



Episode 892: North Korea and the Nuclear Showdown

Guest: Michael Malice

WOODS: I've had people for a long time saying, "When are you going to get Malice back on to talk about North Korea?" Well, today is their lucky day. You are indeed back to talk about North Korea. Let's say a little something before we do about a little announcement you have pertaining to your book on this subject that I just told people about.

MALICE: *Dear Reader* is now – you've all been asking me because apparently a lot of libertarians and freedom lovers and conservatives are illiterate. But yes, the book is finally out on audio. I did not do the narration because I do not think my voice would be appropriate. I am extremely pleased with the audiobook. It's very true to how I wrote it. And that's the other thing that's really kind of creepy, is when you write a book in the first person, you're kind of hearing the character come out of your head, so to hear it come out of my speaker as much as I had written it is a very bizarre experience, I've got to say.

WOODS: Yeah.

MALICE: So I'm very pleased. Go to Audible, get it if you haven't got – and it's more pertinent than ever. So part of the reason I wrote the book, as you know, was so people could be informed about North Korea, because other than me no one in the press seems to know what they're talking about because it's hard to do your homework on the subject, to be fair, and it's very complicated, very idiosyncratic. It's not the same as Russia, not the same as Cuba, it's not the same as Syria or some of these other places, or Iran. It's its own unique animal, so I set up this book, wrote this book so someone can read it and really have an understanding of how they think and how they operate, because when you're talking about North Korea, it's like you're talking to Martians who are traveling in time. So not only is it alien thinking; it's also kind of anachronistic in many ways. It's very hard to understand and empathize with their point of view, which is not to justify it, but you have to know your enemy if you're going to expect to see what they're going to do next.

WOODS: Sure, so I urge people: check out this book and particularly the audiobook version. As Michael said, you can get it on Audible, and in particular, Audible has a deal if you're not yet a member, you get your first audiobook with them for free, and if you decide that you don't want to continue with Audible, they let you keep the audiobook for free. And even if you get the free audiobook, Michael still gets his royalties, so you don't have to feel guilty about it at all. And in fact, you can –

MALICE: You scared me for a second there [laughing].

WOODS: That's right, no, you are still getting your — believe me, I know, because I've been pushing people to get one of my books on audiobook because I still get the royalty. And then *The Tom Woods Show* gets a commission if you use TomWoodsAudio.com to grab *Dear Reader*. So we're all going to be happy. You're going to have a free book; I'm going to get a commission; Michael's going to be happy; we're all going to be happy. It's just fantastic. Even Audible will be somewhat happy.

MALICE: Although I promise after you're done reading *Dear Reader* you won't be happy, because North Korea is so much worse than people realize.

WOODS: No, that is true. That's the one aspect of it that you won't be happy about. But check it out at TomWoodsAudio.com. Let's talk about current events, super, super current, like right here in the news.

MALICE: Yes.

WOODS: Up to now, what we know is that the North Korean regime is characterized by wild statements and over the top statements, and generally the U.S. seems to have dealt with these things as diplomatically as possible, not to the point of opening relations and having talks, but well, they understand — in other words, we haven't seen anything quite like what Trump has done, and I want to know what you feel about this change — it's clearly a change in American policy to be that confrontational with North Korea.

MALICE: Well, I don't think it's necessarily a change in American policy in and of itself; it's a change in Chinese policy, because the big issue with North Korea is North Korea and South Korea are divided by the DMZ, the ironically titled Demilitarized Zone, which is actually the most militarized border on Earth, complete with landmines, tunnels, and all sorts of other things. However, the border between North Korea and China, the Tumen River, is very easy to cross, and China doesn't want 24 million people who have never seen a computer, who don't speak Chinese crossing that river and setting up camp in Manchuria. So for years, they've been the one to — you know, people think that China likes having North Korea there, and in one sense they like having a buffer between China and South Korea as an anti-American thing, but they are trying to have prestige on the world stage, they're trying to be a rival super power to the States. They don't need to be defending these kinds of provocations and almost barbaric behavior and boorish behavior.

