

Let's Win the Culture War

Editor's Note: *Today's Prophetic Insight is the text from a video blog recently posted on Apostle Dutch Sheets' Web site (), with minor modifications. It is a serious call to prayer regarding the culture war in America that we believe every Christian needs to read and respond to.*

President Obama has said twice now—in his inaugural address  and on a recent trip to Europe—that America is no longer a Christian nation. In fact, he implied in his inaugural address that we never have been a Christian nation, that it was many faiths that shaped and defined who we are as America.

A recent *Newsweek* magazine basically agreed with our president. The headline read, “The End of Christian America.” What are *Newsweek* and others really saying about America when they say we are not a Christian nation? In essence, they are saying we lost the culture war for America. The implication is that we never were a Christian nation, that we’ve always been a mix, or that maybe we were at one point, but are no longer—in other words, the culture war is over and we are announcing that Christianity has lost.

What is the *truth* about our roots as a nation? Consider the following quotes, which demonstrate clearly what we were at the founding of this nation, and what our founding fathers and early leaders wanted us to be. The first one is from the United States Supreme Court in 1892.

“From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation ... that this is a Christian nation.” I guess the Supreme Court at that point in time would not agree with our current president.

John Jay, the first chief justice of the Supreme Court, said, "Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son." Is that a Christian statement? I believe it is.

Here is what Fisher Ames, the author of the First Amendment, said: "Should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a school book?" Remember that the First Amendment is what the revisionists use to try to prove that our forefathers didn't want Christianity influencing our government or anything in the public square. I don't think Ames agreed with today's "definition" of the separation of church and state.

John Adams, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and our second president, said: "The general principles of which the fathers achieved independence were ... the general principles of Christianity." He certainly thought we were a Christian nation, founded upon Christian principles.

Here's one that will surprise many of you. It is a statement from the Handbook of Harvard University, published in 1642, under the heading "The Rules and Precepts": "Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) ... and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning." Our educators today do not agree with this statement, but it appeared in the Handbook of Harvard University.

A final quote: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, power,

as no other nation has ever grown. But, we have forgotten God.

“We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied, enriched, and strengthened us. And we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

Who made that powerful statement—some great preacher? A spiritual leader in our nation, perhaps? No, that statement was made in 1863 by none other than President Abraham Lincoln. It was made during the Civil War when he called our nation to prayer and fasting, asking God for His help during that troubled time.

What our founding fathers and early leaders believed about God and this nation, and the connection between them, is indisputable. Why does our history matter? Why do our roots matter? Why is it important to revisionists and secular humanists that they rewrite and distort our history?

If it didn't matter what our history was, they wouldn't bother to rewrite it and distort it. The truth is, it matters much whether or not we were founded as a Christian nation.

Why?

First of all, God honors covenant. The Bible says He keeps covenant and mercy to a thousand generations. You'll find

leaders all throughout Scripture who, when calling on God for His help and His mercy, based their request on a covenant with Him—promises made in the past between God and His people. And when we call upon God, we at times have to call upon Him (of course always based on Scripture), on the premise that we are honoring the covenant we made with Him as a nation.

Our history is important also because it demonstrates that God had a purpose in the founding of this nation. God was involved. Our forefathers knew that God was involved, and it demonstrates our godly heritage that our founding fathers believed in His purpose and destiny and dedicated this nation to it. But the liberals, humanists and those who want to rewrite our nation's history don't want you to know that God had a purpose in the founding of this nation and that our forefathers intended to honor that purpose.

Our history demonstrates that our founding fathers were influenced by God's Word and His ways when writing the Constitution and forming our government. Those who don't like this want to twist the meaning of our founding documents to try to negate God's influence and rewrite our history. That's why it is important for us to know that in our roots we are a Christian nation and have a God-given purpose and destiny.

We know that we were a Christian nation in our early days. We know what our founding fathers and early leaders wanted. But have the humanists, secularists, atheists and revisionists won the culture war? Are we, as *Newsweek* claimed, at the end of Christian America?

No, they have not won the war! It is true that they have made great gains and, in many areas of our culture, they do currently rule: education, media, government and so on. And many in government—the president, Congress, judges—are pulling out all the stops to remove anything and everything that would make us a Christian and godly nation. They are attacking

biblical values and life.

President Obama, who voted for the right to take the life of a baby born alive after a botched abortion, along with many in Congress, are trying to reverse through the Freedom of Choice Act every restriction ever placed on abortion. They are trying to pass legislation making it illegal, even for churches, to refuse to hire an individual who violates their moral beliefs. They are trying to make doctors violate their consciences by forcing them to perform abortions.

They want to remove tax deductions for you if you donate money to your church. They want to make it illegal for ministers to preach and quote Scriptures calling various behaviors a sin. They are requiring you and me to fund abortions.

Whether you know it or not, or like it or not, they are requiring you and me to fund abortions, even in other nations. The current administration and Congress have the most radical anti-Christian, anti-Bible agenda in the history of our nation. They are serious—and they have pulled out all the stops. In essence they are saying, “We have won the culture war—now we are going to shove it down your throats.”

But they have not won the culture war! The war is not over! ***I believe, as do many Americans, that God is about to send a great revival to our nation and that as we work and plan, He is going to give us a strategy to produce a great reformation that shifts our culture back again to what God intended it to be from the start.***

This brings me to the very simple plan I want to share with you right now. The anniversary of that powerful proclamation by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, of which I shared a portion earlier, was April 30. [This proclamation] talks about reformation. It talks about a nation being blessed whose God is the Lord. I tell you, we could not improve on this

statement.

I'm encouraging believers to go to our Web site, , and download the entire proclamation. Send it to everyone you know—family members, friends, educators, government officials, congressmen and congresswomen, judges—and ask them to do the same. Let's make a statement that we agree with Abraham Lincoln, who certainly believed we were a Christian nation.

Then, let's begin to pray it. Let's pray that prayer as individuals. Literally, let's read it out loud and say, "Lord, I want to come to you and say that I agree with President Abraham Lincoln, that we are a Christian nation and that we are dependent on you. We need your help; we repent for our sins; we cry out to you just as they did in the Civil War. ..." If, during the Civil War, they called on God and He saved a nation, we can call on Him now.

Let's take this and pray it individually. Perhaps some of you had prayer meetings on Thursday night, April 30, and together read and prayed portions of this prayer. Let's do it every day leading up to and including the National Day of Prayer, which is May 7.

Let's do it as congregations. Pastors, read this to your congregations and pray it. Put it on your Power Point, somewhere where you can read it together. Pass it out when congregants come in. *Let's have this read and said millions and millions of times from April 30 to May 7.*

Then on May 7, the National Day of Prayer, let's do it again! Let's do it individually; let's do it in prayer meetings; let's do it on state capitol steps; let's do it in Washington, D.C. Let's come into agreement with what President Lincoln said and let's make a statement to this nation [and] to the

spiritual powers that are trying to steal from us our Christian heritage. Let's say, "The war isn't over! We are not going to give this nation away, and the culture war isn't over!"

God is going to help us reform this nation. We are going to get it done. Let's [read and pray this proclamation] millions of times between April 30 and May 7. I believe it will make a huge difference!

God bless you, and God bless America!

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