

## One Nation Under One God

The atheist challenge to the 'one Nation under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance was rejected on a technicality. Several Supreme Court Justices ruled that 'under God' was constitutional anyway because 'under God' can be any God, generic God, civic God, whatever as long as it is not the Judeo-Christian God. The Justices are wrong – again. The United States of America is one Nation under one God. One God only. One God at a time.

America is under only one God at a time because a culture's concept of God is the moral-ethical framework for the civilization. The Nation is built on the civilization. A culture, civilization and nation can only have one set of ideas of what is right and wrong at a time. The concept can be the pagan god of human secularism, like in Nazi Germany, Communist Soviet Union, Communist China and Cuba. Our culture, American Civilization, and Nation has had one God since 1607 – the Judeo-Christian God.

The God in the Pledge of Allegiance is the same God named four times in the Declaration of Independence. The 52 Protestants, 1 Roman Catholic and 3 Deists signed the Declaration with only one God in mind. They beseeched in open prayer, commissioned chaplains to serve, and later cited by name in every state Constitution – the Judeo-Christian God.

There was no issue of whose God was the one God until an earlier Supreme Court banned prayer in public schools (1962). The Justices, then and now, willfully ignore important truths.

Separation of Denomination and State. The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment ban on establishing a church means denomination. Not world view. Not moral-ethical system. A Christian prayer in public does not establish a church. Only mandatory 'Catholic' or 'Methodist' prayers would establish a denomination as the official church. Furthermore, the amendment says the Federal government can not establish an official denomination. The State governments can and did. The State constitutions and their ratifications of the U.S. Constitution make explicit references to Christianity.

Legislatures Establish Tolerance. The states declared official state-churches and taxed citizens for support. The Massachusetts legislature was the last state to tax all citizens for the official denomination (1834). Virginia was the first legislature to mandate real religious tolerance (1786). The dis-establishment of state denominations (churches) was rightly done by The People through their legislatures.

Christianity isn't a Church or a Denomination. The mere mention of Judeo-Christian God in the Ten Commandments, in public prayer, in symbols like the cross doesn't establish a church. People who go to real churches know the difference. Yet, the judicial tyrants rule that speaking about God by public officials, in public writing, on symbols in public places is unconstitutional and illegal. But, cursing the same God, blaspheming His Bible, and paying public funds to desecrate Christian symbols is constitutionally

protected speech.

Thank God, It's This God. Today's Virginia Constitution specifies 'christian' tolerance of religion. 'Christian' means specific thinking and experience – the world view and moral-ethical framework – that comes from only One God, but not a single church (denomination). Precisely because 'Christian' means our particular English, Protestant, Enlightenment, Judeo-Christian worldview, Americans of all religions are the most free in the world.

Worldviews at War. The Ten Commandments are the basis of the Judeo-Christian worldview. That worldview was our American plumb line for right and wrong – for all laws – federal, state, and local. Likewise, it was the standard for all behavior, public and personnel, until the Second American Civil War (ACW II) started in the 1960s. ACW II is a conflict about ideas. The fight pits secular humanists (a.k.a. Liberal Pagans) with their sissy Christian apostate allies against believing Christians and Jews. Liberals seek to silence Christian voices in public.

Cleansing Christians. Christians are supposed to shut up before the icon - 'separation of church and state'. Like Christian words alone impose beliefs. Christian speech alone is persecuted. Until the Anti-Christians are dragged to Sunday School, worship service, prayer meeting, and worst of all – church business meeting – the church and state are separate.

If the Liberals win ACW II, the Pledge of Allegiance will be God-free, just like the Nazis wanted Germany to be Jew-free. Already, government schools exalt the god of Human Secularism and ban the Judeo-Christian God. The Totalitarians of Tolerance will make America One Nation Under Their God. They just won't use his proper names – Baal, Asheroth, Self, Diversity, etc. America will be under one God or another. As for you and your house, whose God will you serve?

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