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Dear Fellow Americans,

There is scarcely a person in America today who has not heard the name “Tim Tebow”. People from all walks of life are paying attention to what he and the Broncos team have done the last couple of months. People who do not even follow football are talking about the incredible story that has been unfolding in Denver. There are also many others around the world discussing Tebow due to the current trend known as *Tebowing*.

Sure, the media is feeding the hype in order to get higher ratings and make more money. However, it tries to do that all of the time, but it rarely (if ever) creates the explosion that we see with the attention being given to Tim Tebow. There must be something MORE behind what is taking place. What is it? Well, it is not really about Tim Tebow...it is about Us!

Few, in recent memory, have been loved and despised with such intensity as Tebow. His loyal supporters see him from their own perspective and focus only on his good qualities and outstanding character. Then, there are those who mock and condemn him on a daily basis, as they only focus on his supposed “flaws” as a quarterback and his supposed “flaunting” of his Christianity.

**Let us first put our attention on him as a football player.** Does it really matter if he is not the best quarterback in the league? Why do the “armchair analysts” spend their days looking for reasons to criticize Tebow? Is it because they need to point out the obvious in order to sound intelligent and justify why they even have jobs...and when they are proven wrong with each Broncos’ victory, they get even more indignant toward Tebow?

Why can’t the analysts, and so many others in the country, simply enjoy what is taking place? It is an exciting story, is bringing a lot of attention to the NFL, inspires people, and is adding a lot of “spice” to an otherwise bland and boring football season. Why can’t people just be happy to watch what is taking place and enjoy it while it lasts, because it will not go on forever?

Instead of being happy for Tebow and the Broncos, so many almost seem angry at the attention they are receiving, especially Tebow. Ladies and Gentlemen, that is called *envy* and *jealousy*. Analysts and skeptics think it is somehow unfair for an “average” or “below average” player to be successful against all odds and to now be getting so much attention, while even many players think they are “better” than Tebow and resent that he is the talk of the nation instead of them.

We live in a country where too many people lack the ability to celebrate the successes of others and to genuinely be happy for someone else. Many people do love the underdog, while so many others absolutely despise them for receiving any attention or praise whatsoever. They secretly, and often not-so-secretly, hope to see such people fail. They

take sick pleasure in seeing them “crash and burn”. Envy and jealousy are disgusting qualities of the human ego. That has nothing to do with Tim Tebow; instead, it poorly reflects upon Us as a culture. Too many people want their 15-minutes of fame and cannot stand seeing others succeed.

Many people also criticize Tebow because he was home-schooled. Maybe people should be happy that he did not attend a “factory school” like most others and did not become a “subservient robot” who simply does what he is told and lives like everyone else. He is criticized because he does not play quarterback the “right way” and is supposedly a disgrace to the NFL. Maybe we should stop putting people into “boxes” and allow players to break the mold in order to help the game of football evolve into something even better. Maybe we should honor individuality and eliminate our preconceptions about how things “should be”.

Too many people are uncomfortable when someone comes along and does something different, because we have become like trained “sheep” that no longer have any creativity or spark to do things differently and still get the job done successfully. America used to be a nation where we celebrated individuality, creativity, and innovation in all areas of life. That is not the case anymore.

Too many people do not celebrate those who have stepped outside of the boundaries of a controlled and dumbed-down society, and whose lives can greatly help to improve our culture, because such individuals are a threat to the very system that most people have accepted as their reality. Yes, it is like *The Matrix*. We are sleepwalking through life living in a system that is leading to more and more degradation, decline, destruction, despair, and death. Yet, people come along with ideas and lifestyles that can help us to see our errors and change things, and so many people try to tear them down instead of observing them, learning from them, or at least listening to what they have to say!

In the grand scheme of things, football is quite meaningless. God does not care about football; He cares about our souls and the progress of civilization as a whole. If the economy were to collapse, for example, who is really going to care about sports? Even Tebow repeatedly says that football is NOT his top priority even though he works hard and wants to be his best. Maybe we can learn from him. Maybe we should stop looking for ways to entertain ourselves every day and instead work on our self-improvement, reconnecting with who we really are, and making the world a better place!

But since the “calm before the storm” is still taking place, and we are paying attention to such things as football, perhaps we should use the situation with Tebow and the Broncos as a lesson for us to learn something. Maybe, just maybe, God is using the situation to teach us that we are walking the Earth like mindless zombies. If someone has a platform and is a remarkable example and role model for others, especially the youth, those people should be heralded as heroes instead of knocked down and slandered like criminals. They should inspire us to strive for our own greatness and reach our own full potential.

There are not enough people who put their faith and trust in God anymore. Instead, too many would rather put their faith and trust in corrupt, immoral, unethical, forked-tongue politicians. There are not enough who are free-thinkers; there are not enough who break the mold and truly express individuality and creativity; there are not enough people willing to simply do things differently and shatter the mental boxes that our minds are in.

**What about Tebow as a person?** He is humble and self-effacing instead of arrogant, selfish, and self-centered like so many athletes and celebrities. He gives credit to God and his teammates instead of glorifying his own ego. He works hard, never quits, believes in himself and his teammates, lives a moral and ethical life, is a humanitarian, never says a bad thing about anyone...including those who mock and condemn him, and naturally expresses his spirituality in every aspect of his life. Remind me WHY he is constantly being attacked??? It is so illogical, irrational, unthinkable, ridiculous, and absolutely unnecessary!

