

## Donâ€™t Ruffle Our Christian Feathers!

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Boy howdy, this controversy over comments made by the owner of Chick-fil-A, Mr. Dan Cathy, who stated recently that, he was against gay marriage has ruffled the feathers of those who are for same sex marriage and those who are opposed to it. In a recent interview with Baptist Press, Mr. Cathy stated, &ldquo;We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our fist wives. We give God thanks for that.&rdquo;

Proponents for same sex marriage have uttered some harsh and unspeakable words about the eatery. Even the Jim Henson Company, who has supplied their Muppet toys to the fast food restaurant, said in a statement, &ldquo;We have notified Chick-fil-A that we do not wish to partner with them on any future endeavors.&rdquo; Jason Parsley, editor-in-chief of South Florida Gay News, was also turned away by Mr. Cathy&rsquo;s comments. He stated, &ldquo;Since this has come out, I will not be spending my money at Chick-fil-A.&rdquo;

Adding to the list of Chick-fil-A detractors were 3 mayors, all Democrats, from 3 large cities, all vowing to try to block Chick-fil-A from bringing more of their restaurants into their cities. Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston has sworn that the franchise will have to fight city hall to bring its fast-food empire to Boston. By sheer coincidence, the Atlanta-based chain is hoping to open a Chick-fil-A in a popular tourist spot near the Freedom Trail in Boston &mdash; a rather ironic choice. Mayor Menino stated, &ldquo;Boston is an open city that&rsquo;s at the forefront of inclusion, that&rsquo;s our Freedom Trail. We&rsquo;re not going to have a company, Chick-fil-A or whatever the hell the name is, on our Freedom Trail.&rdquo; Wow, so much for freedom in Boston.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, of Chicago, also chimed in his distaste for Chick-fil-A. The head of the nation&rsquo;s third-largest city hopes to hit the fast food chain where it hurts most &mdash; its pocketbook &mdash; by vowing to block its plans to build a new restaurant in his hometown. Again, so much for freedom in the Windy City!

Not to be outdone, Mayor Edwin Lee of San Francisco also joined the chorus opposing Chick-fil-A with a tweet saying: &ldquo;Closest Chick-fil-A to San Francisco is 40 miles away and I strongly recommend that they not try to come any closer.&rdquo;

My friends who love this country because of the freedoms we hold dear like: freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, or freedom of religion, which are now under assault when an owner of a business is vilified for his stance on his religious belief of same sex marriage should concern all of us as to where our country is heading to. Growing up during WWII, the Korean Conflict, Viet Nam and the assault on our homeland in 9/11 has not worried me as much as the now assaults on our Constitutional freedoms by our own fellow citizens and left wing politicians.

Sadden by the unrelenting verbal assaults towards Chick-fil-A my spirits were lifted when former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee created a counter boycott launched by gay marriage activists on Wednesday, Aug. 1. According to Mr. Huckabee, more than 630,000 supporters signed up to celebrate Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day on his Facebook page for the event. Mr. Huckabee further stated, &ldquo;Let&rsquo;s affirm a business that operates on Christian principles and whose executives are willing to take a stand for the Godly values we espouse by simply showing up and eating at Chick-fil-A. Well folks, I, along with my grandkids went to our neighborhood Chick-fil-A and waited almost an hour to get served to show our support for the restaurant as did scores of others throughout our country.

After millions of Americans showed their support for Chick-fil-A gay activists and same sex marriage proponents stepped up their assault on the eatery and Christians by calling them haters, bigots, hicks, rednecks and staging same sex kissing sit ins at Chick-fil-A restaurants. One individual on my Facebook stated that he was going to Chick-fil-A and fondle his gay lover in public.

These gay and same sex proponents should be thankful they don't live in a Muslim country. Here's the Islam law on gay behavior: "Kill the one that is doing it and also kill the one that it is being done to. In a pamphlet produced by Al-Fatiha, it estimates that 4,000 homosexuals have been executed in Iran since 1979 and 10 public executions of homosexuals in Afghanistan by the Taliban army.

Throughout my life I've met and been friends with gays and lesbians. Though I didn't approve of their lifestyle I never harmed or insulted them. My theory was "to each his own." Nor, do I recall other Hispanics in my community rebuking or bullying them. Sadly, all with the exception of one gay friend are all dead! "Were they murdered James?" Some might ask. No, they died of AIDS!

According to a statement by the Kaiser Foundation it revealed that in San Francisco, CA there have been 19,341 reported AIDS deaths as of Dec. 31, 2010. The report stated that since the AIDS epidemic began in 1981, 1.7 million Americans have been infected with HIV and 641,976 have died of AIDS-related causes. A Kinsey report states that it takes approximately \$300,000 to take care of each AIDS victim, so thanks to the promiscuous lifestyle of homosexuals, medical insurance rates have been skyrocketing for all of us.

As for Christians been labeled as haters, homophobes and bigots by gays and same sex marriage proponents let me share some comments made by those in law enforcement.

• Judge John Martaug, chief magistrate of the New York City Criminal Court has said, "Homosexuals account for half the murders in large cities."

• Captain William Riddle of the Los Angeles Police says, "30,000 sexually abused children in Los Angeles were victims of homosexuals."

Final note to gays and same sex marriage proponents: "My friends, we Christians are not your enemies, ya'll are your own worst enemy!"