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## [Why we must reclaim religious freedom](#)

Posted: Wed, 12 Sep 2018 by [National Secular Society](#)

*There is an urgent case for resisting those who claim the mantle of 'religious freedom' without regard for others' rights and freedoms. Here's why our Secularism 2019 conference will be held under the tagline 'reclaiming religious freedom'.*

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Whatever your party political views, there are principles that we can all support: the triumph of secular... [Read More »](#)

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Speaking during the fractious meeting of the Anglican Communion,... [Read More »](#)

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*Some academics are giving undue prominence to religion and religious students- when the evidence shows they are exaggerating the scale of the 'problem' they describe.*

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A landmark legal cases involving secularists took place a century ago. In Bowman v. Secular Society the relatives of a testator leaving money to the Secular Society (an associated company of the NSS) sought but failed to have the bequest declared invalid on... [Read More »](#)

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## Secularist Thought for the Day competition – and the winner is....

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Our Secularist Thought for the Day competition brought a big response from all over the country and choosing a winner was very difficult given the generally high quality of the entries.

But in the end, we plumped for this imaginative entry from Veronica Wikman:... [Read More »](#)

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## [Interculturalism: The new era of cohesion and diversity](#)

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**Book Review:** *Interculturalism: The new era of cohesion and diversity* (Ted Cattle, Palgrave, £19.99)

**Reviewed by Steve Sparrow**

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## [NSS President's speech to Secular Europe rally](#)

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**Terry Sanderson's speech to the Secular Europe Rally**

**London, 15 September 2012**

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I have to admit, though, that neither secularism nor anything else could... [Read More »](#)

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## [Why Trevor Phillips owes the NSS an apology](#)

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