

Unequal Justice

The above title seems to be an impossibility. How can justice be just and at the same time be unequal? I really don't know. However, I have noticed that people often want two things that are opposite at the same time. A number of events over the years happen to illustrate what I am referring to.

A student in Texas had been in jail five days for writing a paper about killing some friends and a teacher. That sounds pretty bad, right? However, the student's paper was in response to an assignment the teacher had given. She wanted her class to write a paper about killing somebody. The student did so and read it out loud for the class. I might add, the teacher wanted the young man to read the paper to the class. She was apparently impressed and gave the student an "A". Afterward, the teacher got to thinking about it and decided to let the principle read the paper. The principle decided to call the local sheriff to let him read the paper. I bet you know where this is headed. The sheriff decided to arrest the boy for breaking the law. Is there something wrong with this picture? What about the teacher making such an assignment? We have tried to stress to our children the importance of what they say at school, especially with the shootings over the last number of years. Now we have a teacher assigning a paper requiring the student to do exactly what they are told not to do. What about the student's freedom of speech? I wonder if the student would have been arrested for writing about conducting an abortion?

Here is another example of what I am talking about. The courts have tried to totally separate the "Government" from religion. I understand the framers of the Constitution did not want the "Government" sanctioning one religion over another. That has been interpreted to mean the

"Government" is supposed to suppress religion. Well, in New York there was an art show(?) where somebody took a statue representing Mary, the "Mother of Jesus" and covered it with elephant dung. The Mayor tried to stop the exhibit from being on display, stating that it was not art, but filth. The courts stepped in and said to ban the art display would hinder the artist's freedom of expression. Let me ask you a question, "Would the exhibit have been allowed if it was simply a statue of Mary without the elephant dung? Most likely not. Why, because the exhibit was being paid for partly with our tax dollars and the "Government" cannot endorse, nor have anything to do with religion. So the reason this exhibit was allowed was because it was anti-religion. Our taxes cannot be used to encourage religion, but it can be used to ridicule religion. Is this supposed to be unequal justice?

There is a passage in the Old Testament that needs to be read. "Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? Are not your ways unequal?... Yet said the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal, O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal?" (Ezekiel 28.25,29). The problem today, just like in the days of Ezekiel, is the people no longer understand what is just and unjust.

Our country has gotten itself in an impossible predicament. Television, newspapers, schools, and even religion has taught our children that they are nothing but animals. But what do you do when they start acting like animals? They are told to say anything they want to say, but they cannot talk about killing their classmates. They are taught that an unborn baby is simply a fetus and can be killed without any consequences by an abortion. How can we then punish those who decide to kill their newly born child?

Our society wants things that are contradictory. They want a drug free society, but glamorize alcohol. They want people to act in a responsible manner, but reward those who break the laws. We want fairness, but then complain because somebody has fairly beaten us. We want morality, but are not willing to condemn immoral behavior. We want our preachers to be stern, but not to step on anyone's toes. We want to have standards, but not have absolute values. We have lost our common sense. Lastly, we turn around and act as if it is God's fault that bad things happen. Why has God allowed all these bad things to happen? The real question is, "Why does man do these bad things?"

God will be fair. We may not like it, but God will be fair and just on the Day of Judgment; and we had better wise up. -- Dennis Tucker