

Pete Hegseth Draws Line in the Sand: Pentagon Spiritual Civil War Heats Up Over Shiva Worship

Something big just went down at the Pentagon, and a lot of Christians are seeing it as a straight-up moment in the spiritual battle that's been brewing for a while.

Just a couple days ago, on February 15, the Army Chaplain Corps put out a post on X celebrating Maha Shivaratri, the Hindu festival honoring Shiva, describing him as a god of transformation and renewal, encouraging meditation and devotion.

The post read: "Today is Maha Shivaratri, celebrating the Lord Shiva's power to transform & renew. This Hindu festival calls for meditation, devotion, & introspection. May all who observe be inspired by Shiva's example of transformation to find clarity in their spiritual journey."

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– Army Chaplain Corps (@ArmyChaplains) February 15, 2026

That kind of recognition hits hard. From a biblical standpoint, passages like Deuteronomy 32:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:20 make it clear that sacrifices to other "gods" are actually offered to demons. So when an official military

channel promotes devotion to what Scripture calls a false deity, it feels like a line being crossed, and not in a good way.

Then bam, just two days later, on Feb. 17, the Department of War's Rapid Response account drops photos from the Pentagon's monthly worship service with the caption: "We have gathered at the Pentagon for our monthly worship service. We are One Nation Under God."

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– DOW Rapid Response (@DOWResponse) February 17, 2026

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth hosted the gathering, and he brought in pastor Doug Wilson to preach. Wilson talked about trusting God for protection in battle and pointed to the military as a potential spark for real spiritual revival across the country. Hegseth jumped in afterward, thanking Wilson, calling him a friend and doubling down on the belief that God is sovereignly in charge of the nation.

Pentagon Press Secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder's office backed it up, saying: "Secretary Hegseth, along with millions of Americans, is a proud Christian and was glad to welcome Pastor Wilson to the Pentagon today."



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The timing? Hard to ignore. One post lifts up a demonic entity (from a Christian view), and the very next major signal from leadership blasts back with unapologetic Christian worship and "One Nation Under God." Folks on X, including analyst Sam

Shoemate, are calling it exactly what it looks like: a public escalation in the silent war that's been playing out behind closed doors in the Pentagon for years, policy fights, agenda clashes, and now it's breaking out into the open on social media.

I used to talk to a Major General assigned to the pentagon. He told me about this silent war between ideals and agendas that played out quietly in policy and political jockeying.

This post from the DOW was absolutely a response to the Army Chaplain Corp's demon god post 2 days...

– Shoe (@samosaur) February 18, 2026

This isn't just about two posts. It's part of a bigger spiritual civil war inside the military that lines up perfectly with what's happening across America. On one side, there's pressure to "include" every belief system, even ones the Bible warns against. On the other, leaders like Hegseth are pushing hard to bring back real faith, virtue and biblical truth, scrapping what he calls "New Age" or watered-down chaplain fluff and going top-down to restore spiritual strength.

Hegseth started these monthly services back in 2025 for exactly that reason: to remind everyone who's really running things and to build spiritual readiness in the ranks. Supporters see it as a much-needed course correction in a force that's supposed to defend a nation founded on Judeo-Christian principles.

Social media blew up over it. People cheered the bold Christian stand, while others worried about optics or career pressure. But for many believers, it's refreshing to see a high-level pushback rather than quiet compromise.

Hindu service members make up less than 1% of the active-duty force, according to DoD numbers, so the push for these recognitions feels out of step to many, especially when it risks opening doors to spiritual confusion or worse.

Bottom line: This back-to-back sequence feels like a clear line in the sand. The Pentagon isn't just a building. It's ground zero for bigger fights over America's soul. And right now, in the heart of it, there's a growing call to choose sides: stick with biblical truth or keep blending in everything else.

As we watch this series of spiritually poignant events unfold, it's a reminder to pray, stay alert and support the moves that honor God above all else. Because if the military, the tip of the spear, gets this wrong spiritually, the whole nation feels it.

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