

Defending our nation's Christian roots 9-20-06

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TODAY'S PHYSICS LESSON - INCREASING THE VOLUME OR FREQUENCY OF THE STATEMENT "BUSH LIED" WILL NOT INCREASE ITS ACCURACY.

That's an appropriate Conservative one liner with which to begin this response to Aaron Harrell's most recent missive entitled: "We must preserve our First Amendment freedoms". He intimates that our rights have been diminished at the hand of President Bush. Among the many myths perpetuated by Mr. Harrell is the one where he states that our "Freedom of religion was designed to keep a clear delineation between church and state as the framers ...were both believers and non-believers and were familiar with the dangers that come with a theocracy." It never ceases to amaze me that Liberals can fit that many falsehoods in a single sentence. And there are many, many similar sentences in Mr. Harrell's article as there usually are in nearly everything that Liberals (the Socialist's useful idiots) utter. There is no "separation" clause in our Constitution. Our founding fathers were all believers and were familiar with the dangers of a government that had no moral basis.

52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians. The other three all believed in God, His personal intervention and the Bible as the divine truth.

It was the same Congress that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation.

Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus..." He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963. McGuffey wrote: "The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions."

President Lincoln called McGuffey the "Schoolmaster of the Nation."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures.

James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots and it galls me to no end to hear people like Aaron Harrell say: "...in the last few years especially [since Bush I suppose?].

Christianity has become the state-sanctioned religion of our country, thus inserting its influence in places that directly conflict with our founding documents." The truth is that Christianity is withering and Churches are closing (including one of my store locations which was a Baptist Church before it closed and was sold just a few years ago) as a result of decades of attacks, due primarily to worldwide Soviet expansion of Socialism and the unrestricted freedom to pedal its lies here where our Christianity permits it. Our country will survive these assaults because the truth will always be the truth. A lie must be repeated endlessly or it will be gone. That is why Liberals are beginning to loose ground and will continue to do so. They do not have the manpower to perpetuate all the lies in their expanding portfolio simultaneously. - DRC