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Science and Religion

Fr. Daniel O'Reilly <Daniel.O'Reilly@archny.org>
To: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 7:57 PM

Mr. Roemer:

You should not have bothered to ask for my permission to contact my students if you planned to contact them anyway. If you contact them again, you will hear from our Safe Environment lawyers who deal with the endangerment and entrapment of minors.

Fr. Dan

From: David Roemer [david@dkroemer.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 6:44 PM
To: Fr. Daniel O'Reilly
Subject: Fwd: Science and Religion

Dear Fr. O'Reilly,

I already contacted Brendan and Kenna. I have not yet gotten a response to the email I am forwarding to you.

Very truly yours,
David Roemer
[347-417-4703](tel:347-417-4703)

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From: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com<mailto:david@dkroemer.com>>
Date: Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Science and Religion
To: bdm2133@columbia.edu<mailto:bdm2133@columbia.edu>, kma2147@columbia.edu<mailto:km
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Dear Brendan and Kenna,

I am a retired New York City high school science teacher, and want to give the students at Columbia a developmental lesson about the arguments for God's existence. I graduated from Fordham in 1964 and my metaphysics teacher was W. Norris Clarke, S.J.. I was taught that the arguments from "first cause" and "design" made no sense, but that the crowning achievement of metaphysics is the cosmological argument for God's existence. A developmental lesson is not a lecture because the teacher develops the aim of the lesson with the students.

I was shocked to learn recently that a Jesuit professor of metaphysics is promoting the "first cause" argument for God's existence. In October, 2015, I submitted a paper titled, "Why People Think God Caused the Big Bang" to the Review of Metaphysics, which is edited by Elizabeth Shaw. This is a link to the article:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzZLe2IsSc0sZU81ckRvQnhVUIU/view?usp=sharing>

My correspondence with the Catholic Church about this matter is at <http://www.newevangelist.me> ("Rational Arguments for God's Existence: Evangelizing Good and Proselytizing is Bad").

Very truly yours,

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