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Program Managers:

As an avid world wide news junkie, I am appalled at the coverage given, not to mention discussion groups on every self-righteous religious group that comes along, the latest being the Promise Keepers. As these "perfect men" gain attention through the media and marching on the Capitol, my intellect leads me to ask, WHY! We live in a country, that our forefathers worked hard on a Constitution to separate religions from the important life sustaining projects, such as education, jobs, infrastructure, health, brotherhood, the Golden Rule etc. Our planet has been divided through history by religious zealots who have all the answers with so called "religious guidance", many claiming their beliefs as the true beliefs. With hundreds of, or maybe in this day and age, thousands, with tax free benefits have no factual information to back up their "preaching", except one word, FAITH. Yet they get television and other media coverage, which is what they want, while a cyclone in Bangladesh, killing many people and destroying thousands of mud hut homes, isn't even mentioned. Where is their "Christian God" and all of that faith? The bible and all of their beliefs go back a few thousand years, while they ignore the fact that the Universe is billions of years old and that Science has traced the beginning of life back millions of years.

I was born into a Roman Catholic family, and could just have easily been born into a Methodist, Lutheran, Muslim, Buddhist, or whatever family. So, quite naturally as a baby each of us is brainwashed into a religious sect or even political ideology, making it extremely difficult to be individuals. Not enough parents, due to their own upbringing and fears, have the basic common sense to raise their children by the Golden Rule, teaching them right from wrong, brother and sisterhood, empathy towards all etc. I managed it and I am proud that my three children all grew up to be extremely successful, well educated and had the right to select for themselves whatever beliefs they have which I don't even ask them. I know that I am Agnostic and my wife hangs on to her Roman Catholic, born with original sin belief, yet doesn't follow most of the Roman Catholic demands. We are both 71 years of age. I used my intellect and turned Agnostic at age 30, with after much discussion answering my children's thoughtful questions, they agreed with me. Now that they are older, married with children I couldn't tell you what they presently believe in the religious area, but I do know that live by the Golden Rule with no tax breaks.

Why is it that your panel shows and your television coverage ignores Agnostics, Atheists, Scientology and the wonders of science, which is based on factual knowledge and continual research. Isn't it any wonder that our school children are poorly lacking in

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mathematics and science compared to other countries more pragmatic then our country, controlled and brainwashed by the Christian propaganda. As I have been, all of my life, in the company of people who are either Christians or Jews, I have witnessed hundreds of these people, especially Christians, who are the biggest hypocrites ever, yet going to church on Sunday and preaching every chance they get.

How many Agnostic panel shows have you run? How many Agnostic marches on the Capitol have we witnessed? I cannot even read my newspaper without some Christian group or letter writer, preaching Jesus, the Lord, Heaven, Hell and Damnation. it is pathetic Just because our country is, if I am to believe CNN, 80% Christian, with a population representing 4% of Planet Earth, little or no exposure is ever given to the fact that none of these religions have any basis of fact, receive tax relief for their businesses, and have one answer, lacking intellect, "Have Faith". Don't you think it is time for your station to give equal time to those who are Agnostic and the scientists who also are and have the intellect to explain facts instead of fantasy. As an Agnostic I feel discriminated against and get very tired of changing channels to get away from the religious propaganda, only to find the same hogwash is on another channel be it an Evangelist or an anchor person reporting on the Christian Coalition convention or Promise Keepers. Is it the 80% figure that makes your program manager live in fear that by reporting important and factual news will hurt your ratings?