So very clearly when the Chinese president met with President Trump in Mar-a-Lago, this was the big issue on the table, and they must have had some very frank discussions, and I'm sure that's part of the reason why Trump went back on his pledge to brand him a currency manipulator. This might have been a tit for tat, because they're clearly working together to finally resolve this issue, thank God.

WOODS: All right, so you actually — so how do you feel about this then? You're pro — you're in favor of the Trump posture?

MALICE: I'm in favor of freeing the North Korean people. I mean, these are 24 million hostages. They've been hostages for 70 years. It's been getting worse and worse over the decades. I mean, the horror stories fill my book and they continue. Thankfully, there's less and less faith in the government by the North Korean citizenry as they find out more about the outside world, and China was the last holdout, as I said, for earlier reasons. So it's not that Trump – the Trump posturing is nothing new. I mean, President Bush put them on the Axis of Evil because he didn't want to have three Muslim countries on that axis; he just grabbed them at random.

WOODS: But yeah, okay, but that's why, not because he was really paying them much heed, right?

MALICE: Well, he was paying them much heed in the sense that he had read this book called *The Aquariums of Pyongyang*, which was the first Western expose of the concentration camp system on a large scale. And he read it and it really shook him. And frankly, anyone who reads this book is going to be shaken by what it's like in these concentration camps, to be fair. However, the idea that they're somehow in cahoots or analogous to Iran or Iraq is nonsense. I mean, they do have relations with them in the sense that, like, we both hate America – and this is discussed in their propaganda in my book – but the idea that it's an axis, which is a mathematical, you know, line comparing three things, is nonsensical.

WOODS: The stakes are pretty high here, though. Nobody denies that it must be a horrifying nightmare to live in North Korea and live in these terrible conditions and live under that regime, but the stakes are extraordinarily high. I mean, we're hearing things like nuclear war could break out at any moment. I mean, this is not a small thing; this is – so nothing short of brinksmanship could be the solution?

MALICE: Well, this is what's kind of scary to me in the press, where they're like, Oh, can North Korea hit the U.S., can North Korea hit the U.S.? North Korea can easily hit Seoul, the capital of South Korea, which has 10 million people. Now, granted, if you want to be a complete sociopath, you'd say I'd rather they hit Seoul than Los Angeles. Fine. That's technically true. The idea that we want a mushroom cloud and 10 million bodies, that's the nightmare scenario, nonsensical scenario, and they absolutely have that capability right now. They've had it for years.

So the problem is if you look, first of all, as people in the anarchist school point out all the time, when these regimes give up their nuclear weapons programs, just like in Libya, the leaders themselves get personally killed. It's the last thing that – It was the United States that introduced nuclear weapons to the Korean peninsula in the '50s. We took them out in the '90s. So they have a point when they say, "You guys started this and this is us in defense." However, now that they have them, I don't know what it would take to get them to give them up, because Kim Jong-un will probably be shot – and with good reason. These people should all be shot. I mean, I don't know if crimes against humanity, if that's the good legal term; it's kind of like this victor's justice. But these are murderers and monsters who starve children for political purposes.

WOODS: What does South Korean opinion say about the current situation? Do they think Trump is over the top, or what?

MALICE: Well, South Korea has decreasingly been interested in North Korea. It's a very sad situation. So when North Korean refugees make their way to South Korea – and since you can't cross the DMZ they have to go through China, make sure they're not caught in China because then they're repatriated. So they either go China to Mongolia and Mongolia to Seoul, or China to, you know, and they go through the Southeast Asian countries. And everyone from North Korea who sets foot in South Korea or a South Korean embassy, which is considered South Korean soil, automatically becomes a citizen.

