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“UNDER GOD” IN THE PLEDGE

WE WILL BE READY! - The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, otherwise known as the Nutty Ninth, has been sitting on atheist Michael Newdow’s lawsuit to remove “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance for more than a year. The case has actually been in the court for more than eighteen months. This is a new record, and many believe the court has been blocking the suit in hopes that a liberal president would appoint a liberal U. S. Attorney General.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Many believe that the atheistic left wingers on the 9th Circuit Court think a liberal Attorney General will not appeal their verdict against “under God” in the Pledge to the Supreme Court. If they get their way, there will be nine states including California, Hawaii, Alaska and Oregon, in which both children and adults will be forbidden to mention God when they say the Pledge to the flag. The court could order those who say “under God” in the Pledge in public to serve jail time.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is also holding back its ruling on another Newdow lawsuit, this one to find the motto of the United States unconstitutional. There is no doubt in the mind of legal scholars that the court will rule the national motto unconstitutional. Again, if the new Attorney General appointed by Barack Obama does not appeal the case to the Supreme Court, the motto will be outlawed in nine western states. Because the 9th Circuit is a federal court, it could order the national motto removed from all federal buildings and prohibit federal employees from using “In God We Trust” in any public forum.

President-elect Barack Obama has selected Eric Holder to head the Justice Department. This ultra liberal will be the next Attorney General of the United States! Holder served as deputy to Attorney General Janet Reno and he ran the day-to-day operations of the Justice Department under her. It was Holder who prepared the list of “dangerous right-wing” religious organizations for Reno. Janet Reno and Holder believed that conservative Christian churches and organizations were a threat to America and that radical Islam was not. Thus it is likely that Holder will not appeal a 9th Circuit verdict against “under God” and “In God We Trust” to the Supreme Court.

Regardless of what Eric Holder does as Attorney General, we must be ready to fight any 9th Circuit Court rulings against “under God” in the Pledge in the public arena and in Congress. The day after the 9th Circuit Court rulings against “under God” in the Pledge - and trust me they will find “under God” unconstitutional - we must take action.

At the Religious Freedom Coalition we are ready to put up a fight for “under God” in the Pledge and for our national motto “In God We Trust.” We are in the process of setting up a special “social networking” Internet site to organize younger conservative Christians. This site will allow Christian adults of all ages to band together in local groups to pressure congressmen and Senators to take action against the 9th Circuit decision.

We have other means ready to go to fight to protect the Pledge of Allegiance!

We have the phone numbers of 100,000 conservative Christian families that we can call the day after the Court finds “under God” unconstitutional. After years of obtaining petitions to save “under God” in the Pledge we also have the names and addresses of tens of thousands of people who love the Lord and who love our nation and want the Pledge to remain with the words “under God” in it. We have the people and the plans ready to go to contact tens of thousands of families and ask them to urge their congressmen and Senators to protect “under God” in the Pledge.

My book, *The Pledge: One Nation Under God*, is still available and details the arguments to keep “under God” in the Pledge. The book is available at www.pledgeundergodbook.com. If you don't have a copy, please get one to prepare yourself to write letters to the editor and to write to your congressman and Senators.

If we stick together, and if we act the same day the 9th Circuit Court renders their ruling against “under God” in the Pledge and against our national motto, we can win.

THE PRESIDENCY

MUSLIM CLERIC'S MESSAGE TO OBAMA - "You, Obama, are among those who have pledged before Allah - Allah who created you, sustained you, and brought you to this position - to be a Muslim who believes that Allah is the one God, especially since you have some kind of roots in Islam. Convert to Islam, and you will be saved. All glory and honor lie in following Allah and His messenger Mohammed. Know that the true religion is the religion of Islam, and all other religions are fabricated religions, which are null and void - religions that were abrogated by the shari'a of Mohammed. ..."

The rest of the message tells Obama there are those ready to fight to the death against him if he doesn't publicly convert to Islam. Barack Obama is getting his first lesson in what real Islam is about even before he walks into the Oval Office and sits down. Obama was raised in a communist home that was anti-American. He attended a liberal private school in Hawaii and then attended Harvard, a far left university. The world view he was taught is that all “religions” are equal and that all concepts of God are equal. Like other “religious” liberals he calls Christianity “my heritage” rather than “my faith.” He has no understanding that Islam is a socio-political system with a goal of conquering the entire planet and enslaving those who do not believe in their sociopathic “religion.” When men and women under his command and innocent civilians die, maybe, just maybe, he will begin to understand what it is he is really dealing with.

OBAMA AND RICK WARREN? - President-elect Obama is in a lot of hot water with the homosexuals who gave him millions of dollars during his campaign. His pick of Pastor Rick Warren to give the invocation at his inauguration has homosexuals hot, angry and calling names. To them freedom of speech is anything they agree with and nothing else. Others are not allowed to speak.

Homosexual groups with the help of CNN and other liberal news outlets have mounted what can only be called a crusade to have Obama select someone else ... Maybe Obama could get his old pastor Jeremiah Wright to give his famous “God D---- America” message at the Inauguration.

OBAMA AND GORE - Barack Obama has already put plenty of pro-abortion people in key places of his staff. Could it get worse? Yes it can. This week Barack Obama met with Al Gore. It is Al Gore who wants to destroy what is left of the American economy by forcing American industry to buy carbon credits costing billions of dollars a year, from nations such as Russia that have vast forests. The two huddled for hours figuring out how to make America "green." Green being defined as broke.

