

ONE NATION
Under God

Year One

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January 20, 2021

"Dear Diary..."

Boy, that's dumb. You don't write to a diary, you write in one.

So I asked for a DigiVox for Christmas, and naturally Mom has to get me this instead. I don't know why she likes these old paper things. What's wrong with a DigiVox? She's always getting me things I don't want instead of what I do want, in some weird attempt to make me like what she likes. I'll give it a try, though. It might not be too bad.

I can't believe my dad is President! Uncle Gene kept saying he'd get him elected. I didn't believe him. But he did!

I actually live in the White House! That's really cool and everything, but I already miss my friends. And I don't know how I'm going to make any here, because I'll be tutored instead of going to school.

And to make matters worse, Dad says I won't be able to use vid-vox with chat, because of "security issues." So my friends won't be able to see my face or my room, or even hear my real voice. I'll probably have to use the keyboard instead of voice-rec, and that's just too dumb for words.

And with that stupid three-hour time difference between Washington and California, I'll be lucky to even be online at the same time as my friends.

Mom says I have to be extra careful. I can't let anyone online know I'm the President's daughter. She's pretty scared about the types of people you can meet online. I think she's just being silly.

I tell you what, though... This house is incredible! I had no idea it was so huge! My room is fantastic! And I can do whatever I want to it! Dad says they'll redecorate it however I want!

And there's the Lincoln Bedroom. I thought that meant Abraham Lincoln was the first President to sleep there, but actually, he used it as an office. Dad says it was in that room that Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. And now it's a guest room.

It's awesome to think that I stood in the same room where that took place. It's so freaky that I'm walking the same halls as all the Presidents who've lived in this house.

I hope one day some other kid will live here and think, "Wow... Paul Christopher, the greatest President ever, lived in this house..."

I hope my dad will be thought of that way by future generations. He's the greatest guy in the world!

God has been so very good to us!

“Good morning, everyone.

“I want to say first that it is a profound honor to have been elected your President. You have my undying oath that I will do everything in my power to convey that honor to the position I now hold. I will begin by breaking a long-standing tradition of what is ‘supposed’ to be done in an inaugural address.

“Decade after decade, Presidents have stood before the people and reiterated promises made on the campaign trail, promises to use the powers of their office to get this nation back on its feet, and so on and so forth. And decade after decade, they have broken those promises.

“Now, it’s true that politicians are not in tune with Americans in general. They realize that promising to give the people what they want, whether or not they ever really give it to them, is how to get re-elected. Lying on demand is just a tool for saving face.

“George Washington is known as the President who could not tell a lie. But Washington was not a politician. We called them ‘statesmen,’ back then. Our founders were righteous men, and had little regard for the political posturing so common today.

“And like the father of our country, you will find that President Paul Christopher also cannot lie to the American public. Like George Washington, I’m not a politician, either. I’ve never gotten trapped in the messy cycle of greasing palms and knifing backs. And I won’t.

“I’m a common citizen, just like you. I know what Americans want, and what they are and are not willing to sacrifice to get it. And I’m here to help us get it.

“Because we all want the same things. We want our children to grow up in a safer world than we did. We want a return to the solid morals that are the foundation of our country. We want to make this world a better place in every way.

“The great thing about this is that it’s not only possible to do, but we don’t have to sell our souls to accomplish it. In fact, what’s needed is to *save* our souls. By heeding the word of God Almighty, we can turn this country around. Such is our duty to our fellow man, our duty to God.

“We’ve been saved once, two thousand years ago. But the sins being committed today are for us to atone for. We must save ourselves.”

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When will the shock wear off? Since November, I've felt detached... as though I've been some disinterested observer watching someone else's life, like those voyeuristic television shows that Mary watches all the time.

I suppose the truth is that I never had faith that Gene could put me in the White House, as he always claimed. I underestimated him and his "Family."

Still... over the past few years, I became convinced that it was a job I wanted, a job I could do. He kept telling me that political experience wasn't necessary, and I accepted that. But sometimes I still wonder if I'm truly up to the task ahead of me. I often catch myself questioning whether I did the wise thing in following Gene's urgings to run for office. After all, even aside from my lack of political experience, what real qualifications do I have? I keep telling myself that character, faith, and desire are the only things necessary. I hope that's true. Gene seems to think so. He keeps telling me so.

And why should I doubt? Gene is a man of God... one of the most respected, too. I must have faith in his foresight, no matter how little confidence I may have in myself. He's never steered me wrong, and there's no reason I should think he's done so in this.

And if it weren't for Sarah's constant support, I don't know if I could've even made it this far. She's such an incredible woman. Mary has been a great help, too. She has such faith in me. I suppose I was the same at her age, thinking my father could do no wrong.

It'll be difficult living up to her expectations, but by God, I intend to succeed.



The Voice of Reason

Welcome

Welcome, dear friends, to *The Voice of Reason*. I'm your host and webmaster, Jefferson Paine, and this site aims to be your source for understanding what is happening to America, and why it is wrong.

This site will either be your greatest resource or your worst nightmare, depending on your inclinations.

In days to come, you'll find articles about the history of civil liberties in America, about idiotic legislation the Christopher Administration will no doubt try to pass, and general information for fighting against the fundamentalist propaganda, especially the crap put forth by the man behind Paul Christopher's election: Reverend Gene Sisco and his group, Our Father's Family.

So please bookmark this site and come back soon. You won't be disappointed. Outraged, maybe, but not disappointed.

"Our liberty depends on freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

—Thomas Jefferson

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Recent letters to the editor in this fine paper have either lauded or condemned President Christopher's goal of bringing this country to God. Whether one likes the idea or not, it should come as no surprise that he has decided we should call upon God to save our country from its troubles. He's a religious man, after all.

