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Pro-atheist ads on SMART buses vandalized, replaced for free

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Coalition of ReasonThe Detroit Area Coalition of Reason says this ad was "vandalized" because of its pro-atheist message.

Apparently some people aren't happy with a new ad campaign targeting Metro Detroit atheists.

Earlier this month

(http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2010/03/athiest_ads_coming_so) the Detroit chapter of the United Coalition of Reason purchased pro-atheist banner ads on the sides of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation buses. Against a sky background, they read "Don't believe in God? You are not alone."

In a press release today, (<http://detroit.unitedcor.org/node/42>) the group says the word "Don't" was either scratched out or torn off some the ads.

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"Acts like this give a striking reminder that our message is necessary," said Ruthe Milan, coordinator of Detroit CoR. "Without a doubt, prejudice against atheists and agnostics is still very real in American life."

The group also says SMART replaced the ads free of charge, which originally cost \$5,250.

"Because this has happened, we stand even more resolved in our goal of being outspoken about our ideas," Milan added. "And we expect that this vandalism will convince even more nontheistic Detroiters that getting organized is important for the cause of religious liberty."



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You can easily spot the comments of the religiously infected on here - they are obviously ignorant in understanding and dialog.

*This is **NOT** an anti god billboard - if you can't see this it's possible you have a corrupted thought process.*

*It's time to end this **infection** we call religion and the tyranny of the **fictional** bible.*

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