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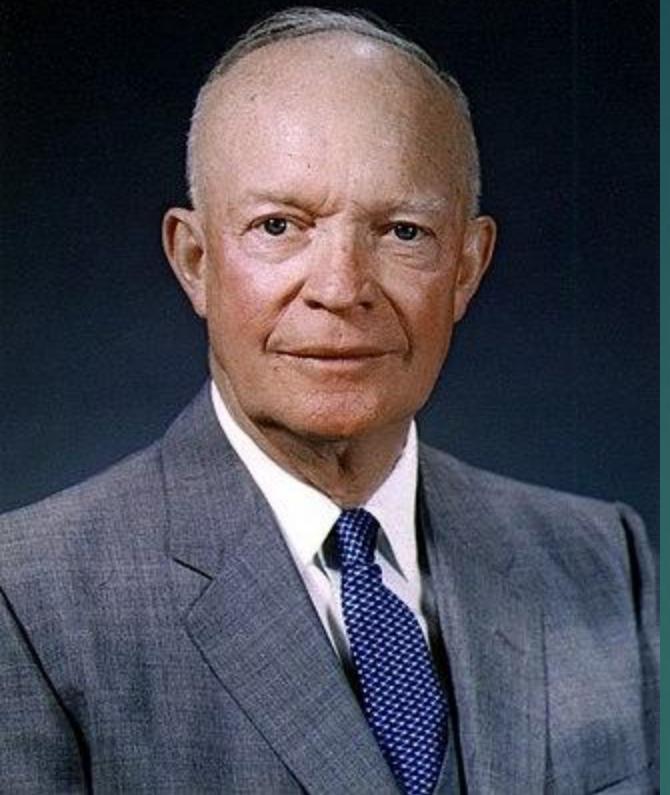
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A photograph showing a group of people, including a man with a beard and a woman, holding a large protest banner. The banner has text that is partially visible, including 'PEOPLES OF FAITH', 'PEOPLES OF PEACE', and 'LONDON'. In the background, a building with a flag is visible.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

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“Our form of government has no sense unless it is founded in a deeply felt religious **faith**, and I don't care what it is.”
[D. Eisenhower in 1952]



Northern-Irish Joke of the Day (one of many versions)

A man is walking down the street in Belfast, when suddenly he's surrounded by a gang of men. They ask him: "Are you Protestant or Catholic?"

The first man, not knowing which answer will let him walk away unharmed, hedges his bets and replies: "actually, I'm an Atheist."

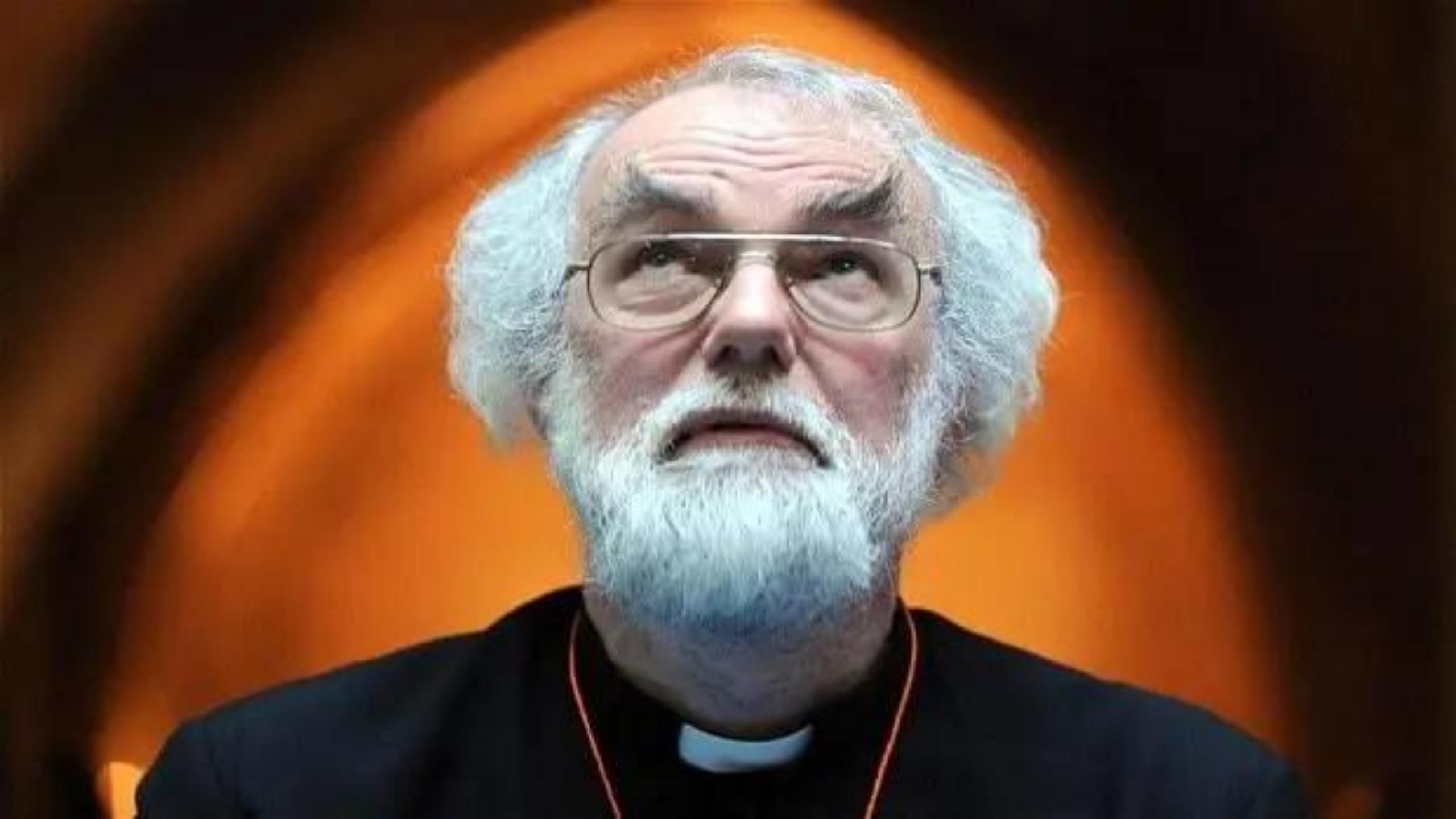
The leader of the gang pauses, then asks: "right, **but are you a Protestant Atheist or a Catholic Atheist?**"



