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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" SPIRALING INTO A "HARRY POTTER-like" FANTASY!



By Stephen L. Bakke  November 28, 2016

Here's what provoked me:

A very goofy letter from an old nemesis, Ron Smiley, was printed in the Fort Myers paper the other day. I started getting warnings from friends and readers early in the AM. I knew I must respond, but couldn't figure out how to do it. It was a ridiculous letter so I decided to respond in a kinda' silly, ridiculous way.

Here's my response:

Spiraling into a "Harry Potter-like" Fantasy!

In "No recognition," on November 27, Ron Smiley sees a bright spot in what he interprets as a low Presidential election voter turnout – i.e. it denies Trump a mandate, and therefore Smiley doesn't have to recognize Trump as his President. As he twists and squirms through the letter, Smiley assigns evil characteristics to Trump supporters. It's clear he considers Trump voters too stupid to make the right choice and encourages the Electoral College to reverse the results.

That's the Smiley message "on the surface." But underneath, something about his words spin an interesting psychological mystery. Nowhere in the letter does he mention Trump's name. He apparently is afraid to! He refers to the President-elect as just "him." I'm reminded of the Harry Potter series where the evil culprit is referred to as "He Who Must Not Be Named" by the frightened Potter characters.

Harry Potter's nemesis had a name - Lord Voldemort (silent "t" as in the French word "mort" meaning death). Mr. Smiley, YOUR President-elect also has a name. It's Donald Trump – NOT "him." Get used to it! Otherwise you'll be guilty of even worse transgressions than those Obama opponents you refer to as charlatans, haters, and racists.