

**RICHARD FOSTER'S RENOVARE PROMOTING  
EMERGING HERETIC TONY JONES**

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[Apprising Ministries](#) has long been a leading critic of the sinfully ecumenical neo-liberal cult operating within the [Emergent Church](#) aka the [Emerging Church](#) with its more clearly delineated postmodern [Progressive Christian](#) theology.

It's actually a Liberalism 2.0 that these rebels against the authority of God's Word often refer to as "big tent" [Emergence Christianity](#); in other words, this is the *Love Wins* mythology of former EC rock star pastor [Rob Bell](#).

Now to be sure, we're not the least bit surprised that [Living Spiritual Teacher](#) and [Quaker](#) mystic [Richard Foster](#) would recommend the warped work of apostate Dr. [Tony Jones](#), heretical "theologian in residence" at the

social gathering (not a church in the Biblical sense) of his equally heretical friend and “pastor,” universalist [Doug Pagitt](#).

I mean, not when at least two state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention quite specifically recommend both guru Foster and wannabe guru Jones as you’ll see clearly documented in [Alabama Baptist Convention \(SBC\) Encourages You To Learn Lectio Divina From Apostate Tony Jones](#). Nah, really comes as no surprise at all.

After-all, Dr. Tony Jones is a professor at Fuller Theological ~~Cesspool~~ Seminary, as was Richard Foster once. Keep in mind that FTS is still considered one of the more influential mainstream evangelical seminaries:

The screenshot shows the Fuller Theological Seminary website. At the top left is the logo with the text 'FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'. To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a right-pointing arrow. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: 'PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS', 'CURRENT STUDENTS', 'ALUMNI & FRIENDS', 'COMMUNITY', 'ABOUT FULLER', and 'ACADEMICS'. The 'ACADEMICS' link is highlighted in orange. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu under 'Academics at Fuller' with a dropdown arrow. The menu items are: 'School of Theology' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Welcome to SOT', 'Masters Degree Programs', 'PhD and ThM (CATS)', 'Doctor of Ministry (DMin)' (with a dropdown arrow), 'About DMin', 'DMin Admissions', 'Program Design', 'Final Projects', and 'Course Schedule'. The main content area is titled 'Christian Spirituality Cohort' in blue. Below the title, it says 'New Cohort Begins June 6 - 15, 2011' and 'Applications due by: March 10, 2011'. Under the heading 'Overview', the text reads: 'The Doctor of Ministry cohort in Christian Spirituality with Tony Jones will feature a variety of different learning environments and structures that will allow the students to engage spirituality conceptually and practically. Each year will feature different co-teachers and will alternate locations for two-week periods. The proposed format is as follows:'

([Online source](#))

Now notice below that “The Doctor of Ministry cohort in Christian Spirituality with Tony Jones” at FTS will also feature [Phyllis Tickle](#), the Empress of Emergence Christianity, and will be co-taught with [Living Spiritual Teacher](#) and EC guru [Brian McLaren](#):

Year One:

Co-taught with Lauren Winner (& **Featuring Phyllis Tickle**)

The concentration of the first gathering is to frame up the entire three-year experience, developing a broad and robust understanding of just what is "Christian Spirituality." Lauren Winner, professor at Duke University Divinity School and author of, *Girl Meets God*, will teach about the history of Christian spirituality, from its roots in ancient Israel through the early church, the Middle Ages, the Reformation and Renaissance, and to the currently emerging landscape. Tony Jones will work with the students to develop a personal "theology of Christian spirituality" which will guide the student throughout the course of study. Phyllis Tickle, compiler of *The Divine Hours* and general editor of the Ancient Practices Series will also guest lecture in the class. This course will meet in Pasadena, CA.

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Year Two:

Co-taught with **Brian McLaren**

In the second year, the class will meet in Minnesota and explore the connection between Christianity spirituality and nature, including possible forays into the north woods and Boundary Water Area Wilderness, with a special emphasis on Jürgen Moltmann's theology of creation. Brian McLaren, long-time pastor and author of many books will join the class for the canoe trip, and he will teach from his long-time passion for creation care and the spirituality of the wilderness.

