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TODAY'S "QUICK HIT": SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS GALORE!

By Stephen L. Bakke  December 20, 2016



Here's what provoked me:

"He SB! Take a look at that letter about "Evangelical hypocrisy" in today's paper! Such angst! A letter writer takes out her frustration and calls for God's help for the country during this "tarnished" Christmas season. She refers to Trump as the "Antichrist" that evangelicals are supposed to be fighting against. She says these evangelicals are hypocritical by voting for Donald Trump. It seems to me, SB, that I read something you wrote recently about this topic. Why not drag it out and respond to this self-righteous young lady." – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – SB's primary "go-to guy."

Here's my response:

Self-Righteousness Galore!

On 12/20, a self-righteous Alice Mack chastised "evangelicals" for providing support to Trump ("Evangelical hypocrisy?"). She implores God to "help this country" while it's ruled by this "Antichrist." She calls evangelicals hypocrites for ignoring their avowed values. Ms. Mack must have a unique relationship with God to know his thoughts.

Trump has been a bully, chauvinist, cad and a boor! I also believe the alternative was at least as disgusting on the morality scale. Face it, we didn't have great choices in terms of "godliness." In a fit of self-righteousness, Trump opponents are foolishly proclaiming their unique insight into morality in America.

Since the writer brought up the subject of religious piety, let me imagine what Jesus would do if walking the planet today (which he is, by the way). He would point a judgmental finger at "Trump the Transgressor," then loudly and publicly rebuke him for many human failings in language, attitude and actions. And forgiveness would be given.

Then Jesus would soften his voice and sincerely ask all Americans to, among other things, follow Trump's lead in protecting all life, in particular the living unborn. They too are God's "children."

That's my sincere reaction to Mack's angry confusion.