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As my family and congregation are well aware, I am a monster movie maestro. In fact, I am protesting these new Twilight vampire movies. They are disgusting. After all, everyone knows that real vampires and real werewolves don't date the same girl. This is a travesty that must be addressed by the horror scholars of this generation, otherwise millions of young kids will grow to adulthood thinking that Twilight movies are as accurate as Bram Stoker's Dracula.

London's Mary Shelly, on the other hand, is one of our world's greatest contributors of the truth. In 1818 she wrote about one of the most iconic monsters in world history. Victor Frankenstein, a student of physiology, conducted an exotic experiment, which, if successful, would "imbue inanimate bodies with life." His work, however, created a monster.

As we all know, the Frankenstein monster wreaks the most havoc on its creator. Today, when we use the expression, "a Frankenstein monster", we are suggesting that an individual was squashed by his or her own doing. Dr. Frankenstein's major mistake was somehow giving life to the monster. Mary Shelly does not say exactly how Dr. Frankenstein was able to "create", but we are told it was a scientific process called "galvanism."

When we engage in uncivil behavior, we create our own monster. Congress is slowly but surely bringing its own monster called acrimony to life, albeit in an unscientific manner. This Congressional Frankenstein now needlessly obstructs the goodwill and statesmanship of this body. There should be little question that together we soar, divided we sink.

Warmest regards,

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