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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**  
**DON'T CROWD OUT**  
**RESISTANCE TO**  
**TRUE EVIL!**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*A lengthy article in the Opinion Exchange was obviously sincere, but oh-so-misguided! The writer's fears are badly misdirected directed at Trumps future administration and policies and totally oblivious to the true forces of evil today.*

*Here's my response:*

**Don't Crowd Out Resistance to True Evil!**

I admire the peaceful motivation and heartfelt concern that comes through loud and clear in "Each of us must have faith and courage to offer sanctuary," in the Opinion Exchange on December 26. I believe I understand the idealism of the writers, John Medeiros and Denise Roy, in expressing the following philosophy: "Sanctuary is a spiritual stance. Sanctuary is our sacred duty."

Nevertheless, I believe these sincere and well-meaning individuals of God do great harm by focusing so much emphasis on providing sanctuary from the dangers of the incoming Administration. They write "In the advent of this New Year, amid the shock and fear of our recent election, people of faith are asking: What can we do? The answer is simple: We can offer sanctuary."

The writers' ideological differences with our President-elect leave no room for some important concerns. They do a great job of protecting us against bullies, cads, boors, chauvinists and all sorts of "isms," but they forget about the existential threats present in the real world we live in. Fear of these real threats is what turned the election against what the writers obviously preferred.

The eloquent words of Medeiros and Roy unfortunately create a distraction from what should be our real fears and against which we must provide defenses. I fear this well-meaning but naïve attitude and approach crowds out a system which respects the "rule of law," and emphasizes meaningful ways of identifying, isolating, and destroying the true forces of evil afoot in our world.