

The confusion of darkness.

The governor of VA has been in the news in recent days, and for several reasons.

Governor Northam's first big exposure

The first “big” exposure was for his support for a piece of legislation called “The Repeal Act”, which was introduced to the VA legislature by VA Delegate Kathy Tran. The Act is so named because it repeals all of VA's restrictions on abortion. It very closely approximates NY's recent pro-abortion bill, which legalizes abortion at any time during pregnancy, for virtually any reason, by anyone – even non-medical persons – and also the killing of the child post partum in the event that the abortion “fails”.

Del. Tran's bill offers the same provisions. When questioned about it, Governor Ralph Northam indicated his support for the Act, but then danced when he found that his comments didn't receive the support he'd hoped for.

Governor Northam said,

“In this particular example, if a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen. The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mothers. It's done in cases where there may be severe deformities, there may be a fetus that's non-viable. We want the decision to be made by the mothers and their providers and this is why Julie, that legislators, most of whom are men, by the way, shouldn't be tellin' a woman what she should or shouldn't be doin' with her body.”

Did You Hear It?!? The confusion of darkness in all of its glory. Governor Northam spoke of the infant, and its physical condition(s), but when in his remarks it came to the point of making a decision about the life of the child and the discussion thereto, he no longer called it an infant, but a fetus, and then he reverted back to what the mother “... *should or shouldn't be doin' with her body.*”. Does the term *post partum* strike a familiar chord with anyone? (fetus is the Latin word for infant, by the way)

Those in the darkness must think that those of us in the light don't see clearly that we're now talking about two persons... not one person with a “mass of cells” growing insides her. Post partum, or, *after delivery/birth/separation*, there are two persons. But Governor Northam, who was actually a pediatrician (pediatric neurologist) prior to his political career – and all of those who share his position – want us to continue to be deceived by their “*dark*” comments; as if we're not supposed to know that a new human has entered the world, and that he/she is no longer a fetus and therefore “*part of the woman's body*”!

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”, said

the Apostle Paul to his friends in the ancient city of Ephesus (Eph 5:8).
Sorry... do I sound a little exorcised? I am.

Governor Northam's second big exposure

And now, just to make the cheese more binding, other politicians have spoken out against Governor Northam... but not for the reason you think, nor even for the reasons above! Perhaps most notable among these is Kamala Harris, US Senator from California. Senator Harris, who recently announced her candidacy for the presidency of the US in 2020, is calling for Governor Northam's resignation. Perhaps Senator Harris hopes/expects that her outcry against him will bolster her chances in 2020, but here's *why* she's speaking out against Governor Northam.

Apparently, in 1984, when Governor Northam was a teenager, he and a friend – for whatever reason – decided to dress up in “blackface” and also in KKK hoods. With or without his approval, Governor Northam and his friend were photographed.

In response to these photos being made public, Senator Harris tweeted,

“Leaders are called to a higher standard, and the stain of racism should have no place in the halls of government. The Governor of Virginia should step aside so the public can heal and move forward together”.

As loudly as her anti-racist comments rang, louder still was her silence at, and ignoring of Governor Northam's advocacy of infanticide. When I first heard that on which she commented, and that on which she was silent, I was incredulous. That she had addressed the one and ignored the other, floored me, perhaps especially because she (no doubt) wants my vote for the presidency. Senator Harris exists in the confusion of darkness. Governor Northam exists in the confusion of darkness. Too numerous to mention, all those who chose/choose to be silent about Governor Northam's (and Delegate Tran's) advocacy of infanticide exist in the confusion of darkness. I for one, do not.

Need I write to you that *we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and powers and rulers of wickedness in high places?* All of the above, and so much more that we don't have time nor room to discuss, is darkness, and the work of the devil. Please know it. Please tell it. Please let others know that you're not mad at them, but tell them the truth and pray that their eyes will be opened. Cry loud and spare not (Is 58:1).

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2Cor 4:3-6

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