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The Gospel According to Raphael Warnock

Senator Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.) is Christian — or so he says. But many Americans may suspect otherwise after he tweeted an "Easter" message Sunday stating that we could "save ourselves...through a commitment to helping others." He has since deleted the tweet, but not before he was savaged for peddling "false doctrine," "blasphemy," "unbiblical theology," and "heresy."

The far-left Warnock, who claims that "America needs to repent for its worship of whiteness" and who supports a religious mentor who has described white people as "satanic," is an ordained minister who achieved fame by acting as senior pastor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s former church in Atlanta. Now his "Easter message" (below) is further tarnishing his reputation.



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Warnock "deleted the tweet several hours later after being lambasted on Twitter as a 'phony pastor' and 'false teacher' and for promoting 'false doctrine,' 'blasphemy' and 'unbiblical theology,'" <u>reported</u> *The Washington Times*.

"Said a self-identified Lutheran pastor: 'Rev. Warnock, with respect, the whole point of Easter is that Christ died to take away the sins of the world and rose to show they were sealed in the grave," the paper also related. "'Christ saves, nothing else. It's disheartening to see you, a fellow clergyman, downplaying the central tenet of our faith.'"

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Many critics were far more unsparing. For example, constitutional law attorney Jenna Ellis weighed in, writing:

She later added:

Warnock deleted his heretical tweet.

He should delete Reverend in front of his name too.

If this seems harsh, note that Warnock's Easter stumble is not his only descent into un-Christian darkness. Strikingly, he also supports prenatal infanticide *without restriction* and <u>stated last August</u> that this position "is consistent with my view as a Christian minister" and is a matter of "rights."

Yes, well, and whatever "we may think of the merits of torturing children for pleasure, and no doubt

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there is much to be said on both sides, I am sure we all agree that it should be done with sterilized instruments," the great G.K. Chesterton once wrote, lampooning Warnock-like moral confusion.

In reality, I'd bet that as with so many today, Warnock is a moral relativist. And this would be perhaps the main reason he should relinquish the title "reverend" for, as I explained <u>here</u>, relativism's "reality" would render Christ's sacrifice on the cross unnecessary and incomprehensible.

As for Warnock's Easter message, even some secularists grasp his error. As the top commenter under this Fox News article wrote, "As a non-believer in … religion it makes sense of me to think like this pastor, but for an actual pastor to think this way is outrageous. I would think he's a non-believer using religion as a mask for votes."

Warnock is, *at best*, fatally immature in his faith. It would be one thing if he suggested that whether "you are a Christian or not, through embrace of Truth we are able to grow closer to God." Thus encouraging people could be a legitimate way of evangelization. After all, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." So when someone embraces Truth — grows closer to it — he's growing closer to God, who is Truth.

Then, once the person has greatly conformed his life to Truth, he may be close enough to God so that conversion can happen quite naturally. This certainly is how it worked in my case. After years of seeking Truth and embracing what I came to know, I finally realized, "Well, the devout Christians have been espousing these ideas for ages. And if they're right about all these little pieces of the 'jigsaw puzzle' of life, maybe they're also right about the big picture they all form (Jesus)."

At the end of the day, God will judge Warnock. Yet there's much reason to wonder about a man's faith when he's in the vanguard of a party that persecutes Christians (e.g., bakers and same-sex "weddings"), teaches children that sex can be fluid (contrary to God's plan: "Male and female He made them"), defends prenatal infanticide even up till birth, and advocates bigotry (Warnock himself proposed a "<u>No</u> <u>white men need apply</u>" farm-aid measure).

You don't have to tell this to Reverend Jesse Lee Peterson, a black pastor who heads the Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny. Years ago, referencing men such as Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, he expressed great skepticism of left-wing black pastors' "faith." "You know why these guys are ministers?" he asked rhetorically (I'm paraphrasing), explaining himself. "It's because when you're a little black boy, your grandmother says to you, 'When you grow up, you're gonna' be a reverend!'"

Whatever the case with Warnock, his Easter message is making many think that his reverend status is as legitimate as his November Senate seat win.



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