

Manifest Destiny

"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

This article is from Pastor Dutch Sheets. He is pastor of the "Freedom" Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is considered a leader in calling America back to God. He has authored a number of books, including a book that really ministered to me: "Intercessory Prayer: How God Can Use Your Prayers to Move Heaven and Earth". I thought many of you would appreciate reading this edited portion of his letter . . .

"Through the intentional distorting and rewriting of our history by those who do not want us to be a Christian nation, it can be truly said that most Americans have no understanding of our God-given destiny and heritage. Sadly, the younger the age, the more this is true. The next logical step in this attempt to take over America and change it forever is now in effect—to remove God from every area of American life except church on Sunday. I am not an alarmist but the fruit of this unfolding plan has been horrifying:

- 65% of my grandparents' generation were true, committed Christians (born again, believed the Bible, attended worship regularly, etc.).
- 35% of my parents' generation were/are true, committed Christians.
- 15% of my generation are true, committed Christians.
- 4% of teenagers today are true, committed Christians (or will remain so after they leave home).

These statistics are staggering! Facts like these have emboldened those who do not want us to be a nation "under God" to declare, in essence, that the culture war in America is over and that they have won. A recent Newsweek cover read, "The End of Christian America." Our new President has declared twice now that we are not a Christian nation. He wasted no time, stating this in his inaugural address, and went so far as to imply that we never have been. Then on his first visit overseas after becoming President he declared to Muslim leaders, "we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation...we consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values. I think modern Turkey was founded with a similar set of principles." What a gross distortion of truth—Turkey is a nation that has slaughtered, oppressed and persecuted non-Muslims, and [rogue?] Muslims!

President Obama then refused to acknowledge the National Day of Prayer (one day!) and then declared by Presidential decree June (an entire month!) to be "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-gender Pride Month." You can read his entire statement by going to . . .or you will find it in full at end of this article.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Presidential-Proclamation-LGBT-Pride-Month/.

In contrast, Ronald Reagan declared 1983 to be the Year of the Bible! How far have we fallen?! Make no mistake about it—those who do not want to acknowledge our Christian heritage and do not want those values guiding us into the future believe they have won.

But they have not! We can and will reverse this abandoning of God and our roots! The way this will occur—indeed, the only hope for America—is another great awakening (a powerful, sweeping revival) and reformation (a true and lasting transformation of our society and culture). This is my new mission statement: *"Awakening in Our Day, Reformation in Our Lifetime!" Certainly no one thing will produce these two results, but I can say with absolute certainty that this project has the potential of making a huge contribution and will be a part of reversing this curse on America. And it is timeless-God will still be using this decades from now."* —Dutch Sheets

Dutch Sheets is an outstanding man of God and a real prayer-warrior. I highly recommend that you go to his website and sign on to receive his newsletters. Go to: dutchsheets.org and press the upper right hand "contact us/email list" button and sign on.

Prayer: "Father, thank you for the privilege of being born in a nation that has a "manifest destiny" to both protect freedom in the world and to exemplify "one nation under God". Forgive us for forsaking our calling. Help our Supreme Court judges, our president, senators and congressmen to understand that calling. And, help me to do my part to fulfill it as well."

Confession: "I am an American. I have a high calling. I will take my stand for Christian freedoms and Christian purposes!"

(All scriptural quotations-unless otherwise noted- are taken from The New King James Version, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 1981)

THE WHITE HOUSE

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

Forty years ago, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Out of this resistance, the LGBT rights movement in America was born. During LGBT Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under law for LGBT Americans.

LGBT Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society. There are many well-respected LGBT leaders in all professional fields, including the arts and business communities. LGBT Americans also mobilized the Nation to respond to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic and have played a vital role in broadening this country's response to the HIV pandemic.

Due in no small part to the determination and dedication of the LGBT rights movement, more LGBT Americans are living their lives openly today than ever before. I am proud to be the first President to appoint openly LGBT candidates to Senate-confirmed positions in the first 100 days of an Administration. These individuals embody the best qualities we seek in public servants, and across my Administration -- in both the White House and the Federal agencies -- openly LGBT employees are doing their jobs with distinction and professionalism.

The LGBT rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect.

My Administration has partnered with the LGBT community to advance a wide range of initiatives. At the international level, I have joined efforts at the United Nations to decriminalize homosexuality around the world. Here at home, I continue to support measures to bring the full spectrum of equal rights to LGBT Americans. These measures include enhancing hate crimes laws, supporting civil unions and Federal rights for LGBT couples, outlawing discrimination in the workplace, ensuring adoption rights, and ending the existing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in a way that strengthens our Armed Forces and our national security. We must also commit ourselves to fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic by both reducing the number of HIV infections and providing care and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS across the United States.

These issues affect not only the LGBT community, but also our entire Nation. As long as the promise of equality for all remains unfulfilled, all Americans are affected. If we can work together to advance the principles upon which our Nation was founded, every American will benefit. During LGBT Pride Month, I call upon the LGBT community, the Congress, and the American people to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

BARACK OBAMA