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**Earth Week is next week, so make sure to get most of your polluting done over the weekend.**

OPINIONS

**Christians should be protected from attacks, too**

By **ANDREW LE**  
Staff writer

Christian prosecution didn't end when Rome fell.

I've had an Ohlone professor illustrate the difference between Protestants and Catholics by saying Catholic women put out while Protestant women cannot (the ability to confess after bumpin' uglies must make all the difference). If a professor included in his lecture the sexual tendencies of Muslim

girls, he'd be fired on the spot. But due to the fact that he was talking about Christians, it was kosher.

I've also heard a history professor justify the anti-Christian rhetoric of Communist workers' unions in the 1920s with the reasoning that ministers were allied with the rich to exploit the workers.

The Muslim Student Association at Ohlone is allowed to have rallies, but last year, when someone was leaving flyers around campus with Bible verses printed on them, the ad-

ministration got all bothered. I'm not saying the MSA shouldn't be allowed to have rallies; that would be just as ignorant as a professor saying that a religious denomination was responsible for keeping working conditions abhorrent in 1920s America.

I'm all for religions expressing themselves however they see fit, as long as they're not promoting hate crimes.

But why are college professors allowed to say such things?

Because it's okay to mock faith as long as

you only mock Christianity.

I'm not saying we're blameless. I'll give you the crusades, AIDS in Africa, our long history of anti-Semitism, etc. These are pretty gargantuan party fouls. But I've been eating your crap for a long time and I'd really appreciate if you guys would lay off my belief system, just a little.

Everyone's always talking about how important it is to respect a diversity of culture and background. So why can't you guys respect mine?

**Jesus loves me, but sorry... I'm taken**

By **JAPNEET KAUR**  
Photo staff

It irks me to no end why so many people feel the need to shove their faith in my face.

This nation is rooted in safe refuge from religious persecution and yet its citizens make it nearly impossible for many disciples to practice their faiths in peace.

My complaint is not against the government or the administration, but against people, against individuals. Not a month goes by that someone doesn't come a-knocking at the door, ready with pamphlets and tiny magazines (which now come oh-so-conveniently in my native language).

I suppose I should consider myself blessed it's not a weekly occurrence. It's hard to feel grateful when I'm being talked at (never

talked to) by someone who doesn't even know the religion I practice or what that religion preaches.

My parents fled India (and certain death) to come to America, a place where they might practice their religion freely – instead, at every turn, my family and I are bombarded with insults that have nothing to do with our religion, told to go back home.

We are told that, to live in America, one should assimilate and try his or her best behavior to really become American. This often comes with noted and repeated glances in the direction of our turbans. This nation is less of a melting pot of diverse people, and more like an old soup can with all sorts of rocks and pebbles tossed in tumbling against each other; nothing but friction.

I want to know what makes Christianity so much better than Sikhism? Why is Islam so much better than Hinduism? How does having a religion trump not having one at

all? People fail to recognize the common teachings of all faiths.

None of the religions mentioned above teach its followers to lie, steal, cheat, kill or rape. People misinterpret scriptures; people take pride in their faith too far and in the wrong direction.

No religion is bad or evil – no God teaches His people to hurt. So why do some of us try so hard to make every other faith look bad, and convert everyone to their own faith? Islam does not teach Muslims to terrorize; Hindus do not worship cows; Buddhists sometimes get ticked-off and Jesus was not the only resurrected prophet (even if he was, he wouldn't brag about it like his followers sometimes do).

We need to stop being so scared of one another's beliefs, and educate ourselves. We need to let go of the belief that our own faith is better than anyone else's, or that our God is better than someone else's God.

**Monitoring**

Room 3201 on the main campus has no interior recycling bins. Though this is a small oversight, it is a large lecture hall and a few bins would be well-used.

The bookstore's small baskets of fruit look a bit ridiculous amongst the piles of candy. It's time to expand the fruit section, or at least commit to the junk.

The information office at the Newark Center is helpful, but hard to find down the hall in Room 1312. Perhaps a more prominent island booth, staffed with a rather brainy student, is in order.

Landscaping the Newark Center with native plants has worked well. It's time to try it in Fremont.

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CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

**What were you doing during Tuesday's fire drill?**



**Ali Ragheb**  
NURSING  
"Learning about love in Psychology."



**Viet Nguyen**  
BUSINESS  
"Taking a mid-term in Business."



**Anna Mederos**  
ZOOLOGY  
"Enjoying the sunshine."



**Rob Kossayan**  
HISTORY  
"Learning about dominant sevenths in music class."



**Melody Hwang**  
UNDECLARED  
"Grading reading quizzes."