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Re: Military Religious Freedom Foundation
www.militaryreligiousfreedom.org
Mikey Weinstein
Your August 4, 2015 Internet posting

Dear Sir:

Our office represents The Military Religious Freedom Foundation and its founder and President, Mikey Weinstein. Mr. Weinstein has contacted us with questions surrounding your Internet posting dated August 4.

Mr. Weinstein is a recognized and celebrated civil rights leader (in addition to numerous other nontrivial honors over the years, the Foundation has now been nominated a number of times for the Nobel Peace Prize) who, whether you like it or not, or believe it or not, is trying to help ensure freedom of religion for everyone. The Foundation's principal work, of course, is advising active duty members serving in all branches of the United States military. Given his unique experience as an Honor Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, a former Air Force legal officer (JAG), and as a member of the White House legal staff during the Reagan administration, he is unusually qualified to help active duty service members deal with ongoing religious discriminatory intolerance.

Most of the Foundation's clients are, in fact, Christian, but he works for the continued free expression and practice for those of all religious beliefs or no beliefs.

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With that in mind, his interests are for a free, open, lively and on occasion even heated debate. That said, expression of opinion is one thing; recklessly making false and harassing statements of fact is quite another. You appear to have done that by your Internet post.

The Foundation has over 42,000 Armed Forces clients. Roughly 96 percent are Christian.

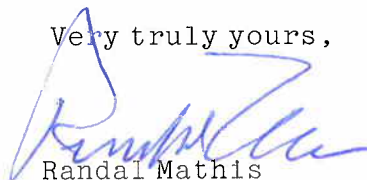
The Foundation receives an amazing number of complaints from service men and women stationed all over the world about improper and illegal proselytizing by the evangelical subgroup Mr. Weinstein typically refers to as "Fundamentalists" or "Dominionists." The difficulty presented by that type of intolerant and discriminatory behavior, in the military context, where the service member cannot simply report it to a "human resources department," is extremely challenging. This is not talking about what might be described as "ordinary" evangelism, sharing of one's faith, or witnessing. It is the improper and illegal attempt to force one's religious beliefs on another; in violation of specific Department of Defense Directives, Regulations and Instructions (as well as the U.S. Constitution to which all armed forces members swear an oath of allegiance) and to penalize the victim for noncompliance.

Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation are in no way "anti-Christian" or "leading the charge against Christianity" as your post asserts. Incidentally, he is also not a "radical homosexual."

If you want to write about Mr. Weinstein and the Foundation in a critical way, that is certainly your right, but if you are going to do it, at least research the facts, verify things, and make some effort to be fair about it.

At a very minimum, we demand and insist that you immediately take down the false post and retract the erroneous statements. You may wish to consult with legal counsel and your insurance carrier on that point in particular.

Very truly yours,



Randal Mathis

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