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 **CHRIST-LIKE? .....**  
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**IT UP .....**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*Unfortunately, Jesus is too often brought into the political fray we are experiencing in the U.S. It simply isn't the case that the crown of righteousness resides with any particular party or policy. My sincere belief is that our ultimate goals are often similar, it's on the path to those goals that we find our differences. It's seldom appropriate to scold the Christian opposition with an accusation that they are an "anti-christ."*

*Here's my response:*

**Christ-like? ..... Since You Brought It Up .....**

Scott Kilhefner presumes his way into the role of a "Jesus surrogate" in his judgement of President Donald Trump ("Trump Voters," 7/9). As he sees it, Trump "goes against everything that would be considered Christ-like....." He accuses Christian Trump supporters of hypocrisy and asked, "What would Jesus do?"

I understand Kilhefner' disgust with the President who's often a bully, chauvinist, and boor. I supported him because of who his opponent was, and his policy priorities. Recall that in the presidential election, we didn't have a great choice in terms of "godliness." While I often take serious issue with Trump's style, I have been pleased with many of his decisions and proposals.

If Jesus was walking the planet today (I think He is), He would certainly point a finger of stern judgment at "Trump the Transgressor" and rebuke him for human failings of language and actions. Then, Jesus would soften His voice and sincerely ask all Americans to show their true heart and support the President in defending the world against evil, making smart economic choices, and protecting all life, in particular the living unborn.

I pray that the hand of God touches all our presidents and world's leaders.