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• Thomas Jefferson •

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"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. ... Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." —Thomas Jefferson ++ "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." —Benjamin Franklin ++ "If you love wealth better than liberty, the tranquillity of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms [and] may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen." —Samuel Adams ++ "Almighty God...give me liberty or give me death!" —Patrick Henry

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THE FOUNDATION

"Temporary deviations from fundamental principles are always more or less dangerous. When the first pretext fails, those who become interested in prolonging the evil will rarely be at a loss for other pretexts." —James Madison

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INSIGHT

"War is an ugly thing but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feelings which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself." —John Stuart Mill

"A man to be a sound politician and in any degree useful to his country must be governed by higher and steadier considerations than those of personal sympathy and private greed." —Martin Van Buren

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GOOD NEWS

"Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned." (Psalm 34:21) ++ "Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:27) ++ "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) ++ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4) ++ "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful." (Proverbs 12:22) ++ "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) ++ "Put on the whole armor of god, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:11-12) ++ "Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with men is possible with God'." (Luke 18:27)

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"God's Road is all uphill, but do not tire: Rejoice that we may still keep climbing higher." —Arthur Guiterman (1871-1943)

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FAMILY

"As emotionally satisfying as it would be, the vast majority of Americans never will have the privilege of dropping a bunker-buster bomb on an al Qaeda training camp. However, every American can play a small — and perhaps pivotal — part in the War on Terror by volunteering income or information to help annihilate these assassins. Victory should involve each one of us." —Deroy Murdock

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CULTURE

"The secular West does not understand the Bible,

much less radical Islam, which is increasingly embraced with America's detriment in mind. While secular and moderate Muslims do not appear threatening, the growing number of extremists who take the Koran as a declaration of war against all non-Muslims has become a clear and present danger, not only overseas, but increasingly in our own country." —Cal Thomas

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LIBERTY

"This is going to be a long twilight struggle: dirty and dangerous, cynical and self-interested. Yes, the ultimate objective is a freer world. But actually fighting this war, like the Cold War, will involve many compromises with freedom, even with decency. War is an act of destruction, not urban renewal. We need to steel ourselves to that truth now, or we might find that part-way into the battle, even as we remain under catastrophic threat, we lack the stomach to see it through." —Charles Krauthammer

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OPINION IN BRIEF

"The story of America vindicates the power of conscience. And the American conscience has borne great fruit for the world. We have stood in a position to terrorize the earth, and instead we have offered the earth its liberty. It is wise for us to remember this now. Of course, in America there remain challenges of justice and human dignity for us to overcome. But we are a people who have time and again proven that, though we are of the same mixed nature as all other human beings, given the chance, we will eventually do what's right." —Alan Keyes

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EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

"Once again, the bin Ladenite murderers have done us an unintentional favor. September 11 at least had the effect of showing that we were in a war, and who our enemies were. The anthrax scare has given us a dry run for biological assault. Anthrax is low on the list of deadly diseases. It can be cured with antibiotics, and it is not contagious. The means used to spread the anthrax — letters to media outlets and Congress, and even the Capitol Hill ventilation system — were thus relatively small bore. The terrorists of September 11 were investigating crop-duster planes, which would have provided greater distribution. It is possible that some of the letters are the work of sickos and copycats — though Iraq's researches into anthrax and the fine grain of the most recent spores make Baghdad a likely supplier. The federal government needs more vaccines available, not just for anthrax, but for smallpox, which has true plague potential. This must be a top priority for the director of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge. These days all his priorities are top. That is the nature of crises; it is the business of directors to manage them. ...The anthrax scare should make the administration more inclined to cast as wide a net as

possible in the war on terrorism, lest we leave the threat alive. For the rest of us, the best response is to go out and have a drink. Remember that the zealot in his cave has a lot more to fear than we do." —*National Review*

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WORTH REPEATING

Pledge of Allegiance

The late Red Skelton related this story of how his favorite childhood teacher, Mr. Laswell, helped his class understand the words to our Pledge of Allegiance. It seems that Mr. Laswell was concerned that saying that pledge had become just one more classroom chore, and he wanted to breathe some life into those words.

