

Licona Refuses to Condemn YouTube Video Attack on Dr. Geisler

Outrage about YouTube Video Attack on Dr. Geisler

“It has come to the attention of the President of SES that a student has made a video about the controversy between Dr. Licona and Dr. Geisler. **We believe this video was totally unnecessary and is in extremely poor taste.** At SES we demand a high standard of conduct in the way we interact with others. Whenever there is a disagreement on any issue, there is a respectful way to handle it. As Christians, as brothers in Christ, there are occasions when we may have differences, but as members of one Body, we need to resolve our differences according to Scripture. **Publically embarrassing anybody is totally unacceptable....**” (emphasis is added in all these quotations). -- Acting President of Southern Evangelical Seminary

I saw the YouTube video and was appalled at it. It was not only in the poorest of taste, it also grieved me to watch it. It was unkind, uncalled for, and so sad to see something like this happen. I wrote Bob Westra to thank him for the letter he sent out. ...[T]he student related to Licona should have been dismissed from the college. --SES Alumnus

“I watched the video. Wow, **it was immature, inappropriate and distasteful.** If an SES student made this video, I would recommend they be brought before the school for review--not based on their view, but based on the fact that they made the video and for the following reasons: 1) They used the classical Christmas Carol story in a very distasteful way.... 2) **Like Dr. Geisler or not, he deserves respect. Furthermore, Dr. Geisler is far more accomplished than the youngens who made the video.** 3) **The video was sarcastic and put words into Dr. Geisler’s mouth. This shows not only immaturity,** but further strengthens Dr. Geisler’s position.... 4) He makes the point repetitively that those who support Dr. Geisler’s view are clones of Dr. Geisler, eluding that all who hold to the position that Dr. Geisler does are non-thinkers.... I happen to agree with Dr. Geisler theologically. Furthermore, this video attacked me and every other Alumni and Student who holds to the same view. 5) This video seems to mock inerrancy despite the fact that it tries to skirt that it is the main issue.... 6) Lastly, while he illustrates physical attacks on Dr. Geisler in humor, it is still depicting physical attacks. It also explicitly is threatening to take action against Dr. Geisler.... **This is stooping to verbal threats and scare tactics.**” --SES Alumnus

“I reported the video to YouTube for a TOS violation at 10:00 a.m. on 12/21/11. User: TektonTV. Video: [Geisler's Christmas Carol](#). Reason: Cyberbullying/Cyberharassment. TOS violation: "Things like predatory behavior, stalking, threats, harassment, intimidation, invading privacy, revealing other people’s personal information, and inciting others to commit violent acts or to violate the Terms of Use are taken very seriously. Anyone caught

doing these things may be permanently banned from YouTube." YouTube Community Guidelines" ---SES Alumnus

"The recent You Tube cartoon caricature of Dr. Geisler is a repugnant setback to open cordial debate among Christians and brotherly love. This is clearly an *Ad Hominem* attack of the worst kind, since 1) it mocks and ridicules a brother in Christ, who is among the greatest Christian apologists of our time, and who has fought in the trenches of worldview warfare for over 50 years, 2) it misrepresents the previously expressed viewpoints of Dr. Geisler, 3) it offers an imbalanced and inappropriate trivializing to the serious matter of the inerrancy of Scripture which requires cordial and measured responses, 4) it confuses and obfuscates the really important issues related to the debate, 5) it reflects the flawed methodology of an individual(s) who seeks to win a debate at all costs rather than searching out the issues in order to discover the truth of the matter. The only fitting response by Christians, regardless of one's position on the inerrancy issue, to such a grievous attack of this kind is to openly denounce those involved in this attack on a Christian brother and the immature and flawed methodology it represents. It is in the best interest of all Christians, that Dr. Licona and Dr. Habermas who supports him join Dr. Geisler in an open and clear rejection of this unchristian and unwise attack that can only bring shame to the cause of Christ." ---*President of a Seminary*

Licona Commends the YouTube Attack on Dr. Geisler

Licona's daughter, son-in-law, and his friend admit putting together the YouTube cartoon caricature demeaning Dr. Geisler for producing scholarly critiques of the in-print views of Mike Licona's which deny the ICBI view of inerrancy (www.normangeisler.net). After a recent blog (12/27/2011) defending his actions in helping to produce this video, Mike Licona wrote a blog of approval about his son-in-law's part in the objectionable video, saying, **"Nice blog. I want everyone to know that I'm proud to have you as my son-in-law! You're a good guy with a good heart and mind. I thought J. P. Holding's "Geisler's Christmas Carol" was hilarious and done in good taste. Debbie and I watched it several times. We laughed at the humor and sighed that there is so much truth in it. I have received numerous emails from highly respected evangelicals who enjoyed the video as well. Keep up the good work, son. I truly believe you're going to be one of the leading Christian bloggers within the next few years."**

Dr. Geisler has written a personal appeal to Mike Licona asking him to condemn the video and restrict the discussion to the theological issues involved, rather than approving of demeaning attacks on the character of other scholars who are seriously attempting to defend the inerrancy of Scripture. Pray that he has a change of heart.