

10/1/18: Why I bother with any of this

Consider this: When is today's average American, from the time of birth until death, going to be exposed to the important, *central* truths of life? In a typical secularized home? Not likely. In pre-school or elementary school? Even less chance, given that "free" public (state-run) education stifles truth on purpose and excludes any *positive* mention of the God of the Bible (by "law"). In the public high schools or in all but an ever-shrinking handful of colleges? Nope. No way. Any *central* truths that seep through to the trusting students get through only *despite* the design. So for the first 17-22 years of a young American's life — *unless* the central truths for this life and the eternal afterlife are encountered through a church connection (wherever *Biblical* doctrine is consistently preached and taught), faith-based programs, godly friends, or parents responding to conscience — *where* (I'm asking you), *where* along the line will they ever have been exposed to anything *other* than the statist, "progressive," anti-God, anti-family, anti-Truth story line (which I've been calling, "THE NARRATIVE")? Through *pop culture* (music, TV, movies, social media)? Is *that* where *any* of us are going to learn the difference between *actual, eternal* truths and finger-to-the-wind "truths" that can and do shift constantly? Not on your life! How about in the workplace, where mandated and enforced "diversity" is rule #1 (has been for decades already), shunting earnest and honest productivity off to the side, if not subjecting it to ridicule, *actual* discrimination, and even real persecution (those who don't get in lockstep with the PC mob)? And of course, that brings us to the "Mainstream Media," the self-appointed high priests of the PC religion imposed top-down by the Left. It's no wonder that they zealously hate and stop at nothing to (D)estroy any information outlets that dare to try to reach average Americans (*THEIR* "property," their *slaves*) with the essential, life-affirming, life-giving Truth that *they* will *never* let you hear. It would be *horrible* for business to invite comparison with a competing view! At present, the only reliable news and commentary providers that exist in any kind of numbers are on the web, which they *also* desperately seek to control like everything else, and like *every totalitarian* attempts to do, regardless of location; to them, it's *totally* necessary; the truth must *not* get out!

So add it all up. As one who strives to learn, embrace, disseminate, and *live* by the Truth of God (*OBJECTIVE* Truth that isn't subject to change, *THE* truth that orders and prioritizes earthly lives and *saves lives for eternity*), what choice do I have but to *try* to get central, most-important truths out to those who may *never* hear them otherwise?

The old metaphor is apt: if I see my neighbor's house on fire and he/she is amid the flames, is it acceptable to NOT even call the fire department at the very least? When I try to link you to sane, judicious truth-tellers and refer you to The Scriptures, all I'm doing is calling the fire department to come to your aid. They are much more capable than I am — through their oftentimes *first-hand* knowledge, fact-based expertise, well-known track record, and especially *manner of presentation* — of reaching otherwise isolated Americans. And when I throw my *own* water on the fire or rush into the house, I do so with a *sense of immediate urgency* (we only can *count* on the *moment* as being part of our future), out of a sense of *personal* duty (I'm the one standing there and witnessing the disaster), in *service to my neighbor in need*, and *above all, in service to my Savior; not to earn points towards salvation* — HE *has* paid my bill in full — but out of gratitude for that salvation and every good and perfect gift that has come from above. No matter how headstrong I may appear or in fact *be* when I put the water of life out there in yet another attempt to put out this fire or that, what motivates me is an abiding, intense concern — I dare say, *Biblical* love — for those *IN* the house and the house itself. America *is* burning down. Our neighbors are cut off from any hope of rescue

unless observant *good* people are ready, willing, and able to take proper actions in the homes, the schools, the workplaces, the public square, through responsible use of the media (*against* THE NARRATIVE), and in the voting booths.

With further reference to the metaphor, *atheist* Penn Gillette has gone on record as saying that he ONLY respects those *true* Christians who care enough about his eternal destiny to *dare to approach him with the Gospel*. His take: if you *really* care about me and are convinced I'm headed for hell, you *will* try to steer me away from it; *you'll try to rescue me from that fire*, even though I might lash out at you for trying. Otherwise? You're just another hypocrite in a church full of hypocrites. *Ouch!* Now, I'll admit to you right here, *I've* done very very *very* little in face-to-face witnessing for Christ, and let's own up to it, we *all* have opportunities to do so. *God bless* those courageous and caring souls who do! They are diligent servants of Christ, His Church, and humanity worldwide. And *true heroes* to me. They are doing what I'm apparently not wired to do, and I *admire* them (applies to the military and law enforcement personnel, too, BTW). But I can throw in my little mite as my humble contribution, though sometimes that coin seems to rattle and make a lot of noise because of the way I tossed it in the collection vessel.

So, yes, I can be accused of regularly getting the ol' hammer of righteous indignation out and "bludgeoning" people into cornmeal, and of stepping on the toes of fellow Christians or political conservatives who tell me, "Yeah, yeah, we *get* it already!" But if you fall into that category — like-minded for the most part, but resentful of my delivery system — please do me this small favor but great courtesy: as several of you *have* done, just drop a word or two in my inbox (ALL of you whom I care most about — the loved ones and friends whom I can actually claim to know/have known — have my main email address; please make use of it). I'm not looking for 100% agreement, not even close. Just acknowledge receipt sometime.

