

One Nation Under God?



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On June 26, 2002, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. The reason, because it contains the line "One nation under God"! This pledge wording issue comes to the front because this is supposed to be a free nation where people can believe what they want; therefore, they do not have to say, one nation under God, if they don't want to, right! Right! Now don't tell me you were really shocked. I mean, we all knew this was coming someday! The part that shocked me the most, was the fact Congress responded so quickly to condemn the ruling!

Just for the record, I am pleased we recognize God in at least some small way still; but at the same time there is something that bothers me! You see there are many of us that I believe find a false sense of security in the idea we live in a "Christian Nation," and it is for that security we fight. The issue most Christians will see in all of this is, once again, the government is out to squelch the fact that this nation was based on Christian ideas. This is definitely true, but in worrying about this we, many times, lose focus in our personal lives. We should all recognize the world will wax worse and worse! If The Lord should tarry and the US survives as a nation,

there will be a day when even our money will not trust in God!

Take a minute to think about why so many people balk at the idea of saying "under God" in a pledge. I mean, who cares, if we believe in any god, maybe we are just saying we believe this nation is under that god. Can't they just believe we are saying whatever god you believe in. Is it really that important he have a name, I mean god is what we make him, right! If we believe in no god then it really shouldn't matter! If there is no god then there is no point to life other than to enjoy it. If you feel there is no god then why does it matter if your child comes home asking about it. Why wouldn't you simply explain it is a silly concept some people believe in to find meaning in their life. If there is no god then what are you so afraid of, or what is it that offends you so badly. It's not like you're going to answer to a higher power someday for recognizing there is a god. You would need a god for that! Surely, it is far more harmful to your life to take the time fighting the pledge, than it is just to accept the fact that there is some god believing silliness around you.

The simple fact is, saying "under God" is to recognize The Creator of the universe, and this should remind us or maybe point out to us a fact many forget or have never been taught! Every human that has lived from Adam until now, is born with the knowledge there is a God. (Ps. 22:9-10, 58:3-5, 71:6, Isa. 49:1, Jer. 1:4-5, Luke 1:15, 1:39-45) That's right! God knows us and we know Him. The question is, do we want to? The corruption in the flesh tries to get us to forget God. Not all gods but The True God! Why do we care to say, "under God"? Because many people live their lives running from God. (Rom. 1:28-32) If we take the time to confess Him and believe He has provided a Lamb, (Gen. 22:7-8) we are compelled to walk with Him! (Rom. 10:8-9)

So, what we should all see in this is the fact that, once again, life gives us an example that the Bible is truth! God is not found in religion; He is not found in health and/or wealth; He is found in that still small voice we have known since the day we were conceived! (I Kin. 19:11-13, John 10:27-28) We should all rest easier knowing, whether people are willing to acknowledge God or not, the world will always know He is there!