## TABOO OPINIONS #101 By Richard E. Geis

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## 5-15-07 Jerry Falwell

Another prominent godster has bitten the dust, called to idiot heaven at age 73, which inspires a frisson of glee that I've outlived him by at least 6 years, which proves my godlessness is superior to his "fundamentalist" faith, right? He probably could have lived at least ten years longer if he'd not been overweight by fifty pounds or more [due to a sin: Gluttony]. Which proves something else --- that his God wanted him to die 'young' (presuming his God exists, of course) for any of a million mysterious reasons.

There are a lot of surface reasons to be famous but they almost all boil down to egotism in one form or another. LOOK AT ME! motivates almost all celebrities and VIPs at base. Some people will strive for attention by way of Getting Massive Amounts of Money, others by using their talents to propel them to fame ... Even some crazies will dedicate themselves to single-handedly (with only two handguns - those are the unwritten rules in that category of mass murder - for making their mark in the media history books) killing more people than anyone else. Even homicidal paranoid schizos want fame. They're not *that* crazy.

As for me ... \*sigh\* I'm relegated to the little-known universe of footnotes and short paragraphs in esoteric publishing and writing history books. So be it. Unless --- unless that magic media lightning strikes! Or a publisher loses his mind and publishes one of my sexnovels-with-ideas novels which I persist in writing because I enjoy using my talent in spite of the likelihood that my window for getting published has probably closed.

## Iraq To The Bitter End ...

Bush is determined to drive the United States (and his "legacy") into the dumpster of history by seeking 'victory' in all the wrong places. As 'the decider' he has clearly decided that the unnecessary maiming and deaths of maybe another thousand prime American soldiers is worth that one chance in a thousand that somehow he'll triumph in Iraq.

Yet today (5-16-07) comes a report that the insurgents have fired ten mortar rounds into the fortified Green Zone (which houses mostly non-military Americans and the expensive Iraqi government). The mortar rounds were fired in daylight, a brazen act of attack never attempted before. Previously, mortar rounds were fired at night.

The handwriting is on the Green Zone wall. It says *The Surge is failing!* And below that is written *Remember Dien Bien Phu!* 

The Americans have walled themselves into a 'safe' Baghdad enclave. But what will happen to that safety when the insurgents are strong enough and bold enough to surround it with hidden artillery and manage to isolate it from any but crisis incursions by U.S. military rescue efforts? How many months could the Green Zone hold out?

We shall see.

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