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The President’s Oath of Office

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Divine character is the crown of life studded with jewels of worthy acts and radiant with the spirit of God.
Atonement
is the
open door
that leads
to the wisdom
of
God.
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Excerpts From the Constitution

THE PRESIDENT'S OATH OF OFFICE.

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that 'I' will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

YOU will notice there is no mention of God—not even an evasive reflection: but the inflated "I" is especially identified.

As a Christian, the President has sworn with his
hand up-lifted before God, to honor the Bible, and as such he is held to the precepts of religion as a voluntary religious test.

As a President, he has sworn to defend the Constitution—and the Constitution positively states that “No religious test shall be required.”

Verily! the President is in rather a delicate position for a conscientious man.

How can a President be faithful to both sides of the contradiction and remain a Christian or an honest man?

“I do solemnly swear or affirm”—to whom does this informal oath of office appeal? To the people of the United States, or to those present at the ceremonies? Possibly directly to none—but, indirectly to all—as nothing definite is cited.

Be it known there is no oath but an oath taken unto God that is binding and sacred. You are then responsible to God and the spirit of God within your own heart and soul.

Is the President responsible to God when he swears by the Bible?

If so—then the Bible is of more value than the Constitution.

I presume many would retort, if the President is responsible to God, then let God settle with the President.

Good! but as the spirit of God is within each and
every mortal—then the spirit within each and
every soul has a perfect right to question the Presi-
dent, as we are all a part of God within our soul
and the god-like essence when recognized will pre-
dominate.

That is why mortal has a right to censure or re-
buoke sin and unrighteous ways. The spirit of
God within us rises with indignation.

Do not let the President forget that God can be
in humble ranks as well as exalted ones, irrespec-
tive of race, party or "culture."

The Constitution makes no definite declaration,
special mention—or apparent discrimination—sim-
ply, "I do solemnly swear or affirm." It is either
an intentional oversight or a perfect reflection of
man's perfidious weakness and evasion to rigid
principles.

"To solemnly swear" is almost universally ac-
cepted as an iron-clad, irrevocable obligation unto
God. Otherwise, the sacredness of being sponsor
for a million people, descends to a low type of de-
generacy that reflects damnation on the present
"modus operandi" of public control.

Especially when accompanied with the polish of
college training and such a clear understanding of
"moral obligation."

So pronounced.
Moral obligations are not diplomatic toys for the manipulation of the “brainy or classy,” but divine duties that test the righteous value of “honest” individuals—particularly when occupying the pulpit of a nation.

“To affirm” is a prefix conveying the President’s intention toward the people. Climatic in its nature and subject to a spell of diplomatic weather, so heart rending in devotion for the “good” of the “common” people.

Buffoonery is a spurious method to serve the political purpose of a favored few. But! never to guide the welfare of a civilized nation or the destiny of deserving souls. Never! Moral obligation has no specials or favored few. It is universal and applies equal to all—good or bad, high or low. As God is within each and every soul, he cannot be divided against himself.

Then, let us be explicit as to who we serve—God or Mammon.

If God—then honor the bible in your Constitution and demand a “moral obligation” from all who serve in control.

If Mammon—unveil your college training to the nudeness of hypocrisy, and bow in sincere penitence to the simplicity of “honest motives” from “common intelligence.” Quite vivid in contrast to the prodigious brains of the cultivated few. Particu-
larly when they chant "Nearer my God to Thee" on a glorious Sabbath day.

Profundity Personified.

Where honesty is bliss 'tis folly to be cultivated.

If the President's oath of office is not responsible to mortal, then the formality of a solemn oath is ambiguous to screen an undesirable motive. But—

the President's oath taken on the Bible is binding, and he is held in inviolable trust unto God. That means—religion shall be a part of his office at all time.

Then insert in your Constitution and demand a religious test—by annulling as now inserted: "No religious test shall be required."

Does not the solemnity of the question demand and deserve profound attention?

Possibly some of the legal talent predominating at the present time, can literally demonstrate and render the exact interpretation—as conceived by the originators of this indiscreet and incomplete oath of office.

Unfortunately the truth has escaped the mortal eye of penetration. Quite oblivious of the fact that Christians, or Pilgrim descendants owe first of all a reverence to God—and as well, a debt of grati-
tude to their forefathers who publicly honored God.

