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Allegiance - What Is It Good For?

This week I would like to reflect just a bit on July 4th and what some of our presidents have said about the United States. It is amazing to me that so many people in the United States have turned their back on religion, maybe more accurately, turned their back on God. Even our elected officials in Washington have turned their back on God. The Supreme Court is doing it. The President of this great country is turning his back on God. He won't even acknowledge that the United States is a Christian nation. He says, "Whatever we once were we are no longer a Christian nation. We are a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, a Jewish nation."

I believe our founding fathers and presidents and citizens of today think quite differently. On the very top of the Washington Monument there is a Latin inscription that says "Laus Deo" or "Praise be to God" on all four sides. George Washington was a man of prayer and a Bible was placed in the cornerstone of the monument.



Marc Anthony sings the National Anthem

Quote of the Week

"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."



Stoplight: A Walk for the President

On the Lincoln Memorial there are these inscribed words from Abraham Lincoln, our 12th president, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether with malice toward none with charity for all with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right let us strive on to finish the work we are in." Lincoln then said, "This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying, "God, who gave us life gave us liberty." On the Jefferson Memorial it refers to God as the Holy Author of our religion. Thomas Jefferson also attended church services in the Capitol Building. In fact, church services were held in this building for fifty years.

Also in the House of Representatives Chamber, above where the president gives his State of the Union address, are the words "In God We Trust".

The United States was founded as a Christian nation, a nation that believes in God. It seems we have strayed greatly from where we started. I wonder what would happen if we stopped putting down Christians, stopped trying to take God out of this country? Last week's post generated a number of comments. A Bible verse was used in many of those responses. It is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. ***"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."***

That is some good food for thought!

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