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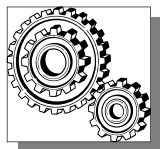
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The Trivialization of Blasphemy and Idolatry in America

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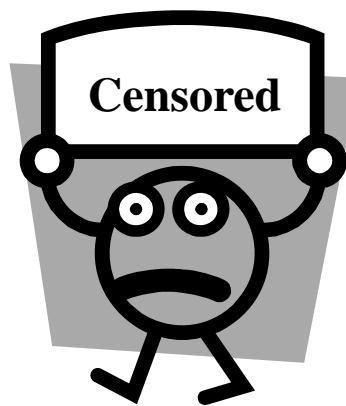
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A follow-up seminar on the U.S. Constitution in the fall of 2014

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Modern America has lost the ability to distinguish between good and evil, the sacred and the profane. Idolatry is replacing the One True God with idols, other gods (demons), or anything that bestows on those things worship due to God alone. Blasphemy is cursing God or something sacred, or treating something sacred or holy with mockery or disrespect. We blaspheme when we curse or mock that which we should treat with reverence. America is openly engaging in both of these sins so frequently that we no longer regard them as sinful. We have so trivialized them that these acts seem commonplace and ordinary when seen in the media. The first Commandment says: "I AM the Lord your God. You

shall have no strange gods before Me." (Exodus 20: 1-3) We would do well to remember that. Our nation is at risk.



Consider the following examples of both idolatry and blasphemy. During the summer of 2013, the Texas legislature sought to pass a bill outlawing late-term abortions. Hundreds of "pro choice" protesters

gathered outside of the building. They brought plastic baggies of urine, feces, glue and glitter to throw on the legislators during the debate. They carried signs with slogans so unimaginably vile that they cannot be printed here. If you wish, you can view them online. Parents and caregivers brought children and young teens to the protests, and had them hold signs directed at legislators referencing sexual acts with four letter words, and sexual acts performed by and with Jesus. The crowd shouted curses at the legislators, and chanted "Hail Satan!" Their behavior was so outrageous that the official Church of Satan, headquartered in Great Britain, took to social media on Twitter, denounced those actions, and stated they had nothing

"In every generation there are those who want to rule well - but they mean to rule. They promise to be good masters - but they mean to be masters."

Daniel Webster

to do with it. What must it have been like on the scene in Texas if actual Satan worshippers could not stomach such grossly offensive behavior? The use of children to promote sexual choices which result in the deaths of preborn babies was diabolical. Some of these children were so young they could not even read the signs adults had placed in their hands. Jesus said, "If anyone causes one of these precious little ones who believe in me to stumble, it were better if he had a millstone tied around his neck and be cast into the sea. Such things must come, but woe be to the person through which they come." (Matthew 18:6-7)

When kings or political leaders like Nebuchadnezzar and Herod accepted worship due to God alone, or thought themselves like God, Scripture says that God punished them (see Daniel 4 and Acts 12:23). Unfortunately for America, the media, and President Barack Obama and his followers, are engaging in the contemporary commission of this ancient

sin. These events are a matter of public record. Some were seen on television, some on magazine covers, and many others are online. Examples are numerous, but let's start with one of the most egregious.

On November 25, 2012, during the broadcast of the Black Entertainment Television (BET) Soul Train Awards, actor Jamie Foxx clutched the microphone onstage and said, "It's like church over here. It's like church in here... Give honor to God and Our Lord and Savior Barack Obama." You could almost hear the horrified gasps from the homes of America's Bible-minded Christians. Foxx then walked the runway and repeated Barack Obama's name again so there could be no doubt as to his meaning. People are actually worshipping President Obama, praying to him, and calling him the Messiah. More examples follow:

After Obama won the election in 2008, a group of African-American teenage males posted a video on YouTube in which they

chanted that Obama was the "Alpha and Omega", a title used to refer to Jesus.

March 20, 2008 – The cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine showed a picture of Obama with an aura of light around him. The title said "A New Hope".

November 1, 2008 – Speaking at a Nation of Islam event called Savior's Day, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said of Obama: "Our Savior has come" and "When the Messiah speaks the youth will hear."

August 20, 2009 – *Rolling Stone's* cover had photographed Obama in such a way that a circular seal on the wall in the background framed his head with a halo. There are at least 36 examples of photographs, paintings, and magazine covers posted online that show Obama with a halo. In reverent art, Jesus is often depicted with a halo, as are angels, saints or Mary the mother of Jesus. Halos are usually used to show divinity or holiness.

October 2009 – Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said that when Obama talks "the Messiah is absolutely speaking."

