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Is Nothing Sacred?

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Over the last few weeks I've written considerable copy on the dangers of radical Islamists and how we should maintain great scrutiny over their activities and take great care in how we give in to their demands and threats. A recent news article reminded me that those of us who call ourselves Christians have a lunatic fringe in our own backyard out there making headlines as well.

A Kansas pastor, the Rev. Fred Phelps, claiming to be of the Christian faith, has convinced some weak minded individuals that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are out to destroy all our military personnel by ordaining their deaths in Iraq to punish them for defending a nation that condones and tolerates homosexuality. He and his minions actually tell everyone that God personally had a hand in making the IEDs, (Improvised Explosion Devices) that have been killing so many of our soldiers in combat.

Telling people this fantastic lie, in and of itself, is pretty audacious and callous but it's where he tells them that is most outrageous. Mr. Phelps seeks out military funerals for any soldier killed in the war with the intent of notifying the parents of those slain that God wanted their child to die because of his or her involvement in the military. The absolute stupidity of these insensitive clods who believe such hogwash is even worse than Islamic terrorists believing that indiscriminate killing of innocent children and women will garner a reward of 70 virgins in heaven.

I don't know the Rev. Phelps' age but I would have to think his mental age of him and his followers is stretching to even reach the kindergarten level. I would also suspect multi-generational inner family marrying of those he claims as followers. How can anyone who claims to be a follower of God... the One true Jehovah God... be that person Christian or Muslim... believe in his heart that God would want any person killed in a vicious and spiteful manner, and then taunt the family of the deceased accusingly and hatefully? Our God is not a God of hate but of love and anyone who claims differently should be very careful how he or she calls Him a murderer.

Christianity in today's times has enough problems being accepted out among the main stream citizenry and has no need of ne'er do wells like Mr. Phelps and his lobotomized followers making matters even worse. This will just be more fodder for the grist mill of religious intolerance and Christian bashing by the left, and the rallying cry for those who want to take even more Christian freedoms out of main stream society. There are some radical religious kooks out there and Mr. Phelps is one of them, but don't paint the entire Christian body with the same whitewash brush.

Thankfully, the Florida state legislation has increased fines to \$1,000 and jail time to one year for anyone who disturbs military funerals. Of course Mr. Phelps is crying foul and saying his 1<sup>st</sup>

**Amendment rights of free speech are being infringed upon and hoping the liberal courts will find in his favor, declaring the new law unconstitutional. Let's pray that God will exhibit His true will emphatically in the lives of Mr. Phelps and those who believe as he does.**

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