

A brief history of “THE CHRISTIAN ANTHEM”

The Christian Anthem; Written by Lee Behnken in 1997

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The term “**separation of church and state**” is a double edged dagger used by political progressives to usurp the authority of the Bible and to cut our nation away from the Word of the Lord (Read Psalm 2). It's origin comes from a letter that Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Baptists assuring them that we have a wall of separation in place to protect our federal government from being taken over by an “established religion” (an individual Christian denomination) like they had experienced in England. Individual state governments could have “established Christian religions” (Episcopal, Lutheran, Quaker, Baptist, etc.) but our federal government is legally protected and will not adopt an official established religion.

God establishes nations and He has established the United States of America. We are Judeo-Christian. We are established as “one nation under God”. Our Declaration of Independence and our United States Constitution are the documents that our founding fathers wrote to establish and unite our nation. These documents find their foundation in the Bible. These documents are a work of God. God has established the United States to be a Christian nation and to be a blessing to the people of Israel and to the nations of the earth.

The Constitution of the United States was written to establish and protect our religious freedom. Political progressives seek to undermine our freedom through corrupt legislation and activist judges. Our nation is in moral and economic decay because we have turned our back on God and the Bible. We must not be ashamed of the gospel. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God for salvation, to the Jew first and also to the gentiles (Romans 1). The Bible says that faith comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God.

We are Americans united, both Jew and gentile... one new man... grafted together in the olive tree. We are a “royal priesthood” (I Peter 2:9), both kings and priests (at the same time)... a nation and Christian. We are a Christian nation... We are a people united in the order of Melchizedek, the King of Salem which is Jesus Christ... so that we may proclaim the praises of Him who has called us out of the darkness and into His marvelous light.

The Christian Anthem is written and dedicated to our children in the hope that we will see Biblical prayer returned to our children's hearts... to our hearts... and to the heart of America. For a day is soon coming when the world will see *the* Antichrist ruler come to power and he will require everyone on earth to bow down and worship him (Revelation 13). There may be some that will say at that time, “But I thought you said 'separation of church and state’”. To which he might reply, “ I did... and now you will bow down and worship me or be put to death”.

May we and our children be ready to stand on the word of God... and after we've done all that we can... continue to stand and proclaim the law of love and liberty. “The Bible is our Constitution... The Word

of God is our Decree (declaration)... We stand upon the rock of the truth that set us free and proclaim the law of love and liberty”.

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Chorus:

The Bible is our Constitution

The Word of God is our Decree (*declaration*)

We stand upon the rock of the truth that set us free

And proclaim the law of love and liberty

The first verse are the words to the official “state” prayer in New York schools that was judged to be unconstitutional in the early 1960s which then set the legal precedent to remove prayer from America's public schools. Here is that official school prayer:

First Verse:

Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee

And we beg Thy blessing upon us, upon our parents,

...upon our teachers and upon our country

Chorus repeats

The first part of the second verse is taken from a United States Supreme Court ruling in the 1890s... which was given just before the beginning of the progressive movement here in the USA:

Second Verse:

Our laws and schools must be based to hold the teachings of the One who redeems all mankind...

The second part of the second verse is inspired by a quote from President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War:

Second Verse continued:

Our constant prayer is that we and our nation be on the Lord's side... We cannot be otherwise.

Chorus then repeats twice