

Spiritual suicide: Only the dead are

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Suicide is considered a risky subject and not suitable conversation among many family groups. I would tend to agree, except, once it occurs there are not enough words to bring back the dead. But relax we are not talking about natural suicide. Please don't hold your breath as you read this. I want us to look at a seldom discussed epidemic, destroying many believers among the rank-and-file of the redeemed Christians.

Remember to breath. Let me make this disclaimer first, No one was ever perfect, except Christ Jesus, so we all are in danger of hell fire.

Now, if you are willing to hear this, let me explain the title. Spiritual suicide cannot occur unless you first have obtained spiritual life. So this subject does not apply to every one, but it should. Those who were never awakened to eternal life are not in danger of loosing it, because you cannot loose what you never had.

Although, the Bible states, the dead will die again, which is the second death, this does not directly apply to those being addressed today.

Many Believers are self-destructing spiritually, committing suicide on a spiritual plain with no desire to repent, to the saving of their own souls. When a true believer turns from salvation they are not the same as an unrepentant sinner. The spiritual DNA from their transfusion with the blood of Jesus will never be broken.

They deny God, but Christ cannot excuse them for committing treason, punishable of spiritual separation and death.

Denial will not be an option on our day of accountability. Don't be deceived, spiritual suicide can

occur when the heart refuses to forgive a friend or even an enemy.

When you become blinded by the cares of this life and seek to fulfill your own lusts at the expense of others.

As you lie and deceive others for positions of advantage.

Spiritual suicide occurs as we turn a deaf ear to truth, calling evil good and good evil.

Compromise is the modern day cancer eating away at the spiritual fiber of the church, causing Believers to turn their heads while ungodly acts are perpetrated in the pews.

We must ask ourselves, is God concerned with being politically correct? The Bible states, "If we will judge ourselves we will not be judged."

I am guilty, worthy of death, asking God and you to forgive me before I face my creator.

Eternity will demand an account of our most secret passions before we come face-to-face with God.

Let us review the things we've built into our character and remove the obstacles designed to keep us from standing before God. No excuses. No more lies!

Be convicted enough to convince others and committed enough to see it through until they change. All created things are waiting for the world to change. It's impossible to undo the past. Fix the present and the future will record your name as an agent of change. The world will thank your children for the light you created.



Romine

Religious conservatives still important

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — There was a time when any Republican candidate who did not meet the approval of Iowa's religious conservatives was all but doomed to failure in the state's presidential caucus.

As the 2008 race takes shape, these conservatives are no longer the unassailable force they once were, although they remain a powerhouse in Iowa's GOP.

The role of Christian activists in the state is closely watched because of Iowa's leadoff position in the presidential nominating season. At this point, however, there is little sign that activists are uniting behind a candidate or trying to channel the race in a particular direction.

"We've become part of the process, we've become political players, instead of this fringe element that people didn't understand when Pat Robertson surprised everybody," said Ed Failor Jr., a lobbyist for Iowans for Tax Relief. The group is closely allied with religious conservatives.

It was religious conservatives who propelled Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network and the Christian Coalition, to a second-place finish in Iowa's 1988 GOP caucus, ahead of then-Vice President

George H.W. Bush. They also were responsible for conservative pundit Pat Buchanan's surge in 1996, holding Republican front-runner Bob Dole to a surprisingly narrow victory.

White evangelicals made up one-third of the electorate in Iowa in the 2004 presidential election, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks. Two-thirds of them voted for George W. Bush.

Nationally, evangelicals were 23 percent of the electorate in 2004 and they voted overwhelmingly for Bush.

Virtually all recent polls in the state have shown former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, Arizona Sen. John McCain and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney leading the Republican pack among likely 2008 caucus-goers, and all have hurdles to overcome with religious conservatives.

Candidates such as Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, with far better conservative credentials, have drawn little support, largely because they are viewed as long shots.

"They acknowledge that these guys may not be guys who are going

the distance," said Iowa House Republican leader Chris Rants of Sioux City, who has close ties to religious conservatives.

Steve Scheffler heads the Iowa Christian Alliance, which split with the National Christian Coalition a year ago, leaving plenty of hard feelings.

"It's the best thing we ever did," said Scheffler. "The national organization had lost its focus in terms of being a grass roots, positive organization. It became increasingly evident that it just didn't have its act together."

He insisted Christian conservatives have rebounded and "we've come a long way."

Republicans suffered a dramatic setback in Iowa in the midterm elections with a Democrat winning the governor's office and Republicans losing two seats in Congress. In addition, both chambers of the state Legislature rolled to Democratic control, and Scheffler acknowledged that a main reason was that religious conservatives sat it out.

"You have a president who carried the water and spilled the blood for government expansion programs," said Scheffler. "He gave a flowery speech once a year or once every two

years."

Candidates will need to convince religious conservatives that they are serious before they can win them over, but that kind of effort has been absent recently, Scheffler said.

Steve Roberts, a Des Moines lawyer and member of the Republican National Committee, said he also senses disheartenment.

"They are a force that got disillusioned in the 2006 election," Roberts said, adding that many conservatives simply do not see a candidate who shares their views with a chance to win.

"This is the first time there is not a clear Christian conservative candidate that evangelical Christians believe can win," Roberts said.

The splintering of conservatives is behind Giuliani's strong showing in polls, Roberts added, predicting the former mayor's lead will diminish as conservatives tune in.

According to AP-Ipsos polling in March, white evangelical Christians look like Republicans generally in terms of their support for the current field of candidates. Giuliani leads McCain 37 percent to 18 percent among evangelical Republicans nationally. Support for all other candidates was in the single digits.



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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

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Retired bishop leaves

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany has left the denomination to join the Roman Catholic Church. Daniel Herzog informed Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of his decision March 29. He asked to

be removed from the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Herzog disagreed with the liberal direction of The Episcopal Church, including the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

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Saturday, April 7, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m.

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- 1st grade
- 2nd grade
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