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Nelson Mandela: More Inconvenient Truths

I have said it often before: if you want to live a real quiet and peaceful life, just don't think anything, say anything, do anything, care about anything, or work for anything. Of course you would basically be dead then. But dare to speak out about that which you care for and all hell can break loose.

Dare to write on any controversial issue of the day, especially one drenched in political correctness, and you will see real quick why it might be wiser to just live in a cave somewhere. The haters come out in droves, and it can be a rattling experience to say the least.

Sadly I have this annoying habit of writing about controversial topics and hot-potato issues. Indeed, that is my daily job, believe it or not. That is what CultureWatch exists for. As a result I receive my fair share of abuse, hatred, condemnation and loathing.

And plenty of that actually comes from other Christians. Consider the piece I penned yesterday as an example. I had no desire whatsoever to write anything on the life and death of Nelson Mandela. But when I saw everywhere the avalanche of hero-worship, myth-making, historical revisionism, and just plain idolatrous mush being poured out, I just had to offer a bit of perspective.

So I sought to present a few facts, some historical truths, and a bit of balance to what was being said elsewhere. And for that I am of course once again paying the price. But the utter glorification of someone who was at best a very mixed character just seemed to me to be too much: www.billmuehlenberg.com/2013/12/06/nelson-mandela/

The same slavish worship, adoration and icon-building we saw with Obama and others is now in full swing with Mandela. Even so-called Christians who seem to know nothing about him are praising him as if he were Jesus Christ, and are quite happy to see the history books being rewritten to fully idolise this man.

And even more incredibly, they are even excusing and justifying all the violence, murder and terror because he was working for a 'good cause'. I am speaking about those claiming to be Christians here! They think all the terrorism and murder was somehow fully justified and even Christ-like because what it was being used for was a just cause, and was even the Christian thing to do.

I am still reeling over some of the things I have read by so-called believers. It has me quite gobsmacked to be honest. We are without doubt living amongst the most emotive-driven, intellectually starved, historically and biblically illiterate generation in church history.

Forget what the Bible clearly teaches. Forget the historical record. Forget all the inconvenient facts and truths

and just rely on knee-jerk reactions and pure emotionalism. Just emote your way through all this, and don't let silly things like the facts of history and biblical truth get in the way.

So now I have to endure all the Mandelaphiles who are now ripping into me, pouring out hatred, abuse and contempt because I have dared to just share a few facts and truths about their hero. I have been called most names one can imagine by now, but "racist bigot" is one of the more common – and printable! – ones I can mention.

And sadly so much of this is coming from those who claim to be followers of Christ. Of course all this is done in the name of Christian love and tolerance. You know, What Would Jesus Do? and all that. Go figure. But I am not alone in simply wishing to ask a few questions and point out a few inconvenient truths.

Others are also saying much the same. Let me cite Christian writer Joseph Farah for example: "The whole world, pretty much, is mourning for Nelson Mandela today. But most are not mourning for the real Mandela. They are, in fact, mourning for the myth of Mandela. He was not Martin Luther King Jr. He was not Mahatma Gandhi. And he was certainly not George Washington, as Barack Obama claimed.

"He was a committed member of the South African Communist Party. He was a leader of the revolutionary African National Congress, which he helped to radicalize into an organization sworn to armed, violent attacks. Maybe you say: 'But Farah, he was fighting against the evil of Apartheid!'

"Yes, that is true. Apartheid was inarguably an evil and unjustifiable system. But so is the system Mandela's revolution brought about – one in which anti-white racism is so strong today that a prominent genocide watchdog group has labeled the current situation a 'precursor' to the deliberate, systematic elimination of the race.

"In other words, the world has been sold a bill of goods about Mandela. He wasn't the saintly character portrayed by Morgan Freeman. He wasn't someone fighting for racial equality. He was the leader of a violent, Communist revolution that has nearly succeeded in all of its grisly horror."

He says we should not take his word for it: "Instead, listen to Sonia Hruska. She was an early supporter of Mandela and worked in his administration. 'After about six years,' Hruska said, 'I realized something serious is wrong; the communist elements are taking over, it's not what we were promised.'

