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After School Satan Club Sues City for Discrimination

The Satanic Temple is suing a local school district in Tennessee, claiming discrimination.

The devilish organization sponsors an After School Satan Club — or <u>ASSC</u> — in Memphis, and says in court documents that the school system has "attempted to thwart the Satanic Temple at every turn in order to constructively block and deter the ASSC from meeting at Chimneyrock Elementary."

The group complains about excessive rental rates and security fees, and overt attempts to block ASSC meetings.



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They claim that the Good News Club, a Christian youth fellowship, does not have to face these roadblocks, and they want equal treatment.

Back in December, when the After School Satan Club began holding meetings in Memphis, District Superintendent Toni Williams acknowledged that she does not endorse their beliefs, but washed her hands of blame, invoking freedom of speech and religion. She published a statement saying in part:

"As a public school district, we're committed to upholding the principles of the First Amendment, which guarantees equal access to all non-profit organizations seeking to use our facilities after school hours. This means we cannot approve or deny an organization's request based solely on its viewpoints or beliefs."

Among the many problems with this misapplication of First Amendment protections is the fact that the Satanic Temple itself <u>admits</u> that it "does not believe in introducing religion into public schools" and that it "will only open a club if other religious groups are operating on campus."

Since it began in 2020, the ASSC has specifically targeted Good News Clubs across the country. In other words, its reason for existence is to attack Christians.

The ASSC also claims that its goal is only to encourage rational thinking and scientific concepts, not to promote any religious doctrine. Is it possible the satanists are lying? Take a look at this ASSC promotional video, and determine the answer to that question for yourself:

Meanwhile, how is their onslaught working out? ASSC is winning the battle in a lot of school districts, which have found a solution to the controversy that the satanists bring with them by simply closing down all after-school clubs.

Leave it to Satan to use free speech to squelch free speech, and freedom of religion to suppress religion.

And while we're not allowed to oppose Satanism, Christianity is fair game for anyone who wants to ridicule it.

Take this rave <u>review</u> published by *The Washington Post* of a new off-Broadway musical called "Teeth" — which it labels "a biting, hilarious satire of religion." Set in a small-town church, the play mocks

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Christian virtues of modesty and chastity. And even though "the show explicitly presents acts of rape," sexual assault, and castration, that's okay, because the whole point is to ridicule the religion of Jesus Christ.

Same goes for the new horror flick "Immaculate," which <u>*The Guardian*</u> calls "a fun, nasty slab of nunsploitation that also acts as a commentary on female bodily autonomy." It's an agonizingly dark and gory movie about a nun who "mysteriously becomes pregnant and is then imprisoned by a rabid convent that believes she's carrying the second coming." The protagonist "pushes back against the patriarchy during the 'my body, my choice' section of her jaw-dropping journey," relates *The Guardian*.

"Gut-wrenching" is a more apt description, and a warning to anyone who might want to view the trailer (NOT recommended):

Indeed, the film would be most accurately labeled as a blasphemous mockery of Catholicism. Could (or would) Hollywood get away with producing a movie that mocks another belief system? Of course not. But since this is aimed at Christianity, it's fair game.





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