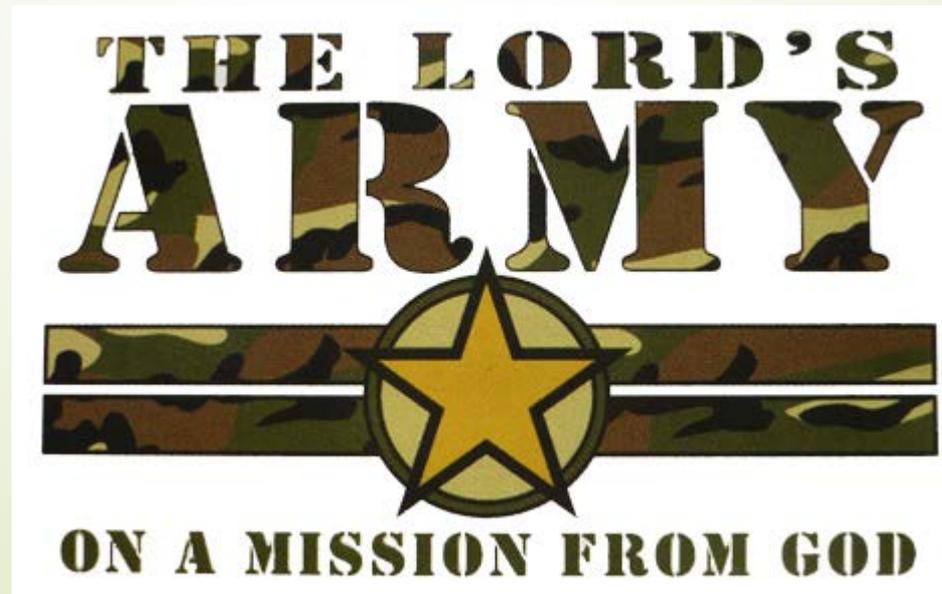


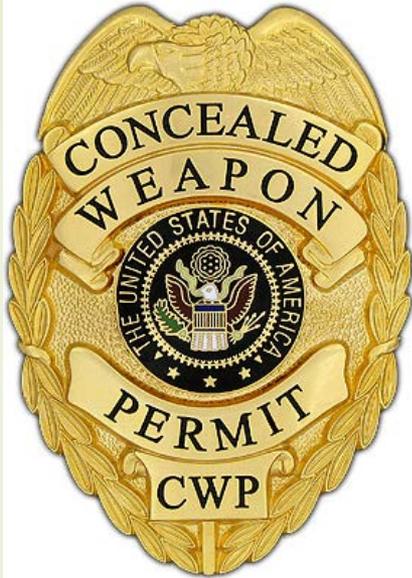


➤ Welcome Soldiers



Concealed Weapon

Weapons Check:



1 John 4:4

"Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world"

James 4:7

"Resist the devil and he will flee..."

Ephesians 6:10

"...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Joshua 1:9

...the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Fifth Bullet

► Acts 5:29

We must obey God rather than men.



► Sermon Video





- A New York middle school indefinitely suspended a student for wearing rosary beads for religious reasons in violation of a dress code.
- A public school in Hawaii invited parents to include messages to their children in the yearbook but refused to include one parent's encouraging Bible quote.



- A student was told that he could not use the Bible as a historical reference for a writing project on Roman history.
- A student at a public elementary school wrote a short poem in her journal that included the line, "Love is the earth that God made." Her teacher crossed out that line and said that discussion of God was not allowed in class.



- The principal of a public school in New York City caused an uproar by refusing to allow kindergarten students to perform “God Bless the USA” at their graduation ceremony. The students had been rehearsing the song for several months, but the principal pulled the song shortly before the event due to a concern about “offending other cultures.”

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- A photograph of a soldier in camouflage gear, carrying a large cylindrical object on his back, walking through a field. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.
- The Chief of Atlanta's fire department was fired for publishing a book in which he affirmed his sincerely held religious beliefs about homosexuality. He was initially suspended after a copy of his book, which only even mentions homosexuality in two sentences, made its way into the hands of city officials.