But I can't help remembering other times in my life when there were identical urgings. The bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building when I was a child... the shootings at Columbine High School, where I lost my best friend... the unspeakable events of September 11, 2001... and so on up to the present.

After each and every horrific incident, there was a call for a return to faith. With every outbreak of violence, there was a call for prayer. Prayer, we were assured, would stop the next atrocity from happening.

But has it worked? Have we seen a decrease in terrorism or other violence? Have we seen an increase in charity or in common civility? No, we have not. Has the great sky god not heard these prayers, or worse, ignored these heartfelt pleas for clemency and kindness?

No. He has not ignored them, for he does not exist outside the minds of believers.

Doubtless this paper will be barraged with letters insulting me and defiantly proclaiming that their god is loving and does listen. But evidence does not indicate any truth to these claims.

It's time to grow up, America. It's time to quit hoping some make-believe father figure will fix things, and get on with the business of fixing them ourselves.

Eleanor Adams
President, Atheists USA



The Voice of Reason

A Peek at Paul Christopher

Religion: Raised Presbyterian by his now deceased parents, but in his teens, sought out more fundamentalist faiths. Now simply describes himself as “Evangelical.”

Education: Attended Bob Jones University in South Carolina. (Yes, the same school that lost their tax-exempt status in 1983 due to their ban on interracial dating among the student body. The ban was lifted in 2000, but the school then required written permission from the interracial students’ parents before allowing them to date!) Earned Bachelor’s Degree in Bible Evangelism.

Experience: After graduation, he toured the country, studying prominent preachers including Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Benny Hinn, and others. Worked briefly for the Institute for Creation Research. During this time, he successfully lobbied to have evolution stricken from the curriculum of his high school alma mater.

Family: Met Sarah Schell at one of Gene Sisco’s revival meetings. Married in 2008. Sarah continues to be active with a number of anti-choice and homophobic organizations. Paul has no siblings. Daughter Mary (born 2010) hasn’t caused any trouble, yet.

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A Peek at Gene Sisco

Religion: Hardcore Evangelical Christian of the ultra-conservative variety.

Education: Master of Divinity degree from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Experience: Founder and Head of Our Father's Family, which became the largest Christian organization in the world after the collapse of the Christian Coalition. (Now boasting membership of over 150 million in the US alone, which could be true, or could be creative tabulating.) OFF's accomplishments include the reinstatement of mandatory prayer in public schools and the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. Also has popular prime time television show, The Family Hour, and owns several Christian radio stations.

Family: None known. Hey, if you were related to him, would you admit it?

For more on this scary fellow, check the out [Sounding OFF](#) website.

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Tracking Gene Sisco and Our Father's Family Since 2015.

February, 2021

It seems more and more likely that this website will vanish in the near future. Sisco's puppet will make sites like mine illegal. Whatever. I'm okay with limiting myself to the print edition. True, it's only published twice a year, but that will allow me to do more investigating in the real world, rather than online. If you want to subscribe, contact me below.

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About J. E. Cooper

J. E. Cooper is a journalist who first noticed Gene Sisco and Our Father's Family during his college years, when Sisco was first rising to prominence. Disturbed by Sisco's disregard for civil rights in his zealous quest to return America to what he feels are its "pure roots," Cooper made it his goal in life to monitor the man's activities, since he feels Sisco is quite possibly the most dangerous man in America.

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The Money Behind the Man

Gene Sisco's personal net worth is allegedly over a billion dollars. That's enough to put him in the bottom ten percent of the Forbes 400 this year.

Sisco has investments out the wazoo. Primarily, these are in commodities. Really valuable ones. Oil. Gold. Rumor has it that he owns a diamond mine, though I've been unable to verify this.

I can hear you saying, "But what about the ministry? How much does he bilk out of unsuspecting sheep every year?" You wouldn't believe me if I told you. Over 400 million a year. Now, that's not all profit, of course, but it's an amazing income stream.

So how much of this fortune did he invest into Paul Christopher's campaign? My research indicates a staggering fifty million dollars. Shit... Who *couldn't* win the presidency with that kind of outlay?

Of course, regular readers of this site know that I believe it was money spent not to elect a friend, but to ensure his own eventual seat in the Oval Office. Get scared, folks!

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Queer and Now

Editorial by
Polly Wright

As director of American Queers and editor of *Queer and Now*, I've been asked more times than I can count how I feel about what's happening in Washington, with regard to The Movement. My answer is always the same: "How do you *think* I feel?"

Let's sum it up. We've got a conservative religious nut in the White House whose most trusted advisor is an even more conservative religious freak. We have a virulently homophobic bigot as the Supreme Court's Chief Justice, a man who has already done more than enough damage to our cause all by himself. And the Republicans control the House and the Senate, which will make conservative legislation frightfully easy to pass in the coming years.

In short, the situation sucks rocks.

Now, it's true that "gay pride" hasn't been this high in all the years since the Stonewall riots. But we may well be in for some nasty years ahead of us. I'm not suggesting that we all go back in the closet. But we all need to be wary.

Some scary shit's coming down the pike.

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The Voice of Reason

Lies Your Government Told You!

"Studies Prove Prayer is Good Medicine!" Prayer can be useful for oneself, just as meditation or a positive attitude is useful. But no reputable study has ever shown intercessory prayer... prayer on behalf of others... to be effective. Reports stating otherwise are based on poor testing methods, faulty interpretations of data, and occasionally, outright fudging of the facts.