In the words of Red Skelton:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester," said Mr. Laswell, "and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. May I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

"I" — me, an individual, a committee of one.

"Pledge" — dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

"Allegiance" — my love and my devotion.

"To the flag" — our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!

"Of the United" — that means that we have all come together.

"States of America" — individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

"And to the republic" — a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

"For which it stands, one nation" — one nation, meaning "so blessed by God."

"Indivisible" — incapable of being divided.

"With liberty" — which is freedom — the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

"And justice" — the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

"For all" — which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance... "UNDER GOD" Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too? God Bless America!

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THE GIPPER

"In a phase of this [anti-Communist] struggle not widely known, some of us came toe to toe with this enemy, this evil force in our own community in Hollywood, and make no mistake about it, this is an evil force. Don't be deceived because you are not hearing the sound of gunfire, because even so you are fighting for your lives. And you're fighting against the best organized and the most capable enemy of freedom and of right and decency that has ever been abroad in the world." —Ronald Reagan (1957)

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GOVERNMENT

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This one could not wait for "The department of military correctness..." section in Friday's Digest.)

Human (read "Homosexual") Rights Campaign director Elizabeth Birch complained to the Navy about an *Associated Press* photograph last week showing a seaman on the U.S.S. Enterprise flight deck standing next to a bomb with the inscription "Highjack This Fags."

The Navy's chief information officer, Rear Adm. Stephen Pietropaoli, both called and wrote Ms. Birch to apologize for the "inappropriate comment scrawled on a piece of ordnance." Pietropaoli's letter continues, "We immediately notified Navy commanders involved with Operation Enduring Freedom to ensure steps were taken to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident. They have done so. ... Clearly the photograph in question failed to meet our standards, and I assure you that had it been a Defense Department photo, it would never have been released. ... The U.S. Navy does not tolerate discrimination of any kind. I sincerely hope this isolated incident will not detract from the hard work and dedication of the thousands of Sailors and Marines serving our Nation in this war on terrorism." Pietropaoli also jotted a note at the bottom of his letter: "Appreciate your help in letting folks know our reaction on this!"

Well, on that last point, we are doing our part, Mr. Pietropaoli. We encourage all our readers to write the Honorable Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20350-1000, and suggest he find this rear echelon *\$%#@ ~&^^# a suitable job cleaning heads on CVN-65, if not a courts martial. At a time when our nation is at war, for the Navy's CIO to pander, in fact grovel for some Leftist front's forgiveness, is dereliction of duty at best. Purge the military command lines of these Clintonista leftovers.

Be sure and copy your letter to
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POLITICAL FUTURES

"As it happens, there is a perfect correlation between the nations that are involved in harboring, training or otherwise supporting terrorist organizations and those who are involved in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. To the extent that the option of effecting regime change is, in fact, exercised, the effect could be highly salutary both with respect to the fights against terrorism and against the spread of dangerous armaments. Now, it is probably a waste of time to hope that advocates of traditional arms control would recant their cherished illusions about ordering the world through agreements with the likes of Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Kim Jong Il's North Korea and the mullahs' Iran. To be sure, the evidence of their mistakes have been much in evidence since the 11th of September. But too many careers have been founded, too much intellectual energy invested and too many institutions built for the purpose of promoting such notions for the present respite from such nonsense to continue indefinitely. Still, President Bush should seize the moment. There will be no time like the present — when Americans are approving of his presidency to an extent unprecedented in the history of polling and supporting by nearly as overwhelming margins his determination to put terrorists out of business, 'dead or alive' — for him to do two things: 1) Adopt a new, more practical approach to arms control focusing on regime change. And 2) bring formally to an end U.S. fealty to the defective, obsolete ABM Treaty, then realize the earliest possible deployment of effective missile defenses as an essential complement to Mr. Bush's much-needed Homeland Security program." —Frank J. Gaffney, Jr.

