



Looking at today's issues from a conservative viewpoint - supplying a Biblical foundation!

It is time for Christian conservatives who are not politicians to frame the debate!

The Need to Know

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The human psyche has an interesting quality about it and that is its need to know. Sociologists tell us that security is a basic human need. We want to be secure in our dwelling place, our work place, our relationships. Before we seek to fulfill our pleasures, we make certain that our basic needs are met and that we feel secure in them. Basic to this security need is the need to know. If we do not know that our needs are met, we will be in emotional pain until we do know. Having that knowledge is the point at which peace comes.

To confirm this, just think about anything in your life which was a great concern or a trauma to you. Until the issue was resolved to you satisfactorily mentally, you remained upset about it. Once you knew that the issue was resolved, you relaxed and could go on to other things. This is the need to know!

Let's move that concept over into the political arena. It is with this basic need to know that our president is making one of his greatest mistakes – and he has a penchant for continually doing it.

Libya! He didn't consult with Congress about going in, or even congressional leaders. They were neither fully nor partially informed. Now he is paying the price for that. Without a clear explanation of our role, our goals, the end game, Congress feels left out and uninformed. They want to know and Democrats and Republicans alike are carping at him continually.

The same is true with respect to the public. There may not ever have been a time in the past when America involved itself in a military action that the president didn't give an address, or several addresses, to the American public explaining our role. But President Obama has not taken the time to do that. No one in the public sphere seems to know much about Libya, except the actions which have already occurred and are being reported upon. There is evidence that even large sectors of the military are in the dark. That's what all the public clamor is about.

The president did the same thing with passage of the health care bill. Republicans were not permitted to know what was happening behind committee doors. Even rank and file Democrats were kept uninformed. Pelosi, Reid, and the president knew, but they were the only ones. Remember Mrs. Pelosi saying that we would have to pass the bill to know what was in it? The president didn't tell the Congress or the public what its provisions were.

The result of this method of operation is that sooner or later a deep-seated feeling of distrust takes over, along with a feeling of not being appreciated. People begin to emotionally separate themselves from the one who is doing it. In politics, that is a deadly disease. The president had the trust of many Americans when he became president, but he may be at the point of losing it. This lack of regard for keeping everyone informed is part of the reason.

God always tells a person everything he needs to know. That is why He gave us the Bible – so that we may know about Him and about all of the issues of life. As a result, those who take advantage of receiving what God has to say have a deep and abiding love and respect for Him. They trust Him! President Obama could avoid so many problems if he would just let the people know. By the way, isn't that the transparency he promised us?