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The politics of hate

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Is it the politics of hating, or hating as politics? Everyday, our children and families are bombed by television, radio, newsprint, and far too many personally witnessed acts of violence by one human being, or a group of human beings, against another. We see daily, individuals who attempt to divide the world into right and wrong; good and bad; "God-like" and "devil-like."

This attempt to split one's concept of the world and the people in it has many roots. Some of these roots are originally planted early in childhood, as the child divides parents into categories of "good-mom" and "bad-mom," or "good-dad" and bad-dad." Unfortunately, we could never fully expound on the psychiatric dynamics of hate allotted in this space, but we all may benefit from having some understanding of a few points.

As you have probably heard time and again, it remains, in my professional opinion, impossible to respect, let alone reach that vague and complex thing called "love,," if you don't respect or have positive feelings and thoughts about not only who you are, but what you do for others who are less fortunate than yourself.

Unfortunately, in our society and the world, we all too often see or bear witness only about how one individual or group of individuals displays disrespect, abuse, or exploit another individual or group.

Then we witness as grown men try to get people to join their way of thinking, feeling, acting and labeling of others. Perhaps this is done to ensure oneself that they are right, as the group attempts to resolve their guilt and shame through a shared experience (somewhat reminiscent of *Lord of the Flies*).

Are you tired of hearing about the right wing against the left wing; the liberal against the conservative; the Republican against the Democrat; the Americans against the Communists; the Blacks against the Whites; the Arab against the Jews; etc., etc., etc. When are the few frightened and insecure individuals going to be dictated to by the masses of citizens with compassion and common sense, that we want the word changed from "against" to "with?"

Aren't you just a little God-dammed mad about people telling you who to hate, and then having you finance your own destruction (of course, in the name of doing you a favor), and protecting you from whom? Probably not the ones we really need protection against; that being those who preach hatred of any other fellow human being.

Are we so insecure, self-destructive, and/or naïve that we really need someone to tell us who to hate; who to side with; who to disrespect; or who to exploit? I pray to whatever supreme being you worship that we aren't.

In addition, I personally don't mind paying high taxes but I get mad as hell when those hard earned dollars are spent on weapons to destroy me, my children, society, and the world.

I also believe that every human being that can work, should work provided they can find a job in this induced economic crises; but to tell you the truth, I would rather give it to a needy child, family or developing nation, than to make tremendous, outrageous (one trillion dollars) installments on my son's or neighbor's destruction,

regardless of what color they are, what part of the world they live in, what form of government they have, or how they worship.

We must put a stop to this small group of individuals. Maybe they need to learn that we have no need for their hate spreading politics; or is it the politics of hating?