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Secularism

SECULARISM, Webster's Dictionary defines secularism as **indifference to, or exclusion of Religion**.

The cultural war is raging...for the soul of America. Good versus evil: on the **good** side is the drive to keep God in the marketplace ...to retain basic religious rights ...as proposed by our Founding Fathers.

On the **evil** side is the mounting drive to eliminate God and morality from everyday life, except inside a Church. We term this evil "**secularism**".

A key front where the battle is raging in intensity is in our courts. Fighting against God-given rights is the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). They have a ton of money and hundreds of lawyers. They do not hesitate to attack the large and the small through threats and intimidation.

One of those fighting for God's people is the Thomas Moore Law Center. With limited resources and spirit driven lawyers, they have taken on the ACLU in these major battles: San Diego Cross, Ten Commandment monuments, nativity scenes, religious symbols (woven into state flags), crosses appearing on state seals and biblical verses on government buildings.



The Mount Soledad Cross has been a fixture in San Diego for fifty years. **It honors our nation's veterans.** For the past seventeen years, a San Diego atheist, aided by the ACLU, has fought to have the cross removed. Under pressure of a lawsuit, the city decided to remove the cross. **The Thomas Moore Law Center** intervened. Eventually, **Congress passed, and President Bush signed, legislation** designating the Memorial as "honoring veterans of the United States Armed Forces". Congress transferred the Memorial to the Federal government. However, the **ACLU was not deterred. A new lawsuit was filed against the Federal government** using a national law firm with a thousand lawyers in thirteen cities. The issue continues today in courts.

The Rise Of Secularism In Our Culture

In our growing secular anti-God culture, we are subjected daily to anti-Christian influences in motion pictures and television, music, education and the internet.

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MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION

The Parents Television Council, located in Hollywood, through its newsletters and lobbying efforts, takes on the powerful networks and production companies who are producing programs with increased **sexual situations and violence**.

"Non-marital sex is a prime time television staple." The highest incidence is in the so-called family hour between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M.

Disney-owned ABC replaces family viewing with Ugly Betty. In its first season there were 205 instances of sexual content, 154 instances of foul language. This abandonment in programming "**would likely make Walt hang his head in shame**".

At CBS, Alan Poul, producer of *Swing Town* (focusing on open marriage), says "**we are able to be more culturally subversive by putting this on the network**".

EDUCATION

"Most text books in elementary and secondary schools are provided by a handful of giant commercial publishers. They acknowledge having **buckled since the early 80's to so-called multi-cultural 'biased guidelines' by interest groups and elected state board**. Content is censored to accommodate feminist, homosexual and racial demands." *George Archibald, The Washington Times*.

"Many of today's university campuses are effectively closed to the Gospel and aggressively intolerant of anyone who testifies to faith in Jesus Christ, or speaks up – however respectfully – for the truth He lived and taught. Fifty-two percent of students entering college are involved in a local church. That number drops to twenty-nine percent by the time they graduate." *Alliance Defense Fund*.

"**Planned Parenthood receives 305 million in tax free dollars every year**. Here is one example of how they are educating our youth: they know that most children think that, if it's taught in school it must be true. That's why Planned Parenthood promotes a stomach-turning "sex-ed" book called *It's Perfectly Normal*. All 28 chapters of *It's Perfectly Normal* are filled with explicit illustrations and coarse sexual language." *The American Life*

League. (The illustrations in this book are too shocking to show in this newsletter.)

To capture the hearts and minds of our youth, the **ACLU uses the fear factor and liberal judges**. "A southern California school district ordered a teacher to remove several banners from the classroom which had been there for 25 years. The school district claimed that the banners promoted an impermissible 'Judeo/Christian' viewpoint. The banners contained historical slogans such as 'In God We Trust', 'One Nation Under God', and the preamble to the Declaration of Independence." The Thomas Moore Law Center filed a law suit in defense of the teacher.

A New Jersey school district passed a policy prohibiting all religious music in its public schools - a policy enacted to ban the playing of Christmas music from the school's year-end celebrations.