"Ten Commandments Reduce School Violence!" School crime in general had been dropping steadily for years before the 10 C's were illegally mounted in school classrooms, and there was no appreciable difference after they were posted.

"Homosexuality Can Be Cured!" Homosexuality isn't a disease. There's nothing to "cure." Brainwashing clinics like *The Camp* do not "cure" anything; they merely override behavior with intensive post-hypnotic suggestions. This almost always results in mild to moderate (and sometimes severe) psychoses. Almost 15% of those who "graduate" from these programs commit suicide within a decade.

"The only foes that threaten America are the enemies at home, and these are ignorance, superstition, and incompetence."

—Elbert Hubbard

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March 12, 2021

I've been really sad, lately. I know I haven't even been here two whole months, yet, but I haven't made a single friend! And I hardly ever see anyone from home online. I knew they'd hate that I can't use vid-vox. I bet they avoid me because of it. They don't like having to actually read what I'm saying, and I don't really like having to type it, either.

If I had vid, they wouldn't mind as much, probably. And then I could show them how cool my room is. Just like Dad promised, we redecorated it. I got purple carpeting! It's so awesome!

Mom and Dad would freak if they knew this, but I've been visiting chat rooms online. I can't stand having no one to talk to. The online stuff is okay, but I really want a friend here to do things with.

I've hardly seen Dad at all. I know he's got lots of stuff to keep him busy, but I thought he'd be able to make time for me. He promised he would! Even Mom is busy with all kinds of things. I spend more time with my tutor than anyone else, and she's no fun at all.

I'm not sure about this whole tutoring thing. I mean, I swear I didn't have this much Bible study even at Holy Grove Academy back home! And it's not that I don't like Bible study. I do. But I like to read other things, too, and Arlene isn't having me read any other books. I don't like that. Or her, for that matter. She smells like medicine.

On the other hand, some of the things she's having me do are pretty cool. Like today we discussed faith healing. I've always thought that was awesome. But while I was doing some research online about it, I found a really terrible website. It said faith healing is baloney. Of course, it didn't give any proof. It also had articles that really upset me. They were very mean toward my dad and Uncle Gene.

What makes people so mean? It's not like my dad ever did anything to them! Sure, he's passed laws that not everyone will agree with, but that's tough! There's no sense getting upset about it. It's not like it'll change anything.

I swear I will never understand atheists.

Maybe I should do my own site. I don't know what I'd put on it, but it could be fun.

March 15, 2021

I've been reading all the articles on that "Voice of Reason" site. I just don't get it. How can he think such bad things about my dad? He doesn't even know him!

I've always hated when people judge others without knowing them. I've known lots of kids in school like that. And this Jefferson Paine guy is just like them. He lumps all Christians together and judges them as a group. All atheists do that. They're all the same.

I wonder if Dad has seen the site. I hope not. He's got enough to worry about with being President and everything. I'd like to talk to him about it, though, because I'd really like to understand why this guy thinks the way he does.

Uncle Gene's out of town, so I can't talk to him. I guess I could talk to Mom, but she'd probably just go on and on. She talks too much.

3/15/21

Mary and I had a nice mother-daughter talk this evening. I try not to be surprised when we do, but it's such a rare thing. Perhaps now that Paul's so busy with Presidential matters, she and I will have time to grow closer.

We talked about atheists. Mary wanted to know why anyone wouldn't believe in God. So I explained that most of them are really just too arrogant to admit that there's anything greater than themselves. Others are being deceived by the devil, and aren't strong enough to fight him off. And a few, I suppose, were raised to be atheists by atheistic parents, and never bothered to question whether this was true or not. So many people just accept whatever they're told, unquestioningly.

I certainly don't have to worry about that with Mary. Such an inquisitive girl. More than I was at her age, I'm sure. She's so much more like her father than like me.



USAtheist

Editorial by Eleanor Adams

Chief Justice Mal Spencer displayed his ignorance of history on *60 Minutes* recently. He said the 'wall of separation' was an erroneous inference:

"While the Constitution is clear that government is to have no involvement in matters of religion, it does not say such non-involvement is meant to be reciprocal.

"The private writings of the founders, including Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptists, cannot be considered as founding documents. Privately held opinions have frequently differed from official policy. A uni-directional wall would better serve the interests of this country.

"Similarly, 'freedom of religion' is precisely that. It does not include 'freedom from religion.' Religious men founded America. It would be disrespectful of their memory and labors to pervert their wishes by eliminating religion from our government, even on the smallest scale."

Spencer implies that Jefferson's letter was no more politically significant than Sarah Christopher's recipe for banana nut muffins. But the letter was in fact an official Presidential statement, approved by Attorney General Levi Lincoln. While not a 'founding document' *per se*, it is most certainly not to be dismissed as irrelevant. And to turn Jefferson's Wall into a one-way wall is not only utterly inaccurate, but completely undermines religious freedom in this country.

The Call to Action



USAtheist

Call to Action

If any religion can freely influence the government, then *all* citizens are subject to the desires of that religion, whether or not they happen to subscribe to that religion's particular belief system.

Not everyone holds the same religious beliefs, and millions of Americans hold no religious beliefs at all. Perhaps Justice Spencer doesn't care about these particular citizens. Or worse, perhaps he agrees with former President George Bush (the first one), who stated that he wasn't even sure that atheists should be considered citizens!

I urge all Americans to contact their local chapter of the ACLU, who are planning a legal challenge if the civil rights of even one citizen are trampled if (when) these views find their way into a court ruling.

Freedom of religion *must* include freedom from religion, or it has no meaning whatsoever. Anyone not blinded by prejudice can see this, which apparently says a lot about our Chief Justice.

