Ironic

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Is my god stupid?

This is the question I had asked myself after hearing the Presidents Rodrigo Duterte’s comment about god which brought another controversy surrounding His Excellency. Given the fact that Philippines is a Christian country, it automatically awakens Christians into turmoil.

According to Philippine Constitution and International Convention on Civil and Political Right, every Filipino is entitled to the right of free expression. Yes, that is, indeed, a fact. However, it also worth to ponder that as we exercise our freedom, we must also be careful and responsible of every word that comes out of our mouth. We must weigh the possible consequence of our words and be ready for the aftermath.

Malacañang said that the issue of calling god stupid is only been insinuated by media, and the President has no intention of deteriorating the bridge between religion and state. He was only expressing his personal belief about god. However, since Pres. Duterte is a public figure and a public servant, he should have been more cautious of his choice of words. Many were hurt and insulted and felt outrage defending their religious belief.

Furthermore, whether we are a public figure or just a commoner, we should never forget that our words count and truly matter. As a common cliché goes, a word may build or break a relationship. Besides, though there is a separation between church and state, it must be well-thought-out that one of the core values of Department of Education is being “MAKADYOS” and this is taught the day we set out feet in school. This value has been one of the foundations of education to hone students to be god-
fearing individuals and be good citizens of the society. I guess our president should better be reminded of that.

Moreover, isn’t ironic how we, teachers, teach and mold students to believe in God whereas the head of state questions the existence of it? And isn’t ironic how we, teachers, teach and remind students that calling someone stupid is bad whereas the president even call god ‘stupid’? And isn’t it ironic how, we, teachers, teach and educate our students that it is better to shut our mouth than to say words that may hurt other’s feeling?

Even how ironic it could possibly be, well at least, we still teach students to be respectful and be understanding of the belief of others especially of the old ones.

May God bless His Excellency.

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After a month of being in the hot seat, Pres. Duterte had apologized to the “all forgiving God” in front of religious leaders. At least, he was taught (perhaps by his teachers) and learned that it is never too late to say he’s sorry.

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