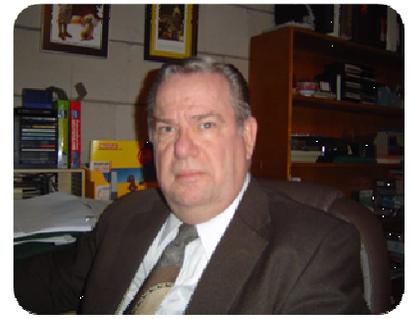




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## "My Two Cents"

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### **What You Listen to is What You Are:**

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How many times have we told our children, "You are what you listen to or what you read"? It has been long known that what we allow into our minds is what we become, or at least, has a profound impact on our thoughts. Our thoughts lead to our actions.

Obama has set under the tutelage of a black racist for the greater part of his adult life. He was not forced to attend these anti American anti White sermons. He voluntarily returned time and again to hear this racist make comments like "God D... America." He has recognized this racist as his mentor. What is a mentor? A mentor is: adviser, counselor, guide, tutor, teacher, guru.

Look at the folks who are on the campaign trail. They all wear the flag of the United States somewhere near their heart. Have you seen one on Obama? You and I have been trained since grade school and before to stand with our hand over our hearts when we say the pledge. How does Obama stand when the pledge is being recited? Does he even recite it? How about when the National Anthem is being played?

What is the main mission of church? What should be the main message of a minister from the pulpit? While I may not believe everything that comes from my minister, those disagreements are minor, because I choose to go to the church under the minister with whom I most agree. I think most do. Is Obama any different?

The message I expect to come from the pulpit of any church that I attend is

the Gospel according to the word of God which I consider to be the bible. I expect to hear about what makes me a better person and how to find and or renew the salvation of my soul and my walk with my God. Racism does not qualify nor does bigotry or anti-Americanism. I would not attend a church where the minister preached against any ethnic group.

Now if I wanted to get my tank filled on racism, bigotry, and anti-Americanism, where could I go? I suppose I, as a white person, could go to a Klan meeting. Or I could join some Neo-Nazi group.

I suppose if I were a black racist seeking a lesson in racism, bigotry, and anti-Americanism, I could attend the "Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago".

I've had young, white, former students send me

mail soliciting my vote for Obama. How do I feel now, knowing that he has chosen to go back time and again to hear racism, bigotry, and anti-Americanism preached by Wright? I'd never vote for any man or woman, black, white or any other color who regularly attends meetings where racism, bigotry, and anti-Americanism is taught.

I'd like to say that this has made my choice for just whom to vote easier. But, the truth is, it has not. Neither party is presenting the voters with a decent choice. Just to send the Democrats and the Republicans a message, I'll be voting for a third party candidate.

I will vote; but, I will not register as Democrat or Republican.

Recently, some of my black students have asked me what I thought about the statement that the U.S. government had started the AIDS virus to wipe out the blacks. When I voiced my dismay at such a ridiculous comment, I couldn't help but wonder from where they had gotten it. Now I know.

Please tell me just what is it saying about the black

community, when a black—so called minister, makes such comments?

Black Christians with whom I've attended church try to abide by the word of God they are true to their spouses. What is Reverend Wright saying when he says that AIDS is directed towards the black community? I assume he is preaching to the folks in his church. Is he saying that the government is somehow responsible for man's free will to disobey God's word and somehow the government makes people, black or white commit fornication or adultery?

It would seem to me the good reverend needs to get back into the word of God and properly divide it as he is commanded to do. Or since he seems to consider himself an African, maybe there is another book he is using of which the rest of us American Christians are unaware.