



## The Trump Syndrome:

Donald Trump suffers from an incurable disease, and the diagnosis is clear: Diarrhea of the mouth and Constipation of the brain. He does not think before he speaks, therefore the prognosis is bad. We must never trust him with nuclear codes. He has started the “*fear tactic*” again, by attempting to re-define Islam. His persistent confusion of Islam as a historical faith is all too often confused with the extreme abusers of Islam such as Isis and other extremist who use the religion of Islam as a pretext to exact violence upon peoples of the West. Islam as a faith has made major contributions to the building and development of civilization. Abuse of religion is at a premium in America. Does anyone remember Jim Jones who led close to a thousand persons to their death in Guyana by drinking a mixture of water laced with a deadly poison and promised them a home in heaven? Banning Muslims from entering the country has the smell of Adolph Hitlerian savagery. Building walls instead of bridges to keep Mexicans out is far more dangerous than we would like to admit. He may be insulting relatives of the maids, janitors and maintenance workers who keep his real estate empire afloat by working for low wages. Is that what the democratic experiment has come to?

A Harvard neuroscientist, Howard Gardner has indicated that Trump has a mental disorder that fits the parameters of a “*certifiable textbook narcissist*” that makes him a dangerous world leader. That a “*person with this mental disorder has an inflated sense of their own importance and a deep need for admiration and a lack of empathy for others.*” [see Bobby Azarian, Raw Story, Jan 18, 2016] That Trump easily fits into the category of ruthless leaders such as Napoleon Bonaparte, Muammar Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein. I might add Adolph Hitler. Trump has excoriated Mexican immigrants ( his wife) who are in search of a better quality of life. He has catapulted to the front of his party line because he is saying what many of his followers want to hear and what they radically believe. White Evangelicals, Conservatives and Pentecostals, be careful. Christian Right, Tony Perkins –Family Research Council, James Dobson, Ronnie Floyd, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, et.al., be careful with this courtship, lest it bloom into a full marriage and you are trapped on the wrong side of history. He can hardly pronounce abortion, pro-life, strong leader, and all the rhetoric...he is as full of gas as the Hindenburg.

It may be that Trump does not understand that racism and racial bigotry is as deadly as radical Islam. Bigotry is virtually classified with racism on steroids. Racism is a faith. It is a religion with worshipers. Lynchings in our recent past carried with it religious connotations. People came to lynchings as though they were attending a religious event. They brought food and drink to watch a lynching as though it was a religious rite taking place. I notice when Trump pleads to take America back he is usually speaking to virtually all white audiences. Who stole America? Just observe the behavior of the descendants of the same people who claimed to have discovered America. To attempt to exploit the unspeakable horrors of the Orlando Massacre for political gain is a form of sickness that should not be tolerated in a civil society. No one blessed with the gift of life deserves to die by senseless group execution. I continue to believe that all life is sacred before the Creator. Anyone who participates in the death of another human being is attempting to play God. As citizens of this challenged nation, we are compelled to seize the words of ancient writ: *“Love is as strong as death”*—**Song of Solomon 8:6**

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