Evidently our “honored sires” and “cultured colleagues”—lacking in moral courage to support an impartial conviction, have secreted the truth within the confines of their superstition—fearing lest the blaspheme of public censure be raised against them for daring to question the ingratitude of those who founded the Constitution.

Possibly the question has never received due consideration except from a standpoint of blind acceptance. But then—like many other granted favors and consequential courtesies, the custom has been accepted as unquestioned; and must be supported even if through the remarkable weakness of public forbearance, regardless of truth and eternal preservation.

As Milton states:

“The voice of God to mortal ears is dreadful.”

The unpardonable sin of designating “I do solemnly swear or affirm” as a thing to be endeared is preposterous. But—to be endured is self-evident.

However the loyalty of righteous individuals should be superceded by gratitude and respect to the Diety at all times, as moral obligation is the Brotherhood of Man.
The Constitution without God has no permanent foundation.

To protect, preserve and defend the Constitution is glorious, when deserving—but the rights of the people as regards the commodities of life demand a greater protection and defence than the Constitution, as the present predicament of "private control" should suggest.

A solemn oath is the greatest religious test that mortal man can utter. Fearlessly confessing before other mortals that God is omnipotent and supreme.

Woe be unto him who breaketh his oath as it means the dispensation of his soul. And yet the Constitution declares "No religious test required." If Christians—how pathetic? Can mortal mind conceive a greater sin than snubbing God.

Hath independence such an imperative sway as to ignore the omnipotent? Is the Constitution such a reliable factor as to discountenance the support and guidance of Almighty God! What is the Constitution as it stands—but the outgrowth and result of earthly conception—dedicated and commemorated by man to man.
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A Stubborn Child Without a Father.
History has repeated itself the world over with stubborn children.
It does not take a "classic or cultivated" brain to demonstrate this fact, although I grant the "exhibition" is more pronounced in favored homes, than among the "common herd" as these arrogant superiors are prone to express it.

Then is not the feeble phrase—"I do solemnly swear or affirm" an informal declaration to man—and not an oath to God?.
Would it not be better if executed as follows:--
I do solemnly swear unto God, that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will to the best of my ability—preserve, protect and defend the interests of our people, through the Constitution of the United States, when it serves to honor the Deity.

Are not God's rights the equal rights of humanity? Is he not a part of each and every individual as the seed of their soul?
If the Constitution serves God, it must serve the people. Nothing can be more positive, as even a child can realize that.
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Hath man the precedence over God in the hearts of a Christian people?
If so—since when.
Then how can a professed Christian assume the responsibilities of a great executive office, the presidential chair or pulpit of the United States, wherein thousands of souls depend upon the voicings of the President's sentiments to nourish the growth and welfare of their souls—unless that individual appreciates and is reliable unto whom his oath of office is given.

Whether partisanism—or mortal braggarts whose voice and power fadeth as the morning dew—or unto infallible powers that hold him personally responsible for the expression of his every act to all humanity.

When a man is sponsor for a million people, is he directly responsible to God or man? Let a clear conscience give thee answer. Quail not! but I fear self-independence hath served thee a boastful master.
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EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

"The President can recommend any measure he may deem necessary to Congress."

HEREIN lies the channel by which redemption may be sought.

Here lies the golden opportunity of a martyred soul.

If the President has professed an oath under a covenant, with the Bible to protect the Constitution, and the Constitution emphatically declares:—

"No religious test required"—

Let him beware!

Let him repudiate the henious outrage that has been perpetrated unto God, and zealously insist
uponremedyingtheevil,byannullingsuchasacri-
legiousthought—"Noreligionstestrequired."That
he may prove himself to be worthy as a true Chris-
tion:—otherwise there is a dubious reflection of
anarrantknave.

No man can impersonate a Christian by swearing
to both sides of a contradiction at once.

Be thou faithful unto death—yea! faithful unto
thy Father who art in heaven.

We are all his children, worthy when we honor
his name and do his bidding. Unworthy when a
disrespect and self-independence actuates our im-
pulses to ignore his aid or presence.

If unworthy as his children, how can we hon-
estly and righteously expect to guide other chil-
dren?