- A fertility doctor in California was forced to provide artificial insemination services to a gay couple, even though to do so violated his religious beliefs, and even though there were many other fertility specialists in the area who were willing to perform the procedure.



- A counseling student in Michigan was expelled from her program when she respectfully requested that a gay client be referred to one of numerous other counselors in the nearby area. The student was acting on her religious beliefs and therefore could not provide effective counseling to the client.



- A private Jewish university in New York City was sued by a lesbian couple for its policy of reserving its married student housing for male-female couples. The state's highest court ruled that the university's policy could be challenged as violating the city's ordinance barring housing discrimination based on sexual orientation.





- A decorated Navy chaplain was prohibited from fulfilling his duty of comforting the family (or any member of the unit) after the loss of a sailor because it was feared that he would say something about faith and God. He was even banned from the base on the day of the sailor's memorial service.
- A highly decorated Navy SEAL chaplain was relieved of duty for providing counseling that contained religious views on things such as faith, marriage, and sexuality.
- Official U. S. government personnel, both civilian and military, in Bahrain (a small Arabic nation near Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran) must wear clothing that facilitates the religious observance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.
- Maxell Air Force Base suddenly bans Gideons from handing out Bibles to willing recruits, a practice that had been occurring for years previously.



- ▶ A naval facility required that two nativity scenes -- scenes depicting the event that caused Christmas to be declared a national federal holiday -- be removed from the base dining hall and be confined to the base chapel, thus disallowing the open public acknowledgment of this national federal holiday.
- ▶ An Air Force base that allowed various public displays ordered the removal of one simply because it contained religious content.
- ▶ A counter-intelligence briefing at Fort Hood tells soldiers that evangelical Christians are a threat to Americans and that for a soldier to donate to such a group "was punishable under military regulations."
- ▶ The Air Force Academy, in response to a complaint from Mikey Weinstein's Military Religious Freedom Foundation, makes "so help me God" optional in cadets' honor oath.



- A Department of Defense military training manual teaches soldiers that people who talk about "individual liberties, states' rights, and how to make the world a better place" are "extremists." It also lists the Founding Fathers -- those "colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule" -- as examples of those involved in "extremist ideologies and movements."
- A Senior Master Sergeant was removed from his position and reassigned because he told his openly lesbian squadron commander that she should not punish a staff sergeant who expressed his views in favor of traditional marriage.
- The military does not provide heterosexual couples specific paid leave to travel to a state just for the purpose of being married, but it did extend these benefits to homosexual couples who want to marry, thus giving them preferential treatment not available to heterosexuals.
- The Air Force, in the midst of having launched a series of attacks against those expressing traditional religious or moral views, invited a drag queen group to perform at a base.



- When an Air Force sergeant with years of military service questioned a same-sex marriage ceremony performed at the Air Force Academy's chapel, he received a letter of reprimand telling him that if he disagreed, he needed to get out of the military. His current six-year reenlistment was then reduced to only one-year, with the notification that he "be prepared to retire at the end of this year."
- An Air Force chaplain who posted a website article on the importance of faith and the origin of the phrase "There are no atheists in foxholes" was officially ordered to remove his post because some were offended by the use of that famous World War II phrase.
- The U. S. Air Force, in consultation with the Pentagon, removed an inspirational painting that for years has been hanging at Mountain Home Air Force Base because its title was "Blessed Are The Peacemakers" - - a phrase from Matthew 5:9 in the Bible.



- The Obama administration “strongly objects” to a Defense Authorization amendment to protect the constitutionally-guaranteed religious rights of soldiers and chaplains, claiming that it would have an “adverse effect on good order, discipline, morale, and mission accomplishment.”
- At a joint base in New Jersey, a video was made, based on a Super Bowl commercial, to honor First Sergeants. It stated: “On the eighth day, God looked down on His creation and said, ‘I need someone who will take care of the Airmen.’ So God created a First Sergeant.” Because the video mentioned the word “God,” the Air Force required that it be taken down.
- An Army Master Sergeant is reprimanded, threatened with judicial action, and given a bad efficiency report, being told he was “no longer a team player,” because he voiced his support of traditional marriage at his own promotion party.



