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On Th=, Sep 10, 2015 at 4:10 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>; wrote:

P=, My piece argued against fanaticism.

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On =ep 10, 2015, at 12:02 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>> wrote:

I think religion plays a m=JOR positive role in many lives. . i dont like fanaticism on either =ide. . sorry

On Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 7:52 PM, Noam Chomsky [REDACTED]  
wrote:

Thanks for sending. A wide area=of agreement, but not total.

On confronting dogma, I of course agr=e – though in my opinion the secular religions – nationali=t fanaticism, etc. – are much more dangerous. And if some fi=d rational discussion offensive – as, for example,

mainstream academ=cs find dismantling myths of "American exceptionalism" or =E2◆◆Israeli self-defense" or Obama's mass murder campa=gn, etc., offensive – so be it.

But I don't see why that shou=d extend to ridicule. That includes astrologists. Astronomers =an refute astrology, while recognizing that perfectly honest and deluded people may believe it and should be treated with respect, while th=ir beliefs are confronted with evidence. I also don't see wh= we should ridicule religious dogma, just as I don't think we shou=d ridicule the much more pernicious secular dogmas. Rather, we should respond to irrational belief with argument and evidence,=while recognizing that their advocates (like most of the intellectual worl= in the case of secular dogma) are people who we should be responding to b=t without ridiculing them. It may be hard sometimes. For example, when the icon and founding fathe= of sober non-sentimental Realism in International Affairs informs us that=the US, unlike other countries, has a "transcendental purpose,◆=80◆ and the fact that it constantly acts in contradiction to its purpose doesn't matter because the facts are just "=buse of history" while real history is "the evidence of history as our minds reflect=it," then it's hard to avoid ridicule. But we should= There's no point ridiculing virtually the entire IR profession and=the major journals, even though such extraordinary irrationality leads to =ajor human disasters.

On Davis, I frankly think that◆=99s a non-issue. If she decides she cannot do her job as the conditi=ns of employment require (including following the law), then she can quit and look for another job. As in any other such case.=/u>

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◆=A0 hope all is well.

Lawrence

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