November 22, 2010 – *Newsweek's* cover showed a photograph of Obama entitled "God of All Things". He was portrayed as the Hindu deity Shiva, a dancing idol with many arms. Shiva is known as "The Destroyer" and the pose is called "The Dance of Death". Concepts associated with Shiva are death/resurrection, male/female, and reincarnation.

May 21, 2012 – *Newsweek's* cover placed a rainbow-colored halo over Obama's head, and called him "The First Gay President".

January 18, 2013 – *Newsweek* placed the words "The Second Coming" on its cover along with a photograph of Obama.

August 12, 2013 – A video appeared on YouTube in which parents had photographed their young son praying to President Obama.

"The right to freedom is the gift of God Almighty ... The rights of the colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading, and carefully studying the institutes of the great Lawgiver and head of the Christian Church: which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

Samuel Adams

Other examples include:

Two Obama supporters outside the 2008 Democratic National Convention were dressed in white robes with crowns of thorns on their heads. One held a sign that said "Obama saves".

Sculptor Matthew J. Clark created a life sized statue of Barack Obama and seated it upon a real donkey. He had some friends lead the donkey through the streets during one of Obama's Inaugurations, handing out palm fronds to bystanders to wave in the procession.

There have been many paintings, drawings, photographs and magazine covers created of Barack Obama walking on water. Some are serious, some are satire. They are online.

People celebrating Obama's presidency in a parade carried a large banner that said "Obama Christ. Barack Obama: Our Lord and Savior."

A meditation book by author

Mark Bozzuti-Jones was called "The Gospel of Barack Hussein Obama according to Mark".

Barack Obama has been called "prophecy fulfilled" and "heaven sent" by his adoring followers.

During Obama's first term in office, numerous Hollywood celebrities made a video (and posted it online) in which they pledged "allegiance to Barack Obama", and volunteered "to be a servant to Barack Obama and all of mankind."

In addition, posters and photographic images have been created showing Obama with his head bowed while wearing a crown of thorns and his arms outstretched in a crucifixion pose; Obama framed by halos of both the United States seal and the round Obama logo; and Obama holding his left hand over his "sacred" heart while his right hand is outstretched in blessing (a mockery of the Sacred Heart of Jesus image).

Barack Obama is not necessarily responsible for what his followers and supporters do in his name. However, all of these acts were committed in extremely public forums. President Obama has not taken to the public airwaves or made any public speeches telling his followers to stop. The President has not repudiated in public the worship directed his way in public. By not doing so, Barack Obama is accepting worship. Never in U.S. history has this type of idolatry and blasphemy been on such blatant display. Even the hero-worship Americans bestowed on John F. Kennedy was nothing like the actual worship of a god figure going on here. JFK was never called "Our Lord and Savior". Christians and Jews ought to be very concerned. What is going on here?

The Scriptures give us a clear example in the New Testament of how a mere mortal man should react when other people call him a god or attribute the qualities of a god to him. In Acts

14:8-18, a crowd of people attributed godhood to Paul and Barnabas. They cried, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" How is this different from what President Obama's followers are doing and saying about him? Paul immediately said (short version), "STOP! STOP! Why are you doing these things? We are nothing more than men like you." President Obama has not told anyone to stop, to the best of my knowledge. Certainly, he could have done so on numerous occasions.

When a mere man accepts worship due to God alone, the sins of blasphemy and idolatry are committed. When we as a nation tolerate this, we risk God's judgment. Observe what is happening to our nation and decide for yourself. Something to think about.

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"It is not the right of property, which is protected, but the right to property. Property, per se, has no rights; but the individual has three great rights, equally sacred form arbitrary interference: the right to his life, the right to his liberty, and the right to his property. These three rights are so bound together as to be essentially one right. To give a man his life but deny his liberty is to take from him all that makes his life worth living. To give him his liberty but take from him his property, which is the fruit and badge of his liberty, is to still leave him a slave."

The Hon. George Sutherland, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1862-1942



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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As we reach the end of 2013 it is appropriate to reflect on the issues we covered this year. It is our intent to inform the Christian community about issues that are not necessarily addressed from the pulpit. We have written about humility using the example of the “I Am Vermont Strong” license plates, the results of the 2012 elections, Pulpit Freedom Sunday, Liberty as the Gift of God, how the U.S. Constitution ended Slavery, radical Islam, socialism, and “separation of church and state”, among other things.

We capped our year off with KrisAnne Hall’s presentation on the Foundations of the U.S. Constitution at the Sheraton Conference Center in September. It was so well received that we are intending to invite her back next September for a day-long seminar on the Constitution.

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. Our next issue will be out in January-February 2014.

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