

"Letters"

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in associating with extremist friends and groups on the far left, they're quick to demand that opponents clothe themselves in sackcloth and ashes as the slightest nod toward what is contemptuously referred to as the "Christian Right," "Right Wing Extremists," "Anti-Church Zealots," "Gun Nuts" and "Homophobes." George W. Bush has been ridiculed for his testimony that Jesus Christ changed his life. Yes, ridiculed that an affront to other men and women who've undergone this remarkable life-changing experience!

Bush was also badgered into apologizing for his appearance at Bob Jones University during the primaries; an apology many of us, perhaps even Ken Gore, considered a mistake. And more recently he has been pressured into making the statement that he will have no litmus test in appointing cabinet members and Supreme Court judges, while Al Gore makes it perfectly clear that he has a litmus test and intends to use it.

But you'll hear no timid reaction from Al. He is well aware that he is contagious and spreads like a forest fire. Having caught hold, that excitement and trust prevails through all manner of good and evil. Even when their guy's policies threaten the future of our nation, the support remains firm and unwavering. We've seen such three-time and time again in the past eight years, and which each incident some defenders spring for action. Since the mountain was reduced to a molehill and opposing forces were the butt of jokes by late-night talk show hosts, Clinton and Gore are proven matters of reverse-psychology!

I solely fear that precedents have been set that will henceforth and forever be accepted as normal. Perhaps by both parties. Certainly there will never be another impeached President. What more could do that was 'I done by our current leader to justify impeachment and removal of power! And the Oval Office will never again be the revered place it once was; a hallowed room where precedents would not so much as high-heel their coat, let alone their pants. But that was BB (Bill) Clinton. Everything and everyone this man touched has been besmirched and made to look ugly. Nothing is sacred to him.

That would President Lincoln think of the carryings-on in his bed room these past few years?! We're told that Abe is often seen walking the halls at night. Small wonder! He is probably searching for a kindred spirit, one with mutual respect for the living citizens provided by tax-paying citizens and once accepted by the occupants with grace and humility. One Abe could not possibly have anything in common with a couple of groups occupying his bed room. So he walks. And probably prays—though silently, so as not to be reported to the Supreme Court which would be obliged to make a ruling!

But what Shirley (Bill) and the sardie friends about the make-up of a Supreme Court under a totally liberal administration, I am not exactly comfortable with the present one. We still have so many abhorrent things in government, some that have continued to be broadened and strengthened by the Court in accordance with the bent of a liberal Administration. One example is abortion on demand which has been blessed by a woman's right to do with her own body as she sees fit." I could argue if it were indeed her own body being sacrificed to expediency. Of course we know it isn't and the woman knows it. But those august beings on the bench can't seem to grasp the difference.

The Court recently ruled that partial-birth abortion is Constitutional, though it seems Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had to hold her tongue in voting in the affirmative. We pro-life advocates had expected better from her. Perhaps with a Bush Administration, she can follow her heart and try to atone for past mistakes.

Congress has twice passed legislation to ban this grizzly procedure and twice Clinton vetoed it. Al Gore has promised to continue "protecting a woman's right to choose..." God help us, I wonder how long it will be before babies can be legally slaughtered in their crib as a relief for the mother's postpartum jitters!

The rights to life, freedom of speech and religion, and the right to keep and bear arms are but a few guarantees now under constant assault, thanks to the combined efforts of Clinton/Gore and their bosom pals on the high court. Take speech, for example. One may only speak freely when the words are approved by the powers-that-be. Anything beyond that is labeled "hate speech" and can be considered a crime.

Yes, the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience is restricted, thanks to the convoluted interpretation of

the people. With the current cycle, the General Assembly is then ready to re-evaluate or, fine-tune what it has done, honing it to fulfill its desired purpose. It is only upon the above-discussed 24-month rhythm and add to the cacophony of "big government" regulating more of your life and mine.

Fourth, last and most important, if we had more time to legislate. Only every bi-annual session that is now virtually wasted! Allow me to explain. The last date to file to run against an incumbent legislator comes at the end of January. It is so secret to anyone observing Frankfort, that legislation, especially controversial, is seldom seriously considered in January because no legislator wants to engage a constituent, who might go as far as filing to challenge him. Almost NOTHING gets done in January! Why don't we move the filing date to the end of the month? This way, we reclaim the first month of the legislative year. It would allow hold legislators accountable for every decision they make during the session (particularly the off-the-wall ones made towards the end of the session).