Eleanor



The Voice of Reason

HUAC, McCarthy and Reds. (Oh, my!)

In the 1950s, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. (look it up) were the biggest military powers on earth. Each had its own ideologies, and both “knew” they were diametrically opposed to one another. As you can imagine, they were afraid of each other to the point of paranoia.

Senator Joseph McCarthy was quite vocal about the “Red Menace,” as Communism was called. (That was the ideology considered insidious and dangerous to paranoid Americans.) He was also heavily involved with the House Un-American Activities Committee, a Congressional Committee put together to flush out any Communists in America, using antics not unlike the witch hunts of much older times.

To quote Committee Chairman, J. Parnell Thomas: *“The rights you have are the rights given you by this Committee. We will determine what rights you have and what rights you have not got.”* (Makes you want to go to *that* party, doesn’t it?) Because of McCarthy’s vocal role in it, this witch hunt mentality was dubbed “McCarthyism.” The HUAC hearings destroyed the lives and careers of many innocent people. It was an egregious abuse of Congressional power, and remains one of the darkest hours of our political history.

In fact, there was a virulent anti-Communist mentality after the First World War, too, possibly just as strong as after the Second. It could be that the lingering memory of this earlier “Red Scare” in many people helped fan the flames of the hysteria three decades later.

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The Voice of Reason

America: Christian Just to be Different

Because America was insane with fear and hatred of the Soviets in the 50s, people felt we had to distinguish ourselves as being as *unlike* them as possible. One way to do this was for us to have opposite ideologies.

As it happens, the "official religion" of the USSR was atheism. (Never mind that atheism isn't a religion, nor that it doesn't matter diddly what the "official" anything is of a country. People will believe what they want.) And while Americans were under the mistaken impression that all Soviets were atheists, the Russian Orthodox Church kept growing and growing. It was, and still is, one of the largest Christian denominations in the world.

So, since they had atheism as *their* official stance, we had to have some sort of theism as *ours*. Yes, the Constitution forbade such a thing, but Americans are clever. To get around our own founding document, lawmakers did little things, like insert the words "under God" into the Pledge of Allegiance, and make "In God We Trust" our new national motto, replacing the Latin "*E Pluribus Unum.*" It didn't matter that large numbers of Americans didn't even believe in a god, let alone put their trust in one. The phrase was printed on our currency, and minted onto our coins. Actually, it had been on and off the coins sporadically for quite a while, but after McCarthy's day, it was there to stay.

This should've been a sign of things to come. But we've never been the most observant people, have we?

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“Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press...

“For too many years, the liberal media have been free to run roughshod over factual reporting, to put whatever spin they like on matters they have no business doctoring. We have watched as the press has slandered fine Presidents such as Reagan and both Bushes, and defended morally bankrupt Presidents such as Clinton. No longer will the excesses of the media be tolerated.

“Freedom of the Press’ was never meant to provide the media with the ability to potentially destroy our nation’s leaders. And no longer will they have this ability. A bill is now before the House of Representatives. It proposes that all media sources be monitored closely for any such un-American behavior. Guidelines have been drawn up that will pertain to the major media outlets and may be seen on the U.S. Government Internet website.

“The House votes on this bill tomorrow, at which point it will move to the Senate. I expect little opposition.”

April 5, 2021

Yesterday was Easter, and today was the Easter Egg Hunt. It was huge! Dad said there were probably 50,000 people there! It was a lot of fun. One of Dad’s secretaries was dressed up as the bunny. I forget her name. She’s the one who always has a bucket of Red Vines on her desk.

There are a whole bunch of events we have to attend every year. Most of them sound boring. But Dad said maybe this year he’d let me light the White House Christmas Tree! That would be so cool!

I hate that I don’t get to spend much time with him. He’s always so busy. He gets up around five in the morning, every day, and has that briefing thing after he eats breakfast. Then he’s off to do one thing or another, always surrounded by those Secret Service guys. They’re creepy. But the worst is the guy (or guys – I think there are three or four of them who switch on and off) who has the case handcuffed to him. The creepy thing about that is what’s in the case. Dad says it’s a computer that’ll let him launch nuclear weapons at another country if we’re attacked.

That’s scary. I mean, it’s scary that we might be attacked, but to me, it’s scarier to think that my dad would be the one to attack them back. The Bible says we’re to turn the other cheek. So we shouldn’t attack back if some country attacks us first. I don’t think Dad should allow that guy to follow him around, anymore.

NPR: Our guest today on National Public Radio, Eleanor Adams. Eleanor, thank you for joining us. Now, you've been editorializing about Paul Christopher ever since he was given the Republican nomination. You've been particularly harsh when it comes to his vision for America.

Adams: Yes, I have.

NPR: What exactly do you think President Christopher means by a return to "family values"?

Adams: I see it as a desperate cry for a return to a largely mythical world of the past. My grandparents used to talk about these "good old days" all the time, and as near as I can figure, they were referring to the 1950s. And when you mention the 50s today, what do you think of?

NPR: Elvis Presley. Black and white sitcoms.

Adams: Right. And that's where the mythical element comes in. This period wasn't all Ozzie and Harriet. There was the fear and paranoia of the Cold War, rampant racism and sexism, not to mention Eisenhower's orgy of inflicting religion on the masses.

NPR: You're referring to the national motto?

Adams: Yes, changing it to In God We Trust, making it mandatory on our currency and coinage, and having "under God" inserted into the Pledge of Allegiance. He knew it effectively made the Pledge into a sort of prayer, thus violating the First Amendment. In fact, at the time, he said, "From this day forward, the millions of our schoolchildren will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and every rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

NPR: So you would say that this "Ozzie and Harriet" decade, ironically, is when everything started to "go wrong," in your view?

