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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Attn: Dr. Robert Jeffrees, Pastor
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Dear Doctor Jeffrees:

I just saw your interview on CNN at which you said that Governor Romney belongs to a “cult”, and after praying about this issue, I am compelled to respond. My father was a Nazarene minister, and one of the verses that he engrained on me is, “*He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin*”. I believe this letter to you is my honest attempt to “do good”.

I believe God will punish you for the political timing of that grossly misleading statement obviously aimed at supporting your Texas Governor who has repeatedly demonstrated “*Hoof In Mouth Disease*”! Governor Romney has consistently stated that he is a Christian, and his life demonstrates that set of Biblical values as much as your Governor Perry has!

After volunteering more than 30 years of active duty in the US Army including Korea, Vietnam, and two Pentagon tours, I retired and am now in a very active email network with ~500 veterans. We share issues of common concern, and a major concern is that the Biblical foundation which earned America the envy of the world has been desecrated by greed and corruption invading Washington and Wall Street. I believe that Romney and Perry both are dedicated to restoring integrity and transparency in Washington.

Mormons are good people. During my second Pentagon tour, I was sent to Salt Lake City to resolve an issue with the Mormon Church, and during my two days with their Twelve Apostles, it was obvious that their lives are based on teachings of Jesus Christ. In general, Mormons are just as trustworthy as your Baptist followers! I watch Dr. Charles Stanley of Atlanta First Baptist every Sunday morning and I am confident that he would disagree with your labeling of Mormons as a “cult”!

BOTTOM LINE: I hope that the Southern Baptist Convention publicly chastises you for that unchristian slur against Governor Romney which was obviously politically driven to support your Governor Perry. Instead of lowering yourself to that repulsive level of politics, as a Pastor to your congregation, focus on helping Christians do our part of 2nd Chronicles 7:14 so that God can keep His part of that promise!

Hopefully,

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c: CNN and Governor Romney