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FOR THE RECORD

"If we are to restore moral purpose in this country and end the era of cynicism and nihilism, then we must stand for something in this war. And we can only begin to do so and thereby regain a sense of who we are, when our spokesmen speak the language of truth. And when they do so, they should be pleased rather than ashamed that it is not pleasant to everyone." —Victor Davis Hanson

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SELECT READER COMMENTS

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"Dan Rather assured us today that in spite of the anthrax case in his office, CBS would put on a 'first class' newscast this evening. So I watched the beginning of the CBS News but Mr. Rather was still the anchor."

"*The Federalist* quoted Rep. Lloyd Doggett (R-TX): 'As I look through the many pages here of tax break on top of tax break, the fanatical faith, literally, in tax breaks as the end all, the be all, the cure all, for every social ill we have leads me to believe that probably somewhere is a tax break for Osama bin Laden so he'll turn himself in.' Of course, Mr. Doggett is a 'D' from Texas, and one of the far left variety!"

"I am deeply disappointed in the recent *Federalist* statement (01-41) 'Jihad is a call to ALL Muslims — not just bin Laden's terrorist cadre — and no wide, bright line separates peace-loving Muslims from Islamic extremists.' I didn't hear anyone jumping up and down about the lines between peaceful Christians and the murderous faction going around killing abortionists; acts done under the auspices of 'God's Will,' just as the al-Qaeda group claims."

Editor's Reply: To compare the killing of four men who engage in the slaughter of unborn children — acts which *The Federalist* condemned as counterproductive to the national dialogue on the affirmation of life — to the terrorist slaughter of Americans on 9-11, is stupefying. The closest equivalent — if there is one at all — would be to compare the killing of the Islamic terrorists with the killing of abortion doctors, as they both have demonstrated total disregard for the innocent. And, as for "anyone jumping up and down about the lines between peaceful Christians and the murderous faction going around killing Abortionists," you will recall that mobs of Christians did not flood the streets waving crosses and proclaiming victory against the infidel. However, in the hours after the 9-11 attack, such scenes were common in the Middle East. Perhaps had Clintonista political appointees in the Justice Department ordered the pursuit of Islamic terrorists in our midst with the same vigor they ordered the pursuit and allocated untold resources for the search of Eric Rudolf — suspected bomber of an abortion clinic in Alabama — in the North Carolina's mountains, some 6,000 of our countrymen would be alive today.

"The Small Truth: Islam is a peaceful religion that does not in any way shape or form advocate violence towards any other human being. The Big Truth: But don't forget the definition of a human being. People outside the Islamic religion are called Infidels and are not considered human beings. They can be killed at will without sorrow. They mean less than the dirt under your feet."

"Thanks *Federalist* Patriots! Not another source on the Internet provides such cogent interpretations and perspectives — untainted by hyperbole and media hysteria. Thanks for the best perspective I have found on the events of 9-11."

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THE LAST WORD

"And so faced with the enormity of September 11th the pacifist left has done what it always does — smother the issues in generalities and abstractions — though never on such an epic scale. On that sunny Tuesday morning, at least 7,000 people died — real, living men and women and children with families and street addresses and telephone numbers. But the language of the pacifists — for all its ostensible compassion — dehumanizes these individuals. They're no longer flight attendants and firemen and waitresses and bond dealers, but only an abstract blur in some theoretical equation — if not mere 'collateral damage,' certainly collateral. Of course, real live folks die in the Middle East, too, and their stories are worth telling. But in between the bonehead refrains of this breeding that and that breeding the other you'll search in vain for a name or a face, a street or a city or sometimes even a country. Just the confident assertion that one abstract noun breeds another." —Mark Steyn

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