



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

I've been there and done that atheist thing already

Dear Editor:

Reading Richard Bramwell's letter, 'We're not just chunks of meat -- we have life', was a déjà vu experience for me. In fact the popular expression "been there, done that" definitely applied. I think I even designed an atheist t-shirt.

I, too, was raised in a traditional religious background (Roman Catholic) and like Richard, when I was in my late teens, I decided that the "God thing" was stupid, and the evolution theory was a logical one. With this newfound logic, my religious beliefs were discarded like garbage.

Why then, after many years of living the good life, with all the trimmings that make life good -- a happy marriage, a good career, great friends, no money worries and a good golf handicap, was there an emptiness, a feeling of "is this it?"

Then seven years ago my conversion, as I like to refer to it, happened. The story behind this conversion is too long to include in this letter,

but the experience was so powerful and mind-changing, I would describe it as equivalent to being whacked in the head with a two-by-four.

Of course I had read about people being born again, saved and finding religion, etc., but no way did I buy into any of these theories and when one is so firm in their belief, it is really an incredible shock to have something this irrational happen.

My very logical mind tried to ignore what was occurring in my life and at first I refused to believe that anything this ridiculous could possibly happen to me. However, after a few months of denial I finally realized that there was absolutely no doubt in my mind about the existence of God.

Has my life changed? -- completely, in ways too numerous to list here. Have I turned into a pious holy-roller? -- absolutely not! Do I preach on street corners? -- no way! Do I still drop into the Dickens? -- definitely! Has my golf handicap improved? -- no! One of the greatest changes is that there is now a deep spiritual fullness in my

life where before there was an emptiness or searching, and my faith in God is absolute.

Richard, you're right. We're not just chunks of meat. We have life -- both the physical one we know today and the spiritual life we will share in eternity with our God.

Anne Courtney
Bell Street

Debate has advanced

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Richard Bramwell's 'We're not just chunks of meat' from Vol. 139, No. 41.

What began as a debate about religion in the classroom has developed into something a lot more far-reaching. Ken Campbell alleges that Canada is founded on Christian principles, thus, Christian educations should be found in the schoolroom. Perhaps this is the case. However, take Mr. Bramwell's testimony as an example.

Mr. Bramwell, despite being an Anglican altar boy and also having evolutionary ideas taught to

him in Grade 13, has been able to come up with his own, personalized beliefs. His diction connotes that he feels very strongly about these ideas. Also, they have given him peace of mind and morality in a world that can often be highly immoral.

Education is not dictation. Education is cultivation. Education should enrich one's mind and allow independent thinking.

Mr. Bramwell is a prime example of the result of a diverse education -- a confident, moral, member of society. I myself have had the benefit of an open-minded education (taught in Halton, I might add). My personal beliefs -- which are Christian -- enrich my every day.

However, neither of our beliefs were taught, they were grown. I think that all students should be allowed to reason out their own beliefs rather than have them decided for them. This would better reflect the purpose of education, as well as the foundations Canada is built on.

Michael Pallett
Milton

Thanks a lot for all your support

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Visual Insanity and guests I'd like to say thank you for the help The Champion has given us over the past two years.

As you are aware, Visual Insanity is a local art group and is very appreciative of any support it can get.

This year at our outdoor show we held an art auction with proceeds being sent to the Milton District Hospital

Foundation.

It is with great news that we were able to send off cheques in total of \$850 to the foundation office.

Work by local artist Maureen Casteller and Gail Mowat was given to the highest bidder along with a donation by a company with interest in the Milton area.

Again, I wish to say thanks.

Russell Jodway
Visual Insanity

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Chris Cassivi, Champion carrier for the Appletons wins \$10 as our way of saying "thanks for doing a great job".