



QA: Why Is Social Media Trying to Recall Someone's Posting History? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Why is Social Media trying to recall what someone writes?

ANSWER: When things are said "in haste" they seldom have been thought through, and need examination. "Firing from the lip" has caused much confusion and hurt in many souls.

1. Someone may draw a wrong conclusion about God. **Psalm 31:22 says,**

For I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before Your eyes;" Nevertheless
You heard the voice of my supplications When I cried out to You.

David had concluded that his plight was more than God would consider, but the truth was that God had not finished with David, but heard David's supplications and delivered him. David's hasty words were not true, God's actions showed otherwise.

2. To speak what one believes is not a lie but is honesty, which is why the Apostle Paul quoted **Psalm 116:10** in **2 Corinthians 4:13** as applying to Christians about the Gospel of Christ: we must know the Gospel and speak straight from our heart. **Psalm 116:11** says, "I said in my haste, 'All men are liars.'" In the previous verse it was stated: "I believed, therefore I spoke, 'I am greatly afflicted.'" But if the Psalmist is right in **verse 11**, that "All men are liars," then he would have spoken the truth! He would be calling himself a "liar" in **verse 10** for speaking his honest belief! Hence, compared with himself, he must have spoken "in haste."
However, since God is always right in everything He has said, a person who says anything that contradicts what God has said "is a liar" (1 John 1:10; 1 John 2:4, 22; 4:20; 5:10). Compared to God, therefore, "every man [is] a liar" (**Romans 3:4**) who teaches otherwise (**1 Timothy 6:3-5**). Jesus' birth, life, teaching, and sacrifice were to "bear witness to the truth" (**John 18:37**) which reflects badly on all commentators who question His story.

3. Some hastily say: "Everyone in the church of Christ is a hypocrite." Oh, really? The Apostles Peter and Paul were hypocrites? John, "the Apostle of love," was a hypocrite? The Thessalonians were hypocrites (**1 Thessalonians 1:6-10**)? Since Jesus Christ died for the church of Christ (**Acts 20:28**), is identified with the members (**Acts 8:1-3; 9:4-5**), is represented each Lord's Day in the assembly (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**), and is the head of it (**Colossians 1:18**) – does that make Jesus Christ a "hypocrite?" If not, why not? In their haste, some paint themselves into a corner!

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