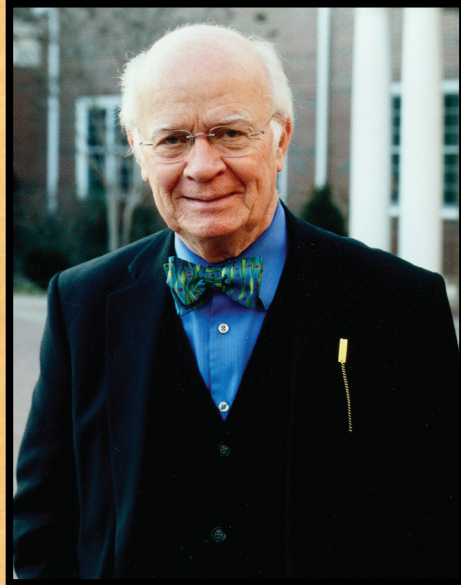


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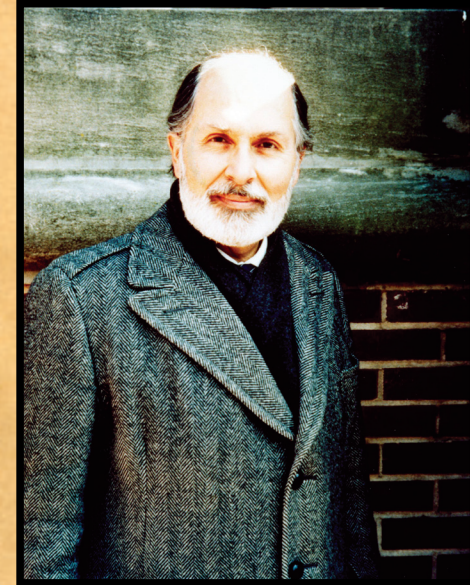
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created the mind free; that all attempts to influence  
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to suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers  
into the field of opinion, and to restrain the profes-  
sion or propagation of principles on supposition of  
their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy, which at  
once destroys all religious liberty, because he being  
of course judge of that tendency will make his opin-  
ion the rule of the community...



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