But once they're there, their accent is regarded as – the word I heard used was guttural. And I asked the refugee, I'm like, "What would be the American equivalent of a North Korean accent?" And they said someone from the very Deep South. Now, you know how city slickers treat people from the very Deep South. They hear them talk and they're contemptuous and dismissive, completely unfairly. So South Korea has – I don't know if it's currently the case, but as of very recently, it was the suicide capital of the world per capita, the plastic surgery capital of the world per capita. It's an extremely competitive society. And you have these people who have no education, who have nothing, who are short, and who have these kind of backwoods upbringing from the perspective of the South, and they're trying to make it there and it's extremely hard for them. So every time you overturn a rock looking at the North Korean situation, it's just more and more headache and misery.

WOODS: All right, let me ask you about a couple of things that have happened recently, where we feel like maybe behind the headlines there's a little bit more going on. For example, there was the U.S. strike in Syria. You talked about that on Kennedy; you were absolutely great and we don't have to talk about it here –

MALICE: Well, you can link to that on the show notes page.

WOODS: I could. If you remind me, I certainly will.

MALICE: Sure.

WOODS: Michael was absolutely top notch on this, as always. Did you see I linked to it on my social media? Facebook and Twitter, I put that video up.

MALICE: Well, did you see you and Matt Welch both did? And I put a screen capture together and I said –

WOODS: On Twitter, yeah, that's right.

MALICE: – I'm the big chance of liberty; I'm bringing all the factions together.

WOODS: It was a glorious moment. And then of course the so-called mother of all bombs dropped in Afghanistan.

MALICE: Right.

WOODS: So some people have suggested this was meant as a show of force really for North Korea more than anything else. That's one thing. The second thing is we had this missile launch failure in North Korea, and behind that headline some people are saying maybe the U.S. somehow sabotaged that. In either or both of those cases, do you think that the headline should just be taken at face value, or is there really all this other stuff going on?

MALICE: There's no question that President Trump knows a lot more about North Korea than the public knows, and frankly, that's how it should be because there's all — because North Korea is watching the news just as much as us. The other theory that hasn't been broadly promulgated but which I'm partial to is let's suppose you're North Korea and America is saying if you have this test, we're going in. Well, if you back down, then it's going to show weakness, but if you have the test, it's going to be an attack. What do you do? So you intentionally sabotage your launch as a public show of impotence but also to show that you're not backing down? So they are very, very crafty, and I wouldn't put that past them.

However, even if we did manage to sabotage them by hacking it somehow, that's also going to put fear into them, because that shows that we've kind of infiltrated them and then — You know, it's kind of like how the NSA is in many ways spookier than the cops. The fact that someone is listening to me on the phone and I don't know that they're there is a very different sense of fear than someone banging at your door. Because when someone's banging at your door, you can see the threat, you know what they are, whereas with someone listening on the phone, it's kind of like eerie. So that is something that is kind of very effective and it feeds into the paranoia in North Korea that is pervasive in this society, even to the very top. So that will be very, very healthy and very, very useful.

As for the first one, if that's the whole point about Syria and the mother of all bombs is to scare North Korea, that would be a brilliant move — if that is the consequence, as opposed to the harsh negatives that come with it.

WOODS: Okay, this is all interesting stuff I hadn't thought of, but I think the idea that they might have as a way of getting out of this impossible situation sabotaged their own launch would be hard to reconcile with the follow up pledge to launch weekly. They're not going to sabotage a weekly launch.

MALICE: Well, now they can be like, We're going to refuse to launch weekly once you start talking to us or accommodating us. So that is a threat that hasn't actually come through yet. That's just them saying — They've also threatened to blow up the world, you know. They haven't done that.

WOODS: No, they haven't, but on the other hand, it seems to me like, again, the stakes are so high; you really don't want to negotiate with somebody who could potentially do this, who could do all this unbelievable damage? We want to just take our chances that it's all a ruse?

MALICE: We're not taking our chances, but I'm saying — First of all, there's a lot of ruses. They're masters of bluffing. And they boast in their propaganda that they're bluffing, frequently, and that we can manipulate them. One example that they use is

they compare themselves to an anthill and an elephant, meaning we know that the anthill can't kill the elephant, but it can certainly push him in the direction that they want. So this is explicitly their strategy, number one.