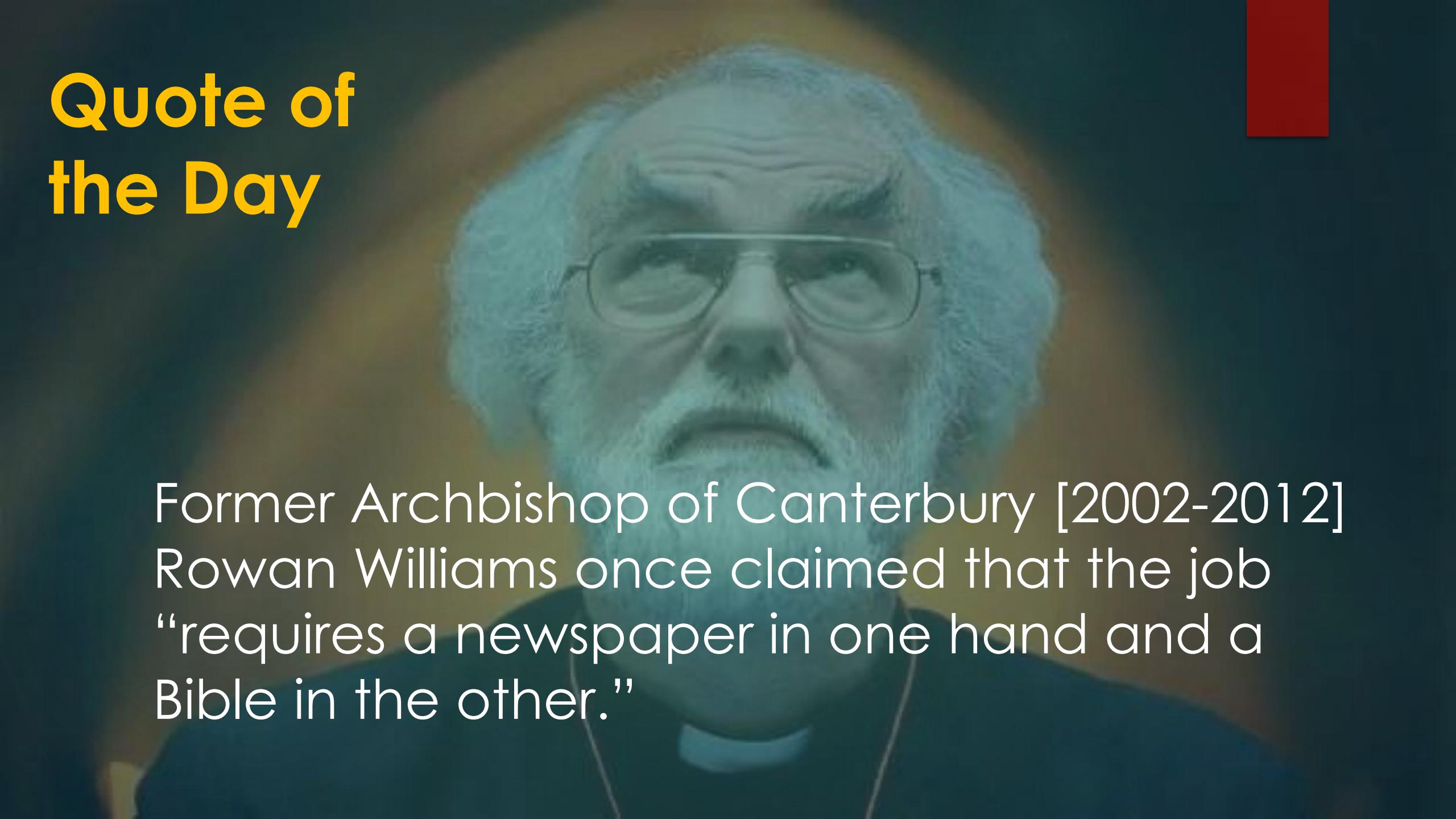
Seventeenth-Century Indian
version of this 'joke' by Venetian
traveller to India Nicolo or
Nicolao Manucci (1638-1717) in
his *History of Mogul India*

=> "Are you a Persian or a Hindu
Christian?"





