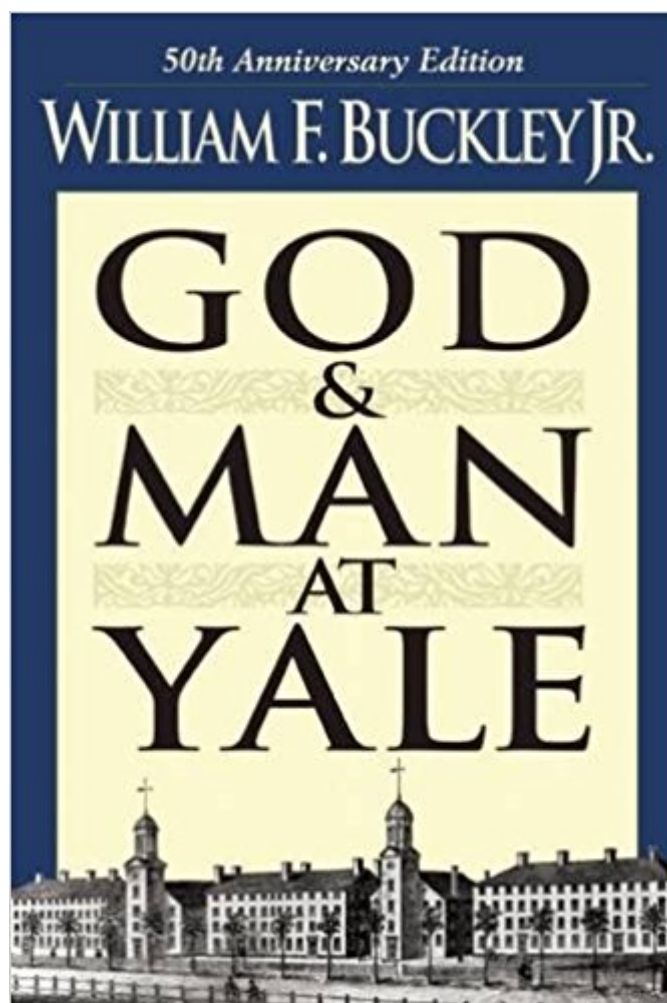


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God And Man At Yale: The Superstitions Of 'Academic Freedom'



Synopsis

"For God, for country, and for Yale... in that order," William F. Buckley Jr. wrote as the dedication of his monumental work—a compendium of knowledge that still resonates within the halls of the Ivy League university that tried to cover up its political and religious bias. Buckley's harsh assessment of his alma mater divulged the reality behind the institution's wholly secular education, even within the religion department and divinity school. Unabashed, one former Yale student details the importance of Christianity and heralds the modern conservative movement in his preeminent tell-all, *God and Man at Yale: The Superstitions of "Academic Freedom."*

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"Without *God and Man at Yale*, one could fairly say, the conservative movement would not exist today. Soon after winning national attention with this controversial polemic, William F. Buckley Jr. deployed his youth, charm, and intellect to unite a motley crew of cantankerous intellectuals into a viable conservative movement. Less than a generation after Lionel Trilling famously opined that 'in the United States at this time liberalism is not only the dominant but even the sole intellectual tradition,' Buckley had in large part caused the liberal consensus to unravel." --From the new foreword to the 50th Anniversary Edition "Still correct and prophetic. It defines the conservative revolt against socialism and atheism on campus and in the culture and reconciles the alleged conflict between capitalist and religious conservatives." --George Gilder, *National Review*, "100 Best Nonfiction Books of the Century" "William F. Buckley's book with the brilliant title, *God and*

