CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT BE COWED

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My last post has demonstrated, once again, that I can write as much as I like about mission, Bible translation and what-have you and more or less elicit no response; however, if I dare to say something about Christian music the replies will flood in on the blog and on Facebook. Perhaps I should change subjects!

Anyway, somewhat to my surprise, this is my second post in a row which quotes from the Daily Mail. Today A.N. Wilson has written a long post saying that Christians should be proud of their heritage and beliefs and should not feel cowed by the sneering comments in the media about them.

> *When that great saint Thomas More, Chancellor of England, was on trial for his life for daring to defy Henry VIII, one of his prosecutors asked him if it did not worry him that he was standing out against all the bishops of England.*
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> *He replied: 'My lord, for one bishop of your opinion, I have a hundred saints of mine.'*
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> *Now, I think of that exchange and of his bravery in proclaiming his faith. Our bishops and theologians, frightened as they have been by the pounding of secularist guns, need that kind of bravery more than ever.*
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> *Sadly, they have all but accepted that only stupid people actually believe in Christianity, and that the few intelligent people left in the churches are there only for the music or believe it all in some symbolic or contorted way which, when examined, turns out not to be belief after all.*
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> *As a matter of fact, I am sure the opposite is the case and that materialist atheism is not merely an arid creed, but totally irrational.*
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> *Materialist atheism says we are just a collection of chemicals. It has no answer whatsoever to the question of how we should be capable of love or heroism or poetry if we are simply animated pieces of meat.*
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> *The Resurrection, which proclaims that matter and spirit are mysteriously conjoined, is the ultimate key to who we are. It confronts us with an extraordinarily haunting story.*
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> *J. S. Bach believed the story, and set it to music. Most of the greatest writers and thinkers of the past 1,500 years have believed it.*
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> *But an even stronger argument is the way that Christian faith transforms individual lives - the lives of the men and women with whom you mingle on a daily basis, the man, woman or child next to you in church tomorrow morning. (read more).*

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