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Heirs of the Enlightenment have the right to expect, not that heirs of the Christian religion make only certain kinds of proposals and claims, much less that their proposals agree with those currently being made by any who affect to be heirs of the Enlightenment, but only that all proposals and claims, even religious ones, are to be critically validated, finally, by common human experience and reason, and thus by means of free inquiry and unrestricted argument. In short, heirs of the Enlightenment have the right to insist that even religious proposals and claims *need* to be critically validated.

What do heirs of the Christian religion have the right to expect from heirs of the Enlightenment?

Heirs of the Christian religion have the right to expect, not that heirs of the Enlightenment allow certain "self-authenticating" proposals and claims, much less that their proposals agree with those currently being made by any who affect to be heirs of the Christian religion, but only that all kinds of proposals and claims, even the religious kind, be seriously reckoned with in critically validating proposals and claims, finally, by common human experience and reason, and thus by means of free inquiry and unrestricted argument. In short, heirs of the Christian religion have the right to insist that even religious proposals and claims *deserve* to be critically validated.

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