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Sincerely,
F. Christine McKinney
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Dear Editor,

For decades, Americans have been told to "Just say No!" to substances. Whether alcohol, drugs, or high-cholesterol foods, the message is "don't do it." As we all know, the sad reality is that restraint is easier said than done. Somehow our urges, desires or instincts always seem to win. Now, I've got an easy victory for you—when Constitutional Amendment #1 appears on your ballot Nov. 7, it will take only a moment of self-control to push the "no" lever and in an addition greater than all the others combined—that of expecting legislation to solve all society's ills.

Obviously, I exaggerate. But there are a number of serious reasons to say "no" to annual sessions for Kentucky's legislators.

First, over 1400 bills are proposed each bi-annual session. From this reality flows the argument that a representative legislature, though constitutionally to thoroughly consider each bill. But you know as well as I that if we have annual sessions an additional 1400 bills will be introduced in odd year sessions. In fact, your own guy tells you that if your get bill did not pass last session you will anxiously await the very next opportunity to pass it again. If YOU are so inclined, how much more are legislators who are often judged by the quantity of their bills passed. So the argument of too many bills for bi-annual sessions does not hold water. A vote for annual sessions, "huge budgets for state civil races, and a steady diet of attack ads like the likes of which you've haven't seen?"

If we increase the duration of the Assembly, we increase the cost of running the legislature. Though Constitutional Amendment #1 does not call for a full sixty days in the odd years, it will re-create the entire tumult - will it costs - that takes place each time a session comes to order. I am not saying that the costs will double... immediately. But just give them time. Most taxpayers agree that we already get more government than we're paid for. Why would we want to pay for more?

My third point mirrors the second, focusing not on costs, but on the art of orchestrating good legislation. Kentucky is one of those few states that has not bought into the discord of partisan politics. But, this is not the case. Instead follows a cycle that, believe it or not, has rhyme and reason. It takes six months for the Assembly to be fully prepared and primed for its task. It takes another three months for the legislation. From there, regulations are written to appropriately inscribe the will of the General Assembly (months more) and only then is the law enacted. And even then, court action may still be necessary to clarify the legislation and limit its reach. Then comes, perhaps the most important part—a "down time," when legislators can evaluate enacted legislation by listening to the temp of real living and the harmony

of the people. With the current cycle, the General Assembly is then ready to re-evaluate or, fine-tune what it has done, honing it to fulfill its desired purpose. It is only upon the above-discussed 24-month rhythm and add to the cacophony of "big government" regulating more of your life and mine.

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Dear Editor,

Events of the past few weeks have opened my eyes to the lack of law enforcement in our county. Family, neighbors, and myself have experienced this first-hand with such things as breaking and entering, stealing and destruction of our property. When trying to report these matters to local authorities, including local sheriff's department, state police, Co. Judge Carlotta's office, and County Attorney Jeff Burdette's office, only one thing has the courtesy to return my call that discusses these matters and that is a State Trooper Yates. Now, my question to you and all "law-abiding" citizens; why are we paying such high taxes if we have no protection from the "leaches" of society?

I understand that we are living times of increased lawlessness. There is a total lack of respect for fellow-human rights. It saddens me to see perpetrators' rights are protected over victims! Do we need more officials to attempt (or not attempt) to protect our rights? Or should we all plan on packing "heat" and protecting ourselves? Just a little food for thought.

Sincerely,
Elaine Brummett, R.N.

Dear Editor,

Senator Albert Robinson deserves a medal for heroism in fire! When eight different Ten Commandments bills were introduced in the 2000 legislature, the ACLU and their legion of fellow travelers fired on Senator Robinson for being a narrow-minded bigot for citing our history. The minders of American history called for the creation of a "compromise" Ten Commandments Bill. The "compromise" promoted posting religious documents from all faiths and teaching "comparative religions" in state schools. So much for separation of church and state! The same political and media forces that tried to keep the Ten Commandments and official documents of American history out of the classroom during the last session are now trying to beat Albert Robinson.

