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Another judge lacking good judgment has again ruled against Christianity in favor of a *God*-less America and another compass correction in the errant direction of continued infidelity and disobedience to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Crabby United States District Court Judge Barbara Crabb ruled that a National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional. I find it amazing that one person in America has the authority to declare that our nation cannot petition the Almighty God for forgiveness for turning our backs on Him and allowing all sorts of depravity to flourish in our society. Appeals are forth-coming.

Franklin Graham under siege...

To top this recent event, the Pentagon is being chastised for inviting Franklin Graham to speak next month on the National Day of Prayer. Graham believes that Muslims are to be loved just like any of God's children, but he also believes that Islam itself is a wicked and evil religion. According to Islam's teachings:

> "If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him." (surah 3:85)
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> "Seize them and slay them wherever you find them: and in any case take no friends or helpers from their ranks." (surah 4:89)
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> "For the Unbelievers, Allah has prepared humiliating punishment." (surah 4:102)
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> "I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers, smite ye above their necks and smite all their fingertips of them. It is not you who slew them; it was Allah." (surah 8:13-17)
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> "Fight those who believes not in Allah nor the last day." (surah 9:29)

Islam advocates *jihad* as the means to "convert" non-believers. Some Muslims may say *jihad* is an internal struggle from within to achieve a favorable status with "Allah." Other Muslims believe that *jihad* is the struggle to convert all non-Muslims to Islam. Within this group of Muslims, some believe this is to be accomplished peacefully while others believe it must be achieved through violent means, if necessary.

Since Islam is a religion of works (there is no savior and thus no salvation in Islam) Islam also teaches that dying while engaged in *holy jihad* (the violent option) is the only way to be guaranteed eternity in paradise.

Although Muslims may interpret teachings about *jihad* from the Qur'an and the Hadith differently (the *Hadith* is a written record of the oral traditions, passed down from Muslim to Muslim, of what Mohammed was supposed to have said and done), it is the *only* religion that *can* be interpreted to advocate the killing of those who do not convert to *its* religion.

Back to the Franklin Graham dilemma...

Seems as if Mikey Weinstein, president of the *Military Religious Freedom Foundation* (an organization he founded to "restore the obliterated wall separating church and state in the armed forces") said that to allow Graham to speak, would not be good for our Muslim citizens…it might also endanger U.S. troops by stirring up Muslim extremists (as if they haven't already been stirred up, beginning with 9/11). He implied that this could also offend people who belong to other religions. Consequently, he is saying, in the defense of pagan gods, we are not supposed to worship Yahweh, Y'shua, the I Am that I Am…the one and only true God of the universe.

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If Muslims can be offended in America by Christians calling Islam an evil and wicked religion, shouldn't Christians be not only offended, but fearful of Islam's teachings regarding Christians?

Yep, our spiritual demise continues at an alarming rate. Minority voices of those who refute the Word of God have long since succeeded in rewriting the 1st Amendment so that it separates our Christian principles from our government tenets. Such a separation was never intended by those who penned our Constitution and this Amendment. The word "separation" is not even found in this Amendment. Relative to its religious connotation, it was meant to ensure that our government would never impose one *protestant* religion over another as the nations' one and only sanctioned denomination.

Additionally, these minority agents of change further corrupted the intent of the Amendment regarding "free speech." Originally intended to protect the citizen's right to openly criticize our government without fear of retribution, their misaligned interpretation of "free speech" inaptly emboldens and protects *their* ability to saturate our airways, bookshelves, theaters, and our society as a whole with the refuse and lifestyles of their degenerate minds.

Pursuing either monetary gain or a desire for society to legitimize their immoral lifestyles, this small segment of our society has hijacked our nation and placed it on the same playing field as Sodom and Gomorrah, Rome, and countless other great and affluent societies that eventually fell to ruin because of their decadence.

With every legal decision made that disavows our Creator as our supreme governor, America takes another step closer to a grisly demise. Past rulings that effectively removed God from our classrooms, and public events (actually, just about anywhere) have swelled the ranks of those who identify themselves as Christians, but lack the fundamental understanding of Christian doctrine. Being a Christian requires the same kind of effort to build a personal relationship with our risen Lord, as it takes to build a successful marriage between a man and his wife. You have to know His likes and dislikes and enjoy giving Him what he likes. You have to love the Lord and show your love for Him by faithfully being obedient to His Word.