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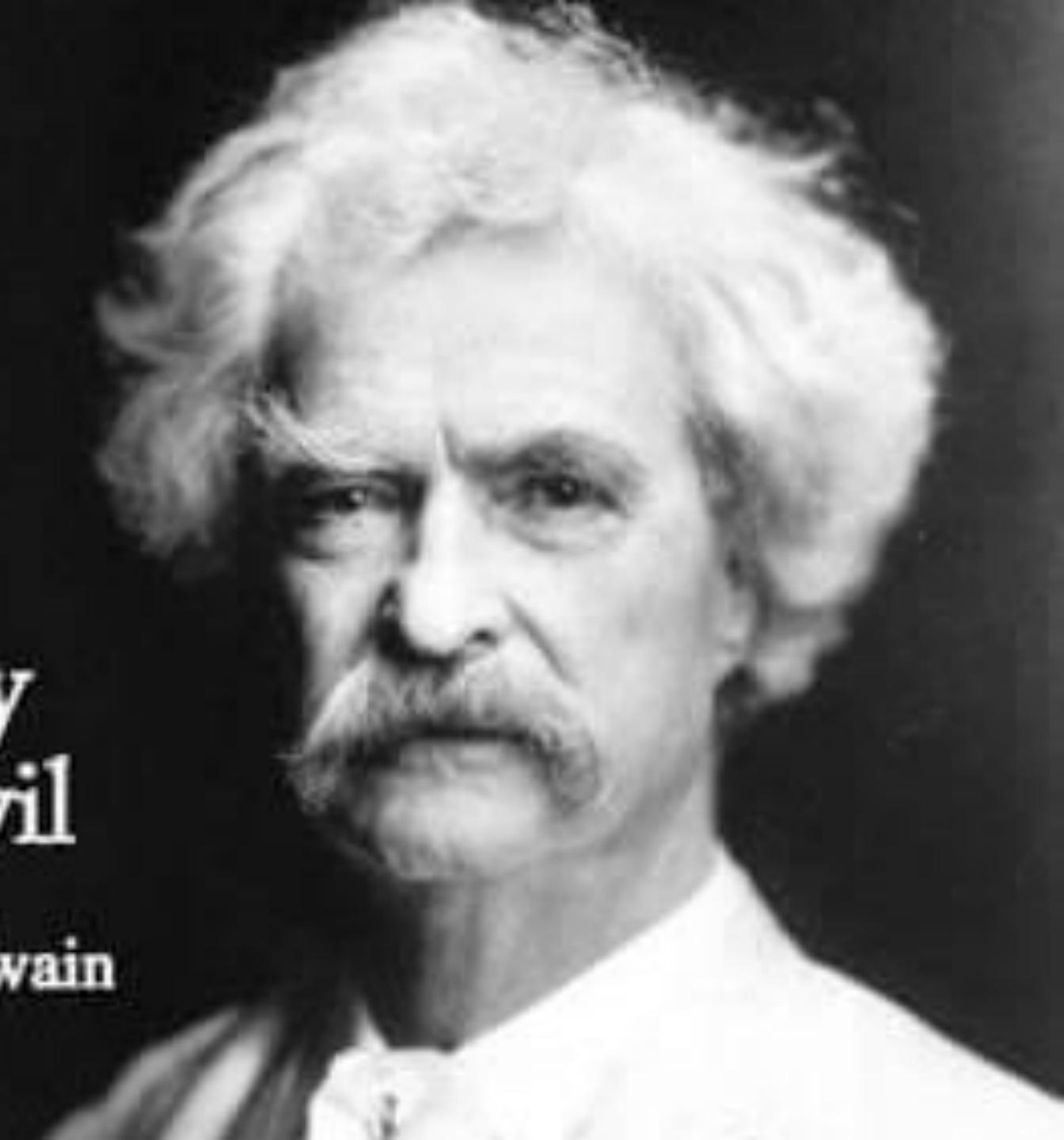
A portrait of Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, wearing glasses and a dark robe. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange and yellow.

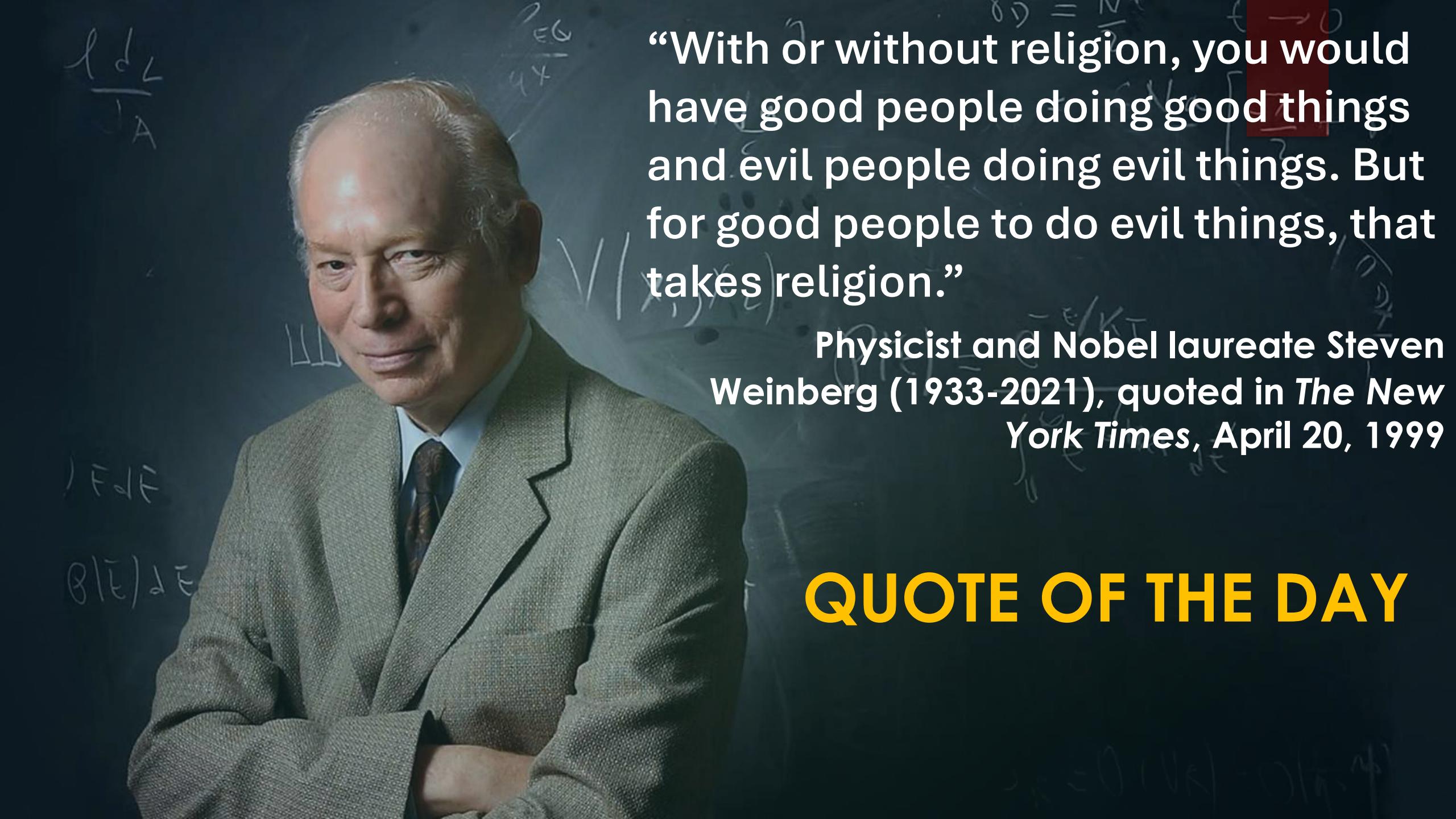
Former Archbishop of Canterbury [2002-2012]
Rowan Williams once claimed that the job
“requires a newspaper in one hand and a
Bible in the other.”