Adams: I'd say it took a great leap backward, at any rate.

NPR: But what about the 60s? Most would say this decade was liberal, free-spirited, and some favorable to atheists.

- Adams: The decade when God was allegedly “thrown out” of public schools. The abolition of spoken prayer in public schools was definitely a step in the right direction, but it was only a temporary one. And despite the “summer of love” image that people seem to conjure up when they think of the 60s, it was a period rife with heinous things, too. Race riots. “Police actions.” Political assassinations.
- NPR: But despite such tumultuous goings-on, the 60s remain the decade of peace and love to most Americans.
- Adams: Perhaps so, but then came Watergate. People then had proof that you couldn’t even trust the guy at the top. The 70s certainly seemed to be a cold, impersonal decade, but it wasn’t all due to Watergate. We had the Vietnam conflict, an energy crisis, rampant inflation...
- NPR: But getting back to the decades and how they affected atheists, what happened, and when?
- Adams: Well, in the 80s we were given Reagan and Bush the elder, both of whom were devoted to making religion a staple of American life. But at the turn of the century, Bush the younger did more to inject religion into government than anyone since Eisenhower.
- NPR: And now we have President Christopher. I know you’re not a political analyst, but how do you think he won? This was a man who’d never held any political office before.
- Adams: Americans haven’t cared about real qualifications for well over a century. Not enough people cared that he didn’t have political experience. And too many cared only that he was tall, handsome, charismatic, well groomed, and loudly Christian. They loved his photogenic family, with his lovely wife and their pretty daughter. He’s friendly, well spoken and an excellent debater. Of course, what comes out of his mouth is idiotic half the time and misinformed the other half. He’s promised to return America to its religious roots, instill “family values” everywhere, and other lofty notions. No wonder he had a landslide victory.
- NPR: “Family values” again. We’ve come full circle. So you’re asserting that these “family values” of Christopher’s are founded in religious teachings?

Adams: More accurately, he thinks “family values” can *only* be founded in religious teachings, and specifically in *his* religion’s teachings. But as millions of Americans will attest, we don’t believe that things such as racism, sexism, homophobia, and other bigoted views supported by these religious teachings should be considered “family values.” Yet his religion can be – and is – used to justify all of these.

NPR: Given all this, why do you think the Republican Party felt he’d be a good Presidential candidate?

Adams: I don’t know that they necessarily did. I think Sisco and his group used their considerable guile to get behind Christopher without the pols catching on, then blew in from nowhere to win the early primaries. The pols never recovered. And one thing you have to say about the Republicans is that they stand behind their candidates, even if they have misgivings. A friend of mine summed it up well: “When the runaway train comes through, you don’t stand in the way.” I think the already conservative Republican Party saw the train and decided to hop on board.

NPR: Can you blame them?

Adams: Of course not. Paul Christopher is a religious conservative’s dream. The Republican Party would have been insane not to nominate him. The people love the guy. And some of them, it almost seems, practically worship him. If you don’t believe me, take a look at all the conservative Christian groups who were raising such a fuss a quarter of a century ago. Groups like Christian Exodus wanted to move millions of like-minded Christians to South Carolina, establish a Christian theocracy, and secede. They even made some progress toward the first step of that, but today we don’t hear a peep out of them. Why? Because Christopher is fulfilling their dream, on a national scale.

NPR: I’m afraid we’re out of time. Thanks for being with us, today.

Washington—Hundreds of protesters are expected to participate in what is being called the first annual “Rights for Brights” march on the Capitol, scheduled for tomorrow.

The Brights are a loose-knit group of individuals self-described as having a worldview “free of supernatural and mystical elements.” These non-theists are crusading under the banner of the First Amendment, which they claim demands total separation of church and state.

They hope to raise awareness of what they claim is the discriminatory nature of the current political climate in the United States.

City police are allegedly prepared for any violence, but state that they do not expect any.

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“Rights for Brights.” Please. What rights should these infidels have? None, if I had my way. Frankly, I wish they’d follow the lead of Christian Exodus. Get all the atheists and pagans and whatnot together in one state. We’d be glad to be rid of them. Let them form their own little godless sinner nation unto themselves and quit corrupting American society. Maybe they should take California; it’s already overrun by liberals and queers. But no. Too much prime real estate there. Maybe we can offer them the section of Nevada where all the nuclear testing was done.

But speaking of the would-be secessionists, Adams was right in her assessment. They have been remarkably quiet. Please, Lord, let them stay that way. The last time South Carolina tried to secede, the results were disastrous. Such political grandstanding is not something I want to deal with over the next several years.

Philadelphia—The Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, resumed publication Monday, three weeks after a court order commanded the paper to stop its presses.

The paper had printed a harsh editorial in June, following the passage of the “Press Bill” by Congress. The editorial criticized not only President Christopher, but also Reverend Gene Sisco. As such, it violated the terms of the new law’s restrictions on the press. Rev. Sisco’s organization, Our Father’s Family, immediately called for a boycott of the paper, resulting in tremendous numbers of cancellations by angry readers.

Many news publications contained criticism of the new restrictions. Newspapers and magazines around the country featured letters labeling them unconstitutional. Professors of history insisted that freedom of the press, as guaranteed by the First Amendment, was designed to do exactly what our current administration claims it was not designed to do. Many are of the opinion that the *Inquirer* was used as an example to others.

Frank Carver, publisher of the *Inquirer*, estimates it will be years before the paper again reaches its circulation prior to the shutdown, and possibly several years more before it recoups lost revenue.



Sounding OFF

Tracking Gene Sisco and Our Father's Family Since 2015.

