

Calling Evil Good and Good Evil

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Shakespeare's famous line, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," may be true as regards the perception of our physical world by our senses but the descriptive terms used to categorize human behaviours certainly affect our attitudes towards those being described.

TV advertisers know this. So do news anchors, lobbyists, and politicians. So-called "reproductive rights" are more easily defended than "taxpayer-funded abortions." And, "investment in our children's future" sounds way better than "deficit spending."

Here are a few of the phrases being thrown around that are shaping public opinion and encouraging—or allowing—bad public policies to be enacted with minimum resistance:

"Gender equality" in schools means the imposition of false and deceptive teaching on impressionable schoolchildren regarding their own God-given sexual identity.

"Separation of church and state" seems like an innocuous intent to create fairness. Instead it has been used to suppress public expressions of Christian faith.

"Caring for the planet" is presumed by the public to mean opposition to all pipelines, power plants, and mines. Those who believe mankind can develop resources while caring for the planet are deemed to be greedy corporate apologists.

Those who have studied world history know the emptiness of Neville Chamberlain's triumphant declaration in September 1938 that he had achieved "peace for our time" as he brandished the so-called Munich Agreement he had signed with Hitler. It should be troubling to us—knowing what we do now—to recall Chamberlain's soothing words to his countrymen in 1938 to "go home and get a nice quiet sleep." Less than a year after that "historic agreement" Hitler's forces crossed into Poland and plunged Europe into the Second World War. The words on paper and the signatures proved to be hollow and meaningless but they kept Britain out of the way for a crucial year while Hitler consolidated his position. In the ensuing conflict, over 60 million men, women, and children died. It matters whose words and what words we believe.

Words can be used to convey reality or they can be used to deceive, exploit, manipulate, and to falsely accuse. We Christians today must also be prepared to be maligned and to have our words and our actions misrepresented to our fellow citizens who—I'm sure—truly desire "peace in our time." They desire, as we do, safe city streets, prosperous industry, and fruitful harvests. They desire an end to the strife and hostility of the "culture wars."

Unfortunately, so many of them are receiving only biased and misleading reports. They do not hear from the national media about the imprisonment of peaceful pro-life protesters. They do not hear from the national media or from the government about the spread of disease and dysfunction among the "gay

community.” They do not hear about the “slippery slope” that follows in the wake of legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide—the killing of the elderly in Holland and Belgium without their consent. They do not hear about the abortion-breast cancer link, information that could save many lives.

Today, those who defend the sanctity of life are said to be “against a woman’s right to choose.” Those who believe that parents—not the state—should be setting moral standards for their own children are called “homophobic bigots.”

In Texas, the undercover videographers who exposed and documented for the world the shocking sale of the body parts of aborted babies are now themselves the victims of a “justice system” gone amuck. Those chopping little babies into parts and selling their hearts, spines, kidneys, and brains continue in their grisly business, unmolested by the courts. Those who bravely entered into that bloody domain to obtain evidence are the ones on trial, with prison sentences and massive fines hanging over their heads.

In Canada, we have become familiar with “anti-bullying” campaigns. The real bullies, hiding behind phrases like “keeping our children safe in schools,” are forcing children, parents, teachers, and even Christian school boards and trustees to implement policies that are contrary to God’s laws, natural function, common sense, and decency. They are imposing—in province after province—graphic and age-inappropriate teaching about sexuality and gender identity.

May God give to us wisdom and grace to defend life, marriage, and freedom in the face of false accusations, misleading media, and false reports. God wants us to understand the world we live in and to make informed decisions and righteous judgments. He says: “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil!” We are commanded to “speak the truth in love” and we do so now. Individuals can be forgiven and restored and so can nations. “They shall know the truth and the truth shall make them free.” We encourage each of you to be “proclaimers of truth” to this generation.

The Christian Heritage Party of Canada will not move the standard; evil is evil and good is good! We will not say otherwise. We need you to join your voice with our voices. The more voices speaking, the louder the message that will be sent. Join CHP Canada today¹. If you are already a member, we need your financial assistance² and your energy joined with our energy.

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