

Headlies

A faithful gospel preacher sent me an e-mail postulating headlines reflecting the modern flair and spin of our biased press. To buy the slant presented in headlines often correlates to buying into the lie. Here are some biblical headlines as today's liberal media might write them.

On the Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION
Psychologist Questions Influence of Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples Mystified Over Behavior

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED
"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE
Local Farmers' Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK
Reading of Will to Be Delayed

While these might appear humorous, they do reflect a malignity in our society. Moral principles, the blurring of right and wrong, and the appearance of a majority consensus that does not exist are all products of misleading headlines.

My friend stated it this way: "It is my belief that one of the reasons our world is in the horrible shape it is in is because of the liberal media around us. They always seem to focus on the bad and try to find evil in the good." Have you ever noticed how the bad new always outweighs the good? Truly, we are living in a time when the media calls "*evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*" (Isaiah 5:20-21).

The media's "Headlies" would have you to believe that a small, big-mouthed mini-minority of perverts are substantially representative of a God-fearing country that approves of homosexuality. When a minority mob of perverts bites out a chunk in the media, the perception is left that we are bucking a majority movement. Such is not the case.

It is time to mark this lewd dissipation for what it is. Homosexuality is not new, it is not right, and it is not a majority opinion (or even a strong minority), in spite of the "Headlies." However, the Christian that

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attempts to console himself or herself with these assumptions is ignoring the obvious: one hundred years ago, a homosexual would not have dared to profess it openly. What level of immorality will your children and grandchildren have to “tolerate” if you don’t stand against such depravity? “*Speaking the truth in love*” (Ephesians 4:15) is essential, no matter how the press paints the picture, no matter what the “Headlies” say.

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