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You Whiny Sniveling Little Atheists Are Pathetic!

by Mary Kochan

*Okay, so here is the story:*

*In Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Brewer, an Arizona federal district court dismissed an Establishment Clause challenge to the Arizona governor’s proclaiming a “Day of Prayer.” The court held that plaintiffs lacked standing because they were not injured by the governor’s proclamation, saying: Plaintiffs provide affidavits to establish they turned off the television and altered conversational habits to avoid the topic of religion or the day of prayer…. Plaintiffs, however, do not explain why their alleged injury is different than injuries in other Establishment Clause cases in which the plaintiffs did not have standing, such as the President’s day of prayer proclamation. Essentially, Plaintiffs seek a ruling obliquely holding that injury sufficient to confer standing exists under the Establishment Clause where government action is covered in the news or the subject of a social conversation. The Court declines to depart from Establishment Clause case law on this ground. Plaintiffs have not shown injury beyond “stigmatic injury” or feeling like an “outsider.”*

*The East Valley Tribune reports a few more details on the decision and reactions to it: “Gov. Brewer’s proclamations proclaim a day of prayer, and one proclamation encourages all citizens to pray for God’s blessings on our state and nation,” the judge acknowledged. “Though ‘encouraged,’ no one, including plaintiffs, is obligated to pray,” Silver wrote. “Nor are plaintiffs forced to alter their physical routine or bear a monetary expense to avoid a religious symbol.” At best, the judge said, those challenging the governor’s actions have incurred a “stigmatic injury” or “feeling like an outsider.” None of that, said Silver, gives them the right to sue.*

Mary, how much do you wanna bet that the judge would change his tune faster than a priest pulling up his shorts, if the prayer was to Allah? Well Mary, you may get to find out sooner than you think since Christianity is rapidly losing influence all over the world while Islam is projected to pass Christianity as the world's leading religion within this century.

And Mary, you don't even want to know the stats for Catholicism.

*Attorney Marc Victor said his clients are weighing whether to seek review from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals or file a new lawsuit in state court. He said there are similar requirements to separate church and state in the Arizona Constitution.*

Mary, you needn't worry. Christians have been violating the constitution for over 200 years, and will continue to do so as long as the majority of Americans continue to believe in invisible ghosts. Besides, you people answer to a higher authority anyway - isn't that right?

*In a prepared statement Brewer praised the court, calling the lawsuit “a futile attempt to stifle an American right and tradition.”*

Mary, Brewer was half right: it is an American tradition. But remember Mary ... so was slavery.

*Citizens of every race, background and creed have been coming together in voluntary prayer since our nation’s founding, and will continue to do so against this organization’s best efforts.”*

Mary, Brewer committed the straw man logical fallacy. Voluntary prayer is not what they were complaining about. It was government's promotion of religion.

*Press aide Matthew Benson acknowledged that not everyone believes in prayer. But he said that does not mean his boss is doing anything unconstitutional.*

Wrong Benson. Brewer is doing something unconstitutional. The fact that a Christian-dominated judiciary ignores clearly written law is simply business as usual.

*Let’s get this straight. The atheists are suing because they had to turn off the television to avoid the topic of religion or news announcements about the Day of Prayer.*

Mary, what makes you think atheists turn off the television when religion comes on? Religion provides the best comedy on TV. Where else can you see large groups of people talking to themselves and pretending that 3 invisible ghosts are listening to them?

*They had to alter their conversation to avoid the topic of religion. This made them feel like “outsiders”.*

Mary, I never avoid the topic of religion. In fact, it is my favorite fictional subject.

*Oh, boo hoo. You whiny, sniveling, little, pusillanimous cowards.*

Mary, dictionary time. You don't have to put "pusillanimous" before "cowards" - that's what pusillanimous means.

Christians and grammar - always an adventure.

*You have the audacity to tell us Christians that we are “weak” and that our religion is a “crutch.”*

Mary, aren't you the one who just called atheists "whiny and sniveling?" It's so entertaining when you throw insults at others, and then prove in the very next sentence that the insults actually describe ... you.