Self-independence bears the burden of self-indul-
gence; while "self-reliance" wears the crown of
self-respect.

O! ye that don the Presidential cap, open thine
ears to hear and thine eyes to see. Send forth thy
voice in clarion tones to the multitudes, emphasiz-
ing the absolute necessity of protecting the chil-
dren of humanity over whom you preside.
Save them from the avalanche of misery and sin that impedes with imminent destruction.

Honor thy God.

Seek his aid and comforting influence. Countenance his name in every act of the Constitution. Bow to his inevitable will.

Religion in sincerity is the rock of ages and the only foundation for a Christian people and its laws. This does not in any way bear a suggestion to creed.

Creed may embody a religious thought—but religion is in no way akin to creed.

"Religion is a high sense of moral obligation and spirit of worship and reverence, which affects the heart of man with respect to the Deity. (Webster).

Religion is the chime of a sacred heart. (God from within, the internal ruling.)

Creed is the mouthpiece for a fertile brain. (His Nobs! from without, the external ruling.)

Were not our forefathers Christian people?

If the privilege of a President permits him to
recommend any measure he may deem it necessary to Congress, then as a Christian man why don’t he recognize and honor Christianity first and last, by submitting the truth to the people.

If Congress attempts to repudiate a reverence to God, let the President send forth an urgent appeal to the civilized public that they may honor the Deity and so declare through the public means of expression open to all.

The ballot and church, where the truth should be spoken and encouraged through a duty and respect to God.

If politicians close their eyes and ears to the sacredness of honor and gratitude, Mr. President, then give the unaffected masses an opportunity to show their appreciation of God’s help in aiding the Pilgrim Fathers, and the public in return will honor you for doing your duty and showing a moral courage in elevating humanity to a sense of truth and justice, through seeking God’s help and protection.

It might be the one redeeming feature of a lifetime—for the children of this generation to prize and honor as a most remarkable heirloom.

The Pilgrims, who honored God were loyal, brave and true. Untutored in the gloss and glamour of diplomatic suavity, they were proud of their
public devotion and loyalty in seeking God's guidance.

Courtesy to them meant honor. They did not seek the slick grooming of a man's personal appearance or the polish of an oratorical tongue. They sounded the heart to the prick of loyal pride and the core of honor.

That was culture enough for them or any other sincere mortal.

Give us your hand my brother,
If honest—we'll pull together—
Regardless of weather—
That God may bless us all.

Brothers through love and religion, for true religion, was the foundation of their motive and a helping hand to each other.

This is the Brotherhood of Man.

COOPERATION WITHOUT CORRUPTION.

Extracts From the Constitution

The "Constitution and laws of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land."

Supreme! without God's help? Never!
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OTHER self-important, independent and imprudent clause, that hath attempted to exile the supremacy of God from the hearts of humanity.

Barren of the seed that beareth precious food to feed and educate the human heart.

Destitute of raiment to clothe the impetuous and wilful arrogance that hath dared to defy Almighty God.

Ragged, tattered and torn like the prodigal son, the thought embodied in that clause, shall hide its brazen face beneath the dust of humiliation and seek repentance within the humble confines of servility.

Thinkest thou that God’s laws bow to the incomplete and selfish rulings of unstable man?

Tyrannical or sloppy in the rendering of their purport and meaning! Untutored in the knowledge and wisdom of Justice—Nay! Thou knowest well that within the Holy Bible is the supreme law of the land and woe be unto ye that dare attempt to supersede it.

Where are the ministers of the gospel who dare defend the supremacy of the Bible—O, where are they?

Where are the sublime poets who dare sing of the injustice at the bold imposition of the imposter—O, where are they?

Where are the judges who rely so dependently upon the Bible—to extract honor and truth from
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mortals known as being under oath—by which these eminent potentates are enabled to render a final "opinion" to immortalize their name.

Does the Constitution extract honor and truth from mortals? Then which one by practice and universal belief should be recognized and recorded as the supreme law of the land.

Is not using the Bible to extract truth and honor from mortals, being dependent upon God?

Then how can the Constitution be supreme—when it is not recognized as a recording factor for taking an oath.

God is supreme and his laws, not the Constitution.

If the Constitution is a braggart—then remedy the defect at once.

