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Sacked Christian in court

Here is a follow-up to the matter of the lady sacked from her position in a Church of England primary school in England.

The matter is now before a court and this report gives some coverage of the court proceedings.

There is a need for Christians to take heed to the spirit that is enveloping the nations and the rejection of Bible religion that is the result.

Note how this woman's views are called "extreme" and "reactionary" by both the barrister representing the school.

I don't believe in gender fluidity, says Christian sacked by school

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The mother of two had shared and commented on Facebook posts that described relationships and sex education classes as "a vicious form of totalitarianism aimed at suppressing Christianity". Lawyers representing Mrs Higgs will argue that her sacking breached her freedom of speech and religion.

"I did not think much about this issue until it was brought up in my younger son's primary school. I knew that there were cross-dressers and that the practice of cross-dressing had been expressly condemned in the Bible. People cannot change something that has been established by God, such as their identity as a man or a woman. I am aware that same-sex marriages are now recognised under UK law, but I believe that is contrary to God's law, which only recognises marriages between one man and one woman."

Mrs Higgs made her social media comments after hearing that students were to learn about the No Outsiders in Our School programme, a series of books on teaching the Equality Act in primary schools. Mrs Higgs, who posted under her maiden name, shared two posts in October 2018 to around 100 of her friends. In one she urged people to sign an online petition against making relationships education mandatory. In another, she shared an article about the rise of transgender ideology in children's books in US schools.

"I was concerned that a lot of parents all over the country and the world simply did not know what was going on," Mrs Higgs said in a statement. "As a Christian, I believe it is morally necessary to speak out in defence of the Bible truth when false and harmful doctrines are being promoted."

An anonymous complaint was made to the school and Mrs Higgs was suspended and later dismissed for gross misconduct after a disciplinary hearing. She told of her shock at being suspended during a meeting with the headmaster, Matthew Evans, and the business manager, Sue Dorey. "I remember saying to them, 'Sorry to put you through this extra work, but what I posted is true. This is happening all over the world.'" The Christian Legal Centre is supporting Mrs Higgs's case.

Under cross-examination, Mrs Higgs explained that she was sharing information on Facebook that she thought her friends and family would be interested in. "I just don't think what I did was wrong," she said.

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Debbie Grennan, representing the school, said some of the language used in the messages Mrs Higgs shared was "extreme". The barrister asked: "Do you believe that because of your religious views you can post anything you like, no matter how reactionary?"

Mrs Higgs replied: "I believe that if it goes against the word of God, people need to know about it. I love God but I also have to follow the law of the land, but it doesn't mean I can't disagree."