

Faith And Secularisation In Religious Colleges And Universities



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The Limits of Secularization through Education

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Abstract

Education-inspired decline of religious thought and practice among students has long been conceived as a mechanism of secularization. How education correlates with religious outcomes, and vice versa, have been of interest both in academia and in the public, primarily because of the rise of the so-called "New Atheist" movement that seeks dominion within the intellectual sphere, the rise of the number of individuals who do not identify with a religion, and the guiding secular ethos of Western nations. Modern social research has exposed important limitations and caveats to the secularization paradigm that call into question to what extent, or even if, religious decline occurs during post-secondary schooling. This article presents the inadequacies and unsubstantiated assumptions of the secularization hypothesis through discussion of key topics of contention, namely: (1) propensities of religious to enroll and excel in school; (2) demographic changes in educational trajectories of religious and non-religious; (3) decline of religious service attendance among post-secondary students; (4) the dissolution of religious plausibility structures; (5) the "liberalization" of student religious opinion; and (6) the nature and process of religious disaffiliation during schooling. Although the consensus of this review is that education is generally not atrophic to religious orientation, exceptions in favor of the secularization hypothesis will also be presented.

Keywords: education, religion, secularization, apostasy, college, university

Introduction

The hypothesis that education has a secularizing influence on student religiosity, or that religious adherents are generally averse to educational pursuits, is a vestige of the emergence of the social sciences in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Early social theorists such as Auguste Comte (1798-1857), Max Weber (1864-1920), and Émile Durkheim (1858-1917) predicted the eventual decline of religion through the prevalence of education and the

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The secularization of colleges and universities is not a new topic. The monumental nature of publications such as George M. Marsden's *The Soul of the Times*. Sometimes these colleges and universities play down their religious identity in the belief that this might possibly attract funding, students and. This is an important book. Christian scholars can be grateful to James Arthur for his documenting of a phenomenon that we have known from our own. *Faith and Secularisation in Religious Colleges and Universities* By James Arthur. V. Alan McClelland. Institute for Learning, University of Hull. These three main religious faiths provide chaplaincies and religious associations in the majority of the world's secular universities and colleges. All three faiths. This book is a detailed study of higher education institutions affiliated to particular religions. It considers the debates surrounding academic freedom. This book is a detailed study of higher education institutions affiliated to particular religions. It considers the debates surrounding academic. Arthur, J. () *Faith and secularisation in religious colleges and universities*. London: Routledge. ISBN Full text not. *Faith and Secularisation in Religious Colleges and Universities*. By James Arthur . Pp. + xiv. London and New York: Routledge. ? (hbk). ISBN Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Journal Indexing Book Review: *Faith and Secularisation in Religious Colleges and Universities*. Show all authors . *Faith and secularisation in religious colleges and universities*, download the book on bodybuildinghumangrowthhormone.com *Faith and Secularisation in Religious Colleges and Universities* is the first book to offer a comparative study of these institutions across many religions and. bodybuildinghumangrowthhormone.com: *Faith and Secularisation in Religious Colleges and Universities* () by James Arthur and a great selection of similar New, Used. Are universities a force for secularisation? Is student faith Universities are often associated with a sceptical attitude towards religion. . Adam Dinham, Professor of Faith & Public Policy, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK. It is clear that those who were the chief engineers of secularization did not foresee The Catholic colleges and universities were somehow the last great cohort to be . We would have you cherish the religion of your fathers.

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