

Brian McLaren invites you on his quest to destroy Christianity

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was given the below tweet as a piece of Intel from quasi-universalist [Spencer Burke](#), founder of the aptly named [THEOOZE.com](#), a popular website in the sinfully ecumenical [Emerging Church](#) aka [Emergent Church](#)—that morphed into [Emergence Christianity](#) (EC):

I had a lot of fun doing this episode with Brian McLaren: Q1 – The Narrative Question, from his new book on TheOoze.TV – <http://ow.ly/17TF9> (Online source)

The above link takes us to the video below concerning *A New Kind of Christianity* (ANKoC) by leading EC guru [Brian McLaren](#), now a [Living Spiritual Teacher](#) alongside such as [Deepak Chopra](#), [the Dalai Lama](#), [Thich Nhat Hanh](#), [Eckhart Tolle](#), and [Marianne Williamson](#). However, as I showed you e.g. in [Brian McLaren Continues To Blunder](#) and [Dissention Growing Around The Emerging Church](#), McLaren appears to have made a critical tactical error in coming out of the closet and all but laying out the reimagined (i.e. post) form of [Progressive Christianity](#) aka liberal theology so many in the EC actually adhere to.

For example Tim Challies, hardly one known to be a radical, says in his new review of [A New Kind of Christianity](#) published just today:

It wasn't too long ago that I wrote about Brian McLaren and got in trouble. Reflecting on seeing him speak at a nearby church, I suggested that he appears to love Jesus but hate God. Based on immediate and furious reaction, I quickly retracted that statement. I should not have done so. I believed it then and I believe it now.

And if it was true then, how much more true is it upon the release of his latest tome *A New Kind of Christianity*. In this book we finally see where McLaren's journey has taken him; it has taken him into outright, rank, unapologetic apostasy. He hates God. Period. ([Online source](#))

Then in [Jay Bakker On A New Kind Of Christianity](#) I showed you that in ANKoC McLaren confides there was a time when he "began losing faith" in the way he once read the Bible. But then he goes on to tell us that he was so fortunate to be able to learn a new way to approach the Scriptures "from Christian scholars" such as Roman "Catholics" like fellow Red Letter Christian "[Richard Rohr](#)," another [Living Spiritual Teacher](#) and a leading instructor of [Contemplative Spirituality/Mysticism](#), as well as "Protestants" like [Living Spiritual Teacher](#) and [Progressive Christian](#) scholar "[Marcus Borg](#)."

And it's looking like paying homage to non-Christians like Marcus Borg, who denies just about everything Christians believe, isn't sitting well. It would appear to be significant that contributing editor for [Next-Wave](#) and EC pastor [Bob Hyatt](#) tweeted not long ago:

Borg's Jesus is dead & therefore no real hope for me. My sin & suffering aren't symbolic, so why should my Savior be? /via [@jaredcwilson](#) ([Online source](#))

Such is going to be the problem with this "new kind" of Christianity that Brian McLaren says progressive Christian theologian [Philip Clayton](#) calls [big tent, progressive Christianity](#); can you even be a Christian when you don't believe what Christians believe? Here's Borg's "Christian" testimony at the interspiritual "faith" site [explorefaith.org](#):

I affirm, along with many others, that the major enduring religions of the world are all valid and legitimate. I see them as the responses to the

experience of God in the various cultures in which each originated. To be Christian means to find the decisive revelation of God in Jesus. To be Muslim means to find the decisive revelation of God in the Koran.

To be Jewish means to find the decisive revelation of God in the Torah, and so forth. I don't think that one of these is better than the other. You could even say they are all divinely given paths to the sacred. **To be Christian in this kind of context means to be deeply committed to one's own tradition, even as one recognizes the validity of other traditions.** ([Online source](#), emphasis in original)

O sure, one can just hear the applause from the world; but if you think that the above man-pleasing mantra is even remotely connected to the genuine historic orthodox Christian faith, then you really do need to get your spiritual head examined.