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In the World But Not Of the World

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Recently there have been a number of cases where the “world” has not been especially kind to religion, especially creationist views.

Case #1: The “leading candidate” for an astronomy post at the University of Kentucky ended up losing his opportunity when his Intelligent Design views became known. He had expressed some doubts about classic Darwinism although he claimed not to be a creationist. He has now settled with the school after suing for religious discrimination.

Case #2: The Institute for Creation Research has failed to get the Texas state educational authorities to certify its master’s degree in science program although it had not faced that problem in California.

Case #3: Meanwhile, in California, a U.S. circuit court has ruled that state universities there can refuse to accept science credits from any private high school that teaches creation in its science courses.

Case #4: NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory demoted a computer specialist who had shared intelligent design DVDs with colleagues. He was accused of being disruptive in the workplace for “promoting religion.”

Such acts of discrimination are not new. Actor/comedian Ben Stein discussed some other cases in his documentary, *Expelled-No Intelligence Allowed*.

There often is intense pressure to give in to the world if it appears we must do so to advance our lives or careers. But Jesus in a prayer to His heavenly Fathers says of His followers, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of it...As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world (John 17:16,18).

Not all doors are closing, thank God. A Noah’s Ark theme park tied to Ken Ham’s Creation Museum has been given the green light to begin construction in Kentucky and has even been promised some state aid, much to the consternation of atheists.

We who accept the creation account as true history still have relative freedom in this country to express our views. If worse ever comes to worse, we can still attempt to persuade the world with holy lives. Jesus once said, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)” *LSI*

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