August, 2021

I don't know how many of you caught Eleanor Adams on NPR last month. As usual, she was excellent. However, she wasn't very thorough when the host asked her how she thought Christopher managed to get his ass elected. Yes, she did finger Sisco. But she didn't give the man his due.

I think the nation in general just sees this as a fluke, a million-to-one miracle that Sisco got his "Family" to stand behind this candidate. Not so, my friends. Not so. Christopher was just the latest, and greatest, feather in Sisco's electoral cap.

Let's look at his batting average, shall we? Over the past dozen years, Sisco and Our Father's Family have managed to plant twenty-four Congressmen and nine Senators on Capitol Hill. His network is a non-stop political propaganda machine, constantly flooding its members with information about the "right" candidates and often disinformation about the others. And all of it done perfectly legally (if not ethically), since the laws were changed allowing religious organizations the right to be politically active.

So no, Eleanor. This was no "out of the blue" victory for Sisco. He'd been training for it for years.

Looks like he's become pretty good at it.

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The Voice of Reason

The Voices of Outrage

Many have emailed me, asking why there aren't more people speaking out about rights being taken away.

Truth is, people *are* speaking out. But who is going to showcase their concerns? Newspapers are getting shut down. Reporters are getting fired. And because this is a capitalist society, the media are concerned more with staying in business than in portraying the truth.

To hear what mainstream religion thinks of Christopher and Co., read some of their publications. They don't like what's going on, either. But they don't have the organizational clout that the fundies do, and the fundies are quite happy with the way things are going.

Non-religious organizations are being similarly silenced, and I don't doubt that the government intends to target them for total eradication in the near future.

And Mr. and Mrs. Public Citizen? They complain to their Congresscritters, which is akin to the Jews complaining to Nazi guards at Auschwitz.

(Click [here](#) to read snippets from various sources.)

In short, it's not a matter of people not protesting. It's a matter of having waited too long. The things being said now should've been said decades ago. Enough attention could've prevented this. Now we're stuck with the task of stopping it, and cleaning up afterward.

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The Voices of Outrage

Folks, these are all excerpts of letters or articles from recently published magazines. Judge for yourself how other segments of the public are feeling.

From *Christianity Today*:

“The truth is that many churches are afraid. They’ve come to rely on the funding they’ve gotten from the government and are afraid of losing it. It seems only the small churches, those not affiliated with mainstream sects or used to government handouts, have the guts to stand up and say that what Rev. Sisco and his President pal are doing is not truly Christian.”

From *Tikkun*:

“Our community is about solidarity. The Bible commanded us to remember that we Jews were once slaves in Egypt. We believe that any oppression, whether of an individual or a group, is harmful and wrong... not just to that individual or that group, but to all humanity. And that is why we must oppose much of what is happening in America, even though many of us are not Americans.”

From *Jet*:

“I think the African-American community is forgetting all the fighting we had to do to get where we are today. And especially, we’re forgetting all those who helped us in those battles, including liberal Christians. And now they’re the ones battling to retain their rights, and we need to stand with them.”

From *Foreign Policy*:

“I was devastated by your bleak outlook for the economy under Pres. Christopher. Granted, our economy has been lousy for two decades, but if your analysts are right, we’re headed for even worse. The middle class can’t take more tax increases, especially for such idiocy as funding of religion.”

Washington—The role of Big Brother, the government’s special task force regulating the Internet, including the computer of the same name, has been expanded. The Internet will now be required to adhere to the same restrictions placed on conventional media.

Big Brother has been given the additional command to seek out and destroy any site that is considered “treasonous.” That is, sites containing rhetoric that slanders the government or its actions.

Elwood Nutt, head programmer for Big Brother, stated, “Fruit flies will have longer life-spans than targeted sites, now.”

Nutt, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the creator of the specialized “worm” programs used by Big Brother. His work has been on the cutting edge of computer technology for years.

New York—President Christopher was on hand for Patriot Day, as he joined New York City Mayor Ellen Bond and Governor John Larsen in leading thousands of people gathered in prayer.

The service was held in front of one the south reflecting pool near Freedom Tower, where the World Trade Center previously stood, built in memory of the thousands of people who died during the destruction of the New York landmark, which was leveled in terrorist attacks twenty years ago today.

President Christopher refused to answer any questions on the “War on Terrorism” declared by President George W. Bush after the terrorist attacks, a war that is still being fought today.

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It is no surprise that Christopher avoided questions regarding the War on Terrorism. Every President since the second Bush has avoided such questions whenever possible. The fact of the matter is that this “war” was designed from the start to be a perpetual struggle, allowing government to feed more and more money into the military and the industries that support the military. It has given “justification” for the sacrifice of individual liberties by all citizens, in the name of “national security.”

Twentieth Century Senator William Proxmire said, “Power always has to be kept in check; power exercised in secret, especially under the cloak of *national security*, is doubly dangerous.” These are words all of us should take to heart.

The USA Patriot Act, instituted during the Bush years, has been used (again, unsurprisingly) to designate many domestic activist groups as “terrorists.” Any group that gives the impression of trying to “influence the policy of government by intimidation or coercion” can be so labeled. Many groups, such as Greenpeace, were not terrorists, except according to this definitely un-patriotic Act, which ultimately led to their disintegration.

I had hoped, two decades ago, that the American people would rise up in protest of the sweeping abuses of power that would certainly occur as a result of the USA Patriot Act. But such a protest has never happened, largely because of the perpetual ignorance of the American public... an ignorance that often, quite frankly, appeared to be voluntary.

