

In Defense of Sarah Thanksgiving, Then and Now

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"... to recommend to the people of the United States, a DAY of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God," - President George Washington - Thanksgiving Proclamation October 3, 1789



Thanksgiving for the first Pilgrim settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts, was a day to come together and give thanks to God for the bountiful blessings He bestowed upon them. Or, so I thought. This leads me to ask how many Americans, especially our children, are aware of the devoutness associated with Thanksgiving.

In a bizarre article, "How to Teach Children the Meaning of Thanksgiving", God is not mentioned once! This "teaching tool" never mentions the Pilgrims sought to freely worship God without fear of persecution for non-adherence to the tenets of the Church of England. Instead, the author's touchy-feely approach alludes to pagan gods and traditions having no relevance to the First Thanksgiving and instructs parents to discuss with their children "...recent efforts that have been made by the American government and people to apologize for past discrimination and violence." toward Native Americans.

This ridiculous piece, also, suggests Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving an official day of observance as "...a way to brighten the spirits of the American people, who were dealing with a great deal of difficulty and deprivation." Nothing could be further from the truth. Two excerpts from Lincoln's 1863 proclamation regarding this day clearly state who and what we are to celebrate. "They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy." and, "...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Why am I getting all worked up about this article? Because it is typical of what is being taught in our public schools today. In place of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, progressives have substituted their purposely twisted interpretations of "American History." Unlike this bunch of socialist/statist types hell bent on destroying our culture, Abraham Lincoln, who liberals like to name drop -- in spite of the fact he was a Republican knew the true motivation behind our Thanksgiving observance. However, when Sarah Palin -- one of the very few political figures who makes no apologies for her religious beliefs -- includes God within the framework of the National debate, she is branded as an extremist and out of touch with the "mainstream".

Revisionists are mostly Godless subversives who worship the likes of A.C.L.U. founder Roger Baldwin. He said, among other things, "I am for socialism, disarmament, and, ultimately, for abolishing the state itself... I seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class, and the sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal." These are the same people responsible for removing God from our classrooms and every other public venue in America. And, some of these people are teaching our children as well. Personally, I prefer George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Sarah Palin representing me, especially when it concerns defining the direction of our Country, the education of our children, and the origin of Thanksgiving. 