Our culture is so backwards that far too many people do not even realize what a role model and hero should be anymore. Our once great nation is rotting from the inside due to the moral decay that is simply expanding. We live in a society that is intellectually arrogant, and yet all of our supposed intelligence cannot stop the decline of our nation. We live in a society of decaying morals, ethics, and virtues...where those who do not express any honorable qualities are the very ones our youth are constantly exposed to and who are the very ones running our government, big businesses, and banking institutions.

Again, this entire issue is not about Tebow; it is about Us. Our reaction to the Tebow phenomenon says more about Us than it does about him. Many people do not like him because he IS what we should all become – not a Christian, but simply an honorable and good person in every aspect of life. However, it is so much easier for us to knock him down so that he is more like us than it is for us to objectively examine our own lives and realize that we need to become more like him. Putting religion aside for the moment, imagine a society where everyone was like Tim Tebow compared to how it is today. The transformation would be incredible, and society would change for the better overnight!

How did America become a land where we mock those who live a moral and spiritual life? Our Founding Fathers sacrificed their lives to build a country upon a foundation of spirituality, freedom, and individuality. They openly discussed God, professed their faith in Him, and lived their spirituality every day in all aspects of their lives. Even our own current President has intentionally omitted the Creator a few times when quoting from the *Declaration of Independence*, and it is no accident that happens. Can we really imagine George Washington or Abraham Lincoln doing such a thing?

God has been expelled from our schools; movies and television programs depict the exact opposite of what God envisioned for mankind to focus our attention on; music and its lyrics debase and degrade our culture; there is no “In God We Trust”, and our economy is on the verge of collapse; God is definitely not on Wall Street, as big corporations only care about their own selfishness and greed. God cannot be found in the healthcare industry, as people continue to get sicker and Big Pharma makes trillions of dollars each

year. God is not in the energy production field, as the government continues to support companies that keep us addicted to fossil fuels and prevent alternative technology from being developed and utilized. God is not in our agriculture, as we continue to degrade the quality of our food. And the list could go on!

Where is God in American culture today? We have been convinced that God is meant only for the privacy of our personal lives, and that is true...to a certain extent. However, we can still live every aspect of our lives in a manner that outpictures the very spiritual ideas that we believe in. We have been convinced, and even forced, to eliminate God from society, and society is crumbling as a result. This is not about religion, as there is only One God...but many paths to Him. It is about us currently living humanistic, morally relative, empty lives devoid of practical spirituality where we truly do practice the Golden Rule and are indeed our "Brother's Keeper".

People's fragile egos now cause everyone to be offended by everything, as they mistake "political-correctness" for being "tolerance"...while forgetting that political-correctness is one of the cornerstones of Socialism. What is at the foundation of Socialism? Eliminate God from society; control the money supply with private banks; dumb-down children in State schools; control the media to give biased information and untruths; have the Few control the Many; make people sicker; decrease the quality of food and water; distract and brainwash people through empty, meaningless entertainment and insatiable desire for materialism; prevent anyone from achieving success or rising higher than others by forcing everyone to be equal instead of allowing the expression of individuality and the *voluntary* uniting of The People. Is this the former Soviet Union that I am talking about? No, this is America in 2011 that I am talking about. Although, they do indeed sound very similar!

So, back to Tim Tebow: What is wrong with Tebow giving gratitude to God? Who should he be thanking...himself or maybe his sponsors? He is not preaching about his religion to anyone, but he is not going to stop giving thanks to God or hide his faith just because others are reminded of their lack of faith and lack of gratitude to God. He kneels quietly (and quickly) in prayer during games. Is that really so bad? Do we want him to act like a fool and do absurd and embarrassing dances like so many others which really does bring attention to themselves?

He is humble, but too many people like individuals who are arrogant. He is selfless, but too many people like individuals who are selfish. He is a great teammate, but too many people like the "one-man-shows" who live for fame and fortune. He puts God first and lives each day expressing a higher standard of morality, but too many people like individuals who do the opposite because that makes them feel better about their lower standard of morality. He is childlike and innocent, but too many people like to see such individuals "fall from grace"...because it makes them feel better about their own lack of innocence and childlike nature.

We see a nation where even many Christians live their typical lives like everyone else and then go to church on Sundays believing that it somehow makes up for ignoring God

the previous six days of the week. Tebow seeks to emulate Jesus every day by being a better person, while so many others simply think they are worthless sinners who are automatically “saved” just because they belong to a certain religion and attend a certain church...and that, of course, gives them license to continue living meaningless, empty, and impure lives. Is that ignorance or hypocrisy? I will let you decide.

We must be better, America! And even if it takes a “football player” to help us wake up to that Truth, then we should all be very grateful and make the most of this wonderful opportunity. Is that not what America was founded upon...*freedom* and *opportunity*? That may no longer apply to virtually every aspect of America anymore, because we are so far out of alignment with the Founding Principles of this country, but it can still apply in our personal lives if we choose.

The powerful Few may control the Many within society, and its deterioration is proof that such an unnatural situation as that is indeed taking place. However, they do not control us as individuals. Our lives are in our hands. With faith and trust in Something Greater than ourselves, respect for individuality and freedom, sincere appreciation for excellence and creativity, and a pure desire to unite together for the betterment of ALL...we can save America from descending into Hades and raise Her to a truly magnificent and glorious *Paradise of Beauty, Peace, Love, Joy, and Truth* that is beyond anything we have ever seen before in history!

Onward and Upward, my Beloved Americans!

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