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Position Statement Air Force Denial of Religious Freedom

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When General of the Army Dwight David Eisenhower was ready to die in 1969, he very publicly called for a friend of the former President, many presidents in fact, and of the military, Dr. Billy Graham to ask a simple question. What makes me ready for Heaven? Dr. Graham responded, and the General replied that he was ready.

If Eisenhower had to ask that today, in the climate of hostility we have, he would be labeled a fundamentalist by the wackos of the world. He would be accused by the anti-Christian coalition, politically correct crowd, of "pushing" fundamentalism on them and their cronies.

The so-called freedom from religion crowd could not correctly decipher a scripture if they had a year to do it. The cadet at the Air Force Academy chastized by the Air Force linguists, likewise, are tone deaf to the actual meaning of the verse the cadet posted. In essence and truth, the cadet said I have died to lying, cheating, stealing, and tolerating those that do. I stand ready to practice that which is good, honest, righteous, decent, and to treat my brother military as I hope they would treat me.

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Larry discusses the United States Air Force denying cadets religious access and freedom, the consequences of the overall behavior of the "self-righteous hypocrites," and the breakdown of our Nation's Constitution and our First Amendment rights.

Wait, though, isn't that the conduct expected of him? You see, this cadet found the secret to actually practicing what is expected of him. The difference from attempting to obey written rules when your inward being says, let's cut a few corners, climb over a few to get ahead, and actually accomplishing the goal, regardless of the difficulty, is what the cadet found. He said, this is me, just as Paul said, this is me. It was personal and the boasting was about how it happened. If you choose to disbelieve the cadet, that is a privilege open to all. If his conduct fails to measure up, it will be obvious.

What the self-righteous hypocrites in and out of uniform were saying, we object to a man who actually says he not only believes in this conduct, but will publicly say so. He said, I believe in the officers creed and am proud to say that I am now equipped to practice it.

We now have one more example of what happens when the politically correct leaders infect the chain of command. They violate the Constitution in the name of not offending anyone. Let us not forget when we chose to declare Independence, 2/3 of the population were not only offended, but actively opposed or did not actively support that move.

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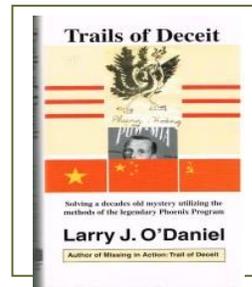
When the Constitution was being ratified, some were in favor, the Federalist Papers prove that, and some were opposed, as the Anti-Federalist Papers showed. Attempting to do something where no one is offended, is impossible and nothing gets done, and that offends some also.

If this stands at the Academy, you will be saying it is all right to graduate cheats, liars, ticket punchers, and worse into the ranks instead of old soldiers like Ike who practiced what he believed until his final breath. If we cannot protect those in ranks who are proud to proclaim one simple truth, I am ready and now equipped to do my job, how can we expect the same people to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and Domestic? Think about that real hard.

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