



# The Truth

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“He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.” (Proverbs 17:9)

*“The politics of personal destruction have once again raised its ugly head. As Christians, we are not to be involved in such rumor mongering. Let our silence be a loud response.”*



First, understand that I am not defending or condemning

Herman Cain and the allegations about his behavior towards women. As is always the case with the truth, that will eventually come out into the open.

What I find abhorrent is all pretense of journalism has been thrown out the window with this week's Politico [article](#) about Herman Cain allegedly making sexually suggestive statements towards two women.

If the allegations are true we most definitely need to know this about a presidential candidate. Our nation has already had a philanderer-in-chief.

Notwithstanding, Politico is to be condemned for breaking a story on innuendo based off a non-disclosure agreement. And to add that the identities of the women had been identified does not add credibility to the story. Quite the contrary it gives the story a sense of sleaze and Americans are tired of character assassination.

Wes Pruden, writing in the Washington Times, rightly [opines](#):

*This was once a serious country with serious newspapers, back in the day when they were edited by serious editors and a man had the right to confront an accuser before she was allowed to destroy his reputation, career and even his life.*

I can scarcely remember those days of journalistic integrity where stories were doubly-sourced, and in such a story as Herman Cain would no doubt be triple-sourced.

Now quite the opposite is true, in fact Jonathan Martin, the primary reporter of the story, believes it is Herman Cain who needs to be more forthcoming with the facts of the allegations. In other words, sling some mud at someone and make the recipient clean his or herself up.

America has lost her ability to blush because we long ago gave up our national virtue. A virtuous nation would resoundly reject this type of journalism, innuendo or not. We must accept nothing more than the aletheia truth.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**Our Founding Fathers wanted a free press They knew quite well that liberty’s vanguard was invested in a free pres. They also knew and had experienced the mischief of an irresponsible press. The considered it a necessary evil, one that could only be restrained by men of character.**

*“We are, heart and soul, friends to the freedom of the press. It is however, the prostituted companion of liberty, and somehow or other, we know not how, its efficient auxiliary. It follows the substance like its shade; but while a man walks erect, he may observe that his shadow is almost always in the dirt. It corrupts, it deceives, it inflames. It strips virtue of her honors, and lends to faction its wildfire and its poisoned arms, and in the end is its own enemy and the usurper’s ally, It would be easy to enlarge on its evils. They are in England, they are here, they are everywhere. It is a precious pest, and a necessary mischief, and there would be no liberty without it.”* Fisher Ames, Review of the Pamphlet on the State of the British Constitution, 1807.

Our press has always participated in partisan politics. The early American Press could be quite brutal and was a candidate’s instrument in which to “attack” a rival candidate. The difference between the colonial press and the modern press is that the former never hid their bias and the latter pretends to have none. So what is the balance?

A newspaper or any other media source has the right to present its worldview to its readers, and I argue that it should. The difference is that there are opinion pieces and straight reporting that is done by an honest press. A reader knows that when he or she reads an opinion piece from the Washington Post it will from a liberal perspective, as would a piece from the Washington Times will have a conservative slant. This is to be expected and is preferred by its readers.

However, when reporting news, especially when it comes to political candidates, an unbiased approach to gathering the facts is required if liberty is to be aptly served by the press. Had Barack Obama received just the level of vetting that Herman Cain has then quite possibly the outcome of the 2008 presidential election would have been different.

So what can a citizen do about biased reporting? Look for that in the “To The Streets” section.

# FROM THE PULPIT

“I believe it is a fact generally admitted that there is much less conscience manifested, by men and women, in nearly all the walks of life, than there was forty years ago. There is justly much complaint of this, and there seems to be but little prospect of reformation. The rings and frauds and villainies in high and low places, among all ranks of men, are most alarming, and one is almost compelled to ask: ‘Can nobody be safely trusted?’ Now, what is the cause of this degeneracy? Doubtless there are many causes that contribute more or less directly to it; but I am persuaded that the fault is more in the ministry and public press than in any and all things else.” From “The Decay of Conscience” by Charles G. Finney writing in *The Independent* of New York, December 4, 1873.

I read the above quote to my wife and asked her to guess when it was written. She guessed it was from the 1960's, and understandably so. Our nation no more openly lost its national conscience than the decade of free love and no war.

However, Dr. Finney wrote those words nearly 140 years ago when our nation was approaching its centennial. Liberalism was beginning to raise its ugly head openly in the 1870's of what would become social justice, which permeated not only the public arena, but also and more destructively, American seminaries.

How did liberalism, which is propped up through the religion of secular humanism, begin to decay our individual and national conscience? It happened and happens through the humanist value system which is none other than moral relativism. Our nation's foundation, which is absolute, aletheia truth, is being destroyed and will be the beginning of the end of America's reliance upon self-governance.

The rot of a nation's virtue begins where Finney laid the blame: at the feet of the pulpits and press across America. Rare is the occasion a newspaper will declare something morally wrong. Rarer each Sunday is the pulpit that will pronounce absolute truth as is found in the Holy Bible and declared by the Lord Jesus Christ. Read again from Finney's article “The Decay of Conscience”:

*The true Gospel is not preached where obedience to the moral law as the only rule of life is not insisted upon. Wherever there is a failure to do this in the instructions of any pulpit it will inevitably be seen that the hearers of such a mutilated Gospel will have very little conscience. We need more Boanerges or sons of thunder in the pulpit. We need men that will flash forth the law of God like livid lightning and arouse the consciences of men.*

Would to God that the pulpits across America be filled with sons of thunder and every church have its own Boanerges!

# TO THE STREETS

How should WE the People respond to a perfidious press? Here are just a few suggestions:

1. If you are subscribed to any liberal media outlets such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Time or Newsweek, cancel your subscription immediately. Additionally, advise their sponsors of your non-support. Media is in business to make money and they must respond to its readership to survive.
2. Do not participate in innuendo and character assassination; remember Solomon's warning from Proverbs 17:9.
3. If we are not going to rely upon mainstream media, that means we have to rely on alternative media. Pick your sources wisely! With the advent of the Internet and blogosphere, rumor mongering and outright lies are rampant. Do your homework!
4. Tell all your friends about Aletheia Group LLC and our weekly newsletter The Truth. We are one among many great news sources and we openly share other sources to help you discern the aletheia truth.

Writing in Federalist Paper #63, James Madison warned:

*"Liberty may be endangered by the abuses of liberty, as well as by the abuses of power."*

A press that abuses its freedom is no friend of liberty; it is part of the enemy within, known as the Fifth Column. Random House Dictionary defines "fifth column" as "a group of people who act traitorously and subversively out of a secret sympathy with an enemy of their country."

How do we identify this treacherous thing? Let me share with you one of the great news sources that we at Aletheia Group LLC use and promote at our website.

Our dear friends Frank and Nancy Salvato of BasicsProject and its publication the New Media Journal, do a wonderful job exposing [The Fifth Column](#). Bookmark it today on your computer and visit their website everyday. Also, please make the same \$10 investment in BasicsProject as you have in Aletheia Group LLC.

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