

# Mike Adams, R.I.P.

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In a scene from *Bridge On the River Kwai*, the ranking British officer, Colonel Nicholson, warns his fellow P.O.W.s of a vague "letting down" after their triumphant completion of the bridge they were forced to build by their Japanese captors. I thought of this scene when I learned of the tragic suicide of Mike Adams in late July, a man who was an unrelenting warrior for the truth.

Dr. Adams courageously and tirelessly defended the Rule of Law, the Unborn, academic freedom, the First Amendment and many other cherished principles that ultimately cost him his position as a Professor at the *University of North Carolina at Wilmington* (UNCW.) He had recently won his case against UNCW for wrongful termination, and received a settlement of \$500,000 after seven long years of litigation. **I suspect it was this let-down that may have contributed to the tragedy of his taking his own life.**

It's sad to think that after a seven year legal battle and his eventual triumph over UNCW, the let-down was so great that even a battler like Mike Adams would decide to cash-in his chips.

I have experienced something similar: School Board elections may not seem like a big deal to many, but in the mid-to-late 1980s in St. Louis, they were the front lines of the culture war. At one time, the CofCC held five of 12 seats on the Board, and was poised to seize control of the *St. Louis Public Schools* (SLPS) intending to end the desegregation program and graft that eventually destroyed it. Our goals were dashed by massive black voter fraud.

My next-door neighbor lost a close race for Alderman a couple of years before, and he warned me about the inevitable depression that follows an election. He had lost a close race, while I had won my seat easily. Still, after campaigning relentlessly for many months, I experienced that same post-election depression about which my neighbor and Colonel Nicholson had both warned any who would listen.

**David French, the attorney in Mike's lawsuit and a close, personal friend observed sadly, " *...we are not created to endure an avalanche of hate.*" Mike Adams was the recipient of endless vilification and hate from the *Ladies Auxiliary of Marxism*, and his steadfast defense of the truth may have ultimately taken its toll.**

Another factor may have been that warriors like Mike Adams -- who fight for the truth and the vision of the Framers -- must be entirely content in the knowledge that they are doing God's Work. Such patriots will never receive the kinds of recognition or awards those on the left routinely receive, best epitomized by the *Nobel Prizes* ludicrously awarded to Obama and Paul Krugman for their ideological loyalty.

Maybe it would have brightened Mike Adams' day if he had given more thought to all the students and readers that he greatly inspired with his courage and tenacity. As Mark Tapson at **FRONTPAGEMAG.com** stated, "*His death is a terrible loss for...the many Christian and conservative students he mentored on a hostile campus, and for patriots all over the country.*"

May flights of Angels sing him to his well-deserved rest from the Harpies of Marxism.