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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**
**Start with Social
Justice if You Must
... But Don't Think
So Narrowly!**

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Here's what provoked me:

Too often we conservatives are scolded by all of the more insightful pundits of the world. While we don't have all the answers, or even most of them, we still don't deserve to be associated with all things evil, mean, bad and nasty. We are not dark and mean. We are usually very optimistic and full of visions for how we can make things better. Some of those solutions are difficult and tough, but that doesn't mean they are evil. I really don't let it bother me too much, but I'm sincere in describing this as the message many progressives send to us. They just need to get to know us a little better and listen to our sincerity of thought and opinion.

Here's my response:

Start with Social Justice if You Must ... But Don't Think So Narrowly!

Conservatives are constantly scolded by progressive pundits. Apparently, unless we embrace certain concepts, we are promoting an evil and toxic world. If we respond with toughness toward evil in the world, we are accused of perpetuating that which is evil.

Why does holding "bad folks" responsible for their actions imply we are incapable of understanding intellectual nuances of the situation. We are seen as insensitive to the disadvantaged and oppressed. We are said to be naïve about foreign cultures. And many progressives believe conservatives are an essential part of what they consider the dark and mean world of Donald Trump.

Conservatives are not dark and mean. We are optimistic and full of visions for how we can make things better. We too want a world of peace and prosperity for all! However, we see different causes for our problems, and therefore our suggested solutions vary greatly from those of progressives.

Some of our "politically incorrect" ideas deserve examination as to their impact on hatred, racism, and violence. Institutionalized poverty, changes in attitudes about violence, wider definition of acceptable activities and lifestyles – do these fit into the dreadful equation which is perpetuating evil in our world.

Please give this some thought!