Alas! my fellow beings, self-independence hath led thee a ludicrous dance, flexible to the slightest touch, thou art animated to a selfish and greedy nature, grasping at fleeting shadows as they prophesy thee eternal fame and material wealth; that sooner or later returneth to dust and leaveth thee in the bitter shades of remorse and discontent.

Mortal! thou art idiotic in thy clamor for social prestige, that haileth thee—behold! See the conquering hero comes arrayed in the exquisite of clownish attire. Fashion and customs that bedeck the outer hide to burden the inner soul.
Verily! self—thou art a pitiable picture of misery and distress. Steeped in weakness. Enamored of the follies and foibles that makes thee susceptible as the slave of passionate desire—thou art bonded indeed to the lust of pride.

Shame on ye that try to carve thine own image within the hearts of thy countrymen, instead of forgetting thine own identity and inscribing God's name first.

Is this the culmination of college life or public service?

Is this the acme of perfection, plucked from the teachings of cultured pedagogues?

Fraught with that material intensity to satiate an earthly desire.

If so—what a tremendous influence the material brain has exercised over the religious dictates of Jesus. But! some of the community quietly and unobserved have been developing spiritual growth and a true progress towards the purification and equality of souls—that leadeth kindly in the light to the realm of God. Where reward and reunion resound in the most complete sense—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

That is true prosperity and progression acquired through no other source—than the knowledge that cometh through the spirit of God, within thine own
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heart, when thou wilt but listen to the guidance of his voice at all time.

Mr. President, it is up to you. Speak ye the truth.

Be thou fearless and undaunted. Pronounce God's law as the supreme law of the land and the universe. Seek to have it recorded as such in the Constitution.

Is not the word of God supreme,
Above the din of gossip's scream—
Then what care ye for earth's blaspheme,
Live for thy God and God esteem.

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Like unto a flower,
Simplicite divine,
Seek God as dictator,
Then wisdom is thine.

Amidst the fields and meadows green,
Where nature smiles with glance serene,
Where innocence and beauty dwell,
Where flowers nod and secrets tell,
Where roses bloom beneath HIS care,
And waft their fragrance on the air:
There jeweled blossoms rimmed with dew,
Are peeping thru with radiant hue,
And sparkling like the stars at night,
They sip the sunbeams with delight,
Then bask within the sun-kissed rays,
And, in their silence, offer praise.
So grateful like an humble child,
Although uncultured—growing wild.

So perfect is their confidence
They turn to God with reverence.
"O lead us kindly in the light,
Thou God of love—Thou infinite,
Protect us as Thou would’st a child,
For we are flowers growing wild:
Within Thy smile, we seem to know,
Is warmth to nourish as we grow.
And when the night-fall creeps around,
Though silence reigneth deep, profound,
We close our lids and bow our heads,
While softly fall the silken threads,
And web-like in their weaving lay,
To shield us till the break of day:
So thoughtful is Thy tender care,
We feel that Thou art everywhere,
And bow with gratitude to Thee,
For thou art love and sympathy."
O Mortal! seek the infinite way,
Waste not a moment in delay,
With honest heart and thought serene,
Have faith in trusting God unseen:
Reflections of HIS image! form
From worthy acts that we perform.

Improve each precious fleeting hour,
With faith in God as doth a flower,
For faith has never yet been known
To truly demonstrate or own
That God hath form for mortal eyes,
His only form in spirit lies:
Unknown to souls of morbid mind,
Whose lack of faith will never find
HIS loving touch or guiding hand,
Until they seek to understand.

For even flowers seem to know
That life to HIM they fully owe,
And recognize with faith and trust.
Then mortal! why not be as just?
For when with confidence you lean,
And trust in that which is unseen,
Then you have faith and nothing more,
For faith is trust which comes before:
By having faith and holding fast,
Then truth appears—and lo! at last,
Your faith unfolding like a rose,
Will blossom knowledge, as it grows.

Then faith is a crutch
   We need in our youth,
Till knowledge appears
   To teach us the truth.

We should never despair,
   Or waiver in faith,
As nothing but knowledge
   Can ever replace.

Then faith is like buds,
With knowledge the blows—
The two together,
   Completing the rose.

Like unto a flower,
   Simplicite divine,
Seek God as dictator,
   Then wisdom is thine.

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