In November, the people of Florida are slated to vote on school voucher programs. In June, the enemies of religious freedom took steps to stop them: the **ACLU, the ADL, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, and People for the American Way** filed suit trying to block the people from voting on two amendments to their state's constitution. *The Catalyst*.

INTERNET PORN

The secularists have all but won the battle with their drive to sell pornography to all, regardless of age, gender or race. It's a 12 billion dollar industry just in the United States. With 40 million adults visiting "adult" internet sites each year, pornography is a cancer that is difficult to cure. It adversely affects the moral and physical health of our nation by encouraging anti-social behavior through

violence, reducing women to objects of male pleasure while threatening young people by stoking appetites that are increasingly difficult to satisfy. It is a significant factor leading to divorce. *Editorial, National Catholic Register.* For more information, see the website of Morality in Media, www.moralityinmedia.org.

COMPUTER GAMES

All fun and games? Not on your life. Unlike broadcast TV, the video game industry is almost completely unregulated. Anything goes in these games: explicit sex, grotesque violence, and storylines that condone and promote criminal and psychopathic behavior. Popular games are Assassins Creed, Manhunt 2, and The Darkness. The worst video game of all is Grand Theft Auto. It is one of the most popular, having sold over 11 million copies. "As the player in the game you are a thug who roams the streets of the urban jungle committing mayhem left and right in an attempt to get ahead. This game includes graphic violence and sexual situations. You can hire and have your way with a prostitute, get ahead in the game by beating her bloody and stealing your money back. You're not through yet. You can run her over with your car." While the industry has a ratings system (ESRB),

control is in the hands of the retailer. There is no legal requirement that retailers follow the ESRB guidelines. Stores that sell Grand Theft Auto IV to a 12 year old will today go totally unpunished.

THIS JUST IN...Planned Parenthood has just released a new video, "**Take Care Down There**" aimed at our young people. Their graphic message, which is presented as educational information, tends to promote casual sex, immodesty, homosexuality and even group sex. It's all right there for your young people to view on the internet. What can we do to stem this tide? Send e-mails to your Senators and Representatives urging them to stop using your tax dollars to support Planned Parenthood's lure of teenagers to immorality. *American Family Association.*

Aggressive responses by people of faith against the seculars are going on in many areas of our culture. Here is just one example: the hard-hitting campaign by PRC to convince congress that cable users should have a choice of channels in their subscriptions. Also, they are continually contacting TV sponsors requesting they not advertise in raunchy programs.

A whole host of individuals and organizations are joining in this battle against those who want God out of our public life. Here are a few we know about – you may contact them through Google or some other computer resource:

- American Defense Fund (ADF)
- American Life League (ALL)
- Christian Seniors Assoc. (CSA)
- Concerned Women for America (CWA)
- Family Research Council
- Morality in the Media
- Parents Television Council (PRC)
- United Church of Christ
- American Family Association (AFA)
- The Catalyst
- Citizens United
- Coral Ridge Ministries
- Focus on the Family
- National Catholic Register (NCR)
- Thomas Moore Law Center
- Young America's Foundation

AMERICA'S CULTURAL TRADITIONS ARE BASED ON MORAL VALUES

"Two hundred years ago separation of Church and State meant keeping the two institutions separate. **Don't cut off the influence, we just don't want the government running religion or religion running the government.** Separation of Church and State today means secularize the public arena." *Excerpts from the video "Rediscovering God in America", Newt and Callista Gingrich.*

The seculars would have you believe that God's only and proper place is in respective churches. But the traditions of our Country since its founding are based on acknowledgment and respect for the Creator. In our Constitution, the Founding Fathers repeatedly acknowledged the existence of God and the importance of religion in the lives of our people and the future of our nation.

When the **Danbury Baptist Church** asked for a clarification of Church and State, "**Thomas Jefferson** sent a private letter to the church congregation in

which he mentioned the need for separation of Church and State. It became famous when it made its debut into American culture in a 1947 Supreme Court ruling regarding religion and public schools. Since then, it has become a mantra for anti-Christian advocates who want freedom from religion rather the freedom of religion intended by those who framed the Constitution and Bill of Rights."