Yes, there are organizations today who are protesting the loss of these freedoms. Voices from the public can be heard, if one listens. Even many religious organizations are protesting the actions of the Christopher Administration. But these collective complaints are too little, too late. Decades of complacency have allowed us to become a nation accustomed to having our rights trod upon, to being spied upon. We’re so used to being without certain rights of privacy, for example, that we think little of their absence.

It was complacency such as this that permitted the success of the attacks twenty years ago in the first place, as well as all the lesser attacks upon us since then.

And unless we wish to allow further atrocities to be committed, we must end the complacency. We must insist on having our rights restored. If we do not fight for them, we don’t deserve them.

Michael Lee
Political Director
Libertarian National Party

17 September 2021

My Chief of Staff advised me to keep abreast of the activities of those who could pose a threat to me in four years. And I'm glad he did, for it's important to know what they're saying about me even now. Still... I never would have thought a Libertarian would be among those who condemn me.

However, Michael Lee's comments are truer than he knows, in one respect. I'm very uncomfortable with what's still going on in the Middle East.

It truly does seem as though the whole affair were designed by my predecessors to be an "eternal war." History seems to shine favorably upon wartime Presidents, so maybe that was the rationale behind it.

Ostensibly, George W. Bush was committed to establishing democracy in Iraq. At the time, the only force in Iraq that could have commanded broad support in democratic elections was the Shi'a clerics. But Bush (wisely, in my opinion) said that we wouldn't permit any sort of non-Christian, cleric-dominated government.

In the years since then, we've established a tenuous democracy in Iraq. But of course, it couldn't survive without our troops there to keep it from collapsing. It seems every administration since then has found it necessary to continue this support, whether out of loyalty to our Iraqi allies, out of fear of the alternatives, or even simply to avoid disorder.

But the whole affair reminds me too much of Vietnam. It's a nightmare, but one of our own making. No wonder there is resistance to it. There is anti-American resistance, pro-Islamic resistance, and even Iraqi patriot resistance to this foreign occupation of their country.

And of course, there are constant protests domestically, too. Protesting our presence in the Middle East, protesting our methods of fighting terrorists, even protesting the base we're building on the moon.

Actually, I can in some ways understand that last one. As a boy, I dreamed of a Star Trek-like future, of exploring other worlds. A lunar base, in my dreams, was never primarily a huge array of military lasers and inter-planetary ballistic missiles.

The road to Hell is, indeed, paved with good intentions.

George Orwell is Spinning in His Grave

WIRED Looks Back...and Forth

In 2001, the Office of Homeland Security was created in response to the terrorist attacks perpetrated on America that September. Allegedly, its purpose was to safeguard the home front against future terrorism. Of course, not all terrorism is from foreign sources, and before long, the group was turning its eye on Americans themselves.

By 2010, the expanded Department of Homeland Security had assembled the ultimate computer surveillance technology: Big Brother. It was an expansion of Cyber Knight, the notorious FBI program that spawned such computer snooping efforts as Carnivore (DCS1000) and Magic Lantern a decade earlier. The tremendous leaps in computer technology over the ensuing ten years made it possible to track virtually everything in cyberspace. And eventually, the DHS was able to take over computers and satellites previously used by the CIA and various military branches, making the Big Brother operation staggering in its abilities.

Whenever a new Internet domain is registered, Big Brother's computers are alerted. Using sophisticated search techniques, they scan all web sites for key words, looking for anything offensive or dangerous. What qualifies as dangerous? Quite a lot. Pornography, of course. Excessive profanity. Anti-government or anti-religious sentiments. Anything that seems at all supportive of homosexuality or other alternative lifestyles. All of these, by their very nature, are subjective, but it doesn't matter. All protests have been ignored.

If the targeted site is located outside the US, the host's Internet Service Provider is ordered to make the site unavailable to computers within the States. If they refuse, they suddenly find their servers crashing over and over again. But if it is within the US, computer viruses known as "worms" are sent to destroy all data in the files. Simultaneously, the site owner is identified, and the ISP is alerted to the illegal site. The owner's name is added to a database, and if he/she registers any domains elsewhere with illegal content, they are arrested. If the previously notified ISP actually allows the party to put up another illegal site, the ISP is shut down.

Even more than sixty years after the publication of George Orwell's classic novel *1984*, people were appalled that the government would even consider naming something "Big Brother." Today, what's truly appalling is that we're coming closer and closer to making that fictional hell a reality.

Date: 9/22/21
To: T. Bannister, CO BB Proj.
From: E. Nutt, CP BB Proj.
Subject: Trouble

No doubt you have heard rumors about a site that Big Brother has been unable to shut down. Here are the facts:

- On 10 April, BB detected a site (www.voice_of_reason.com) which contained inappropriate material. It was assigned a medium-level priority.
- Attempts to contact the host provider were fruitless.
- Our hacking has repeatedly failed, producing an automatically generated reply with insulting verbiage.
- Attempts to view source code result in a page reading, "Life is more interesting with a little mystery, don't you think?"
- The site appears to be hosted on a non-commercial computer tied directly into the Internet. Further, a random URL director is apparently scripted into the site's code, throwing the visitor to any of a hundred different "mirror" hosts.
- Attempts to shut down these mirror host ISPs have proven to be wastes of time. Whenever one is shut down, the site automatically routes to another. It is likely that the webmaster is adding new mirrors regularly.

Whoever scripted this site is a smart cookie. Not of my caliber, of course, but very capable. Possibly with a host of psychological maladies, but I shan't speculate on those.

I am certain I can shut the site down, given enough time. However, this will limit my available time for upgrades to BB itself. I await your recommendation.

I see nothing serious to worry about. The site is mindless babble aimed at the Christopher Administration. Irritating, I'm sure, but hardly dangerous.

