

Guest editorial: Consciences—distressed and dissenting

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In *Dissent in American Religion*, the great historian Edwin Scott Gaustad wrote, “Should a society actually succeed ... in suffocating all contrary opinion, then its own vital juices no longer flow and the shadow of death begins to fall across it. No society — ecclesiastical or political, military or literary — can afford to be snared by its own slogans.”

✘ Bill Leonard Gaustad’s insights into the nature of dissent resonate in this election year. ...

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