



## Katrina: God, Man, and ... "Spin"

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A very popular American cable network nightly news analyst touts his program as the no "spin" zone. He nightly accosts his guests whenever they seem to 'spin' the truth for personal, political or ideological gain.

Americans like him and his program because they sense he sincerely wants to get to the truth, even though he 'bloviates' a bit in the process. **That's his 'job'**...or so he says every night.

But just before he closes each program, he reads several 'pithy' emailed comments from his viewers, all of whom either disagree with him or each other. They invariably demonstrate **strong opinions**— and attack him, sometimes mercilessly—**without facts**. And such was the response to my Commentary "**Why Katrina?**"

"**Why Katrina?**" sought to point out that man is not in control of what the contemporary social order has now come to call, "Mother Nature", a "Freak of Nature", a "Natural Disaster" or, a "Natural Calamity." All are convenient euphemisms for what— in times past when people actually read and understood the Bible—was more accurately called an "**Act of God.**" And that, friends stirred the pot aboiling!

Some of my Christian readers could not accept that a 'loving God' could be involved in such a devastating storm, no matter what the Bible says. Nor could they accept that 'good people' could possibly suffer and die in something that God ordained as a widespread punishment for sin and a warning to all, even if Matthew 5:45 says, "**He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**"

Oh, we like it when the sun shines on both those who do evil and good! We reason that it proves how gracious and kind, how merciful and 'loving' God is toward even those who do evil. We can all say nice things about ourselves and others in this warm, fuzzy, "Jesus is my buddy" atmosphere...and go on sinning because He has forgiven me in His mercy and grace. But woe to him who says He '**sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous**' alike!

It seems we have a double standard. We like the grace, but we don't like His holiness.

We really don't like it when Scripture tells us that God allowed Satan to wipe out Job's entire family! That doesn't fit our grace, grace, look the other way, we wouldn't want to hurt anyone's feelings, contemporary 'spin' theology that tickles our ears and deceives us about the character of God.

Why is it that we don't see His holiness? Is it because we think those who are just ordinary good folks are not sinners too? My Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It also says "**There is none righteous, no not one.**" It also says of God, "His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts."

And indeed they are. Somehow, in today's enlightened contemporary redefining of everything— from marriage to morality, we have redefined God after our own self image which is much more about grace and mercy and giving us all a 'pass' than it is about the **holiness of God**.

Men and women of worldly self esteem, erudition and self adulating 'credentials,'— and those who fear their disapproval—do not want to discuss what happened in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana in these terms. Why? The subject is not fashionable in today's humanistic, intellectual, and academic citadels, corporate boardrooms and anti Christian hysteria.

They would have to admit their humanistic, atheistic, social revisionism and libertarian world view is not working, has not worked, and will not work... even if the cost for all Americans of such folly will continue to rise, as they—and we—refuse to repent, holding on to our vices, self absorbed sensuality and love of money.

The angels said, "**Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD God Almighty**", not "Merciful, Merciful, Merciful". And speaking of 'Almighty'...I will let you conclude the rest. And no 'spin' please. It is still the '**truth**' that **sets men free**. And freedom from the tyranny of sin and death is what we all long for.

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