*You are supposed to be so “courageous”, venturing forth boldly into the existential mystery of being alone, facing with stoicism the nothingness that awaits you at death, priding yourself on your realism and self-reliance.*

Mary, it *is* more courageous to face death with the maturity that comes from understanding and accepting reality, rather than relying on childish fairy tales from ancient desert nomads who promised you an eternal paradise with an invisible man in the sky.

*You are a bunch of feeble fakers. Yes, you are outsiders. Go start your own damn country.*

Mary, if you understood the constitution, which you obviously do not, you would realize that we did start our own damn country. The United States was the first nation in history to have a secular constitution. Not once was God mentioned; nor Jesus; nor Christianity. It was written in response to the imposition of religion, under which the founding fathers had suffered in England. Unfortunately, ghost worshippers have attacked our constitution ever since, and will continue to do so, until we are all back where we started from.

*This one was started by Christians,*

Mary, that shows what happens when your education is rooted mainly in religious teachings instead of reality. Our country was started by many people, including Christians, Deists, Unitarians, and many others. When you make blanket statements like that, you make it very easy to demolish your claim.

*you puerile dimwits.*

Mary, you need to calm down. Perhaps you should go take your meds and finish writing after you've gotten control of your emotions. That kind of juvenile name-calling is typical of Christians because you have never had any facts to support any of your claims, and so insults are your only recourse.

*It is Christians who established and largely Christians who fought and died to maintain the freedoms you enjoy.*

Mary, "it was Christians" - not "it is Christians." try to keep your tenses consistent. Obviously grammar wasn't your strong suit in school. But what you lack in education Mary, you obviously make up for with a foul mouth and a bitter attitude.

*And Christians are still the majority.*

Mary, it used to be an overwhelming majority. But apparently, the Muslim god is kicking the snot out of your god. Statistics indicate that your statement won't be true much longer.

*Apparently your vaulted belief system doesn’t equip you to handle being in the minority.*

Mary, I assume you meant to say "vaunted." Also, you need to dig out that dictionary again and look up the definition of atheism. It is not a belief system - it is a rejection of *your* belief system. Therefore it makes no sense to say that the rejection of a belief system could equip one to handle being in the minority.

Well Mary, at least you are consistent: so far nothing you've said has made any sense.

*That’s interesting, isn’t it?*

Mary, what's interesting is that you can actually understand yourself.

*After all, this was and is a societal situation valiantly handled by millions and millions of Christians who suffered — and currently suffer — real oppression, violence, torture, economic deprivation, and cruel deaths.*

Mary, all those things you listed were not so much suffered *by* Christians as much as they were *caused* by Christians - especially the part about "cruel deaths." You should google: "witch-burning in America." Probably not your favorite subject, is it Mary?

*But you have to go through turning off the TV once in a while and so your precious puny feelings are hurt.*

Mary, has anyone ever mentioned to you that you write with the anger of someone who hasn't visited the bathroom in months?

*How delicate and frail your mental architecture is!*

Mary, if you were capable of reading this essay with a clear mind, which of course you are not, you could see that you have just described yourself. That is called "projection" Mary. It is a psychological flaw; one which pervades virtually every sentence you write.

*You are a pitiful joke.*

Mary, even Jesus is beginning to turn red. It's hard to believe anyone like you could actually be taken seriously when you obviously have such severe anger management issues.

Your article sounds more like it was written by a frustrated, constipated teenager.

*Trembling over the mere mention of God.*

Mary, you couldn't be further from the truth. Atheists are the last people on Earth who would tremble over the mention of your imaginary friends. However, it is possible that we might tremble from laughing so hard, at you and your little fairy world.

*Running like babies to court because of your brittle feelings.*

Mary, this is really getting embarrassing ... for you. Don't you have someone who proofreads the crap you write? Well if you do, you should fire them for allowing this embarrassment to get spread across the internet.