I suggest keeping a lid on this site's existence. If given the green light, I can use more direct actions and have this site shut down before 'net lists can catalog it for search engines.

Washington—President Paul Christopher announced today that new federal guidelines from the Department of Education would require all public schools to teach classes in morality to their students, effective next fall. Schools have until May 30, 2022, to submit their proposed course outlines to officials at the state level. No course may be taught without approval of the outlines, including textbook selection. Private schools are exempt from this new legislation.

Swarthmore—Roughly 250 students of Swarthmore College engaged in a vocal protest over recent policies of the Christopher Administration yesterday. Swarthmore is the latest of dozens of colleges and universities around the country to voice displeasure over what they see as gross civil rights violations.

Considering the Administration's most recent legislation, that public schools should be teaching morality, it would not be surprising to find these protests increasing, despite the assurances of those who claim that it's all in the best interests of our children.



The Voice of Reason

Undermining the Family

I'll state the obvious: Any course proposal for the new "morality classes" that does not incorporate Biblical teachings, or does so much as hint that things such as abortion or homosexuality are anything other than abominable, will never pass. The government is dictating the morals to be taught.

But teaching morality isn't like teaching multiplication. Multiplication has no gray areas. Two times two is four, always. And though morality is almost exclusively gray areas, the new lessons will be taught in black and white, since America loves the "quick fix" solution.

But complex problems require complex solutions. In Christopher's schools, there will be no discussion on such things as killing in self-defense, or to ensure a greater good. Inquisitive kids will ask their parents about some matter of morality. The parents will, of course, offer their views. And a million voices will cry out, "That's not what they taught us in school!"

So our government is undermining the family, taking away the authority of parents and legislating matters entirely outside the government's realm. I guess the only family whose values matter is "Our Father's Family" ... right Sisco?

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For those who don't know me, I run a halfway house for troubled teens in Los Angeles called The Bethlehem Inn. I also give lectures locally about the problems with religious fundamentalism. And now I have another segment to add to my lecture: to point out the flawed mentality behind President Christopher's latest edict, of forcing our public schools to teach morality.

Readers of *The New Anglican Review* will understand, of course, that the morals being taught will be those of Reverend Sisco's literal interpretation of the Bible. And this is something our order has long fought against, as have other non-fundamentalist Christian groups.

It is this kind of mentality that caused us to break away from the Old Episcopal Church in the first place. The Old Episcopal mentality was fundamentalist at one time, too. We New Anglicans should be outraged at the very prospect of forcing one set of values upon one and all.

We value free will above almost all else, and Sisco's literalism leaves very little room for free will in our nation's children. The sad fact is that I'm sure Sisco realizes this, even desires this. Evangelicals, as any student of the human mind will tell you, have a psychological *need* to control and coerce others.

I urge all New Anglicans to speak out against this new law. Even if your children are in private schools, or if you have no children, think of the children of others. These lambs will not be allowed to graze in the open air of liberty, but will be raised in a box of evangelical fundamentalism, as a veal calf unable to move more than a few inches in any direction.

Our love for one another cannot allow this to occur.

Fr. Emilio Montoya



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Pissing Off the Masses... Awww...

Evidently, several people haven't been happy about the things I've been saying in this little forum of mine. For the past week, I've been getting email flames every day! Kinda fun, actually. I'm flattered. Mainly because the people I'm pissing off are the sort of people who represent everything I write against.

No, I don't actually read them all. Please. I skim almost all of them, though, especially the ones where the subject line said something like, "YOUR FUCKING WEBSITE," or "HEY ASSHOLE!"

Have you noticed how unoriginal these people are? It's shocking. And one flame reads just like the next. Boring.

I like getting email, though, so feel free to drop me a line.

"We hate some persons because we do not know them; and will not know them because we hate them."

—Charles Caleb Colton

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Yesterday was Thanksgiving. Boy, do the cooks here know how to make a turkey! It was just so much better than Mom's! It was all moist and just perfectly golden brown! No lumps at all in the mashed potatoes. And the pumpkin pie was absolutely to die for! I'm eating a piece right now and the smell of cinnamon and clove is making me drool.

Of course, maybe Mom is just a bad cook.

It was weird having Thanksgiving with a bunch of strangers. I don't even know who they all were. People from Congress, I think.

I was hoping Grandma and Grandpa could come, but I don't even think they were invited. We haven't seen them since moving here, which really stinks. But Mom says maybe we'll have them out for Christmas.

I wish my Dad's parents were still alive. I wonder what they were like. Mom says Dad is just like his dad was, so I guess I'd have liked him.

Christmas is only a month away, and I'm not even excited, yet. I guess because I'm homesick. It just won't be the same without being able to visit my friends and see what they got and show them what I got.

I hate not having any friends, here. Maybe Mom will let me go to a real school someday and not have to be tutored anymore. She says I'll get a better education with a tutor, and maybe she's right, but I'm not making any friends! That's important to me, even if it isn't to her.

Dad warned me that things would be really different after he was elected. I guess I didn't realize just how different he meant.

Date: December 22, 2021
To: jefferson_paine@voice_of_reason.com
From: eadams@atheistsUSA.org
Subject: Your wonderful site

Mr. "Paine":

Please accept my unabashed admiration of and gratitude for your incredible site and all your freethought efforts. I am amazed your "Voice" hasn't been reduced to digital dust by now, and hope this is not simply a temporary state.

I absolutely MUST speak with you privately. Please contact me soon. You can download my public key at <http://cryptkeys.org/19366/>. I'm sure your email is safe against hackers, but I don't think the same can be said for mine.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

E. Adams