ELITES CONTINUE THEIR CRACKUP

Last week Catholic League president William Donohue listed the anti-religious commentary that many cultural elites offered in the aftermath of the election. Here are some new ones:

- *In today's New York Times, Gary Hart proclaims, "There is a disturbing tendency to insert theocratic principles into the vision of America's role in the world."
- *DeWayne Wickham of *USA Today* frets, "Putting God in the public square runs the risk of turning our democracy into a theocracy."
- *Miami Herald writer Leonard Pitts Jr. warns that social conservatives are "the soldiers of the new American theocracy."
- *Ellen Goodman of the *Boston Globe*, always fearful of morality, says people like her "don't want their country racked by the fundamentalist religious wars we see across the world."
- *Another worried soul, author Barbara Ehrenreich, argues we are polarized because of "Christian fundamentalism."
- *Syndicated columnist Byron Williams sounds the alarms by noting we are moving "closer to a theocracy."
- *Tony Kushner, the anti-Catholic playwright, believes we now have "a kind of unholy alliance between theocracy and plutocracy."
- *Cynthia Tucker, an editorialist with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, blames "black churchgoers" for using the Bible "as a bludgeon" against gays, saying "homophobia" now "oozes across lines of color."
- *Similarly, a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial says the

rejection of gay marriage means "the old bigotry against homosexuals has not abated."

NOTE: Thus do our cultural elites prove once again why they are known as "a herd of independent thinkers."