

*I can't understand how she got the nerve to put the news up on the web or through a family spokesperson and ask for privacy. These people are just crazy. They are calling for attention. Who cares her sons dies. So many sons are dying right now. No one cares. Everyone has a life too not just Marie Osmond.*

*If a kid with this much privilege in his life can become so depressed that he'll commit suicide, what must the poor and middle class kids, whose families struggle every day, go through.*

*I don't understand how anyone can take their own life when there are children who have cancer who beg for one more day on Earth. This is tragic on many levels.*

*Perhaps if she had spent more time with her family and less time acting as the face of the Mormon cult this wouldn't have happened. I never saw anything about her coming out against prop H8te in CA so I'm not crying for her.*

Above, are comments that I found on CNN and Fox News websites regarding the death of Michael Blossil, aka Maria Osmond's 18 year old son that committed suicide Friday evening. The comments went on and on. There were certainly many prayers and blessings as well, but it was no surprise to me, the massive amount of comments that are represented above. What I did not post were the many comments that turned this whole tragedy into a political debate from the liberal and conservative points of view. Amazing! If your political views actually define your belief system, I honestly fear for you – left or right. However, I am not going to get into that senseless debate.

Two high profile people were found dead this week. Andrew Koenig and Michael Blossil. Every 19 minutes someone commits suicide, somewhere in the world. No one's death is more or less than any other. Due to money, fame or celebrity, some are more publicized. That is a gift, not an insult to anyone who has lost their child without notoriety. It brings awareness to the fact that mental illness has no boundaries and money, fame or celebrity does absolutely nothing to comfort human emotion.

It boggles my mind that people cannot grasp the reality that suicide is not the cause of death in most cases. Mental illness is the cause of death – just as cancer is the cause of death regardless of the fact that “heart failure” might be the definition of someone actually dying. People fight mental illness for a majority of their lives and unfortunately, the disease can and does win in what we see as suicide and I see as death by mental illness.

To trivialize someone's life because they are “privileged” is ridiculous. It is like saying, “if you are rich, you should never get cancer, diabetes or have heart attack!”

What a stupid argument. I do not know the circumstances, relationship or communication between Marie Osmond and her son, what I am pretty certain of is the fact that Marie and her family did all they knew HOW to do, to help her son. How dare anyone judge Michael's family or friends for not "doing what they should". Someone stated that Marie should have been with her son rather than in Las Vegas doing her show. Just because Marie Osmond commutes to work on a private jet does not subject her to any ridicule of not being "there" for her son she has a life just like you!

Then there is the comment about the Osmond's religion – Mormon. That comment came from a Christian that stated the Osmond's got what they deserved for belonging to a cult. As a Christian, let me simply say – DO NOT use my faith against another – there IS NO WHERE in our dogma that suggests we have ANY right to judge another! It is this same mindset that suggests that a suicide victim will go straight to hell. I am not one to judge – I don't know – but what I do know is that chances are, you might go straight to hell for even suggesting that someone's son that was struggling with mental illness succumb to his death in a state of complete loneliness and fear from an illness that obviously tormented him to a point of not being able to fight any longer. Compassion and love define a faith – not judgment!

Then there is the "cowardly act" issue. Let me assure you that there is nothing cowardly about fighting mental illness. I know FEW, VERY FEW that could live my life and survive it. Knowing that, I know WHY and HOW some could not and I would NEVER judge them or their families. I challenge any of these simple minded people that treat the mentally ill, even within their own families with indifference, ignorance and view of "weakness" to live a day in my mind – ONE DAY would flatten you!

Yes, these comments got me fired up. It is sickening enough to read stories about people that are so alone, so enveloped by their illness that they have been killed by it – it is quite another to read ignorant and hurtful comments by people that cloak themselves behind religion and dogma to attack another human being's tragedy. I would much rather stand before God as Michael Blossil or Andrew Koenig than I would anyone of those who have so blatantly disparaged a family and a life under the name of GOD!