Number two is, can you imagine the cost of launching a missile every week for a country that's that poor? It would be astronomical, and I think it would be absolutely absurd to think – there's no way that we're going to see them launching a missile into the ocean. That's not going to happen.

WOODS: All right, so how do you – let's put your prognosticator hat on. It's an unfair question, but how do you see this turning out?

MALICE: There was a quote by either Hemingway or Steinbeck that said, "How did you go bankrupt?" And the answer was, "Two ways. Gradually and then suddenly." So that is how this is going to go down. It's going to be some sort of overnight Romania Ceausescu situation or Soviet Union, where one day you have the regime and then next day they're gone. There's no – they can't really liberalize in incremental terms, because the population has been so manipulated and fed lies.

For example, their big foundation myth – Our foundation myth is that the Founding Fathers sat down, wrote some magic spells on a piece of paper, created the Constitution, and now it's this invisible entity that we all have to listen to. Their foundation myth is that the Great Leader, Kim Il-sung, after the U.S. imperialists – that's how we're referred to – started the Korean War, repelled the Yank devils from the northern half of the republic. So when refugees learned that it was in fact Kim Il-sung who started the Korean War, it's been described as akin to learning that FDR bombed the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. It totally blows your mind.

So if they have any kind of liberalism where people have access to outside – and this has been 70 years of these lies. If they have any access to outside information, the general population, the resentment and rage and hatred they would feel, it would be terrifying to behold and the regime would have extreme amounts of trouble keeping the people under control for the simple reason that it's not even one of these places where they can have like a military junta and the military's paid off and healthy and happy at the people's expense. The military's hungry even, so the military would not have the loyalty to the regime in that situation. So it would go – something very radical would happen very quickly.

WOODS: Well, I'm reading some text from an interview that Trump did on *Fox & Friends* just yesterday, and he's saying, "I don't want to telegraph what I'm doing or what I'm thinking. We'll see what happens. I hope things work out well. I hope there's going to be peace, but you know, we've been talking with this gentleman for a long time. Everybody's been outplayed. They've all been outplayed by this gentleman, and we'll see what happens." And then they asked him, Well, what if North Korea tested another missile? And Trump simply said, "We'll find out."

MALICE: Right.

WOODS: All right, so he's not – whereas I do feel like under Obama, I did know what was going to happen. I think probably they were figuring we'd just bide our time with this guy. I think that more or less was their policy, right?

MALICE: Yeah, North Korea wasn't a priority for Obama, and in his defense, it's such a hard nut to crack that I don't blame him for being like, I don't know what to do here and I can't even begin to wrap my head around it – especially given the fact that most leftists are far more concerned with domestic policy and increasing the welfare state as opposed to kind of foreign adventurism, especially in recent years. So I mean, it's unfortunate that that happened, but yeah, he was treading water for eight years. I don't think there were any major developments vis-a-vis America and North Korea, and I think it's to Trump's great credit, frankly, that one of his first priorities was to sit down with the Chinese president and say we're finally putting a stop to this. And somehow – or maybe it was China that kind of had the overtures; we don't know. But they're both like, All right, we're going to work together and this is the worst place on Earth and we're going to figure something out.

WOODS: I have heard it speculated that it may in fact be the case that North Korea does not actually have nukes, that they say that the evidence shows that it just doesn't look like the strength is there to give us confidence that they actually have real nuclear weapons. What do you say to that?

MALICE: I think that's kind of nonsensical. So when Kim Jong-il had his choice of successors, according to the North Korean Ten Commandments – they have a constitution, but that's for show purposes only. Their actual guiding documents is the Ten Commandments of Kim Il-sung, the tenth commandment, which is, "Thou shalt continue the revolution through the generations until it's fulfilled," which means only a descendent of Kim Il-sung can be the leader.

So Kim Jong-il had three male children, or that he quasi-acknowledged, to choose from. The eldest was Kim Jong-man, who was just recently killed in that airport by a surprise attack. Kim Jong-man was passed over for the youngest son, Kim Jong-un, the current leader, because he told Kim Jong-il that he wants to denuclearize, that nuclear weapons are a big threat. And from Kim Jong-il's perspective, that's crazy because it was the nuclear weapons that was keeping North Korea in power, which is true.

