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Professor of philosophy in Ohio being punished for letting his beliefs inform his teaching

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Feminists do it. Marxists do it. Anarchists do it. Lesbians do it.

But more and more Catholics teaching at secular universities and colleges are being told they cannot let their beliefs inform their teaching. As though that's even possible. [Consider the case of Dr. James Tuttle](#), who teaches philosophy in Ohio at Lakeland Community College:

According to WorldNetDaily, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) learned that the professor has been taken from his classroom, "threatened with dismissal" and for all intents and purposes demoted.

Dr. Tuttle put his statement of belief in his syllabi so as to be completely open with prospective students. In his belief system is a traditional Catholic Christian. He is also a believer who has studied philosophy as a discipline to be taught on a liberal arts college campus.

The reason for the college's concern about Professor Tuttle's teaching? The frail mind and sensitive soul of a student was offended, nearly crushed, by Tuttle's teaching:

It was in March 2003 that a student complained about Dr. Tuttle. The youth stated that the professor spoke of his Catholic beliefs in class "too often." The student went so far as to urge the professor go for "counseling for tolerance."

Trying to be open, Dr. Tuttle then put some "disclaimers" on the syllabi for two of his lecture series. In

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these disclaimers the professor stated that he is a "committed Catholic Christian philosopher and theologian."

The reaction from the Dean of the college? He was also offended by the disclaimer (the one great ability of liberals being able to be offended by anything at the drop of an objection):

Last April, Dean James L. Brown then wrote a letter to Dr. Tuttle in which Mr. Brown said he was "more bothered by (Tuttle's) disclaimer than by anything I read in (the student's) complaint." In other words, Dr. Tuttle was put in the proverbial corner. He was boxed in. Now no way could he win on any move legitimate.

Ah, the openmindedness of the liberal art college: offended by anything Christian and sensitive to anything that smacks of an objective claim to truth. For many institutions of liar learning, the only truth is that there is no truth—and they'll prove it by not letting you say otherwise.

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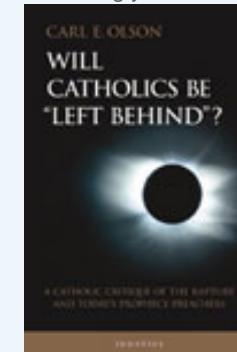


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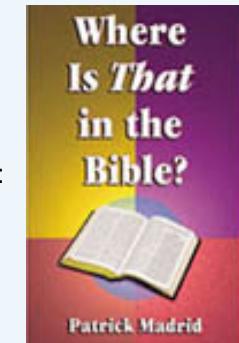
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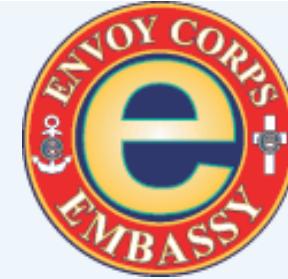


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