Jefferson's reference to a "wall of separation of Church and State" appears nowhere in the nation's founding documents. "The intent of Jefferson and other signers was not to establish a national church, 'congress shall make no law expecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'" **Actually, Thomas Jefferson was not a separationist. Quite the opposite. He paid federal funds for missionaries to live among the Indians. He paid for churches to be built for Indians to worship.** "*Rediscovering God in America*"



When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our Nation's Capitol ...one will easily find the signature of God!



The Lincoln Memorial

Abraham Lincoln, in his address at Gettysburg, said "... this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall remain forever."



The Washington Monument

The memorial to our first President is filled with references to our Creator. On the capstone is inscribed the words "Praise be to God". Washington, in addressing his people, said "Of all the dispositions and habits that lead to posterity, religion and morality are indispensable support".



The Capitol

The Capitol is filled with religious imagery and inscriptions. In the House chamber appears the words "In God We Trust". In the Senate chamber the words "ANNUIT COEPTIS", or "God has favored our ...".

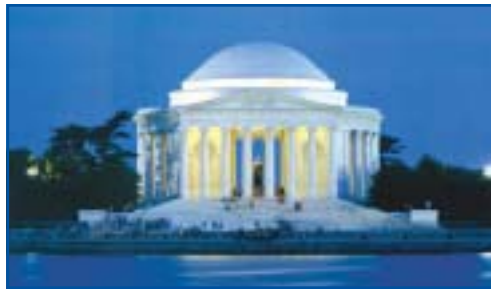


Supreme Court

Justice William O. Douglas said "We are religious people and our institutions presuppose a supreme being." Every session of the Supreme Court opens with "God save the United States and this Honorable Court".

Jefferson Memorial

On the left of the entrance is inscribed "God who gave us life gave us liberty".



Library of Congress

In the main reading room there is a bronze stature of Moses holding the Ten Commandments. Two scriptural passages from the Old Testament are inscribed on the wall.



The National Archives

The National Archives is the repository of the nation's most important documents. Engraved on the floor in bronze are the Ten Commandments.



The White House

Through the years the White House has been the site of prayer services and other religious themed gatherings. It celebrates many religious observances despite legal challenges: Christmas tree, Menorah, and the Easter egg roll.

The thought that Secularism in America is just a fad that will fade is a misunderstanding of the incessant attacks on our personal and family values. **People of faith, who number 80% of the American population**, must challenge those who are stealing our values from our culture.

There is hope for the future for reviving the spirit of God in our American culture.

"We are subjected to constant messages to acquire, consume, and be stimulated, but there is a maddening void when it comes to reasoning, thinking, practicing the virtues and discriminating between what one can do and what one ought to do."

Thomas M. Doran, Plymouth, MI



"The teacher can't have a Bible on their desk, but can have Playboy. We don't have Christmas and Easter holidays, just winter and spring breaks. It's called being tolerant."

Don Wildman, AFA

From a former President... "Without God there is no virtue, because there is no prompting of the conscience....without God, there is a coarsening of the society; without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure...if we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation going under."

President Ronald Reagan

Words from Hollywood... "Our soldiers are lifting us to an example of Patriotism at a time when we almost have forgotten who we are and what is at stake."

Jon Voight, Actor

From God... "You have forgotten God, who gave you birth."

Deuteronomy, 32:18-19

President Washington offered this message, which is most appropriate for our times: "Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou will keep United States in Thy Holy protection ...and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for fellow citizens of the United States."

Thank you for reading this message of the secular state of our beloved USA. **Our mission is to spread the word of God's love to fellow human beings through the Holy Spirit. Let us all persevere in our goal to bring world peace among all peoples.**

If you have an opinion about this newsletter, let us hear from you. Equally important, we are trying to reach a larger audience with these messages, and **your donation will help us reach our goal.**

May God Bless you and your family, your friends and associates, as we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus Christ.