So Kim Jong-man said publicly in interviews with Japanese reporters that they have nukes and that this was something that was a concern of his, so I don't see why he would have any reason to lie, especially because at that point, he was already in Macau in seclusion fearing for his life and being kind of in exile from North Korea, worrying that he was going to be killed at any moment, correctly.

WOODS: What would you do if you were in charge, if you were the U.S. president? What would you do?

MALICE: I would do what Mises said he would do.

WOODS: I know you would abdicate, but I'm talking about, let's just say that – or let's say Trump asked you, "Michael Malice, what should I do?"

MALICE: No, in all seriousness, I mean, this sounds like an evasive answer, but it's not. I am so sure that you and I – let's say me, who has studied this issue extensively. I only know a tiny percentage of what's really going on there, because, for example, when the Japanese prime minister, Koizumi, visited North Korea in 2002, the first Japanese prime minister to visit since World War II, to get that meeting set up, there were all sorts of meetings behind the scenes with people from North Korea who wouldn't even give their names. And so they had to have all of these things put into place, right?

So China knows so much about what's going on there; the U.S. government knows so much of what's going on there; we, you and I and the general population, know so little. So the first thing I would do is I would have to sit down and say, Okay, show me what you got. And second of all, I would just explain to him, like I did in my book, how these people think and how they operate, and I would point out the problems with each and every one of these possible scenarios.

The biggest issue is, as I pointed out on Kennedy, you have 100,000 to 200,000 people in these camps who are told that when the U.S. imperialists invade they're going to kill you all and burn these camps down. Now, you might say that that's a sunk cost and they're going to get killed regardless, but that's something that you have to consider. So it's – and the fact is, they've been told, the population has been told that since the '50s – You know, the Korean War was devastating to Korea. You had Russia and China in the North, you had the U.S. and the UN in the South, and Korea's in the middle and they got kind of wiped out.

And their point is the U.S. imperialists are going to reinvade and kill you all as soon as we drop our guard and they've just been biding their time. The only thing keeping them at bay is our Supreme Commander Kim Jong-un. So if we start striking, they could be like, Look, they're back. This is what we've been warning you about. And the entire population would be ready to take up arms and die for the sake of their leader, like they've been taught since they were children. And it wouldn't even be that crazy, because we actually would be attacking.

WOODS: So on the one hand, I think you feel like this regime is such a moral abomination that if you could do something to accelerate its demise, then that thing ought to be done.

MALICE: Ought to is a big word. I would like to see it – if I had one wish, it would be that this regime vanish from the face of the Earth. Literally one wish, that would be it.

WOODS: Now, in this case, I'm not saying I necessarily advocate this, but this would be different from – let's say you somehow were able to dislodge this regime. I wouldn't be as concerned about the after effect, because it would basically be a CIA-approved stooge who would take over, and if I lived in North Korea, I would take the CIA stooge by a million miles –

MALICE: 100%.

WOODS: – over the current regime. Yeah, so I'll take that.

MALICE: 100%.

WOODS: Whereas in Syria, it would be, I know it's going to be somebody terrible and somebody who can't possibly be controlled, and it would be a nightmare for everybody involved. I know that for a fact. I don't feel like that would really be the case here, right?

MALICE: They just want food, homes, roads, and schools. They are not – they are the victims of the ideology; they're not proponents of the ideology. And I mean, look at South Korea. South Korea has the highest per capita income level of any place in Asia as of recently. They're not – I mean, South Korea and us sometimes have rivalries and they might dislike some things America does, but they are our hardcore allies and North Korea would very quickly – even China. I mean, wouldn't you rather have like a mini China than another Syria? I mean, it's a very easy answer. And again, you have people who are fleeing North Korea into China, women who are being sold into sex slavery, and just all sorts of nightmarish stuff. So yeah, it would not be analogous to Syria whatsoever. You're not going to have North Koreans – The only North Koreans that engaged in terrorism did so under the auspices of the regime. They did this repeatedly. This was why North Korea was on the state-sponsored terrorism list. But now they – they're hungry. They just want education, you know what I mean? I mean, this is a Maslow's hierarchy of needs issue. It's not some sort of, you know, "we want to rule the world" issue.

