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Ten Commandments inspiration for laws

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Reader

Several months ago, I moved a commemorative 9-11 **poster** in the circuit clerk's office to the office lobby. My intention was honor those who died on 9-11. I thought the few people who would care to take the time to glance at this **poster** would remember this awful tragedy and think we should never let this happen again. But whatever might go through their mind, at the very least, those who were murdered would be remembered one more time.

To me, a greater tragedy that has been perpetrated on our nation is by those who would erase any religious thought or symbolism from the public arena. This hypersensitivity has now been impressed upon many who claim to personally be religious. How can anyone read the volumes of historic documents from our forefathers that mention God and other religious inferences and think their intent was to have a government totally free from religion?

I don't want a government-sponsored religion, nor do I want to "establish a church."

The government can barely do what it should well, let alone attempt this.

President Harry S. Truman said, "The fundamental basis of this nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings which we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have the proper fundamental moral background, we will finally wind up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the state."

The Ten Commandments on that **poster** are historical in nature to our nation. All Western laws come from them and our Judeo/Christian heritage; to deny this is like trying to deny the rising of the sun. To try and erase that reality is to erase the very foundation our nation was built upon.

Morality doesn't come out of thin air, and if we the people, not government, don't have a fundamental moral background, our nation is headed for disaster on a nationwide scale. Some believe that we are heading there on a fast track now.

Yes, I confess, that even though I am a flawed person, I follow Jesus Christ. My faith, however, doesn't instruct me to make a kingdom on Earth. On the contrary, I am to put my efforts toward the rewards of an afterlife. But, I am also instructed to do my best with whatever I do and that helps me perform my duties here on Earth. I believe that God wants the Ten Commandments written on our hearts before he would want them displayed on any wall. I believe that it is we who profess faith in Christ, bear the shame of our nation's condition. We are called on to pray, and have faith, hope, and love. May we, may I, do my duty as a citizen of the United States and as a follower of Christ.

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