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Important information

Having grown up in a fairly protected environment, I often cringed when reading of some of the actions of the people in the Old Testament accounts, such as those referred to by Mark Peterson. I wondered why God would include those accounts in His Word. As I grew older and observed some of the depravity of the people in the world today I began to understand why those accounts were included in the Bible.

God often pronounced severe judgment on those who wandered away from Him. He also showed extreme mercy on those who returned to Him. What a great comfort it is for us today to know God's great love and forgiveness when we've strayed from His ways. He has shown us that He forgives the sins of His people no matter how great those sins are when we allow Him back into our hearts.

God did not condone the evil actions of the people in Biblical times any more than He condones the sins in the world today. This is important information for people of any age to know and to come to understand.

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Fire up some books

Let the book burning begin! We West Benders should be proud not only of the national attention but also, our approbation of practices that date back to the Inquisition!

I have never been prouder, West Bend. What is more quintessentially American than a movement in favor of censorship? Wisconsin has truly been at the forefront of un-American, excuse me, American progress. Remember our good ol' Senator McCarthy?

I have one question for the protesters, the Christian Civil Liberties Union and others: Can you hear yourselves?

The books are supposedly "anti-Christian" and "sexually explicit." Following this inept reasoning, the Harry Potter series should also be on the banned book list. Certainly the sorcery of Harry Potter runs counter to Christianity (Deuteronomy 18:10-12). And, let's not get into a quarrel about sexual explicitness being anti-Christian; take a gander at Genesis 38:6-10 and Hosea 2.

Furthermore, homosexuality seems to be the overarching theme in this debate. One protester had the effrontery to say that the youth section is unbalanced because every book is "gay-affirming." Let me get this straight – you want these "gay-affirming" books banned in order to create a balanced library composed solely of anti-gay literature? Great logic! On a broader point, the proud ignorance of West Bend toward gay issues is truly at its own peril.

The pièce de résistance is that the "mental and emotional wellbeing (of some) was damaged" upon reading one of the books; what's more, they want financial damages. This asinine claim is more illogical than suing McDonald's for making you obese.

This has all become a little bizarre, hasn't it? Nevertheless, if my article has – in any way – left you mentally scarred by its "vulgar" and "unbalanced" views, please burn it, sue me and send for the Thought Police.

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