

Apostate accuses Oxford University of Islamic Bias

Christina brought this to my attention. It started in the [elsewhere](#); also the [Michael Nazir-Ali, former Bishop of Rochester](#) and until last year a senior fellow at Wycliffe Hall. He said: "There is an atmosphere of wanting to be politically correct. It is very widespread in the university as a whole. If people are taking money from these sources, that can limit the critical approach to the study of Islam and Muslim civilisation generally."

In the same Sunday Times article, Robert Ellis, the principal of Regent's Park College, said: "The college strongly rejects any assertion that donors have any influence over the quality of scholarship and direction of research at the centre, or that philanthropic funding in any way compromises academic discussion and argument."

The Sunday Times also shared a comment from Oxford University, a representative said: "All complaints made to the proctors' office are treated with the utmost seriousness and with the interests of the student paramount."

Wilson Chowdhry, Chairman of the British Pakistani Christian Association, said:

" We have been advised that Mr Dallh, after expounding his lecture prohibited only Shahriar from speaking during a Q&A. Shahriar though upset complied with this request for the benefit of Oxford University. At the end of the session to highlight his chagrin and share his opinion. Shahriar asked for an opportunity to speak but was interrupted several times by university tutors, all of whom are said to have had no sympathy for Shahriar.

"This is despite Shahriar having very obvious personal and

emotive experiences regarding the topic of discussion, having quit Islam because of the hate, and as Shahriar puts it 'kaffiophobic' ideology he found within it. If anything as a Muslim background believer his contribution to the discussion will have been very thought provoking and relevant.

"If the speaker had such fragile sensibilities then was it appropriate for him to speak on a topic that can ignite passions in such a way. The reaction by both university staff and Mr Dallh was simply an act of religious censorship.

There is a petition Stop Islamic bias at Oxford University