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Dear Friends,

I am not a very engaged "Sports Fan," however I do realize the potential for influence that a celebrity in the "Sports Arena" can command.

One does not have to be a Christian very long in our world today in order to become aware of the depth of the truth about "Persecution." An understanding as to "why" the world is compelled to persecute us can be realized in that truth about the fact that, *"those who do not currently walk in the Light – do not want that 'Light-of-Truth' to be shown upon them."*

In any reality – *the greater the contrast, the greater the differential in the contrast can be observed when there when the contrast is lighted.*

If we, as a *culture-at-large*, can keep from illuminating that which is "good" - that which is, *undeniably desirable for the good of everyone*; then the pressure for everyone to attempt to **rise** to that **higher-standard** of moral behavior is less likely to be required in our culture-at-large.

The persecution of Christians, and of "Good" moral behavior in general, by anyone in our *culture-at-large* today, is merely the result of people seeking a remedy or release, for *their* **GUILT!**

If, personally, as a Christian – "you" do not find that you are subject to any real persecution in your life while on this earth – you are probably not living a very good Christian life.

..."Go Tim Tebow!"

Robert



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by Jennifer Marshall

When Pam Tebow was counseled to abort her baby to save her own life, the doctor referred to him as a "mass of fetal tissue."

"(M)aybe she just called me that to toughen us up for the names I would be called the first time I played at LSU," Tim Tebow, who became the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback for the University of Florida, writes in his 2011 book [*Through My Eyes*](#).

Now that Tebow is a Denver Bronco and under intense scrutiny in the role of starting quarterback, his congenital instinct to push through adversity and ignore the naysayers is again at work.

"Polarizing" is the sports commentariat's typical term to describe national reaction to Tebow since he went pro. The negativity flows in part from his initially rocky performance. But much more seems to be reaction to Tebow's Christian faith. Critics want him to keep it to himself, a pattern that is increasingly common in American public life.

Of course, there's already plenty of God-talk in professional football. (Type "Green Bay Packers" into Twitter and see how many players give God a shout out in their profiles.)

Talking is one thing. Walking the talk is another. That's where Tim Tebow stands out. Born in the Philippines to missionary parents, he not only is outspoken about his faith, referencing it frequently in word and symbol - such as biblical citations in his eye black. He's also as intense about living out his faith as he is about playing football—and winning.

And he's done a good bit of winning. For a 24-year-old who's been, in his words, "the center of so much spilled ink" since his high school days (before graduating he was the subject of a documentary), it's amazing he's full of anything other than himself. Instead, he brims over about his faith, family, football and teammates.

While the attention hasn't gone to his head, it does seem to have gone to his heart.

Tebow takes seriously the burden of his "platform" - a word he uses frequently in his book to refer to his opportunity to influence others for good. Such disciplined, purposeful stewardship of a leadership role is rare in anyone, but particularly someone so young in a field rampant with narcissism and bad behavior.

Even for observers who consider the eye-black evangelism corny or juvenile, it's simply no comparison to the "youthful indiscretions" that haunt so many public figures for years.

And even through jaded eyes, the trademark Tebow kneel to give gratitude to God after a great play hardly can be as obnoxious as others' on-field (not to mention off-field) antics and outbursts.

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