"What did she see that the rest of the world missed? 'As a business owner, I can get 25 years in jail time if I do employ a white person, for instance,' she said. 'It is totally ridiculous; you cannot have imagined that affirmative action could have gone so far.' Today, in South Africa's white population of 4 million, 1 million live in utter poverty. Meet the new boss. Same as the old boss.

"Hruska describes routine, violent, racist atrocities of almost unimaginable proportions: Kidnap murders, home invasions, gang rapes. 'It's heinous torture,' Hruska explained. 'Even children as young as 2 months old get burned with hot water, get wrapped in newspaper and burned.'

"In the case of one family, Hruska described a black mob breaking into a home, waiting for the white family to get home, then raping the mother in front of the father and son to see. Then, after killing the mother, they killed the father and son by plunging them into boiling water. She said: 'There is no easy way of saying exactly how these people are tortured. The standard would be a hot iron, electric iron, boiling water ... and these are carried out for hours'."

Yet many want to argue that Mandela changed his policies and later eschewed violence. Well, yes and no. While he worked for reconciliation, he continued to hobnob with and praise most of the world's bloodiest dictators and terrorist leaders. As another commentator writes:

“After apartheid ended and Mandela was freed he wasted no time in lavishing praise on communists and thug dictators. In 1991 he and his wife Winnie went to Cuba, which they called their second home, to celebrate the communist revolution with Fidel Castro.

“While there he said, ‘Long live the Cuban Revolution. Long live comrade Fidel Castro... Cuban internationalists have done so much for African independence, freedom, and justice. We admire the sacrifices of the Cuban people in maintaining their independence and sovereignty in the face of a vicious imperialist campaign designed to destroy the advances of the Cuban revolution. We too want to control our destiny... There can be no surrender. It is a case of freedom or death. The Cuban revolution has been a source of inspiration to all freedom-loving people.’

Mandela also said of Cuba, ‘There’s one thing where that country stands out head and shoulders above the rest. That is its love for human rights and liberty.’ Of Libya’s dictator, Moammar Qaddafi, Mandela said he admired his commitment to fight for peace and human rights in the world.

“And in a speech given in Harlem, he referred to four Puerto Rican terrorists who shot and wounded five Congressmen and said, ‘We support the cause of anyone who is fighting for self-determination, and our attitude is the same, no matter who it is. I would be honored to sit on the platform with the four comrades you refer to.’”

And as I wrote in my earlier article, are things that much better in South Africa today? Many don’t think so: “Under ANC rule, South Africa has severely deteriorated. According to the Centre for Research on Globalization, most black South Africans are worse off now than they were under apartheid. Hundreds of thousands of jobs have vanished, costs for electricity, water, food and rent have skyrocketed, unemployment hovers around 40% and South Africa has become the violent crime and rape capital of the world.”

Or as Daniel Greenfield writes: “In the new apartheid, the black government represses a white minority and abuses its power over the black majority in ways that Western liberals would never tolerate if it were being practiced by men with Dutch last names. Every government crime is covered up by more incitement against the white minority with each generation of activists struggling to outdo the previous generation in its anti-white racism.

“There has been no moment of transcendence that endured. No cure for the things tearing the nation apart. There is no new spirit in South Africa. There is a new apartheid defined not by law, but by hate. Freedom and democracy are equally vaporous under the rule of a political movement obsessed with the vicious pragmatism of power now being exercised by Mandela’s African National Congress successors....

“For Western liberals, Mandela’s death provides them with permission to stop caring about South Africa. Having reduced South Africa to Mandela, his death permanently removes its existence from their minds. They may show up to the theater if Denzel Washington or Jamie Foxx decide to play Nelson Mandela. Otherwise they will comfortably banish the entire country to the dusty attic of forgotten history. Meanwhile one child is raped every three minutes and three children are murdered every day.”

Speaking of rape, consider the damning figures from this article: “According to womenforwomen.org, per hour one woman is raped in South Africa. Six cases of rape are reported to the police per hour. Meaning 144 rapes

are reported per day. That's not counting the number of rapes that go unreported.

“According to the Medical Research Council's (MRC), up to 3600 women could be raped in the country every day. While women's groups in South Africa estimate that a woman is raped every 26 seconds, the South African police estimate that a woman is raped every 36 seconds.”