Man at Yale, will kick up a glorious controversy . . . Brilliant, sincere, well-informed, keenly reasoned, and exciting to read.” --American Mercury --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY Jr. (1925-2008), a syndicated columnist, author, editor, television host, and adventurer, was the founder of National Review and the host of the Emmy Award-winning Firing Line, the longest-running public affairs program in television history with the same host. He was the award-winning author of many bestsellers, starting with God and Man at Yale. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Academic Freedom. The two words which educators throw at you when you challenge what they are teaching. This book will explain why they should not be allowed to get away with this. Although it is written through an alumni's eyes, Yale being a private institution, there is still no excuse for what Yale has been teaching. They do not want input from parents or alumni -- just their money. As in the public schools where taxpayers and parents have a right to be heard, the failure lies not only with the school but with those who do not get involved. The influence of Yale can be seen in countless ways across the nation, as with other colleges and universities. I wish someone would do the same type of book on Columbia Teachers College. Although many teachers are outright hostile to God, others simply ignore God. Both send signals to the students.

I have long respect Buckley as a thinker and writer. Nevertheless, I have come away from "God and Man at Yale" with, if anything, an increased regard for the man on a number of levels. It is surely non-controversial to say that we all want to be liked, especially by learned folks of an earlier generation. That being said, for Buckley to have been willing to name names while taking the philosophical and intellectual inventory of esteemed men of an earlier generation many of whom had been his professors at Yale required of him enormous self-confidence, care, and courage. For anyone to have been able to think so clearly and reason so precisely about a complex subject would be, at any age, an accomplishment of note. But for Buckley to have done it while still in his twenties is very impressive indeed. Moreover, the substantive content of Buckley's work is both highly informative and readable. It is no wonder that this work launched Buckley into a level of national prominence that his intellectual gifts and lion-hearted courage allowed him to maintain for a long and productive career.

William F. Buckley introduced to our Republic the undermining of the nation

higher education via an unfortunate and relentless liberal agenda within academia. This Buckley classic reveals a disease that had infected most universities by the end of World War II ~ atheism and socialism. This book is an easy read and is a remarkable cultural achievement by the then 25 year old Buckley. The forgotten subtitle of Buckley's book "academic freedom is a superstition" in America was correct and has been since the late 1890's when religious associations with their founding Christian churches were severed. The antecedents to both atheism and socialism within higher academia by 1900 were cast aside in the name of academic freedom of expression and progressiveness. Yale long ago lost the traditional values that placed it, at one time, among the nation's elite. Buckley pointed insight still rings true; "Freedom breeds inequality. Unless you have freedom to be unequal, there is no such thing as freedom." There was no academic freedom at Yale in 1951 (or as early as the late 1890's) and there is certainly no freedom there now. If anything, this malignancy of academic bigotry (which Buckley so eloquently describes) has metastasized to the point that certain death awaits any Man who seeks God within the halls of Yale University. *God and Man at Yale: The Superstitions of 'Academic Freedom'*

Wm. F. Buckley, Jr., will never be replaced, and is as accurate and on topic today as he was when this book first came out in 1951. We have lost so much in his absence.

This is William F. Buckley's seminal work that thrust him into the leadership of the Conservative movement. Read what he wrote in the early fifties and it mirrors our problems today that have been brought on by the Progressive Liberals. It is utterly amazing, as was Buckley. He was a true intellectual and renaissance man. I could go on, but read it for yourself. And have a marker handy, you will be underlining a lot.

Terrific work by a brilliant mind. Little has changed in the liberal/socialist and socio-political mentality and playbook. Very applicable to today.

This is not what I expected to read when I bought this book, I thought the introduction had the most currently relevant comments. As I was reading it, I thought back at this was the way universities were always portrayed in the church I attended as a youth.

a bit dated now but prophetic. Our poor West is in gradual decline. I think this is because all our great cultural achievements, science, just judiciary, accountable government, honest banking,

respect for women, universal education actually derive from Christianity. Without Christianity they are all in retreat. Christianity was seeded in post-barbarian Europe by Irish monks in a warrior culture with values utterly at variance with those of today. It took something like a 1000 years to build a new order. We now applaud those who having lost any understanding of their heritage scoff at it. Obliteration faces us, tragically. Buckley saw this but even a man of his talents could not stem the loss of faith.

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