

## What Troubles the Man

By Glenn Lambdin

Last week I wrote a piece on my opposition to Prop. 8 that frankly, I make no apologies for. While I realize it was only my opinion, and we all know about opinions, I believe my quotes are accurate as are my conclusions. As best as I am able, and to the best of my understandings, I attempt to validate my opinions based on factual data, logic, and reason. If my facts are wrong, I encourage correction.

Since that article, a letter to the editor was sent from a local resident, Mark Edward Smith, responding to my piece. First off, let me thank Mr. Smith for reading it and giving his opinion on the matter. And by the way Mr. Smith, good letter and touché.

While Mr. Smith, like myself and hopefully the majority of voters, is opposed to Prop. 8, he claimed he found my article, "quite a bizarre experience." Mr. Smith, if you think that is a bizarre experience, you should try going through life's journey with what goes through my mind on a daily basis. Anyways, Mr. Smith concludes his letter with the statement, "You can only wonder what troubles the man."

Fair enough. I'll be glad to tell you what troubles me. Just off of the top of my head and in no particular order, here are only some of the things that trouble me:

Politicians, religious leaders, and activists, at all levels, that would rather promote their agendas via exaggeration, false information, and hyperbole instead of facts and accuracy. They should at least have the courage to paint a target on their chest, take their hits, and stand on the merits of their convictions.

Cowards, bullies, and predators.

Any individual or organization that, in any way shape or form, discriminates against any specific class of people.

Politicians, lawmakers, etc. that ignore due process and equal treatment under the law.

Bigotry, racism, and hatred.

War.

Violence against others, especially against the weak and defenseless.

Deficit spending.

Irresponsible spending.

Debt not backed by investment, both personal and governmental.

Those that attempt to control others or inflict their will on others.

Entitlement mentalities. I believe we are entitled only to that which has been earned.

Those that are convinced that God is against the same people that they are against.

Oppressive doctrines; social, legal, and religious.

Increased taxes.

Ungratefulness.

Laziness.

And, out of tune guitars

So Mr. Smith, there you have just some of what troubles me. I hope that answers your question. Oh, and by the way, I never claimed that "St. Paul is somehow responsible for Prop. 8," as you claim I said. However, I do believe you would be hard pressed to present a reasonable and accurate argument that could conclude that Paul's writings do not have a direct influence on the doctrines that are the impetus behind Prop 8. In my opinion, the responsibility for Prop. 8 falls directly on those that put it on the ballot.

Don't forget to vote!