

Fellow Republican Slams Tweet Professing Faith in Jesus, Backlash Follows

What is the world coming to when a social media post proclaiming the only hope for the world is Jesus Christ is accused of being bigoted and should be deleted?

We are truly living in upside-down times.

Republican Ohio Rep. Max Miller found himself in a world of hurt late Wednesday night. Upon seeing a tweet from fellow GOP'er Lizzie Marbach which read, "There's no hope for any of us outside of having faith in Jesus Christ alone," Miller appeared to lose his mind.

In response to Marbach's post, Miller wrote: "This is one of the most bigoted tweets I have ever seen. Delete it, Lizzie. Religious freedom in the United States applies to every religion. You have gone too far."

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– Max Miller (@MaxMillerOH) August 15, 2023

Professing one's personal faith in a public, online forum is now a hindrance to religious freedom?

The sideshow gets even more unpredictable after Miller's post

began going viral. Marbach found an unlikely ally in one of “The Squad”’s most vocal members: Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.

“No! Stating the core beliefs or principles of your faith isn’t bigoted as Lizzie did, it’s religious freedom and no one should be scolded for that,” Omar responded. “It’s also wrong to speak about religious freedom while simultaneously harassing people who freely express their beliefs.”

Are we living in the twilight zone these days? Up is down, down is up, good is evil and evil is good?

Clearly, we are.

Receiving some backlash from her support base, Omar clarified her statement saying, “That’s her actual belief, you can disagree, but it’s not bigoted for her to say what her beliefs are. That’s all.”

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– Ilhan Omar (@IlhanMN) August 16, 2023

Give credit where credit is due, Omar stood up for the religious freedom of a person whose faith is different from hers, and a Christian professing Jesus Christ as the world’s only hope, at that.

Miller must have seen the writing on the wall, because while he has yet to delete the mind-boggling tweet that started this hurricane of backlash, he posted an apology to Lizzie shortly after realizing how badly he had erred.

"I posted something earlier that conveyed a message I did not intend. I will not try to hide my mistake or run from it. I sincerely apologize to Lizzie and to everyone who read my post," Miller wrote.

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Exemplifying the Christian nature in which Jesus commanded His followers to live, Marbach graciously accepted Miller's apology, implored him to seek salvation in Jesus and posted the parable of the unforgiving servant to her timeline.

Yet one thing about this extemporaneous event does not make sense: why would a GOP representative attack a Christian professing their faith in Jesus in the first place?

Could this slip up reveal that there is a far larger portion of the Republican Party than suspected that holds an anti-Christian view?

Is the GOP simply using the faith, morals and values this country was founded on to appease their base and get elected into Congress so they can make their millions?

Another recent case of a Republican who tells the world that she is a Christian, yet her actions do not match up to those claims is Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC). When speaking at a prayer breakfast, Mace joked that she gave up morning sex with her fiancé, but assured him they would have time later that night.

Is sexual activity outside of the biblical definition of marriage a joking matter for Republicans these days? Because it is very clearly practiced by those who claim to be followers of Jesus yet do not abide by His teachings.

Of course, no one is perfect. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, yet there is a key lack of remorse or

conviction on both Miller and Mace's part that shows, as Allie Beth Stuckey pointed out in the wake of Mace's faux pas: "These comments just go to show how little politicians—even Republican politicians—know or care about Christianity. They have no idea the values Christians hold.

"It's honestly worse than Democrats. It's better to deny Christianity altogether than to use Christianity as a campaign slogan," she added.

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– Allie Beth Stuckey (@conservmillen) July 27, 2023

If this turns out to be the case, and sadly the evidence points to that, where will these politicians who claim to be Christian stand as those who declare Jesus to be King become more persecuted?

History teaches us one thing, they will stand where it is most advantageous for their personal careers, which may be against those being persecuted.

As the world continues to prepare for the prophesied end times, persecution will come and it will separate the Christians who are rooted in Jesus and the Word of God from those who are not.

In the meantime, putting one's faith in God and God alone is the only way to navigate these confusing and trying times. By staying grounded in the Bible, the faithful will have the discernment granted by the Holy Spirit to recognize the massive amount of deception permeating these times. {eoa}

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