

J.I. Packer: Anglicanism Plagued by "Poisonous Liberalism"™

Prominent theologian J.I. Packer recently left the Anglican Church of Canada, citing the church's reluctance to stop blessing same-sex unions as part of his reason.



[] Prominent theologian James Innell Packer of St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church in Vancouver, B.C. reluctantly left the Anglican Church of Canada last week, reported the *Vancouver Sun*.

Educated at Oxford, Packer apparently agonized over the decision and said part of his reasoning for leaving was his belief that some Anglican bishops in Canada are "arguably heretical" for adhering to "poisonous liberalism."

Packer also specifically pointed out his desire to no longer serve under Vancouver-area Bishop Michael Ingham, who has done little to stop blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples.

"He is a bishop who appears heretical," said Packer, according to the *Sun*. The "Calvinist Anglican" and famous author of *Knowing God*, which has sold more than a million copies since its 1973 release, said he, along with 10 other British Columbia-based Anglican clergy, would now submit to the authority of an Anglican archbishop in South America.