Yet I keep hearing Christians telling me that South Africa is so much better now thanks to Mandela, and that at least apartheid is gone. Better is hardly the operative word here, and racial discrimination still exists, and is in fact even worse now. But now it is the whites who are the new and forgotten victims.

As Gregory Hood puts it, “Mandela deserves full responsibility for all of this. From the beginning, his dream was of a unitary South African state dominated by black voters supporting a leftist political party, with a thin crust of whites to fund it and keep it going. South Africa's decline into criminality and chaos is simply these ideas playing out to their logical conclusion.”

There will be much more said about the man and his fruit in the days and weeks ahead. Given that I originally had no intentions of writing anything about him, this is now my second piece, and there may well be more on the way. But when I see truth demolished and historical fact denied or whitewashed, then I feel compelled to speak out.

And for that, I will simply get bombarded with more hate and abuse. So what else is new?

PS. For a terrific, fact filled review of the new film *Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom* see here:

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1. *Erik 7.12.13 / 12pm*

Thank you for the truth, Bill. Wish there were more out there like you to show it like it really is, not how some others wish it were!!

Erik Ahlblad

2. [Mishka Gora](#) 7.12.13 / 12pm

Keep up the good work, Bill. It's refreshing to read someone who has respect for historical truth and doesn't spout propaganda. Thank-you!

Mishka Gora

3. *Brenda 7.12.13 / 12pm*

Thank you, Bill.

Below I have pasted a link which I found most interesting – shocked into further online exploring after reading your article of yesterday!

Some of our senses would be dulled without your articles!

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nelson_Mandela

Brenda Rudolph

4. *Phil 7.12.13 / 1pm*

Great article Bill. If there is one thing the useful idiots will strive to do, it's whitewash a bloody history and canonize the brutal perpetrators as if they were some sort of messiah for their "utopian" cause. Their rallying cry must always be "never let facts get in the way of the destruction that follows in the wake of leftist ideology."

Several facts not to neglect. Much of Southern Africa was unpopulated by the now dominant ethnic

African groups when the Dutch (and later English) arrived. The Zulu and other dominant African ethnic groups were quite happy to see people like the bushmen wiped out.

South Africa and Zimbabwe were far safer and more prosperous places before Mandela, Mugabe and their despotic cronies took power. (This does not justify apartheid by the way, or the oppressive police state but usually when you make a claim to improving life for everyone you need to have evidence for it). Woman and children and in almost constant threat in South Africa now which was not the case before so-called peace loving Mandela took power.

Mandela was a communist, was supported and funded by the Soviet Union who trained many of the African post colonial "revolutionaries" in terror tactics and revolutionary warfare (including creating and brutalising child soldiers which is still destroying thousands of lives yearly). Mandela's revolutionaries are still at work brainwashing academics and other useful idiots. When I studied history at UWA only a few years ago one of Mandela's white comrades came to speak and was both unapologetic of the violence and still full of zeal to push the communist agenda forward. Make no mistake there are many (Obama and his wicked cabal among them) who would gladly see the destruction of "white" influence everywhere. When you read the people they read (like Franz Fanon) it helps you understand the blind hatred and deep racism of many of these people.

Until they are willing to denounce and turn from violence as a means of achieving their objectives (they are very ready to denounce anyone else's no matter how large or small) I will never trust them or consider them anything other than enemies of true liberty.

Phil Twiss

5. [*Alison Stanley*](#) 7.12.13 / 2pm

Wow. I didn't realize how bad things were in South Africa. Thanks for your article and your work. It is refreshing to hear the truth.

Alison Stanley

6. [*Joseph Stephen*](#) 7.12.13 / 4pm

I love your commitment to truth! Keep speaking out! Balance is far from what we read in the media, let alone truth.

Joseph Stephen

7. [*Peter Diem*](#) 7.12.13 / 5pm

One man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist.

Peter Diem

8. [*Gloria Gaske*](#) 7.12.13 / 6pm

100% behind you Bill. We have the Test Cricket happening on TV at the moment and yesterday all we heard all day was praise of this horrid man. One of the commentators even suggested that he should be given a sainthood today, he said.

Gloria Gaske

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Bill Muehlenberg

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