THE CONGRESS

CONGRESS AND THE CHRISTMAS TREE - Following a Christmas tree lighting ceremony that included traditional Christmas carols played by a U.S. Air Force band, my good friend Rev. Rob Schenck thanked Speaker Nancy Pelosi for keeping, "Christmas" at the US Capitol. He was referring to the traditional Christian hymns and the reference to the tree as a Christmas tree. Speaker Pelosi responded to him that she had been "mugged" for doing so. Rev. Schenck was shocked by her answer and asked if he had heard her correctly, and she repeated the comment that she had "gotten mugged" for allowing real Christmas carols. The Speaker was admitting that she had paid a political price for allowing the Christmas celebration to go on. The politically correct in the Democrat party were clearly unhappy with her. If only she could go one step further and see God in the little babies she favors aborting.

WAR ON CHRISTMAS - I APPEAR ON FOX AND FRIENDS - The same week that Speaker Pelosi said she "got mugged" for allowing a real Christmas celebration, I appeared on *Fox and Friends* which is the morning show viewed by millions of people on the Fox News Network. The subject was the continuing war on Christmas, this time the removal of Christmas trees from a university library. I made the point that a few people should not have veto power on the views and traditions of others. The University of North Carolina library had removed the displays because of "complaints." In February, 2009 the same library will probably celebrate the 150th anniversary of Charles Darwin's *Origin of the Species* with a display. Will they take down that display if a Christian complains? Of course not.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN RIPS INTO SECRETARY RICE - At a press conference in December in which the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom designated Iraq a "Country of Particular Concern" Congressman Frank Wolf, a Republican, ripped into the Bush Administration and Secretary of State Rice. The congressman blamed the policies of Condoleezza Rice for enabling the persecution of Christians in Iraq. He said, ""We are spending billions of dollars and have shed the blood of some of this country's finest, and the U.S. government has not done a darn thing to protect the freedom and safety - forget freedom - the safety of Christians in Iraq. Secretary Rice has failed when it comes to this point."

Congressman Wolf went even further saying that Condoleezza Rice had done so poorly and that so much damage had been done to the Christians of Iraq that he was even glad to see Hillary Clinton taking over the post of Secretary of State under the Obama Administration. Congressman Wolf said he believed Hillary Clinton would do a better job and even assist the Iraqi Christians in reestablishing themselves in Iraq. Although Christians were only 4% of the population they are nearly 40% of the refugees, said Congressman Wolf

OUR CULTURE

PAUL WEYRICH DIES - My good friend and a conservative icon died on Thursday, December 18, 2009. I have been a part of the famed invitation only "Weyrich lunch" for more than a decade, and I came to know and love Paul not only for his views, but for his personal courage. He was on a first name basis with congressmen, senators and presidents. He continued to fight for social conservative views and common sense economic policies even after the loss of both his legs some years ago. While other conservative leaders in Washington accepted gay organizations and even pro-abortionists into the Republican Party, he held the line. Beside being one of the great conservative leaders of our time, he was also a deacon of his church. All conservatives, particularly this one, mourn his loss.

WAR ON CHRISTMAS - An 11-year-old student in Hattiesburg, Mississippi wrote a poem about Christmas that included a mention of the Lord, but his teacher insisted that mentioning Jesus was not allowed and asked him to write a new poem. After his parents complained, the principal of the school said the poem was accepted and the grade was fixed, but the teacher still refused to publish the child's poem with others. Many teachers' colleges indoctrinate those entering the field to believe that any public mention of God by anyone is unconstitutional. What is really unconstitutional is violating the rights of freedom of speech, press and religion as this teacher did.

SOME BATTLES WON - I noticed that both Lowes and Home Depot were selling "Christmas trees" in 2008. The year before, the two major retailers got lots of media coverage for selling "Holiday Trees." Oddly both stores had English / Spanish signs in 2007, and while the English said "Holiday Trees," the Spanish translated to "Tree of Merry Christmas." Apparently the public outrage and Christians' refusing to buy "Holiday trees" had some effect. In 2008 the banner at Lowes read "Christmas trees" and there was no Spanish translation.

INTERNATIONAL

IRAQI REFUGEE PROGRAM - Our outreach to Iraqi Christian refugees in Jordan continues. In December the Religious Freedom Coalition was able to transfer funds to Manara Ministries which operates the food program. The funds advanced will be used to purchase special Christmas time food baskets for Iraqi Christian families in need.

We have had some real problems with our feeding program for Iraqi Christian refugees in Amman, Jordan because of donation shortfalls. We are trusting in the Lord every month to assist as many Iraqi Christian refugees as we can. The economy is bad now and millions of Americans have lost their jobs and millions more have lost their savings to Wall Street greed and recklessness. Regardless of our situation in the United States, we are still 1,000 times better off than these Christian refugees. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please ask your Sunday School class to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer as refugees from Islamic terror in the Middle East.

HOPE SCHOOL - For more than a decade the Religious Freedom Coalition has stood by Hope School in Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. The small Christian charity school did well under Israel, but has faced serious problems since President Bill Clinton forced the handover of the area to the Palestinian Authority. All sorts of demands have been made on the school including the use of official public school textbooks that have Islamic verses in them. Now the Palestinian Authority is demanding thousands of dollars of "back taxes." This is an outrage in that Islamic schools are charged no taxes at all. This is just one more step to repress Christians in the Bethlehem, Beit Jala area. I have asked the White House to pressure the Palestinian Authority into dropping the demand for the money. Please pray for Hope School, for Headmaster Solomon Noir, and for the teachers and students.

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