



Razor's Edge

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In Defense of a Macho Man

NEW YORK, NY Dec. 10 *PinoyGlobal*) - Former Pres. Fidel V. Ramos is my pet peeve for his revolting hypocrisy. He has made it a habit to denounce Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (GMA) at the drop of a hat, i.e., on the most inconsequential issues. What he is doing to her is certifiably a cheap ploy to cover up for his corruption when he was president. His administration left a lot to be desired - honesty wise.

Sen. Miriam Santiago who knows him as the fraud that he is screamed in the Senate floor "Look who's talking?" when Ramos attacked GMA for seeking a congressional seat in Pampanga. As usual Fidel shot from the hips saying that she was doing it as a prelude to becoming prime minister once the Constitution is amended converting the present presidential system to a parliamentary form of government. Anticipating her move on the premise of Fidel's own ill-fated passion to succeed himself as president exhibits his consuming envy for GMA who surpassed him in class and style in the presidency.

Senator Santiago fired back at FVR for doing the same - of trying to amend the Constitution when he was president - to perpetuate in office. Verily, he could be guilty of many things he accused GMA of doing. On the matter of her running for Congress, he forgets that there is no legal impediment for Gloria replicating U.S. Pres. John Quincy Adams who went back to Congress after his term as president. Therefore, Ramos' condemnation of Gloria is frivolous as it is malicious.

His credibility is below zero making him the obnoxious fault-finder in the Book of Guinness. A clown is more credible for his nobler and sanguine desire to draw the better side of

GMA by criticizing her.

Ramos' obsession to malign Madam Arroyo, reminds me of the plight of golf king Tiger Woods whose critics around the world make me feel throwing up. Woods' peccadilloes of the flesh are his problems with his wife and not with the world. In the first place he never made himself a paragon of virtue; it was the public that typed cast him as such. The man was just doing his thing when they flooded him with accolades and laurels for his glorious exploits in the golf course.

Besides, what do these critics want to imply that they are insulated moralists incapable of falling into the same pit of sin because they are divinities personified? On the contrary their puking hypocrisy stinks up to the void of space. Only the gullible or mediocre would take them hook line as husbands or wives who never cheated on their partners - a fantasy afflicting frauds and fake purists.

Woods' critics have arrogated unto themselves the status of saint, or so they believe, by trashing his moral indiscretions as cause caliber, nay international notoriety. Ludicrous! Haven't they seen an iconic figure fall from his celebrity status? This is a man's world too not just women's? Ask Manny Pacquiao. In the first place, this is a mundane world of mortals: the breed of saints is evanescent if it is not yet totally extinct nowadays what with sex on the loose, wet and wild all over the world.

Dressing him down for being human who could be susceptible to temptations just as anyone else, is hypocrisy at its worst. With his fabulous wealth, glamour, enormous popularity and machismo apart from the fact that he is not a bad looking golf king either, it could be the other way around:

Tiger is the victim not the maniac chasing skirts everywhere as critics paint him to be, which brings to mind the old Wild, Wild West when Indians chased their squaws in wigwams.

Time was when holier than thou Minister Jimmy Swaggart went to the pulpit and viciously demonized fellow evangelist Jim Baker for the latter's fleeting moment of weakness with a whore whom he paid handsomely but who, typical of a whore, still sold her sordid story with Baker to the highest bidding gossip monger publicist. Swaggart nevertheless, peddled around the garbage he had on Jim with the pride of one who just found the Holy Grail.

Karma caught up with him soon thereafter his pontifications in the pulpit for he too was himself exposed for the same immoral escapades. It was he who was doing more perverted sexual indiscretions behind his ministry. Swaggart used to engage a mother and daughter to satiate his sexual desires in dingy motels. The scandal he figured in was more lurid, fraught with pornographic and kinky twists. Having crossed the Rubicon he found himself in the same shameful quagmire if not worse than Jim.

Therefore, if I may repeat myself, the cliché applies in that whatever peccadilloes Woods is guilty of is strictly a problem between him and his wife whom obviously he loves very much despite his escapades. Tiger pleaded to her not to divorce him for at least two years (offering her \$5 million over and above their pre-nuptial amount agreed upon) until

they iron the wrinkle in their conjugal life. That means he will be straight if she drives away the hypocrites who have been poisoning her mind against him including the vicious media that gloats writing about personal matters.

Given who he is, it is no surprise Woods is the target of money hungry women with bad habits, just as our very own Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao has been demonized with malicious gossips. Woods is in trouble already with all the gold diggers popping up almost everyday claiming to have had romantic trysts with him. Many more might yet come out to make fast millions egged by ambulance chasers (lawyers with no clients). This is not to say of the never ending hordes of "holier than thou" gossip mongers hounding him for juicy stories of him sleeping outside the marital bed or out of the "kulambu" as we call it in the vernacular.

Really, I see not even a glimmer of sense in writing stories of infidelities of either a man or a woman except the sadism of destroying a family whose espouses are driven to divorce or permanent separation to the detriment of the children's future and normal life.

Why don't you people give Tiger Woods a little elbow room to breathe and run his life his way not yours or the media's. What are you trying to prove by this palpable hypocrisy, that you are better people? Please, somebody give me a cuspidor to throw up or I'll faint!