

# Quotes in the News

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*"When people make grandiose claims about 'God's will' and 'American values' and demonize others who hold different views, we haven't just channeled a tragic yesterday and its wars and pogroms. We have poisoned the well of community on which our nation depends today and made a mockery of God and faith."*

## **Tom Ehrich**

Writer and church consultant (RNS)

*"People of different faiths, like yours and mine, sometimes wonder where we can meet in common purpose, when there are so many differences in creed and theology. Surely the answer is that we can meet in service, in shared moral convictions about our nation stemming from a common worldview."*

## **Mitt Romney**

Republican presidential candidate, a Mormon, addressing graduates at the evangelical Liberty University (RNS)

*"Every one of us has 'oops moments' every day. America may not forgive you for it. But God will."*

## **Rick Perry**

Texas governor (AP/RNS)

*"Most people were spanked when they were kids, and they think that's the proper way to discipline. They make the erroneous correlation that spanking equals good discipline and if a child isn't behaving, he must not*

*have been spanked enough. That's fallacious."*

**George Holden**

SMU professor and chairman of the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline (*USA Today/Sojourners*)

*"Nuns have always had a different set of priorities from that of bishops. The bishops are interested in power. The nuns are interested in the powerless."*

**Gary Wills**

Catholic author, in response to the Vatican's crackdown on U.S. nuns (RNS)