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Forbid Them Not

Claims that his arrest on multiple counts of child molestation is motivated by racism and police misconduct are the desperate cries of an unrepentant pedophile.

Michael Jackson continually portrays himself as a victim who had no childhood; therefore we should just feel sorry for him and leave him alone. How long has he been saying that?

"I am innocent," he tells us more than once. "I am outraged," over and over again.

In *Silently Seduced*, Ken Adams says covert incest occurs when a parent is "more expecting than giving, more jealous than trusting... [t]here is no physical, sexual contact in this form of incest. Yet, inherent in the relationship is an archetype of feelings and dynamics more comparable to young love than a nurturing parent-child alliance." One could argue that the accusers in Jackson's case aren't his kids, but he is 45 and they are 12. There is an implied authority in this part of the relationship that merits the label of incest.

One might say that Jackson is giving. He is trying to "heal the world." His diatribes against children suffering are legendary. Michael Jackson even invoked Jesus in his taped plea for justice in 1993:

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
Mark 10:14

Michael thinks "forbid them not" is a universal statement. Not so.

In Mark 10:13, we learn that Jesus' disciples have rebuked children for touching Jesus, and the forbidding was in this context alone. And experts today will concur that we need to forbid our children some behaviors.

But is Jackson more giving than expecting? Certainly not. The "King of Pop," the "Artist of the Millennium," and the man who rewrote "HIStory" is a media-hog to the nth degree. Delusions of grandeur, anyone?

Is Jackson more trusting than jealous? He can't even trust his own children to show their faces in public.

Is that what this is about: HIS own children? Custody is not a right—it is a privilege. If you abuse that privilege, then the District Attorney has a duty to take your children away from you. There are thousands of pedophiles serving long prison terms who proclaim their innocence every day. Would you allow them to sleep with your children even if they claim nothing sexual will go on in their beds?

Everyone has the power to abuse children. As a survivor myself, I'm more afraid of those who won't admit it.

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