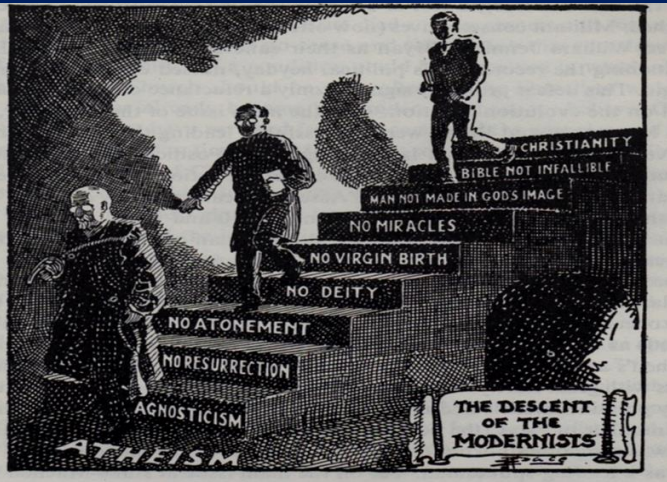
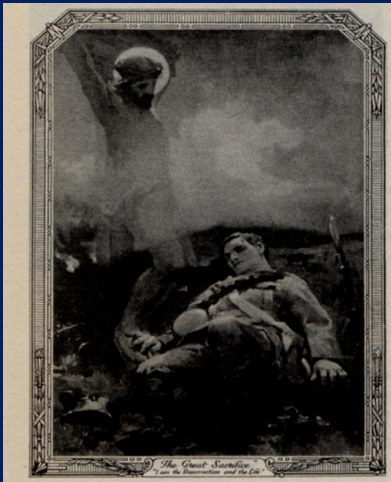


HISTORY 435

Selected Topics in the History of Religion in Canada

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The narrative of the course will suggest that Canada has moved from an age of faith that was dominated by the “historic” churches –notably, Roman Catholic, Church of England (Anglican), Methodist, Presbyterian, and to a lesser extent Baptist.

Sometime in the late nineteenth century, the seeds of religious doubt were planted in Canadian society. From the late Victorian age, the historic mainstream churches have been losing predominance. We now live in an age in which the churches are in retreat. Many claim they are spiritual but not religious; they have no denominational (or church) affiliation. Religious diversity has replaced the monopoly or quasi-establishment of the historic churches. The religious landscape has changed profoundly and it is the purpose of this course to explore the nature of the changes and the reasons for them. Other themes will include the question of religious tolerance and intolerance, the role of missions in Canadian society and the interaction between Christian culture with other religions of the world on foreign mission fields and within Canada. .

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