

Nothing New Under the Sun

The media is such a wonderful industry, don't you think? When they do not have news to report, they are good enough to find some for our well-being because we have a right to know!

Six years ago, in Seminole, Oklahoma, a statement of great concern was placed on a church building marquee: the media headlines read, Church Sign Sparks Major Controversy." The message on the sign: "Government Making Sin Legal Does Not Make It Right."

I find it amazing that the media is so hard up for a news story that they take a statement that is axiomatic: no matter where such a statement may be posted, it is true. However, being posted on a church building marquee it becomes a religious issue. Making sin, which is defined as "transgression of law," legal does not make it right. So, why the interest?

Well, it apparently hit a nerve. Some civic minded individual found it within their right to trespass on private property and attach a sign that says: "You may not be welcome in this HATEFUL church, but you ARE welcome in this community. You are important, you are LOVED."

As the news reporter interviewed individuals in the community, one said, "It don't make it right." In reference to what the sign is targeting, the individual said, "I don't know, but I don't see nothing wrong with it."

On the other hand, the comment, "I don't think it's right. It's nobody to judge, and they should really take it down." What is that if not a judgment? In addition, it was said, "What I think they're doing is talking about the legalization of marijuana."

The news reporter said, "Opinion in town varies, as to what this sign means." "Turns out, while many in the community don't like the sign, some are just confused about what sin the sign is referring to." Does it have to have a specific to be true?

The news reporter "tried to find some one from the church to explain the meaning of the sign, but no one was there."

Truly amazing! Solomon said, "For the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, And the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood; So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife" (Proverbs 30:33). Are there not enough problems in society without the media stirring up more? If I remember correctly, there is something in the Constitution about "freedom of speech," but does that only apply to the media? Ross Triplett, Sr.