[\(Online source\)](#)

As a matter of fact, Jones even informed us today via the below tweet:



[@jonestony](#)  
Tony Jones

[@thelauralarsen](#) [@baldguyarl](#) I just started grading Fuller papers today. But don't read too much into my tweets. :-)

4 hours ago via [TweetDeck](#) ☆ [Favorite](#) ↻ [Retweet](#) ↩ [Reply](#)

[\(Online source\)](#)

Indeed, the gates of the evangelicalism have now even swung open wider allowing in the postmodern liberalism perpetrated by Brian McLaren and his friend Dr. Jones. As far as the Richard Foster endorsement, the other day Jones tweeted:



@jonestony  
Tony Jones

New Blog Post: My “Minor Classic” on  
Spiritual Disciplines (for 99¢!)

[goo.gl/fb/jAlpg](http://goo.gl/fb/jAlpg)

27 Dec via Google ☆ Favorite ↻ Retweet ↩ Reply

([Online source](#))

The link takes us over to his December 27 blog post [My “Minor Classic” on Spiritual Disciplines \(for 99¢!\)](#) where Jones tells us:

Of the books I’ve written, two seem to have the most staying power. One is [Postmodern Youth Ministry](#),... The other is [The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life](#)...

It’s sold at Renovaré events... While it doesn’t sell like a Richard Foster or Dallas Willard book, it is persistent. ([Online source](#))

Yes, as persistent as a spiritual fungus. Guru Brian McLaren, who knows a thing or two about spurious CSM himself, has high praise for both Richard Foster and Tony Jones concerning their knowledge of this neo-Gnosticism. While answering a question by one of his readers he offers the following:

In some of my readings, both of books authored by you and others, I have read about **Christian mystics**. Who are the predominant Christian mystic authors?

**Answer:** If you pick up **Richard Foster’s** “*Celebration of Discipline*” and his other work via Renovare, you’ll get **a great exposure to the Christian mystical tradition**. “*The Spiritual Formation Workbook*” is a great resource too. **Tony Jones’ “The Sacred Way” is also a sturdy introduction to contemplative practices**.

([Online source](#), emphasis mine)

It’s clear that EC guru Brian McLaren considers Richard Foster and Tony Jones as leading authorities on CSM; as does FTS, since they have professor Jones teaching a doctorate level course in Christian Spirituality. I’ve long been critical of Jones’ theology; but I’ve never said that he doesn’t know his apostasy well. I’ve always thought Jones is very knowledgeable about the CSM of [Foster-Willardism](#).

Without a doubt Richard Foster is the living Golden Buddha of this corrupt Counter Reformation spirituality, which flowered in Rome's antibiblical monastic traditions. It then produced apostate [Roman Catholicism](#) and would later lead the Church of Rome to anathematize the very Gospel of Jesus Christ itself. Well, we also know that Foster believes Tony Jones to be an authority concerning CSM as well.

In closing this, for now, remember Jesus tells us to carefully examine the fruit (cf. [Matthew 7:15-18](#)), i.e. the teachings and life of, those who would dare to claim to teachers of God's Word (cf. [James 3:1](#)). So, in the case of FTS professor Dr. Tony Jones, we need to keep in mind his own practice of CSM. It's a critical factor in his doctrine as his views concerning Christian spirituality stem from this neo-Gnosticism.

First of all, CSM has deluded self-professed [Progressive Christian](#) Tony Jones to believe the quasi-universalism of [Big Tent Christianity: A Postmodern Progressive Liberalism](#). Then I showed you three years ago in [Tony Jones: Influential Theologian Of Emergence Christianity Out Of The Closet](#) that the highly subjective experience of CSM, and not Scripture, has led Jones to:

**believe that GLBTQ can live lives in accord with biblical Christianity (at least as much as any of us can!) and that their monogamy can and should be sanctioned and blessed by church and state. ([Online source](#), bold original)**

The social gathering of Pagitt, where Jones guides their theology, has now even put that sinful mythology into practice as you'll see in [Doug Pagitt And His Solomon's Porch Affirm Homosexual Sin](#). And now FTS professor Tony Jones is so far gone out into spiritual outer space that he's making the case in favor of multiple sexual partners, which I showed you in [Tony Jones Argues For Open Marriage And Polyamory](#).

A professor at an ostensibly evangelical seminary arguing against proper Christian sexual ethics; such is the sorry state of the spiritually spineless evanjellyfish community. If this is what CSM has produced in the life of Dr. Tony Jones, then why would we want to practice it? And if CSM guru Richard Foster's discernment is this far off that he'd promote someone who's not a Christian brother, why listen to him?