*“Oh, but judge, but judge, I saw a cross and I just can’t stand it.” “I heard someone say ‘Merry Christmas’ and it hurt my feelings.” “I just can’t sleep knowing there is a manger scene at the courthouse.” “The sight of the Ten Commandments makes me wet my pants.” Now we see how inadequate and feeble you really are.*

Mary, take a laxative and lie down. That should take quite a load off your mind. Relax while I respond to your comments.

First, seeing a cross isn't a problem unless it is being displayed in violation of the first amendment - for example: on government property.

Next, atheists didn't attack stores for saying "Merry Christmas;" Christians attacked stores and boycotted them to force them to stop saying "Happy Holidays" or "Season's Greetings." You are playing the victim when the truth is, that it was Christians who attacked their fellow Americans for trying to be inclusive, which for Christians ... is a mortal sin.

*Rage, therapists say, is the flip side of helplessness.*

Mary, have someone with a clear head read this essay back to you. I have rarely seen an essay filled with as much rage and hate as emanates from your keyboard. Every sentence you write contains a childish insult. Maybe you should pay attention to those therapists.

Mary, this verse should help you see things more clearly. It describes you perfectly.

MATTHEW 7:3

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Mary, when Jesus said that ... He was talking about *you*.

*And so we see your rage against religion in the public square for what it is: a product of your own insubstantial internal resources.*

Well Mary, you will see what you want to see ... just like your invisible man.

*Go look at yourself in the mirror if you can bear the pathetic, contemptible sight of yourself.*

Mary, Jesus would have been so proud of that last sentence. That was even more hate-filled than your earlier insults. Mary, I think I've just figured out what you desperately, desperately need.

Oh boy, was my last comment sexist?

Oh well, it doesn't matter because your personality guarantees that what you desperately need ... is something that you will never get. That is, until priests run out of little boys.

*Our merest martyr shows you to be a wimp – fourteen-year-old Kizito of Uganda singing hymns while being burned alive.*

Mary, he wasn't a martyr - he was a victim of Christian insanity. To praise that poor child, whose life was snuffed out by burning flames while talking to invisible ghosts, you have to be one sick human being. But what else would one expect from a cult of ghost worshippers who celebrate death.

*But you, you anemic, lily-livered worms –*

Mary, do you realize that most people by now have figured out that you are quite insane. No sane person writes like that.

*you quail at pushing the off button on the remote! Hah!*

Mary, seriously ... get some help.

SUMMARY

*Mary Kochan, former Senior Editor of CatholicExchange, is Editor-in-chief of CatholicLane.com.*

How scary is that? Editor-in-chief? No wonder Christianity is crashing worldwide. The animals are running the zoo.

*Raised as a third-generation Jehovah's Witness, Mary worked her way backwards through the Protestant Reformation to enter the Catholic Church.*

Yes, backwards is certainly a good description. Fortunately, she doesn't have to worry about regressing any further because, except for Islam, the Catholic church is about backwards as it gets.

*Mary has spoken in many settings, to groups large and small, on the topic of destructive cultism and has been a guest on both local and national radio programs.*

Destructive cultism? That verse about the beam in the eye was so true. Kochan is as blind to her own hypocrisy as is humanly possible. Every insult and accusation she makes fits her far better than her intended targets. She is completely oblivious to her own projections.

As long as nut jobs like Kochan are actually given attention instead of medication and counseling, the road to a better world - is a long way off.

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

STUDY SUGGESTS THAT DISRUPTION OF BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS CAN LEAD TO NEURODEGENERATION AND EARLY DEATH

NEW RESEARCH PROVIDES EVIDENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT DISRUPTION OF CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS -- THE BIOLOGICAL "CLOCKS" FOUND IN MANY ANIMALS -- CAN CLEARLY CAUSE ACCELERATED NEURODEGENERATION, LOSS OF MOTOR FUNCTION AND PREMATURE DEATH.

