

Bigotry Comes Full Circle

To the Editor,

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Where I work you could say we get all kinds, but one couple was like nothing I had ever seen before. The man was rotund with a pink complexion. His attire and mannerisms were very effeminate. His female companion was larger than he and had a swarthy complexion as if she worked outdoors in construction. She also dressed the part. And she had a mustache and beard, a goatee actually, very thin but several inches long. Both had very large chips on their shoulders.

One of my employees began waiting on them and was doing a very professional job without seeming to notice their challenging trans-gender complications.

I was seated at the main counter looking at my computer screen and had a perfect view of the scene as it unfolded beyond. The woman's eyes darted around while the man asked questions for a good fifteen minutes. When they seemed satisfied that we could provide them with the service they requested in a professional manner they approached the counter.

That was when she noticed the Shepherd's Guide yellow pages with Jesus on the cover. I advertise in the Shepherd's Guide and had free copies on the counter. She picked one up and began waving it in front of her friend to get his attention. With her eyes suddenly wide and a look of disdain on her face, she said: "Do you see this?!" But he brushed it off as if he could tolerate Christianity in order to get what he came for.

Then she noticed the deal-breaker, Rev. Motley's monthly newspaper. I advertised in it as well. The headline read: "Defending Marriage" and had a graphic depicting a man and a woman. When she saw this she said: "What's this, this...propaganda?! This is anti-gay!!" I said: "No, it's pro-Christian." She said: "It's anti-gay!!!" and "We can't do business here!!" Having no tolerance for bigotry, I pointed my thumb toward where they had entered and said: "There's the door."

Well if you took all the vulgarities expressed at a biker rally with free beer on a Friday night and compressed them into sixty seconds you might get close to what those two began spewing. He started by announcing to the world, as if it were breaking news, that he was gay. Then I guess he felt we needed to know that he had a vagina. I can't repeat anything else here but they proved that their inability to restrain themselves extended to every aspect of life including their speech. For my part, as I followed them out the door, I said: "Well look who's being intolerant."

Maybe where they came from they have succeeded in their campaign to obliterate Christianity and were surprised to see it out of the closet. They said they would tell everyone they knew, not to shop at my establishment. I thought, but didn't say, exactly the same thing you're thinking. Praise the Lord.

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