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Excluded from the Bible?

Glasgow's Gallery of Modern Art has hit the headlines with an exhibition encouraging visitors who feel that they have been excluded from the Bible to write their way back into it with pens provided. Unfortunately, while the comments may have been honest many have been far from respectful and organisers have been forced to remove some of the pages and put the Bible in a glass case in response.

"It's a poor reflection on the public opinion of Christianity within our society," commented Eddie Arthur, Executive Director of Wycliffe Bible Translators. "The Bible message was written to demonstrate God's love to the whole world regardless of ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation and no one should feel excluded. Part of the inclusivity of the Bible message is that it tells us that everyone, without exception, needs to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. This is a profoundly counter-cultural message and isn't comfortable for anyone.

"It's disappointing that people feel the need to deface a Bible when offered the opportunity. But it is understandable that people who feel excluded would react to that exclusion. However, it is not the Bible that has marginalised people. Sadly, it is a failure of the wider Christian church to adequately live and demonstrate the message of God's reconciliation which is the issue.

Wycliffe Bible Translators works to translate the Bible into many of the 2,393 languages still without a copy of the scriptures in their mother tongue.

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