In 1978, the Kentucky ACLU brought the legal challenge against a Kentucky statute mandating display of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky schools. The statute was known as *Graham*, 449, U.S. 39. They are thus responsible for creating the false impression that the Ten Commandments had to be taken off schoolhouse walls across America. At that time, thoughtful Americans, knowing the importance of the Ten Commandments as the precedent legal code of American law and civil government and thus the foundation for America's self-governance, prepared to sue for the removal of our historical American legal standard would lead to violence.

This violence was manifested in Paducah, Kentucky in 1997, when a 10-year-old student threatened to injure girls at his Paducah school. Columbine in 1999 is the most recent site of school violence burned into the nation's consciousness, leaving us angrily demanding answers amid paralyzing horror and grief. A critic-

to remedy this violence is to restore the American law standard to point the way to these young people. Senator Albert Robinson (R-London, KY), sensitive to the needs of the children and realizing these assaults upon teaching our history and American way of life, introduced legislation in the last session to stop the censorship of official documents of American government and staunch the flow of violence and restore American standards to public life in Kentucky for the sake of our children.

The ACLU nationwide has avoided letting the people make the decision about the posting of the Ten Commandments by bypassing their elected representatives in the state legislatures, and has instead used the misleading "separation" argument in the courts as the undemocratic vehicle to change America's founded standard. From their actions one wonders if they want to remove from schools the Declaration of Independence and other official documents from America's permanent history of civil government? But now even the ACLU grudgingly concedes that not all is going so well. Tragically for students, the societal protections inherent in the Ten Commandments have been taken from them by the ACLU. Thus, in the wake of Paducah, Columbine, etc., the ACLU's failed experiment in rewriting and censoring American history has diminished its credibility.

The ACLU concedes there are grave concerns over the "recent outbreaks of violence" in the schools. But real Americans are not waiting for more trouble. They are responding to the violence by reposting the Ten Commandments in schools, restored not as a religious document, but recognizing anew the Ten Commandments as an historic state document.

The resolve of the citizenry was strengthened when the U.S. House of Representatives, which was seeking Constitutional ways to curb youth violence, on June 17, 1999 passed legislation... to allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in schools and in other government buildings.

Students today are ignorant of American history and its self-governing foundation. Since 1980, they have been prevented by the ACLU from seeing and knowing the Ten Commandments as the foundation of American history and its self-governing foundation. Since 1980, they have been prevented by the ACLU from seeing and knowing the Ten Commandments as the foundation of American history and its self-governing foundation. Since 1980, they have been prevented by the ACLU from seeing and knowing the Ten Commandments as the foundation of American history and its self-governing foundation.

Albert Robinson in the last session was successful in passing SJ 57 and in reaffirming the 1992 anti-censorship legislation but was derailed in the legislature and the media for doing so. Robinson understands America's history and that the will of the people is to restore our American history. Despite the actions of the ACLU to the contrary, 86 percent of Kentuckians support a legal and proper way to restore America's precedent legal code, the Ten Commandments.

Senator Albert Robinson acted lawfully and led the charge to restore America's legal standard at no cost to the taxpayers. *Stone v. Graham* proves that the Bible and the Ten Commandments "may be constitu-

tionally integrated into school curriculum, when used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like." Religion cannot be taught in the public schools, but American history must be taught because it reveals why America is in law, fact and history "One Nation Under God." The intolerant ACLU, NEA, Kentucky Council of Churches, the Lucas Trust, People for the American Way, The Freedom Forum, the mainstream media, etc., want "comparative religions" but oppose the teaching of "history" which reveals the vital role Christianity, the Ten Commandments and the Bible played in the founding of our system of justice and civil government.

Kentucky's children must have the complete truth of America's history. Then the nation's founding documents, including the Ten Commandments, plaques, will not confuse school children as the ACLU suggests. Parents, Senator Robinson remembers as we do that when the truth of America's history was not censored, students didn't kill each other at school. Senator Robinson is calling for a restoration of America's national virtue that brings protection through responsible self-government. As Veterans, we fought for liberty and it is time to let our children understand from our history why, in America, there is liberty and justice for all.

Thank You,
Colonel Ron Ray

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