

Smoky Mountain Reflections

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Isn't it interesting that those who would call you intolerant for sharing the gospel will not tolerate the gospel being shared in our schools or in our military or any other place that God's truth might be deemed offensive by the politically correct 'thought police'? Christians all over our nation are shamed into silence and not tolerated by those who claim to be the most tolerant.

Isn't it interesting that young earth creationists are excluded from the sanctioned scientific community, being told that their views are too exclusive and not inclusive enough of all possible views? Their view is excluded from the conversation. They are not even allowed a seat at the table because those who do not hold the scientific, old earth, big bang view are "persona non grata" in those discussions. Young earth creationists are excluded from the public discourse because their position has been deemed unscientific and is dismissed without even being considered.

Isn't it interesting that those who would encourage Christians who hold a biblical worldview to be more open minded are themselves very closed minded if you try to share the Gospel with them?

Isn't it interesting that Christians are so often judged by others as being judgmental, while at the same time those who make this determination have no problem being judgmental themselves toward Christians?

Isn't it interesting how those who hold a biblical worldview are often accused of forcing their morals on others, while in the very same breath the one making that accusation condemns the Christian for not holding to the 'other' moral standards of pro-choice & redefining marriage?

You will notice in any dialogue you have with someone who disagrees with you on what God's word has to say on a given topic that they will not say 'that is not what God's word says'. They will either attack you for holding the position or attack the authority of God's word. When they say 'that is your interpretation', they are addressing you, not the text. No one is out there saying God's word says it is ok to abort babies, or it is ok to marry your own gender. Because they know God's word clearly condemns murder including the unborn "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you*" Jer 1:5a, and they know marriage is clearly defined while all other intimate relationship variants are condemned. Rom 1:27 a "*In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men,*" Those who oppose God's truth actually affirm what it says when they attack the messenger or the authority of God's word. So at least we can be sure that they know what God's word says and pray that the Holy Spirit will work on their conscience helping them to come to a God pleasing contrite, reconciled relationship with God.

In the meantime we will continue to plod on sharing His truth whenever given a chance, with His help and encouragement. God never promised us that being a Christian would be fair, pleasant or easy but He does promise to be with us always unto the end of the age.

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