

Jesus prevented the throwing of **stones** against a (then) spectacular sinner (Jn.7.53-8.11), thus providing us with a **scripture** to throw at those who are fast to anger against spectacular sinners. Funny thing: In all I've read/seen/heard about Specacular Sinner Clinton since his four-minute "regret" speech six days ago ("I was wrong....misled" everyone, even "my own wife," "...take full responsibility..."), I'm the only one I know of who's been using this scripture in the usual manner, viz, in the service of tolerance (a word on which I invite your attention to Berit Kjos' chart [AFA JOURNAL Aug/98 18]):

Worldviews in conflict

Christian Paradigm	Humanist Paradigm	Global Paradigm
Trust God	Trust self	Trust the state
Teach personal responsibility	Teach human rights	Teach collective responsibility
Love God and people	Love self (self-esteem)	Respect all who fit new paradigm
Don't tolerate sin	Tolerate all lifestyles	Don't tolerate dissenters
Link public values to Biblical truth	Separate church and state	Link values to earth-centered religion

In the 1st column, note that we Christians "Don't tolerate sin." Jesus didn't tolerate the "sin" (he called it) of the adulterer (before the latest feminist movement, "adulteress")....Technical note: A clear case of adultery: a married woman's genital intercourse with a man not her husband (Jewish law's definition). Contrast: (1) Clinton did not "have sex" with a married woman not his wife, & (2) We've no evidence that he had genital intercourse with Monica (though they were into kinky sex). In the strict biblical sense (including the Hebrew & Greek words), Clinton did not break the Commandment (as far as we the public know)--though on a looser reading, he did. (In Ro.7.3, Paul uses the *ultra*-strict reading.) The strict reading is the base for the Bible's metaphorical use of adultery: God's people are his permanent wife, & any beclouding of the relationship on her (our) part is adultery-idolatry (eg, Jer.3.9,9.1; Eze.16.32ff[esp.38]). Jesus' contemporaries are an "adulterous generation" (Mt.12.39,16.4; M.8.38)....On both the literal & the metaphorical meanings, the Bible is *realistic*. It knows that both genital management (monogamy) & attentional management (monotheism) are tough assignments. Because they are assignments, the Bible is unrelenting in its condemnation of deviance: because they are tough, God is "ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Neh.9.17 NRSV; so we should be [Pr.14.29 NRSV: "Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly"]).

In the 2nd column, humanists "tolerate all lifestyles": live & let live, without benefit of deity or clergy. This libertinistic libertarianism has given "tolerance" such a bad name that you may have winced when I used it in this Thinksheet's 1st ¶....In the 3rd column, globalists "don't tolerate dissenters." In Prague, an eminent political scientist said that because she's an out-of-the-closet Christian, she has no chance of getting elected to parliament: the largest party, the Communists, won't have anything to do with Christians. In many cultural-elite circles in the USA, the same situation obtains. (In his BRAVE NEW SCHOOLS [Harvest House], our charts author details how in our public schools the global paradigm is pushed & enforced with zero tolerance [fundamentalism on the left!] by thought-police [administrators & teachers].) A Baby-Boomer, Clinton's public-school intellectual formation was chiefly under the humanist paradigm. In the '60s, sexual experimentation was common, as was both flaunting it & lying about it--habits continuing in many Boomers as they have aged.

Given the subculture of his youth, we must say that Clinton's extra-marital sex & lying about it are not spectacular but ordinary, even ho-hum--made spectacular only because of the size of his job, prosecutorial pursuit, & an omnivorous press with a special taste for prurience (feeding a sex-obsessed public). Wisely, the FF (Founding Fathers) lodged impeachment not in the courts (where perjury & the suborning of witnesses are unforgivable) but in Congress, the people's representatives, who know that the people's present positive job-rating of Clinton is 66%.*

* Very high, & no significant change since his "Monica" admission. Like God, the people are "slow to anger."