WOODS: Would you say that the regime is probably one way or another got to collapse of its own weight at some point?

MALICE: The regime already collapsed in the '90s. In the '90s, the food distribution center stopped working. However, since the government provides everything in North Korea, if you said, "Where's the food?" you got in legal trouble, because that's criticizing the government. Kim Jong-ill – and I talk about this in my book – intentionally let up to over a million people starve to death because he said if we give them food not through the government, through the UN, they won't need the government anymore. So when the government is not capable of providing food, education, and infrastructure – the railway system broke down too because there was no gasoline – that is regime collapse. And they're still there.

So when regimes collapse, it's not like they literally vanish from the face of the Earth and turn to dust, but there was a complete breakdown of lawfulness. And the sick part is those who believed in the government and were most loyal to the regime were the ones to starve first, because they're like, It's going to be fine; it's going to be fine. It's the cynical ones who started to steal and to go to China and break the law and to do all sorts of "illegal things" to do what they needed to survive that managed to live. So that's even more how twisted this country is, that they rewarded loyalty by death via starvation.

WOODS: Well, back here in the United States, we have a president who campaigned on a slogan of "America first," and what we're seeing so far is he's now, if anything, more supportive of what Saudi Arabia is doing in Yemen; we've got the strike in Syria; we've got NATO troops making their way into the Baltic states, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania; you've got calls by the U.S. commanding general in Afghanistan for more troops there; we've got U.S. troops returning to Somalia; and we've got saber rattling over North Korea. This is a bit much.

MALICE: Well, how great would it be if part of the deal with China is we liberate North Korea and then we get all of our troops out of Korea? Great. Love it. Wouldn't you love that?

WOODS: I would love that. I would be okay – I would say that's a reasonable deal.

MALICE: Yeah.

WOODS: But yet, the problem is any time – Well, it seems to me any time you speculate that behind the scenes there's some master plan going on, there never is. We're always overestimating the intelligence and abilities of our people in charge. It just seems to be always the case.

MALICE: Sure.

WOODS: Like for example, even if there would be some strategy like in the Ron Paul campaign that I just could not understand, I was always told, "No, no, it's part of some big master plan." But couldn't it just be a bad decision by somebody? It was never that. It was always a big master plan. So with Trump, a lot of his diehard supporters are saying, "Now, listen, Woods, don't you worry here. He knows what he's doing. He's got a master plan." But yet, what it looks to me kind of is something a little bit more prosaic at work, that he's surrounded by people who are influencing him in a bad direction and he's moving in that direction.

MALICE: I hear you, but my reason why I don't know that I'd agree is because I am fairly certain – and I think this is kind of indisputably true – that China has been thinking about this situation long and hard because it's right on their border and that they probably came to Trump with a plan, and he probably edited a little or just green lit it. So I don't think this is Trump's plan; I think this is China's plan.

WOODS: Interesting, interesting. And do you think China is seeking some kind of a rapprochement with Trump, who spent half the campaign denouncing them?

MALICE: Yeah, I mean, they've already gotten it. Right away he's turning his back on calling them currency manipulators. He's treated them – I mean, you saw how he spoke about them during the campaign. He treated the Chinese president very warmly at Mar-a-Lago. They by all accounts got along famously. Don't you think that in all the footage and all the media reports he came off much harder against Angela Merkel than against the Chinese president?

WOODS: Yeah, yeah, no question about it.

MALICE: And during the campaign, he spoke against China – there's even a little montage of him saying "China." It was "China, China, China, China, China." He didn't like Germany's migrant policy, with good reason, but I don't think he took any swipes at Germany particularly or Angela Merkel. But you saw – I mean, they did shake hands earlier. That's kind of a mistaken thing. They shook hands at the press conference, but the body language and the tone and the look on her face as opposed to the Chinese president's, it was night and day.