Unfortunately, but as forewarned by Jesus on many occasions, many will come in His name and mislead many. As Paul said in his 2nd letter to Timothy:

> [1]"I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: [2] Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. [3] For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. [4] They will reject the truth and chase after myths."
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> *2 Timothy 4:1-4 (NLT)*

The effect of this can be seen in the Obama's rise to power. Obama's claim to be a Christian during his election campaign was apparently swallowed, hook, line, and sinker by millions of Americans who cannot validate the claims of others to be Christians, because they simply do not know what it means *to be* a Christian.

The fruits of Obama's actions have continually exposed his true colors which are in direct conflict

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with Christian doctrine. His domestic programs are aligned with the liberal thinkers of our secular age...those who support abortion, gay, lesbian, and transgender lifestyles.

Many attempt to justify these liberal ideologies by believing that God's Word has also morphed into a more liberal set of standards…in keeping with the times. They think it's OK to modify God's instruction book to fit the "progressive" nature of our society. No, God's Word is the same today as it was when the Holy Spirit of God was hovering over the waters during the creation of the world.

Obama's international agenda is also staffed with the worldly thinkers who are trying to force Israel into dividing Jerusalem in order to achieve peace between the Palestinians and the Israelites and create a Palestinian state. I can only conclude by his actions that Obama and his administration are:

1. Ignorant of what God says about those nations that bless Israel and those that curse it (or they just don't care);
2. Ignorant of what God Almighty has had to say about what happens to nations that divide his Holy City (or just don't care);
3. Believe God is dead;
4. Believe, like Vice President Biden, that Christianity is a bunch of "malarkey;"
5. Part of a Muslim plot to destroy America; or
6. Simply pawns in the hands of God who are using them to usher in our Lord's Parousia (i.e., the Second Advent).

If the latter, have at it boys, I'm ready! Do you reckon "…the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of through the prophet Daniel…" is the "*Obama*nation" in Washington?

God is not happy with our nation. As previously noted in my writings, I believe that America was God's last and final "experiment" to see if a nation that was given all of the beautiful land, natural resources, monetary wealth, climate, ingenuity, and military strength that could ever be desired would continue to know its benefactor and give Him all the glory…and fulfill the Great Commission. Unfortunately, we have failed miserably in this mission.

America has followed the footsteps of the nation of Israel in ancient times. Instead of being the nation God preferred for us to be, we act more like the "Great Harlot" (the the "Babylon" spoken of in chapters 17-19 in the Book of Revelation). The similarities of this "Babylon" and America are remarkable. We have become a harlot in God' eyes...although continually blessed by our loving Father for over two centuries, we have prostituted ourselves before him by way of our tolerance and worship of other gods (foreign religions, material things, etc.).

We have experienced deliverance from God by other nations who have desired to rule us; we have been blessed with an abundance of fertile land and waters with which to grow bountiful crops; and we have been blessed with riches to grow and strengthen our country to counter threats from other nations. Yet, we have turned to other gods and worshipped them openly…defiantly, in the face of God. We have arrogantly taken credit for our abundance in all things good and denied our Lord's role in the provisioning of these things.

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As with ancient Israel, God has been giving us signs of his supremacy…giving us warning shots across our bow…but we do not listen. In the last decade, we have suffered, for the first time since the American Revolution, an attack on our own soil by a foreign invader…Islamic terrorists. More recently, as a nation, we have suffered a series of catastrophic events: the still-lingering devastation of hurricane Katrina; a series of devastating tornados, floods, blizzards, and a near financial meltdown.

Within the last month, the globe itself has experienced a series of unprecedented, floods and volcanic eruptions that are reported as simply random and unusual events spawned by "mother nature." No, God speaks through various ways and these more prevalent events are just that…warnings that we have exceeded the boundaries He has set forth for us to continue to be called His people.

However, for many, there is no God in America and everyone is allowed to do as he pleases.

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