PRIOR TO THIS, IT WASN'T CLEAR WHICH CAME FIRST -- WHETHER THE DISRUPTION OF BIOLOGICAL CLOCK MECHANISMS WAS THE CAUSE OR THE RESULT OF NEURODEGENERATION.

IN THESE EXPERIMENTS, RESEARCHERS SHOWED THROUGH BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL AND GENETIC APPROACHES THAT DISRUPTING THE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK ACCELERATED THESE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST RIGHT NOW IN STUDIES ON CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS, AS SCIENTISTS LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RANGE OF PROBLEMS THAT CAN RESULT WHEN RHYTHMS ARE DISRUPTED. ULTIMATELY THEY HOPE THAT THIS RESEARCH WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE LABORATORY TO THE BEDSIDE.

THESE STUDIES WERE DONE WITH FRUIT FLIES, BUT THE SCIENTISTS SAID PREVIOUS RESEARCH HAS INDICATED THERE ARE CLOSE PARALLELS BETWEEN FRUIT FLIES AND HUMANS. SOME OF THE GENES REGULATING CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS IN FLIES ARE SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PRESERVED THROUGH MILLIONS OF YEARS OF SEPARATE EVOLUTION AND STILL DO THE SAME THING IN HUMANS.

THE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK IN HUMANS AND MANY OTHER ANIMALS, IS A COMPLEX GENETIC MECHANISM TUNED TO THE 24-HOUR DAY AND REGULAR CYCLES OF LIGHT, DARK AND SLEEP. IT INFLUENCES A WIDE RANGE OF BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING FERTILITY, HORMONE PRODUCTION, FEEDING PATTERNS, DNA REPAIR, SLEEP, STRESS REACTIONS, AND EVEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MEDICATIONS. IN HUMANS, RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND STRONG CORRELATIONS BETWEEN DISRUPTED CLOCK MECHANISMS, AGING, AND NEUROLOGIC DISEASES SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S AND HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE.

THE FRUIT FLIES USED IN THIS RESEARCH CARRIED TWO MUTATIONS, ONE THAT DISRUPTS CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS AND ANOTHER THAT CAUSES FLIES TO DEVELOP BRAIN PATHOLOGIES DURING AGING. THESE DOUBLE MUTANTS HAD A 32-50 PERCENT SHORTER LIFESPAN, LOST MUCH OF THEIR MOTOR FUNCTION, AND DEVELOPED SIGNIFICANT "VACUOLES" OR HOLES IN THEIR BRAINS FAR SOONER THAN FLIES WITH A FUNCTIONAL CLOCK.

THE DECLINE AND LOSS OF CLOCK FUNCTION MAY BE JUST THE BEGINNING OF A DAMAGING, CIRCULAR PROCESS. WHEN THE BIOLOGICAL CLOCK BEGINS TO FAIL, RHYTHMS THAT REGULATE CELL FUNCTION AND HEALTH GET DISRUPTED, AND RESEARCHERS NOW KNOW THAT THIS PREDISPOSES THE BRAIN TO NEURODEGENERATION. BUT THAT NEURODEGENERATION, IN TURN, MAY CAUSE MORE DAMAGE TO THE CLOCK FUNCTION. A HEALTHY BIOLOGICAL CLOCK HELPS PROTECT AGAINST THIS DAMAGE. WHEN THE CLOCK FAILS, THE DAMAGE PROCESSES SPEED UP.

AGING IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCESS, BUT IT'S NOT CLEAR EXACTLY HOW. MOLECULAR CLOCK OSCILLATIONS DECLINE DURING AGING. FINDING WAYS TO RESTORE THEM MIGHT FORM A POSSIBLE THERAPY FOR BIOLOGICAL CLOCK DAMAGE AND HELP TO PREVENT DISEASE.

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FAMOUS QUOTES

EVOLVING ATHEIST, THE

"I WAS A THEIST ... BECAUSE I FEARED,

I WAS AN AGNOSTIC ... BECAUSE I QUESTIONED,

I AM AN ATHEIST ... BECAUSE I REASON."