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The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Christophobia

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Q:

Are Christians "homophobic"?

A:

The PC crowd regularly and incessantly levels charges of "phobia" against all those who disagree with them on any number of moral issues.¹ If you believe the Bible teaches that homosexuality is sinful, you are declared "homophobic" or "lesbophobic"; if you believe Islam is a false religion that endangers the American way of life, you are deemed "Islamophobic"; if you are concerned about the moral and spiritual impact on the nation of those who enter America illegally, you are labeled "xenophobic"; if you believe in the God of the Bible and consider atheism to be false, you are "atheophobic"; if you believe transgenderism is a mental illness, you are demeaned as "transphobic"; and the list goes on.

These charges are unfounded, inaccurate, and untrue. True Christians are not **irrationally afraid** of such things. Rather, they have given considered analysis to each issue, including a careful assessment of what the Bible teaches (and, generally, what once characterized American civilization), and concluded that these behaviors are immoral and harmful to society. Neither do they fear murderers, thieves, or fornicators. Rather they recognize such behaviors as sinful in God's sight, unhealthy and detrimental to civil society, and actions that will ultimately cost the practitioner his soul for all eternity (Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8). True Christians love such people and experience genuine sorrow over their self-destructive condition (Matthew 5:44; 23:37; Ezekiel 18:32).

Yet, error is always inconsistent, hypocritical, and actually guilty of the malady it decries. The same people who fill the airways with their cries of "intolerance!" and "judgmental!" are the very ones who are extremely intolerant, judgmental, and fearful (phobic) of anything or anyone who believes in the Bible and Christianity.

Indeed, they are **Christophobic**—irrationally afraid of and bitterly opposed to the precepts of Christ and the biblical principles on which America was founded.

Satan has always been “slick” in his ability to divert attention away from spiritual reality and generate opposition against the truth—like the Wizard of Oz who said, “Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.”² Sinful, wicked behaviors as defined by Deity are damaging to people physically and spiritually. They cannot be justified or dismissed as trivial simply because those who champion them mischaracterize the righteous as “phobic” or “hateful.” Those who speak against moral, godly principles—and those who defend them—are truly guilty of “hate speech.”

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness” (Isaiah 5:20). “But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, **speak evil of the things they do not understand**, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness” (2 Peter 2:12-13).

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness..., evil-mindedness; they are...**haters of God...**, inventors of evil things..., who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also **approve of those who practice them** (Romans 1:28-32).

ENDNOTES

¹ Tommy Christopher (2016), “Here’s the Full Context of Hillary Clinton’s ‘Basket of Deplorables’ Remark About Trump Supporters,” *Mediaite*, September 10, <https://goo.gl/KivljF>.

² The Wizard of Oz (1939), “Quotes,” <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0032138/quotes>.

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the “*most of your minutes*” this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland