THESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE A SERIOUS GAMBLING PROBLEM.

Ralph Reed
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For years, they've stood at the pinnacle of power in this country, spouting pieties while delivering to the Bush-Cheney White House and its corporate friends, the votes of millions of their followers. Now James Dobson, Lou Sheldon and Ralph Reed find themselves exposed as base hypocrites, knee-deep in the muck of the Jack Abramoff scandal.

“Gambling – all types of gambling – is driven by greed and subsists on greed.”
– James Dobson 2006

This is the same James Dobson whose voice you could have heard on radio commercials paid for by Jack Abramoff’s Indian casino clients. These casinos gave millions to Jack Abramoff to limit competition. Lou Sheldon, or “Lucky Louie” as Abramoff called him, heads the Traditional Values Coalition which received thousands of dollars to oppose a Federal bill that would have limited online betting.

“I need to start humping in corporate accounts.”
– Ralph Reed 1998

Ralph Reed wrote those words to Jack Abramoff. His prayers were answered. In 1999 he received over $1 million from Abramoff’s client, The Choctaw Indians. During 2001 and 2002, he got $4 million from Abramoff and his partners. All to promote the gambling interests of casinos.

Dobson, Reed and Sheldon have formed an unholy alliance with the Bush Administration to wage war against our Constitution, to intrude in our personal lives. They led the fight to involve government in the Terry Schiavo case. They’re among the leading opponents of stem cell research. All the time, they must have been betting they wouldn’t get caught taking their thirty pieces of silver and selling out the millions who believed in them. They were wrong.

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