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“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” (Psalm 33:12)

“Although America is not God’s chosen people, she has obviously been blessed by the Lord because we have made His principles are guiding light. The further we push God away, the dimmer the light. Eventually, it will go out.” –Dave



So the war on Christmas has expanded to...wait for it...Charlie

Brown. And what is not so surprising to me is that I’ve been asking my wife how long it would be before the God-haters went after the show. Why? Because Linus, using his trusty blanket as a shepherd’s headpiece, quotes Luke 2. Oh the horror!

Todd Starnes of FOXNews [reports](#) that the Arkansas Society of Freethinkers oppose the fact that “Students at Terry Elementary School in Little Rock had been invited to attend an upcoming performance of ‘Merry Christmas Charlie Brown’ at Agape Church.” The students’ play is an adaptation of Charles Schultz’ annual classic “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

My spiritual spidey senses began tingling when I heard that a school in Arkansas was being attacked by God-haters because of some research I’m doing for an upcoming book. I found that the two states with the largest percentage of traditional evangelicals, double

the national average, are Oklahoma, and yes, neighboring Arkansas. Coincidence? There are no coincidences in the realm of spiritual warfare.

And what possibly could be these “Freethinkers” reason for opposing a school being invited, under a voluntary basis, to attend a church play? Yep, their ace-in-the-hole, separation of church and state. Anne Orsi, vice president of the closed-minded group, protests, “This isn’t about Charlie Brown or Christmas. It’s about the separation of church and state. We must be sensitive to that and never allow public schools to promote one brand of religion over any other.”

No Ms. Orsi, it is about Christmas and more specifically Christianity. Something tells me that if the local mosque had invited the school to attend a play depicting the Prophet Mohammed marrying Aisha his child wife, there would have been silence coming from the Freethinkers.

It is time to come to the aletheia truth about what the First Amendment meant and to what it applies, and what churches and citizens should do. Please read on.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



What did the Framers of the Constitution have in mind when it came to the establishment clause of the First Amendment? Was it to keep religion out of government, or government out of religion? Were they protecting the government from religion or religion from government?

"...it is contrary to the principles of reason and justice that any should be compelled to contribute to the maintenance of a church with which their consciences will not permit them to join, and from which they can derive no benefit; for remedy whereof, and that equal liberty as well religious as civil, may be universally extended to all the good people of this commonwealth." George Mason, Father of the Bill of Rights, from the preamble of his bill to end the practice of forcing dissenters to pay contributions to the established Anglican Church, 1776.

There are many great sources available on the insistence and establishment of a Bill of Rights during the ratification of the US Constitution. I highly recommend David Barton's [article](#) "James Madison and Religion in Public" to get an in-depth look at all the key players and issues involved in specifically the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

The Bill of Rights were fashioned by those of the Commonwealth of Virginia and too much credit is given to James Madison for writing the first ten amendments of the Constitution. However it was George Mason who deserves the most credit. One year before his death, Thomas Jefferson wrote:

"The fact is unquestionable, that the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution of Virginia, were drawn originally by George Mason, one of our greatest men, and of the first order of greatness."

George Mason not only fought for the rights of religious dissenters, but he also fought for the rights of religious adherents. He believed that man had a right to worship God or not dependent upon his own conscience and that the establishment of a national religion was a gross violation of the inalienable right to pursue happiness.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Much is said about the ‘separation of Church and State.’ Our forefathers mentioned the concept because of the bad experience they had with the Church of England being told what to do from the higher ups at a national level. But they never dreamed some would twist it to say the church had to stay out of the state, just the other way around.” Pastor Jerry Shirley, Grace Baptist Church, Decatur, IL.

As a member of The Truth Watch, you know very well what Pastor Shirley said in his sermon earlier this year is the aletheia truth. I would love to hear what the Freethinkers would have to say about what a Founding Father, and the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Jay had to say about Christians in government:

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

The only way the secularist humanists can oppose Chief Justice Jay’s words is to outright reject them. That has been the modus operandi of the God-haters; rewrite our history and besmirch the honor and reputation of our Founding Fathers.

And for too long the Church has stood by and took it. Too many pastors hide under their pulpits for fear of losing their “tax-exempt status” and getting wobbly-kneed because of the bullying threats from the like of the ACLU and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. Bullies are only successful if the bullied given in to their scare tactics.

Instead of cowering in the dark corners of our churches and Christian ghettos, we who are called Overcomers should never shirk from persecution, what little we actually face, and embrace it as a blessing:

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:11-12)

Instead of worrying about the temporal tax-exempt status here on earth, pastors and their flock should be more concerned about Jesus’ promise of rewards in heaven.

TO THE STREETS

WE the Church must face down this bullying once and for all. My dad taught me the only way to deal with a bully when they push you around is to bash them in the nose with your balled-up fist as hard as you can. Of course I am not advocating violence with the God-haters, but I am advocating taking them head on. But as we do so, we do it without vitriol or hatred. We use the truth in love to stand our ground. We also need to help out those organizations that are on the forefront fighting for our 1st Amendment rights. Here are some suggestions:

1. [Contact](#) the ACLU and tell them that you are sick and tired of them attacking Christmas and Christianity and you are joining an Army of believers to defeat them.
2. [Contact](#) Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and tell him that his organization does not represent Bible-believing Christians and that we The Truth Watch are going to oppose them on every battlefield.
3. Consider supporting one of the many organizations that fight the two above organizations in the public and legal arena. While each have their flaws, I recommend [Liberty Counsel](#), [The Rutherford Institute](#), or the [Thomas More Law Center](#). If you know of other organizations, please contact us and we will share that information with the rest of our members.
4. Take every opportunity that arises to educate your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors on the truth about the separation of church and state. A full two generations have passed since the 1947 Everson v Board of Education Supreme Court case set this vile precedent of forbidding religious activity in the public arena.

Let us come to the rescue of our religious liberties. The Supreme Court, Congress, and past Presidents have failed to do so. This is why I supported Newt Gingrich for President. He planned on using the Constitution to forbid our religious freedoms from being trampled upon. WE the People, and specifically WE the Church, must pick up the banner and go into the fray.

Oh, and as you do so, be sure to wish the God-haters a “Merry Christmas.”

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