

By Reverend Austin Miles

EAST BAY, CA. Is there really a legal mandate regarding the Separation of Church and State? Or is it possible that every court in America, including the Supreme Court, has acted illegally in removing expressions of the Christian faith from public life? The following facts will be startling and conclusively prove that the misused doctrine of Separation of Church and State can (and must) be redefined.

When the issue of school prayer escalated, thousands of citizens wrote their representatives asking that school prayer be restored. California was no exception. Several hundred people wrote their Senator, Dianne Feinstein, asking for help. This writer was among them.

In her refusal to back the request of her constituents, Senator Feinstein's response contained the following paragraph, which was a typical response given to citizens of all states by their representatives:

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"I believe in the Constitutionally-mandated separation of church and state. I believe in the parental role in children's education; parents have the major responsibility for helping children formulate their personal religious beliefs. Students and parents should determine what part religion will play in a student's life and education."

During the time of the 'controversy', this writer broke the story about the Islamic doctrine course being taught at the Byron School along with other public schools throughout California; a mandatory course that requires taking on a Muslim name, chanting praises to Allah according to The Koran, wearing Muslim dress, and simulating Islamic religious rituals.

This course of religious instructions for worship, is in the public schools, during classroom school time, and paid for by taxpayer funds.

Several emails requesting a meeting with Sen. Feinstein's office regarding this matter were ignored.

During all this, the ACLU, an organization ready to file a lawsuit even at the mention of the name of Jesus Christ, in public schools, remained silent. They refused to even talk to concerned parents all over America who contacted them regarding this violation of law taking place in their states. (Many of these parents throughout the U.S. called into several radio programs this writer appeared on to testify about this.)

Meanwhile, The ACLU was busy filing lawsuits to prevent the posting of the 10 Commandments in public places while at the same time, The Five Pillars Of The Muslim Faith were not only being handed out in public schools by teachers, but had to be memorized by 7th grade students in order to receive a grade in "history."

The church/state doctrine can now be effectively challenged. The inaction of our politicians, and yes, The ACLU, proves that there is no legal separation between Church and State. The law can no

longer be used to discriminate against Christians or to prohibit and restrict the activities of the Christian Church.

Without intention, a legal precedent has been set. This Islamic, totally religious indoctrination course, has been implemented in the public schools under the authority and approval of the California State Board of Education as a mandatory educational requirement for 7th grade students.

Specific religious instruction has been declared illegal by the courts. The law has been broken. A case can be made. "Politically Correct" has no place here.

The exculsion of Christianity from public life paralleled with the blatant promotion of Islam in the public schools shows not only bias but shows the government violating its own rules against favoring one religion over another.

Either there is a legal Separation of Church and State, or there is not. It is time to determine this once and for all.

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