

# Kathleen Parker's Problem

In [her review](#) of Mitt Romney's historic speech last week, columnist Kathleen Parker took an insulting—and wholly gratuitous—stab at Catholics: “No religion can bear close scrutiny if we go literal. Who among Christians wants to explain the Immaculate Conception? A talking snake? The rather peculiar ritual of ‘grokking’ Jesus by eating stale wafers and sipping cheap wine?”

“Close scrutiny” of her own words makes us wonder what her problem is. That she ends her piece by congratulating Romney for promoting religious tolerance suggests that she is clueless about her own contribution to religious intolerance.