

The Sentinel Editorial  
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Dear Editor,

As I read the article about ‘Nonbelievers’ (*Sentinel 8/31/18*) I was reminded of what the Founding Fathers wrote on religion, finding it disheartening that lawmakers didn’t refer to the writings of those who authored this country’s Constitution, when making their stance on “banning people who don’t believe in God from giving the invocations...”.

The argument of ‘separation of church and state’ has been falsely promulgated by secular humanists who use such out of context to intimidate their opponents into submission. And for fear of constituent backlash they usually win. Most of them know the truth but choose to overlook it out of an agenda that wishes to eliminate a moral conscience.

Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States who claimed to be a “real Christian”, responded to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut on January 1, 1802 ending with, “I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man, and tender you for yourselves and your religious association, assurances of my high respect and esteem.”

“Religion” represented Christianity thus the “common Father and Creator” designation. For the government to not establish one ‘Christian denomination’ over others was the subject and not of other world religions.

The ‘Father of American Jurisprudence’, Joseph Story, clarified the meaning of the First Amendment with regard to the priority of Christianity in 1833:

“Indeed, in a republic, there would seem to be a peculiar propriety in viewing the Christian religion, as the great basis, on which it must rest for its support and permanence, if it be, what it has ever been deemed by its truest friends to be, the religion of liberty”.

One would hope our legislators knew that and would return to that stance without fear.

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