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The lack of money
is the root of all evil

- Mark Twain

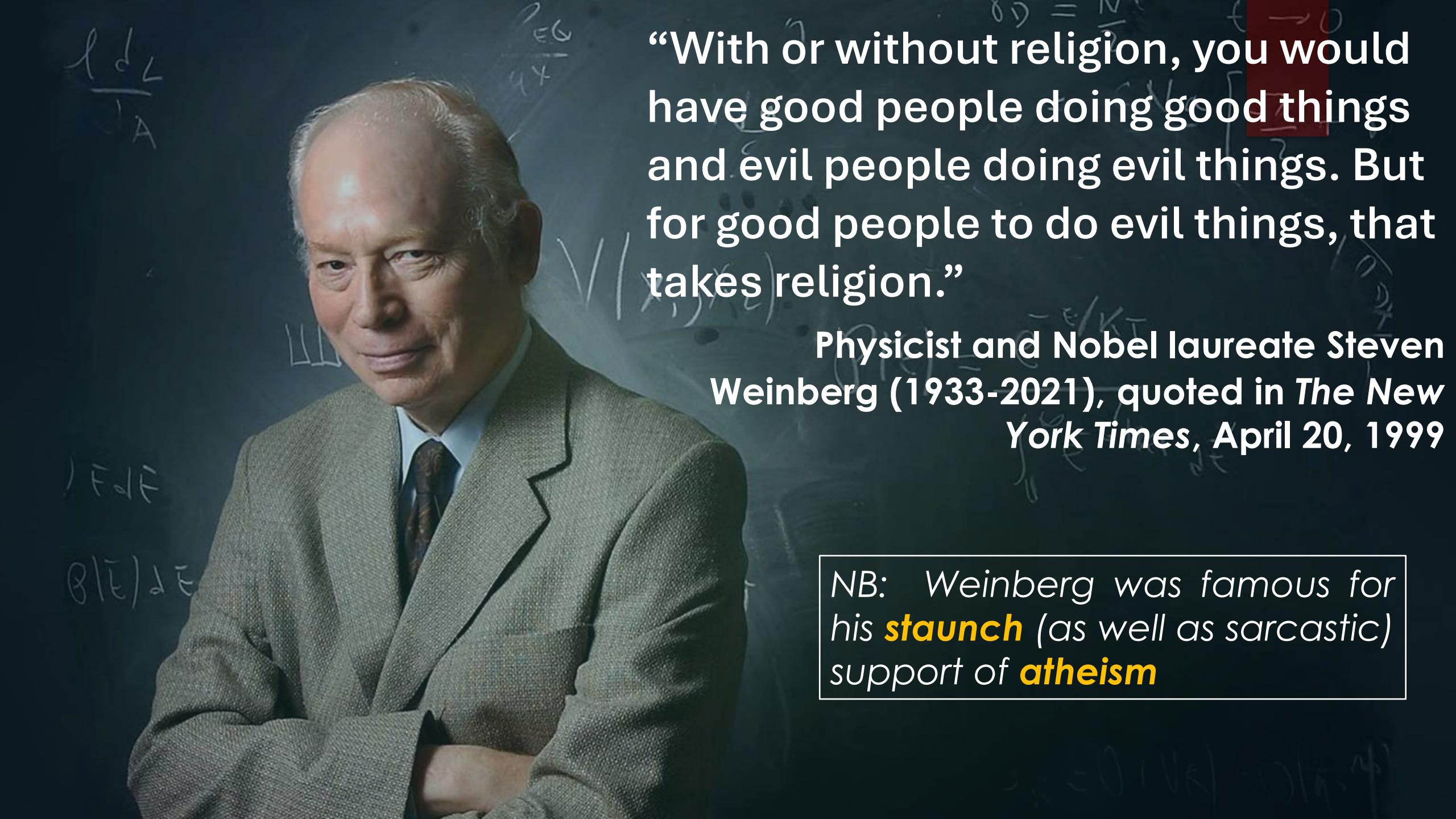


A portrait of Steven Weinberg, a Nobel laureate in Physics. He is an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a light-colored tweed jacket over a white shirt and a dark tie. He is standing in front of a chalkboard covered with mathematical equations and diagrams, including a diagram of a particle interaction and some handwritten text. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a faint smile.

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NB: Weinberg was famous for his **staunch** (as well as sarcastic) support of **atheism**

