see this being resolved in a very good manner. But I can understand their intentions even if I don't share their optimism.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 03:59:35 GMT

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Meh, the whole legal arguement to allow same-sex marriages is wrong anyways.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 04:30:26 GMT

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YES. And that is all it is. People keep searching for puns, deeper meanings and people try to interpret the bible differently.

I don't care if gays do get married or not. They want to get married, let them. They aren't harming anyone.

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Fri, 25 Feb 2005 12:14:57 GMT

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I'd almost forgotten what optimists looked like

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Posted by [Jzinsky](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2005 20:34:22 GMT

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In a few thousand years time, after a nuclear (or other) holocaust, people will find a few books.

These books will be read, translated into their native language, and taken as the word of God.

In my opinion, Stephen King could be the next God...

Religion should be about peace, and if it meant me dying I'd abandon mine. Abraham Lincoln said it best though.. "Be excellent to each other.."

I'd live my life by that one line if nothing else.

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Posted by [Hydra](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2005 21:52:23 GMT

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JavaxcxAs an Anglican (at least on paper), I can understand their situation. However, if you want to look at it in a more worldly view, organized religions are ticking timebombs anyway.

Why are you looking at religion from a secular standpoint in the first place? Secularism and religion have always been at odds with each other.

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Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Wed, 16 Mar 2005 22:07:48 GMT

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Because they do not want to see a major change on this issue. The west is renowned for it's modified religion to cope with political correctness. The ACC wants nothing to do with these changes and I fully respect and agree with them. And to avoid any kind of lengthy bullshit arguments coming from the North American side regarding an issue they have already had an answer to for ages, and to avoid any further reform (QUITE costly, I might add), they want to keep the doors closed for a while.

While I don't necessarily agree with this course of action, I can understand why they want to do it in a secular fashion because there is an important secular element to it. The west has to deal with this issue, and it is quite controversial, and the east doesn't-- or at least in an outstanding way.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2005 00:56:53 GMT

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Boy you must not have had much faith to begin with to have your entire beleif structure demolished by one single thing. Jeesh. I know a person who talks of how they turned their back on religion because of a poster they saw about world religions. I mean jeesh, your entire faith and all you beleive in is changed by a poster?

I was a DIE HARD Republican but then, like, I misspelled the, so I went Democrat.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2005 05:20:57 GMT

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Posted by [Jzinsky](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2005 13:45:21 GMT

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That makes no sense to me I'm afraid.

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Thu, 17 Mar 2005 19:12:40 GMT

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It's because he's from the school of "Let's point out a spelling error in the post in order to totally de-rail the argument".

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Posted by [Jzinsky](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 13:35:34 GMT

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Oh, ok.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 15:01:36 GMT

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The same exact school you're in?

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 15:17:09 GMT

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Exactly my thoughts j_ball

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 18:56:32 GMT

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No, that's the school of Aurora, yourself, gbull here and a hoard of other people.

The school of retards.

I'd even say we should keep on topic, but I don't even see why this thread was ressurected anymore. Ah well.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 19:02:51 GMT

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You corrected my spelling once in order to change the subject. Care to join us in this school of "retardism"?

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2005 22:21:58 GMT

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Application Rejected Dave, we dont take braindeads.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2005 06:16:09 GMT

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What on earth are you talking about Dave? That was my analogy. I don't see a teh in your post. I was pointing out that people pick the stupidest reasons to suddenly turn their back on religion. It's become some evil thing that everyone is indoctrined to hate from a young age. News flash for you all, Atheism = Religion! A religion is a beleif structure, therefore if you don't beleive in a higher power then your RELIGION is atheism. Anyhow, people like Silas Marner had a reason to turn their back on the Church. People who break a nail and blame it on the corruption of the church should go be on a pike.

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Posted by [Renx](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2005 14:01:53 GMT

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Who says you don't have to believe in a higher power if you don't believe in God

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People are indoctrinated to hate religion? Whoa, that's changed, then. Back in may day (which

isn't too long ago), it was us being indoctrinated to pity people who didn't have religion. I would also like to point out that I'm not atheist, either.

Remember those Conversation Terroist tactics - you just used the "Swing the debate to the far extreme" one there, my friend

I have reasons to separate from the CofE church, but I don't push the point to say "turn my back on it" - like a few people, I find that the actual principles, when translated to a modern perspective, are good to live by, but I'll be damned (heh.) if I'll be a part of a religion which can't even decide if it wants to wear the same pair of socks without sparking up some kind of hyper-religious debate.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sun, 20 Mar 2005 18:11:20 GMT

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Of course I did. It's one of my favorite ways to prove a point.

lol

Now adays people are definately being indoctrined to hate religion. In the public school system its no longer just non denominational. It's anti-denominational. Instead of just not even touching the subject, it's become a situation where the education system actively opposes christianity.