What I *hope* to see is something along these lines: "Yes, we've noticed that aspect and/or we know the good folks from the not-so-wonderful folks." Or "That was a good point you [or more likely, one of the writers linked to] made there." Or "That one seems a bit off; where do you/they get that?" Or, "I/we try to help our friends see that what they're getting from most of the media is heavily skewed to the left." Or — and this would be *great!* — "Our pastor *is* on top of that issue, and he's *not* afraid to tell it from the pulpit!" But *any* little hints that you, too, are out there standing for truth and/or against falsehoods in *any small way* would be *very encouraging to me*. If I ask for some evidence of your basic *CIVIL* involvement in the public square, I'm *not* questioning anyone's Christian faith or conservative credentials! That is *unless...* a *professing* Christian conservative takes umbrage at the suggestion that maybe — just *maybe* — they could do a little bit more in the way of support of what's good and true — especially in public — even if in the smallest ways imaginable. Granted, I should not say something like, "*abdicated* responsibility," (implying, *fully* *abdicated*) — admittedly that is going a bridge too far with anyone who *gets* it — when I *should* say, "*possibly*" "*shirking*" "*some*" responsibility (so only *partially*). But let's be honest: there's *always* room for improvement in *any* of us with regard to these vitally important areas. So let's throw some *encouraging* bones to each other, okay? I'm merely asking for some sign(s) of like-minded efforts in support of the cause of Truth, and nothing more. THESE are the types of gestures that like-minded people can make towards me that just let me know you're out there at all (without any feedback, how do I know that *any* of it ever gets before your eyes? I mean, it's one thing to spot-check what I've written and sift things for something you can use, and *then* trash it, and another thing entirely to automatically trash everything I send without informing me that I'm such an offensive skunk!). So be fair. Play fair.

Don't let a wave of resentment *build up* towards me personally because you insist on taking even things that DON'T apply to you as some kind of personal, individual attack. Rehearsing some facts from this end: 1) While this is a website published for public consumption, and is intended to help ANYONE who runs across it, I'm *not seeking followers for myself*, so 2) I limit email exchanges to known contacts, and again, only those with whom I have/have had interpersonal contact (no time for anything beyond that, and I'm not going to even *try* to claim that I love and respect everyone everywhere equally, because only a liar will try that one; I concentrate those email efforts on those I care most about in a *personal* way). 3) To me, the truth will always be more important than who's saying it or the *manner of expression*. Some pretty edgy people armed with a lot of truth have been greatly used by God to put His Truth out there to the people and their leaders: How about Elijah mocking the high priests of Baal? Or Nathan, point-blank to David, "YOU are the one!" The Apostle Paul, dressing down the Galatians or Corinthians? Our Lord Himself, *so often* taking the pharisees to the woodshed (especially, Matthew 23 — the "Woe unto you" diatribe)? Later on, there were Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox (who made poor Mary, Queen of Scots cry; oh, the *horror!*), none of whom are known for lying with friendly smiles on their faces, but rather, for *boldly speaking the truth, receive it or not, nice expression or not*. A lie believed will do its damage, regardless of the speaker or writer. Look at the words, not the face. Which is easy for *me* to say, I suppose, what with my non-photogenic mug and all. But *still...* the point that I'd like to make here is that the *Holy Spirit* is unquestionably wise enough and powerful enough to reach all who will be saved *regardless* of rough-edged messengers. He can even use *this* lowly Peter-like, rambunctious, bull-in-a-china-shop, isolated lone wolf to get *some* important truths to some people. That's what I believe, and all that I ask of the triune God in the days I have left on earth: use me for the sake of the blood-bought church of Christ, the Gospel, and the eternal glory of God.

P.S.— I feel the need to clarify and highlight two or three parts of this. *To my fellow professing Christians and/or "conservatives,"* please take this to heart: When I "bludgeon" *you* (if you tend to think that everything I'm saying in a wider context is aimed at *you, individually*) with all of that stuff you *already know*, please chalk that up to two things: 1) I don't know that you *do* know unless you *confirm that to me* somehow (if I'm just "preaching to the choir" in your case, *fine*, more power to you! and thank *God* for that light that you've already received!) and 2) I hope that it's okay with *you* if I try to call attention to something that maybe *some* folks *don't* know as well as you do. Since we still have *some* right to free speech left, may I suggest that *you* develop your own web site to share your valid opinions, too? 3) And let's put *my* bludgeoning into context: 1) It's *not* relentlessly coming at you from every possible angle, every corner of society, 24/7/365, like the leftist propaganda is. You get a little email from me from time to time (as part of a small group of contacts), and you don't like something about it, well, just delete it; was that so hard? And 2), nobody's *ever* forcing you to come to this web page (email circle or not) to see what I have to say (or follow the links to others). You come here voluntarily, and what you see is what you get; you pay your wooden nickel and enter. It has always been "Take it or leave it" here, agree, disagree, or "meh." And now, I *am* talking to *everyone in general* : I do NOT wish to see ANY of you walking into an absolutely hopeless and endless state experiencing God's just wrath in the eternal fire. It's *because* of that sincere conviction that I do what I do, and I only hope that you can forgive me for my errors in presentation as I try awfully hard to make sure you have enough information to run *away* from the fire.

Sorry, no humorous memes today. This was more important. Please take my serious words in the proper spirit.