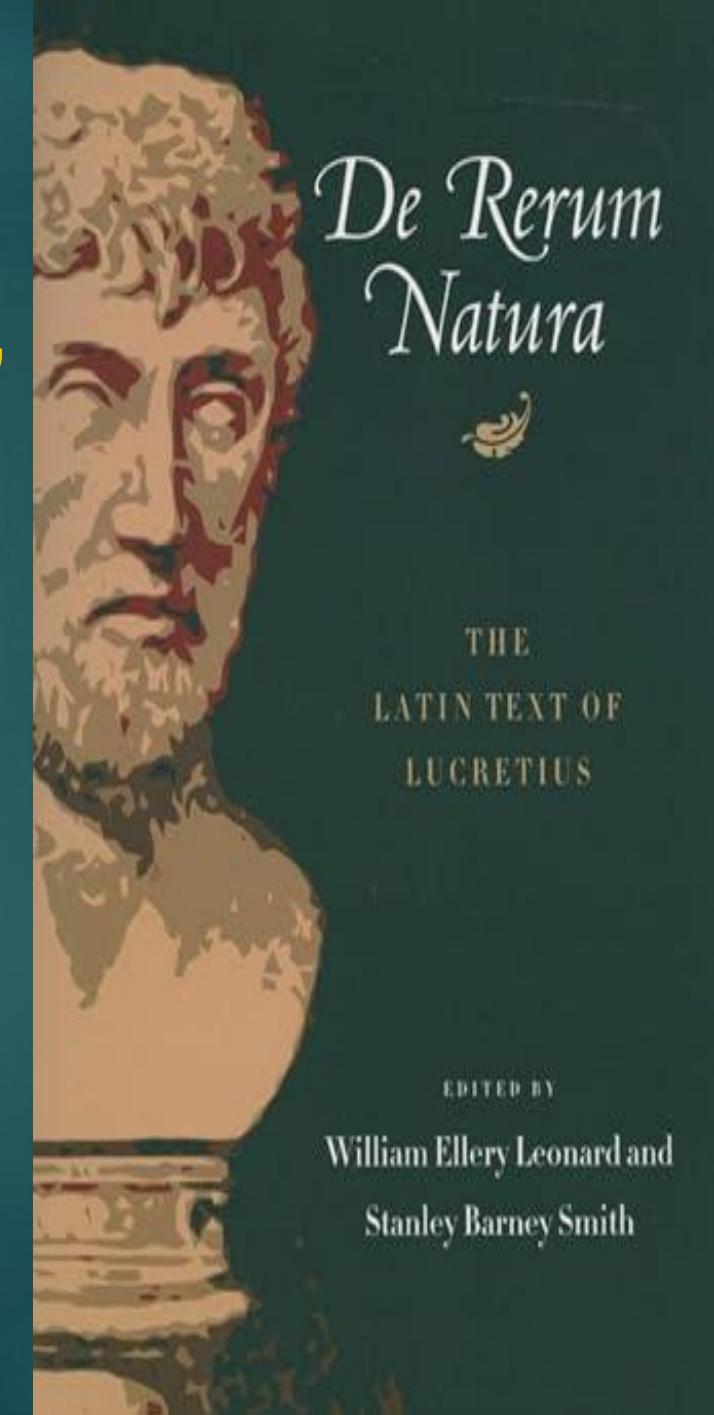
Criticizing religion: an old tradition

‘tantum religio potuit suadere malorum’

(Lucretius, *de rerum natura*, Bk 1, 101, 1st c. BCE)

= “To such heights of evil has religion been able to drive men.”

Religio here: excessive religious zeal and overscrupulousness (=> *supersticio*)



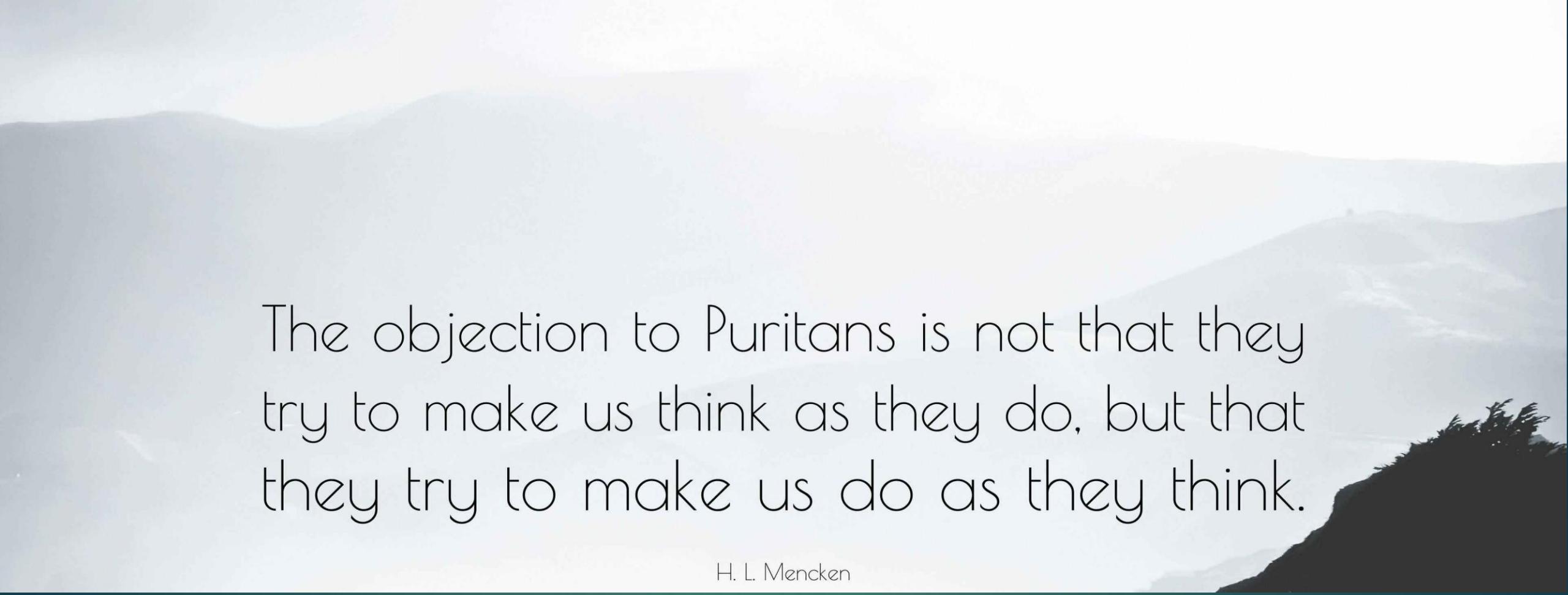
Criticism of religion ≠ atheism

1. Irreligion or impiety (*asebeia*) is NOT synonymous with atheism (as theory or belief)
2. Criticism of religion can come from within religious traditions (cf. some strands of **anticlericalism** / exposing '**priestcraft**' + history of the concepts of **superstition** or **idolatry** applied to other religions)
3. Depends on your working definition of what counts as "religion"

=> Question: what about the toleration of atheists and other **secularists**, or non-religious people?

