

The Mouth with Foot is SHUT!

The cartoon in the Blade the other day succinctly epitomized who Rev. Jerry Falwell *really* was; his death wouldn't change it much. Given his myopic views and uncalled for bigoted speeches during a life time, the phrase 'foot-in-mouth' fitted Jerry Falwell undisputedly far well. But then here was a guy who opened his mouth too frequently, too quickly, too blatantly, too arrogantly and could not wait to offer profuse apology the very next day when he realized he had fallen into the abyss of popular loathing from his self-erected grandeur.

He especially simmered to his crisp following the unfortunate events of September 11 because that seemed to be the moment he had waited all his life to unveil his divinely 'whitened' and menacingly 'decisive' index finger at the world. He summarily cursed Islam as 'violent', labeled prophet Mohammed a 'terrorist' and gave his own version of 'Evangelical Fatwah' on everyone from gays and lesbians to pagans and gypsies who ever treaded this land of liberty. I wonder if he was ever told that among those who perished on 9/11, were Falwell-chastised gays, lesbians, pagans, gypsies AND Muslims as well.

Never mind that he ushered a couple of presidents in the White House and in return was captured on the camera wining and dining with them. But the buck stops there. His fiery and hurtful oratory has finally come to an end and right now you can imagine him standing in front of the Lord, stripped naked of his oft-displayed ignorance-laced arrogance and self-conceit.

Forgive the sarcasm folks, but we haven't heard crooks of the ranks of Bin Laden or Al-Zawahiri ever speak ill of the other two storied religions or their prophets, even in their starkest fit of rage and the so-called hatred for the US, Jews, or everybody else for that matter. Yes, we have oft-heard Bin Laden and his goons hijacking a religion. But, boy, what about Falwell and his band of televangelists who seemed to have usurped the entire Kingdom of God!
