

Why Do Our *Conservative Friends* Hate Mike?

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“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.” Genesis 3:15.

In this verse, God pronounces His curse upon the devil (the serpent) for bringing deception, destruction, and death into the earth. Vividly portrayed before us is a battle that will continue on to the end of the age. It is a battle between two seeds. This battle has raged throughout the pages of the Bible and all recorded history. Two seeds, growing together simultaneously, are vying for control of this planet. There is enmity (hatred) between them and they are at war with one another. One seed brings life, the other death.

With this in mind, allow me now to draw a correlation between this Scripture and what we are facing in America this election year. We have received emails, read news stories, and listened to our “conservative” radio and TV talking heads rail against Mike Huckabee ever since he moved from the second tier to become a first tier Presidential candidate. All allege to be exposing the faults and riffs of Mr. Huckabee, but the vast majority of it is merely ad hominem (name calling) attacks. There is a visceral hatred of him by our *Conservative friends*.

Many of these reports are coming from such *friends* and vaunted conservatives as Rush Limbaugh, Anne Coulter, Sean Hannity, Fred Barnes, etc. To see their seething hatred toward Huckabee is astonishing. There is no explanation for it in the natural

world. But, for reasons known only to those who read the Bible, Mike Huckabee has presented *Conservatism* with a clear and present danger. In their lingo, he is a Jesus freak!

What is that danger? *Conservatism* is being exposed as the enemy of Christ that it truly is – it is pretend salt! The light of Christ that dwells within Huckabee is exposing *Conservatism* to be a greater danger to Christianity than all of the minions of hell in the Democratic Party. *Conservatism* is the bushel placed over the Light of the World, only allowing enough light out to get elected, and then quickly placing the bushel back over the brilliance of the Light again.

Yes, these *Conservative* icons with whom we agree on so many issues, really do hate Mike. Why? Because He is real salt! He is a true born-again Christian who is unashamed of the Name of Jesus. He acknowledges that the God of the Bible, not the false god of Mitt Romney, nor the “useful” gods of Guiliani, McCain, and Thompson, will affect His every decision. For this unforgivable sin, he is viewed by our *Conservative* brethren as worthy of any and all vituperation. There is hatred between the two seeds.

Coulter calls him, “...stupid and easily led,” and “...insulting to gays.” Barnes writes him off as a good old evangelical, but without clout. Rush has never had a good word for him, but seems to be full of bad ones. Hannity treats his candidacy as an anomalous, albeit interesting, trip into “Never - Never Land.” Not one of these desire to see Huckabee as the Presidential Nominee for the Republican Party. The Jesus in him is far too convicting.

Please note that, on the campaign trail, some of Huckabee’s most vocal and mean-spirited detractors are the *Conservative* Ron Paulites. We have spoken often about the make-up of these folks. Many are very libertarian and somewhat similar to the “justifiable homiciders” that haunted the pro-life movement about 14 years ago. They are often conspiratorialist in their make-up. Many are homeschoolers of the Calvinist bent – it is their way or the highway.

Michael Farris, President of Patrick Henry College and founder of Home School Legal Defense, has recently come under the scathing rant of “Paulites” and *Conservatives* because of his support for Huckabee. Farris is a strong theologian, who loves Jesus with all of his heart. Yet he has broken from the, “*Conservatives* are Christians simply because they are *conservative*,” mantra. He too is exposing *Conservatism* for what it really is.

When I first met Mike Huckabee in 1992, he had recently taken an incredibly courageous pro-life stand in the Name of Jesus and I was absolutely taken aback by the power of his testimony for Christ in the political arena. That is why Texans United for Life had him come to Dallas to address the Pro-Life movement at the Texas State Republican Convention. I remember wishing then that we had a Christian like him to run for national office.

He is absolutely right in his perception of the three major manifestations of the “battle between two seeds” savaging our nation today. 1. He calls abortion, *Murder*. 2. He calls homosexuality, *Sin*. 3. He knows Islam is a *murderous lie*, and says so! He also exposes evolution, feminism, and liberalism for the rebellion against God that they are. He works from the firm foundation of a Biblical

worldview. Huckabee removes the bushel *Conservatism* has placed over the Light of the World and lets it shine its liberating truth into the political arena.

So why then has the National Education Association (NEA), certainly no friend of Almighty God, thrown its support for him in the Republican Party and Hillary in the Democratic Party. It's simple really. The NEA knows better than most of us duped Republican Christians that, if Huckabee or anyone like him were to win the Republican nomination, the *Conservatives* and moderates in the Republican Party would desert him in droves. They are far more comfortable with Clinton in office than a man like Huckabee. He can't be controlled.

Huckabee is real salt – a true Christian. His candidacy is exposing the pretend salt (*Conservatism*) for what it really is – a tasteless enabler of perdition. Yes, *Conservatism* will stand in the face of abortion, homosexuality, and Islam but, when the battle comes, it will always back up. It has never found a cause for which it is willing to die. This ugly little truth exposes the danger *Conservatism* presents to Christianity. It prevents us from standing for Jesus and causes us to compromise our Biblical principles for the sake of political pragmatism.

Real Christianity has found a Savior and a cause for which it is willing to die. The NEA is simply exercising the shrewdness of the serpent in supporting Huckabee. It knows that if he becomes the Republican nominee, Hillary Clinton will be a shoe-in for the presidency. *Conservatism* hates Mike Huckabee more than it hates Hillary Clinton. Shocked? So am I!

Know this; God has brought the Republican Party into this *perfect storm*. It is His judgment upon the GOP that has only paid lip service to Him and His preborn children. *Conservatism* has never allowed the Light of the World out from underneath its bushel. Without repentance, the Republican Party will be destroyed by God!

We evangelicals (true salt) will not vote for a Giuliani, McCain, Romney, or Thompson. The Rockefeller Republicans (pretend salt) will never vote for anyone who truly represents Christ such as Mike Huckabee and even Ron Paul on many of the issues. *Conservatism* is not our friend, nor is it a friend of God.

This, of course, opens the door for Hillary. Yes, avowed enemies of God will rule over us. What is interesting is that she could never win the presidency if she had to obtain a majority of the vote. Most people don't like her. But if the Republican Party is fractured, and it is, she will become the next President of the United States of America. We will all see very soon that this too is a judgment from God upon a party and a nation that has turned its back upon Him.

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