Historically difficult, given the widespread belief before modern times that some sort of religion must underpin and uphold moral behaviour and community cohesion, obedience to laws and political power...

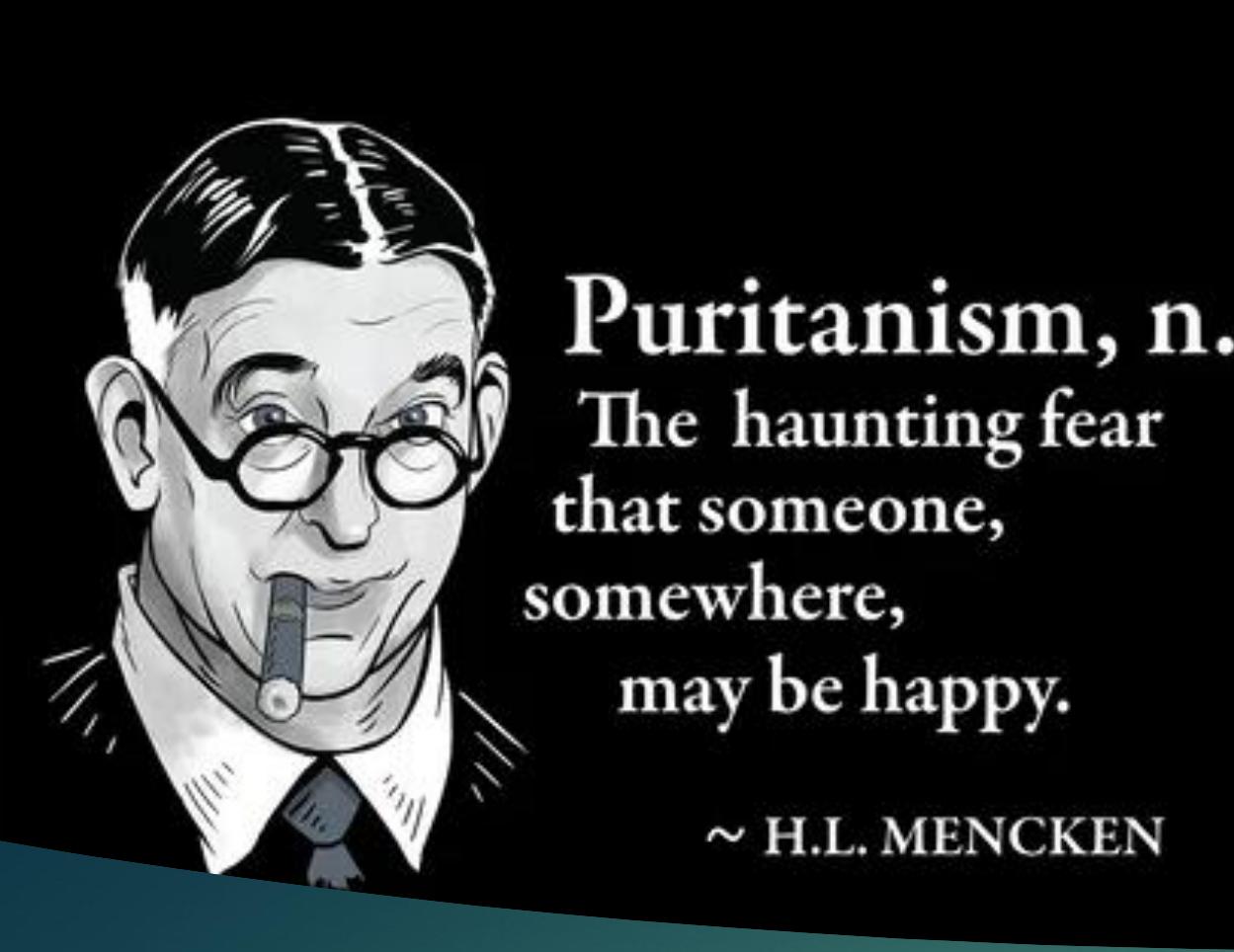




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H. L. Mencken

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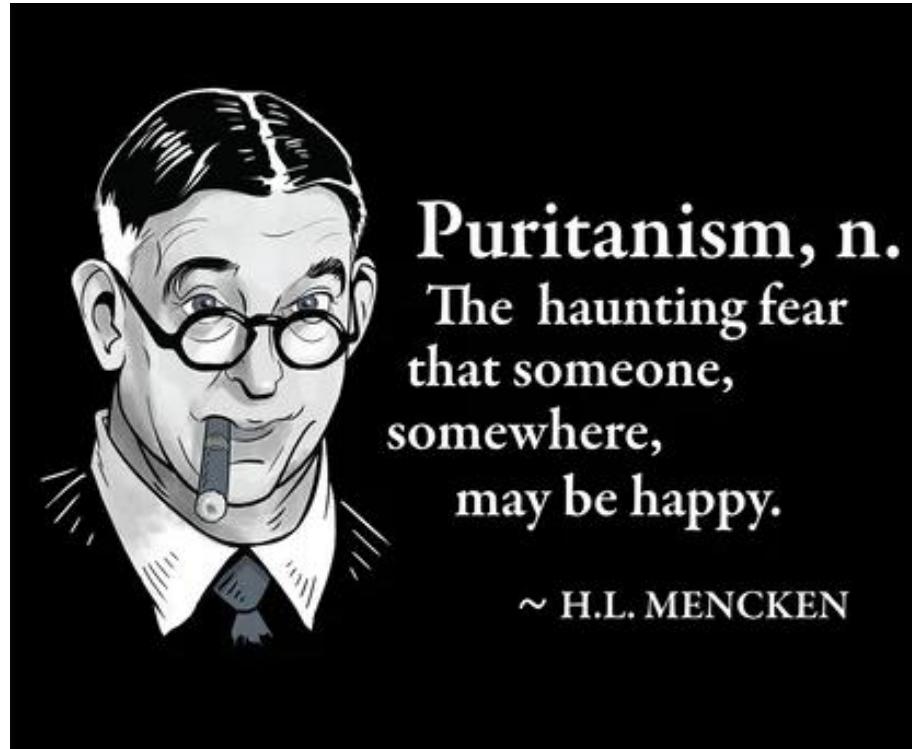
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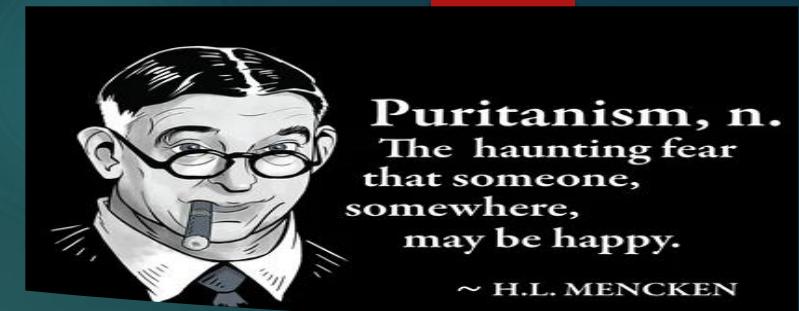


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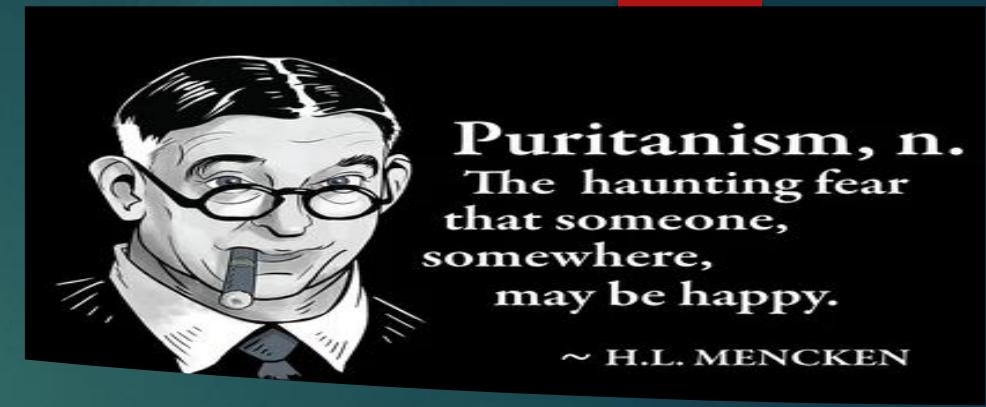
Henry Louis Mencken (1880-1956):

American writer/author, journalist, satirist and pamphleteer. MADE FAMOUS (AMONG OTHER THINGS) BY HIS REPORTING ON THE SCOPES TRIAL (a.k.a "Monkey Trial")



"Like Nietzsche, Mencken lambasted religious belief and the very concept of God, as he was an unflinching atheist. He was particularly hostile to **Christian fundamentalism**, **Christian Science** and **creationism**, and towards the "**Booboisie**", his word for the ignorant middle classes. In the summer of 1925 he attended the famous Scopes "**Monkey Trial**" in Dayton, Tennessee, and wrote **scathing** columns for the Baltimore Sun (these widely syndicated) and American Mercury mocking the anti-evolution fundamentalists." [Source: Wikipedia]

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“The Puritan's utter lack of aesthetic sense, his distrust of all romantic emotion, his unmatchable intolerance of opposition, his unbreakable belief in his own bleak and narrow views, his savage cruelty of attack, his lust for relentless and barbarous persecution – these things have put an almost unbearable burden up on the exchange of ideas in the United States.”

[From: *Puritanism as a Literary Force*, 1917]

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Daoibh!



Happy Halloween!
Happy Samhain!



Happy Diwali



Happy
Halloween!
Happy
Samhain!

