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Limbaugh fiddled

It doesn't really matter which version of history you ascribe to. It may not even matter that it is widely believed that the fiddle as we understand it didn't even exist at the time Nero watched Rome burn. By some accounts he only used his voice — he merely sang during the fire. Other claims that the only musical instrument available to him predated the fiddle by centuries are also irrelevant, because the true meaning of these continual references throughout historical literature is humanity's compassion, or its utter lack thereof, resulting in man's inhumanity to man.

Limbaugh previously proclaimed that people who use drugs should go to jail, but when he was caught he then exposed his true cowardice, and used his wealth and prominence to rise above the teaming masses, while explaining that **his** drugs were OK. Once again he has now perpetuated his own self-aggrandizement, and used his position to foster hatred between people at a time — perhaps more than any time in recent history — when they should be reaching out to console each other, to search for the missing, and to bury their loved ones who succumbed to the tragedy in Haiti.

During the time it took Limbaugh to enrich his coffers, while enlarging the cleft between human beings, and societies, he fiddled, either by doing nothing — taking a truly sadistically evil pleasure in the tragic misfortunes of others — or by merely playing the instrument of his own voice. Meanwhile, shrieking babies and helpless elders were all waiting for someone, for anyone, to lessen their agony. It was all heightened by the confusion of suffering, and the weight of not only the buildings which had collapsed upon them, but the wait for food or even water, ultimately resulting in hundreds of thousands of people who literally gave up the ghost when the weight became too heavy to bear, and the wait became too long to endure.

Whether or not Limbaugh truly personified Nero loving the

sound of his own voice as he took sadistic pleasure in the misfortunes of others is really not of paramount importance. While earning \$70 million per year, the person who **could** have, the person who **should** have made himself useful, was indeed fiddling, using the suffering of others to create sound bites to increase his ratings and his wealth, and to add yet one more tear in the fabric of society. Sadly, the motivation for his vile statements

last week was not merely to increase his power and wealth, but also to prey upon those “light and dark skinned black people” who were suffering beyond imagination, using them as tools to further his agenda.

Some have written that Nero should be remembered for the first imperial persecution, or instigating the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul. There are those who believe that these acts truly began centuries of Christian persecution. Then he slaughtered thousands of Jews.

It is ironic that in a society which claims to be entrenched in Christian-Judeo compassion, heritage, and ethics, we still pay homage to one of the wealthiest hate-mongers of all time, one who is far more vile and full of hate than Nero could have even aspired to.

It is even more ironic that his derisive pitting of race against race, country against country, and rich against poor, is carried out under the righteous banner of Religious Indignation by those who most often utilize only a subterfuge of religion, while fostering the antithesis of compassion — in the process, destroying the cornerstone of virtually every religion known to man.

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