- The Pentagon announces that "Air Force members are free to express their personal religious beliefs as long as it does not make others uncomfortable. "Proselytizing (inducing someone to convert to one's faith) goes over that line," affirming if a sharing of faith makes someone feel uncomfortable that it could be a court-martial offense -- the military equivalent of a civil felony.
- An Air Force officer was actually made to remove a personal Bible from his own desk because it "might" appear that he was condoning the particular religion to which he belonged.
- Officials briefing U.S. Army soldiers placed "Evangelical Christianity" and "Catholicism" in a list that also included Al-Qaeda, Muslim Brotherhood, and Hamas as examples of "religious extremism."
- The U.S. Army directs troops to scratch off and paint over tiny Scripture verse references that for decades had been forged into weapon scopes.

This is an Attack only against
Christianity



Military burns unsolicited Bibles sent to Afghanistan

May 22, 2009 -- Updated 0624 GMT (1424 HKT)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Unsolicited Bibles sent by U.S. church were confiscated about a year ago
- The Bibles were printed in two most common Afghan languages
- Military feared they could be used for proselytizing, which is forbidden to troops
- Military didn't want to risk any distribution of the Bibles and angering Muslims

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(CNN) -- Military personnel threw away, and ultimately burned, confiscated Bibles that were printed in the two most common Afghan languages amid concern they would be used to try to convert Afghans, a Defense Department spokesman said Tuesday.



GETTY IMAGES

Afghan workers enter a walkway on March 3, 2009, at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The unsolicited Bibles sent by a church in the United States were confiscated about a year ago at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan because military rules forbid troops of any religion from proselytizing while deployed there, Lt. Col. Mark Wright said.

Such religious outreach can endanger American troops and civilians in the devoutly Muslim nation, Wright said.

"The decision was made that it was a 'force protection' measure to throw them away, because, if they did get out, it could be perceived by Afghans that the U.S. government or the U.S. military was trying to convert Muslims," Wright told CNN on Tuesday.

Troops at posts in war zones are required to burn their trash, Wright said.

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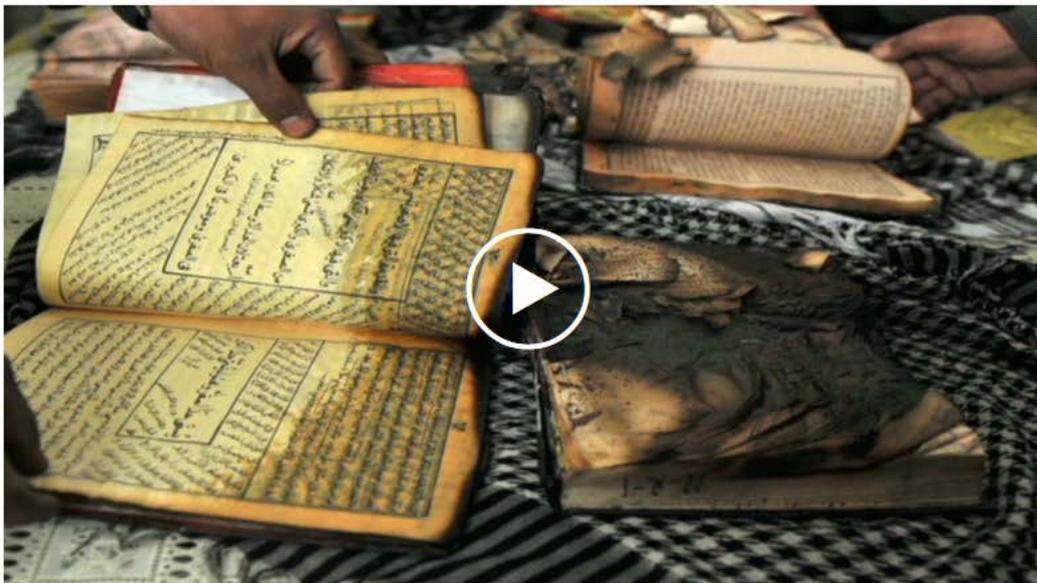
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We must obey God rather than men.

Next week we will review the Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness.

➤ Closing thoughts?

