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Rowan Williams is wrong man for job

Dr Rowan Williams is clearly the wrong man for the job. When a new head of the Anglican Communion makes his first public statement it should be a proclamation of the Christian faith. In Rowan Williams's Dimpleby lecture the Christian faith was scarcely mentioned. Instead the Archbishop rambled on about the supposed need for politicians to use 'religion' to counter the values of the market state.

It is highly dangerous, and not his business, to extol religion in this vague way because faith divorced from doctrine, or attached to mistaken doctrine, can lead to disaster.¹ In particular it can lead to unspeakable cruelty. In the last resort it can lead to the suicide bomber killing innocent children in the crowded market place.

That is the sort of issue Rowan Williams should have been addressing.²

¹ See Letter 94 above.

² *The Times Register (Debate)*, 1 January 2003.

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