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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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Jesus stated, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled"* (Matthew 5:18). It is under this rubric that many religionists claim to follow the Ten Commandments but inconsistency manifests itself in the selective application of these laws, claiming to be Christians while simultaneously clinging to an old covenant (they certainly don't keep the Sabbath, Exodus 20:7; cf. Hebrews 8:13).

Jesus made no bones about His coming to fulfill the law, but that does not imply that it would not be done away. Paul taught that, in His crucifixion, Jesus *"took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross"* (Colossians 2:14). He also described a blindness that Jewish loyalists had, accurately paralleling the denominationalists' propensity for refusing to give up a dead covenant: *"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart"* (2 Corinthians 3:14-15). The Old Covenant was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Galatians 3:24-25). We are no longer amenable to the Ten Commandments: *"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises"* (Hebrews 8:6). The Galatians were even reprimanded for falling back into the Old Covenant, which was tantamount to deserting Christ (Galatians 5:4). Those who elevate the Ten Commandments to current binding status for Christians misunderstand its purpose.

Having articulated this biblical truth, the fact that a radical minority, leftist bunch of Christian-hating bananas would raise Cain about the public display of the Ten Commandments on government property has to be one of the most anti-American activities perpetrated upon our good country. Bent, unpatriotic historians, if they were honest, would admit that God's Word was influential in the formation of our government. Woke atheists and secular theologians may not like this fact, but it remains a fact. Burn the flag, disassociate God from our history, or ignore the context in which this country's founding documents were drafted and you not only show your unreasoned antagonism toward the Great I AM, you also expose your rank ignorance of history.

Our country's greatness is founded on this fact: *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34). Dismiss these divine connections under the banner of some contrived political correctness and we will fail as a country. A Christian does not submit to Moses' authority, only to Christ's authority (Matthew 28:18). However, this unreasoned obsession that demands a dismissal of any connection between our government and the Bible undermines these United States of America.