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Sun, 20 Mar 2005 19:51:36 GMT

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Not here.

I've had an ALMOST polar style of learning, one might say - My first school (3-12) WAS a "Bible-belt" school, so to speak - Services every day, Holy Communion on a Wednesday, and the Religion lesseons were very much "God exisits, he created the world, now pray" type.

(13-Present) Has been not the opposite, but certainly different. Moved to a grammar school - a school funded by the state. We have a "collective act of worship" once a week that certainly is Christian, but otherwise the style of religious teaching is:

"Let's have a look at all the religions, how they worship, what they believe, and how they act".

Begpardon, I don't see how I'm being indoctrinated to hate other religions.

True, my edu-ca-shun system is different to yours, but I do not think I can be accused of hating religion, and I am IN that "public school system" you speak of.

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Tell me about it.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 21 Mar 2005 05:11:26 GMT

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Well Dave you have to realize our Public Education is different from yours. You live in England right? Over in the US Religion has become not just taboo, but to the point where... I can't beleive I'm using this analogy. It's exactly like Lord Moldevort in Harry Potter. If I say Christian in the middle of a class. It goes silent and I get disciplenary action for being "insensitive". That isn't hyperbole. That is a common occurance. Maybe after that you will see where I'm coming from when I say the government is anti religion. Again I'm talking US Government. England I would bet has different stances.

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Mon, 21 Mar 2005 16:28:08 GMT

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I still dont' agree that your govenrment in the US is anti-religion.

It is in fact INCREIDBLY pro-Christian, up to the point of fundamentalism, which is just scary. Do you not remember that they were sticking things on books saying "Don't believe this crap, and REMEMBER, Evolution is a THEORY, creationism ROCKS"?

What about all the anti-gay stuff where they are thinking of changing the federal constitution to ban gay marriage (Don't want to get into this issue again, we've beaten that dead horse to... er.. death since I started this thread).

Still, I must say "owch" if you can't even say Christianity without incurring the wrath of the system.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 21 Mar 2005 17:56:54 GMT

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I have no clue what you are talking about. That smply does not happen in schools in the US.

In England it isn't a big deal either. Its the same shit over there, only that they have Religious Education where they teach about all the major religions. (They throw in Atheism there too briefly)

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 04:57:13 GMT

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Iron Fart how old are you?

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 05:45:34 GMT

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Why?

Just to clarify...

Quote:

That smply does not happen in schools in the US.

That's a bit of a generalization...It would have been better to say California.

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 13:42:32 GMT

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I was just wondering where in general you were. If you were in school currently or not. Anyhow here in the midwest that's how the schools are. They are obsessively anti-religious. You get disciplenary action talking about your own religion! It's insanity! Of course if your muslim or Jewish then of course its alright. If I say Oh it's Lent. GREEN SHEET. I could be getting pelted with Menorahs and thats "Diversity"... Grr...

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 17:48:42 GMT
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Thats the way it was in my High School last year. And I live in Michigan.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 20:06:39 GMT
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Here in California, we celebrate the Jewish holidays in school....Wether we are Jewish or not. Celebrate might not be the right word, but we get days off on the Jewish holidays.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 21:31:25 GMT
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thats strange I bet you don't complain though.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Tue, 22 Mar 2005 21:42:14 GMT
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Well, no I don't complain about that. (More 3-day weekends!)

Although I don't think it's the right thing for a school to do.

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truthfully, neither do I.

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But didn't you realise? Being a part of the majority is bad, we have to simpier round to make damn sure we don't offend a few people, to hell with the ones that were BORN HERE!

I was in a shop on sunday, they were playing rap music with prolific use of the word n***er. I could sue for racism, but then being white they'd laugh me out of the court.

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Posted by [prox](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2005 00:13:57 GMT

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LOL?

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Posted by [Jzinsky](#) on Thu, 24 Mar 2005 01:24:48 GMT

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Well yeah, because I know it would get in all the newspapers and the like "White man sues Asian for being racist" and all the anit-racism groups would call me racist, because I find a racist word offensive, and I'm white.

Basically I'm not allowed to have a racist bone in my body, but other races are, because they're a minority and all these anti-racism idiots (who in my opinion keep racism alive) are prejudiced against the people who were born in the country.

I now need a passport in order to get a job, to prove I'm actually British. I speak english better than most, and I'm white. Of course I'm an Iraqi terrorist!

Sorry it's a bugbear of mine, I couldn't give a s*it if you're black, white or green, but it doesn't work both ways.

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Posted by [MrBob](#) on Sat, 09 Apr 2005 16:06:54 GMT

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These two writings do a good job of explaining the whole thing about the Christian church. The second one is pretty long, but it's really good. I'd explain it myself but these writings do a better job than I would.

<http://heaven.net.nz/writings/apostacy.htm>

