

## God or Nation?

Is Nation holy like God? Are they the same or different in sacredness? Individual Americans should consider the proper order of things as the Sovereigns of United States of America if we are to remain the Sovereigns and keep the Republic. We will choose one National destiny or another. How we discern between the sacred and the state reveals our world view, and more than anything else, will determine which destiny we follow and how well we survive, let alone succeed.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 the House of Representatives passed an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to make desecration of the American flag unlawful. Courts struck down flag protection laws as un-Constitutional restrictions on free speech. Likewise, the U.S. Congress passed legislation to make infanticide, called partial-birth abortion, unlawful. Courts struck down partial-birth abortion bans as un-Constitutional restrictions on an imaginary right for privacy. Yet, the U.S. Congress is utterly unwilling to pass a Constitutional Amendment to make murdering a healthy unborn baby illegal. Protect the cloth flag, but not the living unborn. Which is sacred - life or symbols? Both?

The Flag Amendment places a national symbol on a public pedestal of sacredness. Meanwhile, what is truly sacred – prayer and life – are abused by judges with impunity. Also, the historical truth may not be holy, but most holy of all history, Jesus Christ, said, “I am the truth.” Truth must be special if not sacred. (In fact, since one Commandment is “Thou shalt not lie”, the truth is sacred – belonging to God - indeed.)

Then, what does it mean if Americans may not damage the flag nor place the Ten Commandments inside a public place? Something is wrong.

Nothing is sacred unless it belongs to God. Nothing is worthy of worship below God. ‘Nation’ may stand second, even ahead of family and self-preservation, to demand loyalty, duty and treasure. But, Nation is not God, unless it is the Israel of the Bible – not today’s secular, socialist State. Likewise, the secular American State, GOTUS (Government of the United States) is not of God. America may be blessed as a Nation, a People, or as individual Americans, but the government and its symbols are not sacred. Important, but not holy.

Liberals are hysterical that the U.S. is becoming a Christian theocracy. The more likely danger is that the U.S. is becoming a Human Secular theocracy. Human Secularism is a religion despite the protests from Liberals that they are un-church, un-God, and a-religious. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Human Secularism is a religion. Which makes the cultural cleansing of Judeo-Christian history, symbols and laws by the courts to promote their own religion – Human Secularism - all the more ironic. Yet, sinister trumps irony.

Human Secularism is a modern Paganism. It worships the gods of small ‘g’ like race, class and gender(s), but the chief god is ‘self’. Elevating Nation into its pantheon, even if

it is our tenderly loved America, is wrong. Making the flag a graven symbol is wrong. Punching out a flag-burner is better, more personal and poetic justice. Fists exercise as much freedom of expression as the fire.

Tyrannical judges act like black-robed Priest-Kings for Human Secularism. Step by step they deny the God and Natural Law of the Declaration of the Independence. Judges made up when life begins, ends, and what is moral, right and wrong, during life. Judges legislate, appropriate money, enforce execution of their writs as law, limit political speech, and open property to unjust taking – despite the Constitution that expressly forbids such and gives the powers to the Federal Executive and, above all, the Congress and the States and individual citizens.

Judges don't want the Ten Commandments in public buildings, especially in court rooms, because The People might be reminded there is a higher authority and power than lawyers in costumes. The judges brook no challenges in their temples. The Judiciary doesn't want their equally political branch of government held in checks and balances by the other branches.

Congress should limit Court jurisdiction, as the Constitution empowers, on ridiculous rulings that a historical plaque establishes a church. The whole realm of establishment and free exercise of religion, like public prayer, can't be left to Pagan Priest-Kings. Conflict of interest. Finally, there is a Religious Freedom Amendment in Congress.

Also, Congress should limit the Court's jurisdiction on the family – birth, marriage and death – to keep what laws are needed at the appropriate place – in the state legislatures. Forget flag-burning. Focus on the right priority, please.

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