

The disasters of the past few weeks have been generating a lot of *names*: some names are attached to hurricanes, and others attached to government programs that clean up after the hurricanes. For example: after viewing the pictures of devastation from *Harvey*, it's not unusual to hear the term *FEMA* coming in its wake. Harvey brought a deluge of almost Biblical proportions. Next comes the government agency, FEMA, bringing help and assistance to those flood victims who didn't make it into their ARK.

We've also heard the acronym, 'DACA' lately. I'll confess, all I knew was that it had something to do with immigration. After hearing President Trump was about to rescind it, I looked it up: it stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The program was implemented by President Obama in 2012 to allow children of immigrants to stay in the US who were brought into the country by their parents or grandparents. President Trump and attorney General Jeff Sessions claim that they've rescinded it because it represents an unconstitutional exercise of executive power.

President Trump ^{says} ~~claims~~ that he likes these immigrant kids, who might all be thrown out unless they find congress ^{to} be more compassionate than the executive branch. It sounds a bit like double speak to me when the president says in essence, "I like ^{you} ~~them~~, but I'm signing an order that says, ^{you} ~~they~~ have to go!"

~~Humboldt State President Lisa Rosshacher expressed her dissent with the president's decision stating: "Along with many of our faculty and staff, I'm frustrated by this short-sighted thinking of our leadership at the national level... I want America to do better. We need America to do better."~~

It's no secret that the current president (~~US president~~) has the backing of many evangelical Christians. It seems they like the fact that he has drawn a line in the sand and loudly proclaimed 'Immigrants out!'

Evangelicals pride themselves at being Bible believers. But their support for our current president leaves me wondering if they ^{ever} really read the Good Book. Do they know ^{at} that the book of Exodus 22: says "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt..." Leviticus 19 says, "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself..." The prophet Jeremiah ^{says}, "Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed, and do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ~~The prophet~~ Malachi, the last of the prophets in the Bible says: "I will be swift to bear witness against ... those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of Hosts."

^{spring of names?} ^{followers, or a person imbued w/ spirit of X} The Evangelicals call themselves Christians, ["]Christ-like["], but the irony is that Donald Trump and his ilk would be the first in line to stand at the Egyptian border and push Jesus, Joseph and Mary out of Egypt and back into the lethal hand ~~of King Herod~~ ^{the great}.

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