WOODS: Yeah, yeah, that's an interesting insight. Well, I guess –

MALICE: And think about it. If he pulls off something with North Korea and ends this regime, this man deserves the Peace Prize every year for the rest of his life.

WOODS: Are you not concerned that if he does that, then that becomes the justification for every intervention from now until the end of time?

MALICE: I have no concerns bigger than freeing the people of North Korea, and there's always going to be – Look, Tom, do you really think they're going to need to find some rationalization? There will always be a rationalization. Come on.

WOODS: Ah, I don't know. I worry about this. They'll say, Look, everything is just as easy as this. This was easy.

MALICE: They will always say that anyway. They'll say that anyway, Tom. There's no way this is going to be easy, by the way. There's no way.

WOODS: Well, I guess we just have to wait and see, right? There's no – this is not like my episodes no history, where we say, Okay, this happened, and wasn't that interesting? Thanks for coming.

MALICE: And while you're waiting, you can read *Dear Reader*.

WOODS: Yes. That is easy. Now that's the way to wrap things up.

MALICE: Yeah, and catch up and be where everyone else is and understand what's going on there.

WOODS: So first of all, if you're an audiobook type, go to TomWoodsAudio.com and type in "Dear Reader." Get that baby for free for yourself. If you are the old fashioned type and you like to read it and have that thing in your hands physically, what is the best way to get the book?

MALICE: It's on Amazon. And it's on Kindle and you can get the paperback as well.

WOODS: Okay, I didn't know if you wanted us to go to your site or not.

MALICE: No, no, no, just go to the links on the show notes page.

WOODS: Yeah, okay, TomWoods.com/892 will have a link to Michael's book, both the audio version and the print. And is there a Kindle version?

MALICE: Yes, there is.

WOODS: And the Kindle version. That'll all be there. And then also, make sure and watch this clip from Michael on Kennedy. It's not just on Syria; it's on several topics. But this is why he's the best – he's the guy on TV that you want to watch. If you're on your way out the door to go somewhere, you have to say, "Wait a minute, hold on, I'll be out in a minute," when Michael's on.

MALICE: And they cut my Casey Anthony joke, so –

WOODS: Yeah, but I saw that on Twitter, right? Did you tweet that joke out? Yeah.

MALICE: Yes, I did tweet that joke, yeah.

WOODS: Was it just because they thought it was in poor taste?

MALICE: They never tell me why they cut anything; I just get home and all of a sudden there's like a sudden pause in what I'm saying, and I'm like, Oh, darn it.

WOODS: Oh, that's terrible. That was a good one.

MALICE: Yeah, it was, yeah.

WOODS: Should you tell – do you think it's suitable for *The Tom Woods Show*, or would we have to put a "mature" marking on it, or what?

MALICE: Well, we'll have to ask the host. What does the host think?

WOODS: Host thinks it's a funny joke, so if you're offended by it, then go jump in a lake.

MALICE: Well, the head of *Mother Jones* magazine, which is a far left magazine, said that we shouldn't name Tomahawk missiles after Native Americans because it's offensive, and I said, "Well, we should name them Casey Anthony missiles because they are used to kill children."

WOODS: Yeah, that's a Michael Malice joke right there. Did you make that joke up?

MALICE: Of course.

WOODS: That is great. That is great.

MALICE: [laughing] Yeah, I'm glad you endorse Casey Anthony humor, Tom. How many kids do you have, five?

WOODS: Well, off the air – yeah, but the joke is implicitly against the killing of children, is it not?

MALICE: Correct, correct. And she was found innocent.

WOODS: Oh yeah, yeah, there is that. All right, well, look, not wanting to invite anymore of a lawsuit than I already have, I'm going to say it's always been a pleasure to talk to you, Michael Malice. TomWoods.com/892 is the Michael Malice smorgasbord where you can get the *Dear Reader* book in all sorts of varieties for your intellectual pleasure. Thanks, Michael.

MALICE: Thank you, Tom.