

# **Not the Pledge but Lying is Unconstitutional**

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Linking their question to the recent decision of the 9th Circuit Court, which declared the pledge of allegiance to be unconstitutional, Human Events asked 11 United States senators the following question: "Would you confirm an atheist to the Supreme Court?" The weekly published the answers in its edition of July 15 of this year. They are most revealing. It is a factual question, which a great number of Americans, however, might think to be aimed at getting information on the religious beliefs of the members of the most powerful and selective club on earth. But that is not so and the editors of Human Events know that. Their question goes to the heart of the reason for the existence of the United States and of keeping the civil rights of the American people.

Senator Robert Bennet, Republican from Utah, answered: "Sure. I don't think that a person's religion one-way or the other, should be a disqualifying situation. There should be no religious test for national office..." To the follow-up question "Senator, the Declaration of Independence says that our rights come from God. Can someone who disagrees with that idea effectively protect our rights?" he answered, "I think that he or she could intelligently interpret the law without agreeing with that particular phrase...and...if that jurist doesn't happen to believe in God, he or she would still be capable of interpreting the law intelligently."

Senators McCain and Nelson had not thought about this issue, Senator Sarbanes and Cleland refused to answer, Senators Hatch and Kyl said 'it depends', Senator Johnson considered it to be a hypothetical issue. Senators Inhofe, Miller and Nickles answered no.

Senator Inhofe reasoned in the following way, "...To me, that totally contradicts everything that this country is founded on – including our constitution, including our original oaths of office..." I agree with this senator. Because what he says is objective historic reality. Senator Bennet expresses wishful thinking.

God is not a religious man-made concept. He is existential reality. He is the creator of the universe and all of us. His truth is the root of all objective law. He does not depend on our consent but everybody is free to believe it or not. But if you deny his reality, then indeed you enter the sphere of man made religious speculation, and everything becomes relative. In politics it leads to arbitrary

manipulations of power, in the interpretations of the constitution, the laws and in legislation to arbitrary fixings. An atheist, distinctive from an agnostic, is somebody who actively fights God. Therefore he or she denies absolute truth. He is like a thief who denies others their property rights and cannot be a judge.

**T**he Declaration of Independence is a political document and not a religious one. It's authors, the founding fathers of this nation, recognized God's reality and the source of truth and freedom because freedom without absolute truth is not possible. Freedom is the birth gift and the mission of America. That means that truth is the mission of America. To deny God therefore means throwing away America's mission, the reason for its very being. Liars in any government around the world undermine the freedom of their people. It is America's mission to straighten that out by living by the truth on all levels of society and not by dictating "solutions" based on self-interest.

**N**o atheist and no agnostic can be a Supreme Court judge without inflicting severe damage on America. The state of this abortion-infested, promiscuous and greedy society shows the devastating results of fighting God. How does anyone fight God? By destroying the obedience to His commandments or watch this being done by somebody else without doing something about it. You become a collaborator of godlessness. There were too many of this kind of people in Germany. That was the reason for the rule of the Nazis.

**H**ow do you love God? By obeying His commandments and standing up for truth. Not complicated!

**T**he cause for the battle in the senate for the Bush judiciary nominations, regardless of the arguments used, is the attempt to install judges who advance the agenda of shutting out God and His commandments permanently from American society and transform a free America into a socialist European-style conglomerate. Let' see free men and women stand up and fight!

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