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How can a "Born Again Christian" sit and watch two men Kick Box, and it not bother them as being brutal, cruel, blood thirsty, and barbaric? When one beats another all over the ring, blood pouring out, perspiration flowing, exhausted, rubber kneed – should this not bother the Christian, who is supposed to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Likewise, how does one get a thrill from watching two Pit Bulls, or two roosters, fight until death comes to the other? When entrails are becoming exposed and cries of pain being heard from the injured animal, is this not inhuman, immoral, and anti-Christian? When God created animals and told man to have dominion over them was this what He had in mind? (Genesis 1)

Has our Christian nation regressed to the place where we are growing into the Barbaric views of the Roman Empire? Have our Christian leaders grown silent about these disgusting sports due to fear of losing church members, because so many are partaking of the sports of the day? Will we soon be seeing the returning of the gladiators where men and women "fight to the death" in amphitheatres where the crowds cried out, "More, More, More"?

Is it any wonder that our nation is seeing an increasing number of "Humane Societies" emerging? I Thessalonians 5:22 says, "Avoid every appearance of evil". Also, Matt 7:12 say "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you....". What shall we do?

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