

WAKE UP AMERICA!

You are very naive if you believe that the current culture clash over the inclusion of the phrase *one nation under God* in the American Pledge of Allegiance is an abstract academic, constitutional, or theological debate. Rather, it is a diversion for a far more evil and sinister agenda that will at best bloodily decimate your family and friends.

Regardless of the type of political system (monarchy, tyranny, oligarchy, religious theocracy, democracy, or whatever) there exist two, and only two, systems of criminal justice. The older of the two is known as the judicial system of collective responsibility. The newer system is based upon sole responsibility.

Collective responsibility holds the family and friends of the criminal equally as liable for the criminal's crime as the criminal himself. It therefore permits retaliatory attacks against any of these people. These are commonly called revenge attacks. They in turn propagate what are known as blood feuds.

Revenge attacks arise historically from the law of the caravan in the 3rd millennium B.C. and were mentioned in writing in the Code of Hammurabi during the 18th century B.C. No finer examples exist in recent history than the monumentally devastating attack upon the World Trade Center on 9/11 and the increased intensity of the decades-old Arab-Israeli conflict. These attacks are indicative of an eastern hemispheric revengist ideology [ideology is defined as a set of ideas with action consequences] masquerading as a religion.

The second system of sole responsibility holds only the criminal guilty for the crime. Society purposely strengthens the law to make it probable that the criminal will be caught. However, it has very strict laws prohibiting the victim or the victim's friends and relations from taking the law into their own hands. The criminal must be tried and proven guilty before a jury of his peers. If he is, he is punished and hopefully rehabilitated.

May I remind you that judicial justice is the virtue of fairly administering punishment for the purpose of reforming human conduct to perform actions acceptable to the common good. Collective responsibility falls short of this definition on three counts. First, it is hardly fair when administering punishment to attack an innocent bystander simply because that person is either by chance related to or is a friend of the criminal. Secondly, inherent in the concept of administering justice is the question: Who may execute it? It is likely that this person is neither the victim nor his family and friends. To allow them to take revenge is a prescription *for* societal paralysis. Third, revenge violates the essence of judicial justice — performing actions acceptable to the common good. It is to no one's good, let alone the common good, that innocent citizens should be killed.

It is a legitimate question to ask: What is the linkage between America and Christianity? But there is a better question: What is the linkage between Christianity and justice? Simple. Christianity is the only world religion that preaches sole responsibility. *Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children for their fathers: only for his own guilt shall a man be*

put to death. (Deut. 24:16, NAB) Perhaps this is why the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of religion (singular), that is what the Founding Fathers considered to be the “Christian” religion. Or perhaps you believe like the American judiciary that our Founding Fathers were so uneducated that they could not distinguish between the singular and the plural?

Have, you ever wondered why these other pseudo-religions tolerate revenge? Isn't it a very visible, public admission that perhaps their god is not all-powerful and thus needs a little help in administering justice? Isn't it likewise a certain clue that their god is less than just when he allows mere humans to determine what constitutes justice on a case-by-case basis? Isn't it a curious coincidence that revenge “justice” correlates exactly to the death and destruction the revengist inflicts?

Forget the U.S. Constitution for a second. The seminal document of the American experience is the Declaration of Independence. This document proclaims it to be *self-evident* that *all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights*. Simply put, any judgment excising the words *one nation under God* would terminate the American experiment. It would be evidence that any atheistic litigant arrogantly thinks himself smarter than the Founding Fathers, who believed unanimously, as witnessed by their signatures, that a Creator was self-evident. It would be concrete evidence of the tyranny of the minority; for it is easy for a demagogue to sway a democracy— witness the trial of Socrates. And ominously, it would be very visible evidence of the apogee of arrogance to which the American judiciary has ascended when a single judge, a single towering mental midget who cannot even identify the intellectual components that constitute the true religion, can undermine the American dream.

And dream it is. But that dream is not founded upon the unlimited material success to which one can ascend. Rather, it is the prospect of security afforded by a nation founded upon sole responsibility realized exclusively in Christianity. Do not believe for a second that Christianity or America is unworthy of defense. America by virtue of its size and wealth is a beacon in the otherwise dark, sordid history of mankind's revenge rage. America works because revenge doesn't. The fall of Christianity in America will mark both the beginning of the injustice of revenge and the end of America. U.S. financial markets are slow to recognize a financial crisis — witness the sub-prime mess but when they finally recognize the stealthy revengist judicial coup and “mark to the market” the revenge risk, their devastating collapse will make the Great Depression look tame by comparison.

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