

May 31, 2007

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Dear Ms. Lerner,

I am writing today to urge the Internal Revenue Service to investigate a non-profit religious ministry that appears to have violated the ban on intervention in partisan politics.

The ministry, www.liveprayer.com, a division of Bill Keller Ministries, posted an article on May 11, 2007, titled "If You Vote for Mitt Romney You are Voting for Satan." This piece, called a "Daily Devotional," clearly states that readers should not support the candidacy of former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, who is currently seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

The article makes it clear that evangelical Christians should not support his candidacy. (Please note that the following passages were copied directly from www.liveprayer.com and contain several spelling and grammatical errors.)

According to the ministry devotional, "If you vote for Mitt Romney, you are voting for satan! This message today is not about Mitt Romney. Romney is an unashamed and proud member of the Mormon cult founded by a murdering polygamist pedophile named Joseph Smith nearly 200 years ago. The teachings of the Mormon cult are doctrinally and theologically in complete opposition to the Absolute Truth of God's Word. There is no common ground. If Mormonism is true, then the Christian faith is a complete lie. There has never been any question from the moment Smith's cult began that it was a work of satan and those who follow their false teachings will die and spend eternity in hell. This message is about the top Christian leaders in our nation who are supporting this cult members quest to become the next President of the United States."

Here are some other passages from the article:

"If Romney gets elected as the next President of the United States, the Mormon cult will finally have the mainstream acceptance they have been striving for these past 200 years. Romney winning the White House will lead millions of people into the Mormon cult. Those who follow the false teachings of this cult, believe in the false jesus of the Mormon cult and reject faith in the one true Jesus of the Bible, will die and spend eternity in hell. ROMNEY GETTING ELECTED PRESIDENT WILL

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ULTIMATELY LEAD MILLIONS OF SOULS TO THE ETERNAL FLAMES OF HELL!!!”

“Having Romney as President is no different than having a Muslim or Scientologist as President. Please, don't tell me that Mitt Romney is the best option. I'll stay home and not vote before I will vote for satan, since if you vote for Romney you are voting for satan!”

The entire article can be accessed here: <http://www.liveprayer.com/ddarchive3.cfm?id=2931>. Although this article carries no byline, it is written in the first person. It is safe to assume it was written by Bill Keller, who authors other devotionals on the site.

Four days later, Keller attacked Romney again. This time, his comments were even more partisan in nature. Keller wrote:

“The legitimate question that this has also raised is who to vote for in '08. As in the past, I refuse to tell you who to vote for, that is a choice YOU have to make. However, let me give you this guidance. No person who is serious about their faith can vote for a person who is going to support the killing of babies. No person who is serious about their faith can vote for a person who is going to support redefining God's Holy Institution of Marriage. No person who is serious about their faith can vote for a person who is part of a satanic cult since that person will give mainstream credibility to that cult which will lead people to join and end up in hell for rejecting Jesus Christ. That makes this upcoming presidential election a very difficult choice since it is almost a certainty that the nominee from both parties will support killing babies, possibly gay marriage, and be the member of a satanic cult if Romney wins the Republican nomination. So who to vote for?”

“As you know I am a huge advocate of Christians taking their stand in all areas of the marketplace, including politics. Most likely our only real option will be choosing a third party candidate who will take a stand to uphold Biblical values. I already know that in this two party system we have, a third party candidate has virtually ZERO chance of ever being elected. However, this election is going to be a test of conscience for Christians. Do they compromise and vote for the 'lesser of two evils,' or as some will call it, throw away their vote by voting for a third party candidate who has no chance of winning? As I said, this will be a real test of conscience for Christians unless a strong man who will take a stand for Biblical values comes out of nowhere to win the Republican nomination. (Sadly, the Democratic Party will never put forth a nominee who doesn't support killing babies.)” www.liveprayer.com/ddarchive3.cfm?id=2935

I am enclosing paper copies of both articles, which were printed from the ministry's website today.

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Bill Keller Ministries is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt entity. A page about the ministry on its website states, "Liveprayer.Com is operated 100% through donations. As part of Bill Keller Ministries, a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to Liveprayer.Com are tax deductible."

(www.liveprayer.com/bdy_about.cfm) A separate page on the site notes, "In June 1993 Bill Keller Ministries was incorporated in Illinois, a Board of Directors was appointed to oversee the ministry operations, and received non-profit status from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization." (http://www.liveprayer.com/bdy_testimony.cfm)

I urge you to take steps today to correct this blatant abuse of our nation's tax laws. The address for Bill Keller Ministries is 6660 46th Avenue North, St Petersburg, FL 33709.

Sincerely,

Barry W. Lynn
Executive Director