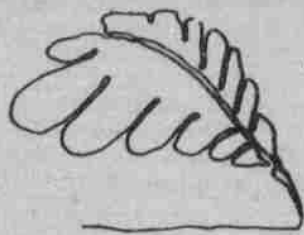


to the editor



Modern misconception

Dear editor:

Greetings. I am a 33-year-old hippie Jew. I was born in Bethlehem, Penn. I am the first son of Joseph and Mary Christopher. They were not expecting me (virgin birth is *not* a misconception!). I now live in Nazareth, Pa., and am employed as a carpenter. But I believe there are greater things ahead for me.

Certain facts lead me to believe that I am the Messiah. When I read in your paper of a voice (That's Josh!) crying in the wilderness in the desolate land of Nebraska, I was immediately sure that he is a modern day John the Baptist. I have contacted Josh and convinced him that I am the King of Kings. He has agreed to baptize me in the Platte River at some point in the future, when I feel ready to assume the awesome duties of a son of God.

You shall know when the time is come, for this shall be a sign unto you: wooly mammoths will fill the land and you shall beat your swords into sheepshears

Josh the Jester and I are collaborating on a new book, *You can Profit from a Spiritual Crisis*, to be published by Son O'God Press (a division of Holy Trinity Industries, Inc.) at a list price of \$14.95. Watch for it in good bookstores everywhere (and I mean everywhere).

Peace unto you and rejoice; He (I) is (am) coming.
Jess "the Chosen One" Christopher

Joshro Tull

Dear editor:

I was quite amused by your editorial of Jan. 27 and also the opinion page where it appears Bruce Nelson "knows all."

I found it evident that you had already formed an opinion and left the wax in your ears as you watched Josh Sunday evening. Your problem, Mr. Albers, is not one of knowledge but of the will to accept, or possibly even examine, the facts.

I wonder—had it been a two-month campaign announcing the arrival of Jethro Tull would you have

been so upset with the pamphlets and leaflets? I suggest that Josh may be scratching where you are itching!

LuAnn Harney

Missed again

Dear editor:

I see that once again students are missing the real issue here—the violations of University policy by Josh. The blame for this rests both on the University and the five sponsoring campus organizations.

It is time that students look at this and see that there indeed is a double standard in enforcement. What is done is done, but I would like to see firm steps taken to prevent anything like this from happening in the future.

If no action is taken, that will just allow it to happen again. Let's support efforts to stop it.

Double Crossed

Typo exposed

Dear editor:

An editorial appeared in last Monday's *Daily Nebraskan* which must have been a monstrous typographical error. I refer to the editorial entitled "Fanaticism—hold your breath, pinch your nostrils," in which Bruce Nelson exposes Josh McDowell for what he really is—Francis Schaeffer.

To say that a man cannot live consistently within his philosophy is simply not an ad hominem attack. To say that Sartre is unable to live within his existentialism is not to criticize the man Sartre but rather to say that no man can live the existential life, divorced from absolute values and valueless himself. A better example of the ad hominem attack is illustrated when the rationalist Nelson sarcastically refers to "super-saint Schaeffer" and warns the reader to watch for fanaticism's latest "Elmer Gantry."

The most outrageous part of the entire article, however, was the forewarning given by prophet Nelson that, indeed, a few guilt-ridden freshmen reeling from experiences with drugs and sex would succumb to the glossy advertisement of Jesus freaks. To say that one need be somehow mentally doped in order to accept the faith embraced by such as T.S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis and St. Augustine, is really foolishness.

After reading the editorial I consoled myself by thinking that fools will always be fools, and if academic freedom is to be observed, we must endure

such people. But then I was struck by the realization that academic freedom was not being observed as I, by involuntary payment of my student fees, was supporting the secularist trash spewed forth by writers on the *Daily Nebraskan* such as Bruce Nelson.

No one on this campus is forced to buy *Christianity Today*, so why must I or anyone else buy a paper with which we disagree? In the name of academic freedom, let this tyrannical practice come to an end at the University of Nebraska.

Del Gustafso

Intellectuals and Christians

Dear editor:

I wish to direct through you a few words to your columnist Bruce Nelson and his rather peculiar comment, (Monday, Jan. 27) that "I have never seen a Christian intellectual. As far as I am concerned a Christian intellectual is a contradiction in terms."

Mr. Nelson, if, as far as you are concerned, there is no such animal, I am thoroughly disturbed. I hold myself to be a Christian. Does this mean that I am relegated to spend my time aimlessly wandering about in total ignorance, chewing gum and listening to Donny and Marie? Will I never be able to understand the words of my fellow Christian non-intellectuals, T.S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis or Thomas Aquinas?

Much of your argument against Schaeffer's book was that his attack was often against a man's personality and not his ideas. However you in your argument pushed the ad hominem attack ad nauseam. You call the man ignorant, a name dropper, a hypocrite and say he is on the same spiritual plane as Elmer Gantry. I see no logical excuse for condemning one man's devices while adopting them as your own.

Perhaps the main reason you created this general attack against the Christian philosophy (and it was an attack against the main body of Christianity, recall "the great white way to Jesus") is that you, like many Americans, raised in a Christian culture and being constantly exposed to it, have never really understood it.

The next time you feel the urge to make such prejudicial, biased and (I say this because you seem so fond of the word) ignorant remarks as were made in Monday's paper I submit that you do with them as the title of your column says: hold your breath, pinch your nostrils.

Joe Krzycki

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