

Welcome to Rimersburg! August 8, 2014

Imagine you're celebrating a special occasion, perhaps your (grand)child's christening. Suddenly a balding, girlish looking fellow with a voice just a few octaves below falsetto appears and in a loud voice demands to know how you installed your garbage disposal.

"Um, well, I'm in the middle . . ."

"Come on, don't be a jerk! It'll only take a minute!"

Now you know how former Steeler and NFL head coach Tony Dungy and his wife felt this April at a Family Christian Bookstore, promoting their book "Uncommon Marriage."

An obscure KDKA radio sportscaster named Chris Mueller appeared and, in essence, demanded Dungy disrupt his event to provide an interview. The incredibly gracious Dungy interrupted HIS big day of book promotion to help Mueller with a short interview.

Fast forward to July 20 when Dungy said he wouldn't have drafted openly homosexual football player Michael Sam "NOT BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE Michael Sam SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE to play, but I wouldn't want to deal with all of it," alluding to Sam's Oprah Winfrey reality TV show, etc.

The same Mueller who'd groveled for an interview responded with a vicious column labeling Dungy a bigot, hypocrite and coward. Along with Geneticist Lady Gaga, Professor Mueller knows Sam was "born that way" and its "outrageous" to think anyone would prefer to be homosexual. Dungy fans responded in kind on the internet, speculating that the arguably effeminate Mueller was a frustrated stalker, etc.

That distracts us from the underlying issue - Mueller wasn't alone and Dungy wasn't the real target. Noting Dungy opposes homosexual marriage, Mueller wrote, "This is in line with his Christian beliefs. . . . Such a belief structure should be repellent in this day and age."

Christianity's "repellent?" Instead of juvenile speculation about Mueller's sexuality, maybe someone should be asking if KDKA and Mueller's sponsors agree with his opinion about Christianity.

Some Christians get it. In July W-O-R-D Pittsburgh talk show hosts "John and Cathy" interviewed Rabbi Daniel Lapin, a self-described "Orthodox Jewish rabbi, devoted to Jewish survival, the Torah and Israel," who is "terrified of American Christianity caving in" and becoming persecuted.

The interview's fascinating and so is: "A rabbi's warning to U.S. Christians." Rabbi Lapin warns, "a serious war is being waged against a group of Americans. I am certain that if we lose this war, the consequences for American civilization will be dire. Phase one of this war I describe is a propaganda blitzkrieg that is eerily reminiscent of how effectively the Goebbels propaganda machine softened up the German people for what was to come. There is no better

term than propaganda blitzkrieg to describe what has been unleashed against Christian conservatives recently.”

“We have seen how a carefully constructed campaign pretty much made it socially unacceptable to drink and drive. For years, there had been stringent laws against drunk driving. They achieved little (until MADD). . . . We have seen how a carefully constructed campaign has pretty much made it socially unacceptable to smoke. . . . Now, entire cities and even states have banned smoking . . .”

At the time Labin wrote, there were more than 30 anti-Christian books recently published. He pointed out the PBS documentary, “Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century: The Resurgence,” and the hit movie “Borat” exposes “the latent anti-Christianism of America’s social, economic and academic secular elites.”

We doubt Mueller has the intellect to knowingly be part of Labin’s “blitzkrieg.” He’s probably not a homosexual or a stalker. Most likely he’s doing what he thinks will get him ahead, sucking up to someone, somewhere, who encourages such sludge. He probably thinks Christians are easy pickings and don’t fight back.

Hi Chris, Welcome to Rimersburg!

Any bigotry movement needs pawns. We, based solely upon Mueller’s column, think that’s exactly what he is, a mean spirited but “useful idiot.” Maybe we’re completely wrong Chris, but we will be watching.

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