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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Leaks Vs. Truth - October 29, 2016

Be careful what you put into writing. And thank God that he was careful.

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A whistleblower is someone who has knowledge of an illegal activity and informs the authorities. Did you know that our government encourages whistleblowing by providing legal protection for whistleblowers?

WikiLeaks identifies itself as “a non-profit organization created to protect whistleblowers and journalists who have sensitive materials to communicate to the public. They believe that transparent governments lead to better governments and less corruption...” Prominent news organizations like the New York Times and the Washington Post apparently support WikiLeaks as a whistleblower organization because these news sites (and many others) have their identities posted on the [Partners page](#).

But now I wonder how these news sites feel about WikiLeaks since it has blown the whistle on a group of journalists apparently collaborating with one of the presidential campaigns. The emails that WikiLeaks sourced incriminate 60-plus journalists for appearing to hide a conflict of interest. Aren't journalists supposed to have the same standard as a judge, who will recuse himself from a case if he has a conflict of interest? WikiLeaks thinks so.

Just as I cannot defend journalists who hide a conflict of interest, I cannot defend WikiLeaks simply because it claims to be a whistleblower organization. So please understand that I'm using WikiLeaks to highlight this strange juxtaposition: that news organizations in partnership with WikiLeaks have had their own reporters busted by WikiLeaks. Which reminds us to be careful with what we put into writing.

This is an old truism that guides me even as I write this *Viewpoints*. My goal with these *Viewpoints* is to demonstrate how the Bible is not some dusty relic containing outdated platitudes and myths, but is in fact the “living and active Word of God” ([Hebrews 4:12](#)). As such, it constantly speaks to events happening in our lives today, such as the pandemonium surrounding WikiLeaks. In fact, the encouragement to be careful with what we put into writing (in emails, on Facebook, etc.) is a condensation of God's teachings that impress us to think, speak and act truthfully, but in such a manner that we “speak the truth in love” ([Ephesians 4:14-15](#)). We honor and thank our God of truth when we do so, and he in turn graciously protects us from the fact that if we sow less than the truth in love, we will harvest sin's dreaded results ([Galatians 6:7-8](#)).

And to observe WikiLeaks whistleblowing on news organizations in its own partnership also leads us to yearn for a source of information that's untainted by any human weakness. And there is such a source: the Bible.

Let us rejoice that God himself is so careful with what he put into writing, his holiness and mercy has delivered a perfect source: the Bible's verbally inspired, inerrant truth. Then God sent his one and only Son to fulfill and authenticate his word, as the apostle explains, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" referring to Jesus ([John 1:14](#)).

In the Bible we're shown our sins. This law message however is only a servant that serves the greater message of the gospel. The gospel proclaims that in Jesus we have been forgiven by a Savior who will accompany us all our days until he brings us safely home to heaven ([John 3:16-18](#) & [Matthew 28:18-20](#)). In fact, Jesus invites you to "hold him accountable" for what he has promised to you. You may explore this truth further in the [October 16 Pray Perpetually sermon posted on our sermon page](#).

The leaks from Wikileaks remind us to be careful with what we write, and to greatly rejoice that our God has been flawlessly careful in what he mercifully wrote- the Bible. Which includes this promise that overlays whatever outcome the leaks from WikiLeaks may bring: **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"** ([Romans 8:28](#)). This special interest of God was never a secret that needed to be leaked. It was written in the blood that Jesus publicly shed at the cross.

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

