

THERE'S debate in the US at the moment about what university lecturers should prove about themselves in order to get tenure (permanent employment). Academics must show they published original research, are dedicated teachers, and have impeccable ethics. *The Australian Jewish News* quotes an infoline called Campus News which ran this explanation of why God did not get tenure:

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew.
3. It had no references.
4. Some doubt he wrote it himself.
5. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since?
6. His co-operative efforts have been quite limited.
7. Other scientists have had a hard time replicating his results.
8. He didn't apply to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
9. When one experiment went awry, he tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.
10. When subjects didn't behave as expected, he deleted them from the sample.
11. He rarely came to class; just told students to read the book.
12. He expelled his first two students for learning.
13. Some say he had his son teach the class for him.
14. With only 10 requirements, most students failed his tests.
15. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountaintop.