NO VOTES FOR WOMEN

NO CENSUS

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

Number of Schedule
(To be filled up by the Enumerator
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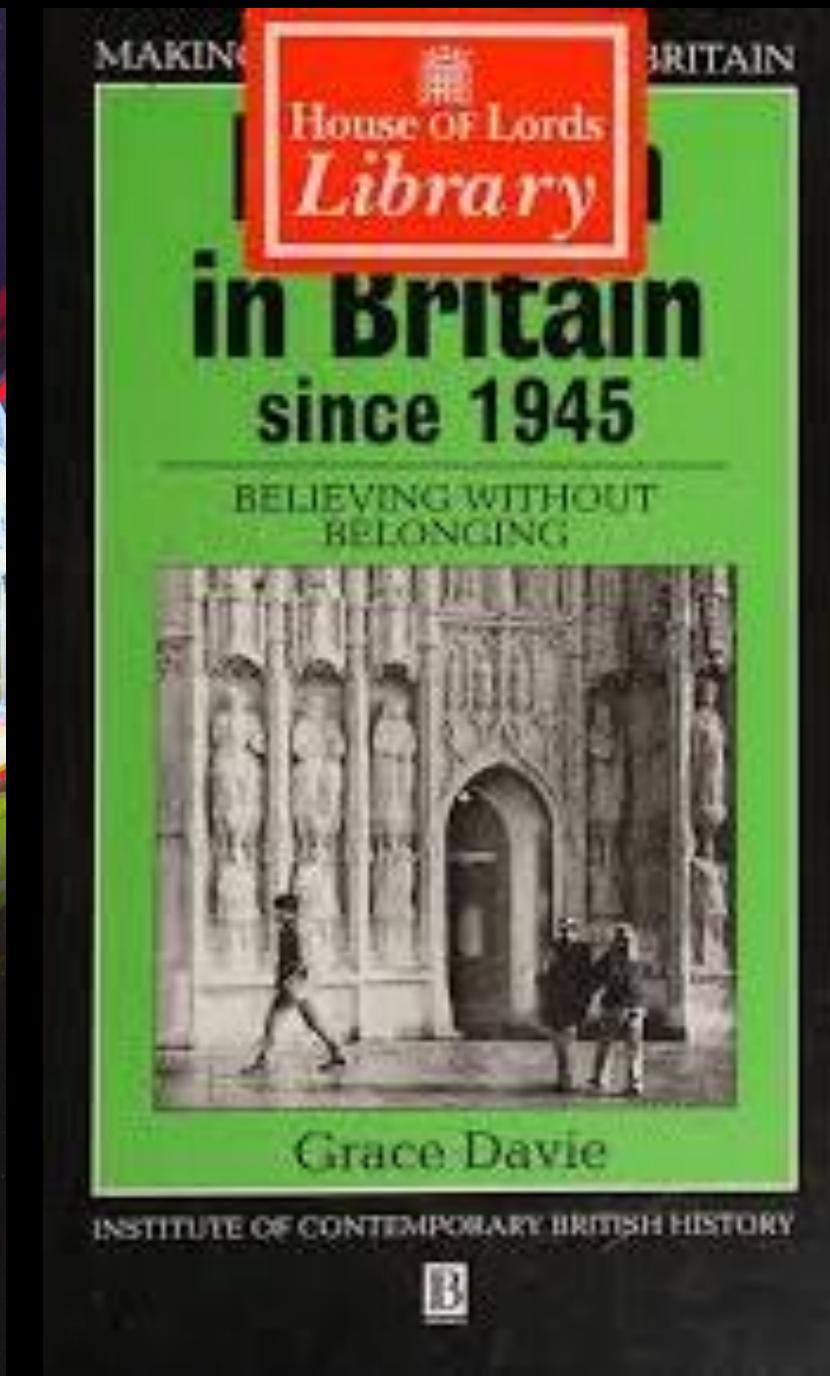
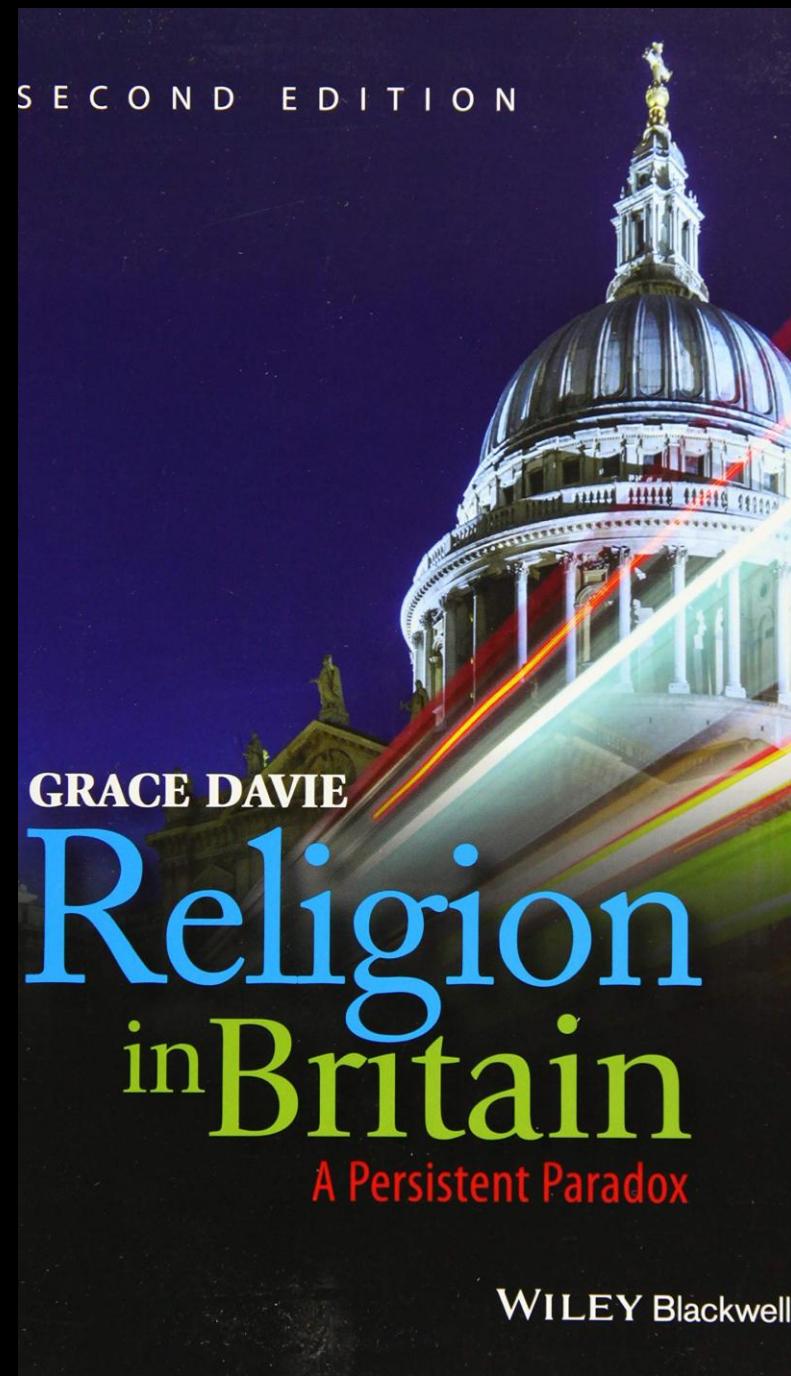
Religious data published for England & Wales

2021 Census

46.2% Christian
37.2% No religion
6.5% Muslim
1.7% Hindu
0.9% Sikh
0.5% Buddhist
0.5% Jewish
0.6% Other

2011 Census

59.3% Christian
25.2% No religion
4.9% Muslim
1.5% Hindu
0.8% Sikh
0.4% Buddhist
0.5% Jewish
0.4% Other



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In 2001, UK Census officials reported that 390,000 people self-identified as 'Jedi knights', henceforth creating a religious category for 'Jediism'.



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