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Dear Sir,

Your column on Churchspeak gave a very unbalanced picture. There is at least as much of it to be found in the *Church Times*, the *Catholic Herald* and the *Methodist Recorder* as in the poor old *Church of England News-paper*. But then you overlooked what is surely the prime example in recent months, in the *Church of England News-paper* itself, a full-page advertisement for sixteen Bible Colleges accompanied by a commendatory column (7 March 2008). According to this column, "Sixty years ago Bible colleges used to be rather formal institutions . . ." But now, according to the Archbishops' Missioner and Team Leader of Fresh Expressions [*sic*], "It's great to see Bible Colleges moving with the times and offering all kinds of courses which help the church adapt to a changing society." Presumably in the bad old days the hope was that society could be influenced by the church. It is unimaginable that among the *fresh expressions* anything could be found but Churchspeak cliché. The spirit has departed.

yours faithfully

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