America needs to return to the concept of one Nation, under God, indivisible, with justice and freedom to all as our National Pledge and our “founding principle” as intended by our Founding Fathers who drafted our Constitution. As a country that is governed by law, Americans have an ethical and moral responsibility to uphold this “founding principle” as intended by the Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitution is the binding legal contract between the government and the citizens of this country. This ordains and establishes the order of law by which we are governed. America was founded by the Founding Fathers to establish a nation of religious freedoms and a nation united. This is supported by the American history books. It is very clear that from America’s inception, that this was a Nation founded with a belief in God.

The Pledge of Allegiance is a recognized National Pledge of America in 45 of the 50 states in America. It is the Pledge to the Flag of America. It is as thus stated, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” (1). Our National Armed Forces recognize the Pledge as well as Our Federal government uses the Pledge to open formal presentations and meetings. For many of our citizens, it is defined as a “Pledge of loyalty or fealty to the USA of America”. A Federal appeals court here declared today, June 27, 2002, that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because the phrase "one nation under God" violates the separation of church and state. In a decision that drew protest across the political spectrum, a three-member panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the pledge, as it exists in federal law, could not be recited in schools because it violates the First Amendment's prohibition against a state endorsement of religion. (2)

It is this prohibition, thus declared in the First Amendment of the Constitution that has led to Our government leading us from a moral standard of serving God. Yet, time and time again, America has used the moral high ground of “God-fearing and ordainment” to enforce America’s will on a national and worldwide populous. America is also a land of immigrants. As such, America has a cultural diversity of many national cultures that are not accustomed to America’s history. Their cultures and experiences of themselves are not in tune with patriotism to America’s culture. Current America legislature has a trend to represent the corporate interest more favorably than that of the common citizenry. Many of the citizenry do not see the USA as representing the interests of their communities or peers in a fair and equitable manner.

The political nature of a bi-partisan government has within the last three decades served as a very divisive force within our Nation. It appears that this “us” against “them” mentality that has dominated our political and cultural landscape has also served to polarize entire segments of our population. The demonizing of the conservative or Republican party; and the same demonizing of the liberal or Democrat party has led to a divide and conquer type attitude within these political bases that has spilled out to the general populous as well. The people that are identified as the “opposition” throughout the media outlets are clearly marked as different demographics with no sense of compromise or shared loyalty to the “America” as one Nation. Religion, race and/or nationality, and politics serve as divisive factors as portrayed by the media outlets. These same factors were to have been the unifying factors as
pre-determined by “Founding Fathers” as being inalienable freedoms granted by our very Constitution that was the law of the land. Yet, because of the slavery issue, America did not even get the basic freedom of a citizen as an inalienable right thing established in our Constitution. Institutionalized racism in the USA as practiced against the predominate cultures of Black Americans and Indian Americans in “early America” have restricted the rights of a two very large segments of Americans that have created barriers that exist even today, 400 years after the “Founding” of the USA.

“Yet, despite the Senate’s direct complicity in the Pledge decision, the Senate is not to blame for this travesty; Christians are. Why? Because of the Christians widespread refusal to vote. “President James A. Garfield (an ordained minister of the Gospel) foresaw a century ago where we are today: Now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If that body be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature. If the next centennial does not find us a great nation, it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces.

Understanding the importance of Christian involvement in elections, and its impact on the entire nation, Rev. Charles Finney (a leader in the 19th century’s Second and Third Great Awakenings) warned:

The Church must take right ground in regard to politics. . . . The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics. . . . God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground. Politics are a part of a religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as a part of their duty to God. . . . God will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics. If we want to see less Pledge of Allegiance type rulings, then it’s time that Christians get out and vote.” (4)

In conclusion, it is my premise that the USA must return to this one Truth. America was founded by the Founding Fathers to establish a nation of religious freedoms and a nation united. We must return to the vote; and get out the vote to achieve a Nation of one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We must first claim to All that we are a Nation under God. Regardless of one’s concept of God, this must be Americans one True loyalty. We must act in an order that is consistent with the Righteousness of God, who governs out of love. Not of a governance that acts out of Greed and divisiveness. And it is the will of such a populace viewpoint that will set America back on the path of greatness, and the path that it’s citizenry willfully walk with in fealty.

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