

Legislating Illegality

It sounds like a contradiction in terms. And it is. But it's a phenomenon that has taken hold in our country in a way that would have been unimaginable just a few decades ago, and lately the pace has quickened dramatically.

In Arizona, what we've seen this week is essentially just that. A judge has ruled that it is illegal for state law enforcement to enforce the law, handing down the ruling in a lawsuit filed by the current administration that doesn't want the law enforced.

Early this morning the news carried live pictures of busses being loaded up in Los Angeles during the pre-dawn hours with people being taken to Arizona to protest against the law the state passed, giving state law enforcement agencies the obligation of determining the legal status of those involved in any police matter. The protesters are also there to participate in acts of "civil disobedience," blocking public streets and cutting off access to public buildings. This action is not only encouraged, but some in very high office have actually made careers of inciting people to act out this way in order to frighten the powers that be and everyone else into caving to their demands.

But for whatever reason, (possibly political reasons) those currently in power in our federal government do not want State agencies in Arizona to have the authority to question anyone whose immigration status is in doubt, claiming (at least in the media) that it would be an act of racial profiling. Interesting how the charge of racism is getting hurled all over the place these days isn't it? It's beginning to look like it suits the agenda of those manipulating public opinion.

This is not the first time that the clear language of law has been discarded in favor of a court's political or social leanings. Think of the various rulings making abortion, even partial birth abortion a legal "right." Think of the laws that have been struck down against homosexual activity, even when it's practiced and paraded in public.

Those who crafted our Constitution and Bill of Rights were careful to make sure that they fell in line with nature's laws for man's happiness and prosperity, in short, God's laws. Even though every public official and judge has put their hand on a Bible and sworn to uphold the Constitution, many of them nevertheless govern and rule contrary to its letter and spirit. And that sad fact has not gone unnoticed. Public opinion polls show that a solid majority is already convinced that this country is hurtling down a road that will damage if not destroy the nation.

But this phenomenon of legislating illegality is not new. The "Christian church" did it nearly two thousand years ago, and many who are now up in arms about the practice and its application in temporal matters can't possibly come to grips with the religious illegalities they practice in earnest.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" was forcibly legislated out of mainstream "Christianity" clear back in the days of Constantine, and otherwise intelligent and good

people revere Sunday and ignore the Sabbath as a result. “You shall not set up any graven images or bow down to worship them” is not just ignored, but practiced with tremendous devotion by the largest of all denominations, and to a lesser degree by most others.

The Biblical warnings about “learning the ways of the heathen,” or adopting their pagan practices are trampled with tremendous pomp and circumstance every Christmas and Easter while God’s annual Holy Days are virtually unknown by most devout “Christians.”

There are a precious few out there in the media, some with big audiences, urging Americans to “get right with God” if there is to be any hope of returning our nation to its foundational principals that brought freedom and prosperity to this land in the first place. But how might that work? Will we pray to a statue? Wear a cross? Subject ourselves to the smarmy vocal intonations of a Sunday preacher?

Our daily national news is beginning to read like the prophets’ descriptions of Israel’s practices prior to being defeated and taken captive. If we are to seek God’s intervention in our national affairs, the Ten Commandments would be a good start. Those in the big pointy hats, flowing robes and backward collars have no more business overruling God’s laws than the unjust judges we see enshrining their political philosophies in matters of law in contravention of our Constitution.

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