

LETTER TO THE EDITORS: **Local Minister hands down judgement**

Editors' Note: The following letter was *not* edited or changed in any way.

To the Editor,

I was reading your paper the other day and I came across a couple of articles that caught my eye. Two of them were written by your Editor Jeff Kemp, and one was written by a professor Marlene Tufts. Jeff kind of amused me, but Professor Tufts kind of angered me. I was especially amused by the comments of Chris Haberman. This is a person who is promoting Pagan ministries stating that their is not just one religion or one God, which is true if you mean that people worship more than one so called God. He then states that the more education you get the more you veer away from religion. This seemed to be a degrading comment to anyone religious, so I would like to give you a little advice. When you say things like that you tend to insult those who are much more education than yourself. This insults many Christians including doctors, lawyers, professors, scientists, and even me. Although I would agree that when you go to a college these days you find teachers from just about any field finding some way to slam Christianity at least once a year, usually once a day. It could be a literature class, a Biology class, Psych. 101, Philosophy, etc., all taking potshots at something they have not taken the time to check into. So I guess your right, many people do become less religious once they attend college and are influenced by teachers and professors who find it their duty to attack us. I must admit that it is our churches fault in many ways. We don't prepare our young people with the information that would

be helpful in defending our beliefs. It's funny how all of it works too. People, maybe even someone like you Chris or Jeff, go into a class and start taking notes of every word the teacher says. You think to yourself, self, this is a teacher, a professor, so he or she must know what they are talking about or they wouldn't be at this pinnacle of higher education called C.C.C. Not that C.C.C. is a bad school, I have been to 4 colleges and seen this at every one. You

see this different then I do. As I stated before, every day in a class here on the great campus of C.C.C. Christians beliefs are assaulted. Professors tell us that the foundation for our beliefs (the Bible) is faulty constantly. It crushes our peoples feelings and their hearts. We are called biggots. A faulty theory of mans origin is shoved down our throat. Our Bible is torn apart in your Literature classes, it goes on and on. Unfortunately not many people know their is a de-

also. True Christians, as defined by one who believes in Christ, and one whom obeys Christ, and in one whom Christ lives, will never give up the fact that Homosexuality is sin. Yes Jeff, it is on an equal par with drug addiction and alcoholism. But there is hope. Jesus loves the homosexual and will forgive him for that sin just as he will the drug addict or the alcoholic. He gives forgiveness on an equal par as well.

I must admit that as foolish as Jeff sounded to me, it did not bother me as much as what Professor Tufts said. I wonder how much research she has done before she wrote the article. Or once again, are we to believe her because she is a professor. She showed some apparent difficulties in the texts of the New Testament. As I read her comments I could not help but wonder if she knows the Greek language. I wondered if she knows Hermeneutics (rules for interpreting scripture) I wondered if she had ever talked to someone who knows the informed and educated Christians answer for these questions. Doesn't a good historian researcher listen to both sides before they make a judgment. Isn't that what an intelligent person would do. I also won-

der if she looked at what the evidence for Christianity is before she decided she knew enough to write the article. Just because you learn history from a secular point of view, does that mean we should assume that you have seen enough of both sides to make a judgment. I wonder if you did the research. I wonder if you know enough about this field to write what you wrote. I wonder if you have looked at secular historians who lived at the time of Christ to see what they said. I wonder if you read Josephus or Polycarp or any of the other men who wrote about Christ. I wonder if you know the criteria for a book of history. I wonder if you know what happened to all the witnesses of the New Testament. Most importantly, I wonder if you know what makes the book of Mark different than all the other accounts, especially chapter 16. Wait, maybe I should do what so many of your students do and assume that you know just because your a professor. I think not! Believe me there is an answer if you care to hear it, but maybe secular open mindedness forbids it.

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mindlessly believe every word without ever thinking to look at their sources. You assume that they have done the research on the other side. You say to yourself, this teacher never started with a presupposition that tainted all the information they received. I often wonder what happened to free thinking. Chris your little education theory doesn't work for me because I started out an atheist until I saw the facts.

But on to you Jeff, and your little, "When will the madness cease" article. I am sorry that I find it hard to feel sorry for homosexuals who might have had their feelings hurt. Not that I like to see Peoples feeling hurt. I do, however, find that You seem to

fense for the Bible that makes many of the professors look rather uneducated, but that is not the point. The point is we don't want to hear about feelings Jeff, when it concerns something we believe is wrong, unhealthy, and rather disgusting, as well as something they can change. (all human behavior can be changed, this is what makes us different than the animals) It is so funny how diversity is your politically correct buzz word for the 90s, but that only works if we agree with you. I do know this, that Christians will refuse to give up the truth, which is that homosexuality is a stench in our Gods nostrils. Don't worry though, we also believe that adultery, or gossip, or lying or any other sin is

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