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## Judge Orders God To Break Up Into Smaller Deities

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WASHINGTON, DC

Calling the theological giant's stranglehold on the religion industry "blatantly anti-competitive," a U.S. district judge ruled Monday that God is in violation of anti-monopoly laws and ordered Him to be broken up into several less powerful deities.

"The evidence introduced in this trial has convinced me that the deity known as God has willfully and actively thwarted competition from other deities and demigods, promoting His worship with such unfair scare tactics as threatening non-believers with eternal damnation," wrote District Judge Charles Elliot Schofield in his decision. "In the process, He has carved out for Himself an illegal monotheopoly."

The suit, brought against God by the Justice Department on behalf of a coalition of "lesser deities" and polytheistic mortals, alleged that He violated antitrust laws by claiming in the Holy Bible that He was the sole creator of the universe, and by strictly prohibiting the worship of what He termed "false idols."

"God clearly commands that there shall be no other gods before Him, and He frequently employs the phrase 'I AM the Lord' to intimidate potential deserters," prosecuting attorney Geoffrey Albert said. "God uses other questionable strongarm tactics to secure and maintain humanity's devotion, demanding, among other things, that people sanctify their firstborn to Him and obtain circumcisions as a show of faith. There have also been documented examples of Him smiting those caught worshipping graven images."

Attorneys for God did not deny such charges. They did, however, note that God offers followers "unbeatable incentives" in return for their loyalty, including eternal salvation, protection from harm, and "fruitfulness."

"God was the first to approach the Jewish people with a 'covenant' contract that guaranteed they would be the most favored in His eyes, and He handed down standards of morality, cleanliness, and personal conduct that exceeded anything else practiced at the time," lead defense attorney Patrick Childers said. "He readily admits to being a 'jealous' God, not because He is threatened by the prospect of competition from other gods, but because He is utterly convinced of the righteousness of His cause and that He is the best choice for mortals. Many of these so-called gods could care less if somebody bears false witness or covets thy neighbor's wife. Our client, on the other hand, is truly a 'People's God.'"

In the end, however, God was unable to convince Schofield that He did not deliberately create a marketplace hostile to rival deities. God's attorneys attempted to convince the judge of His openness to rivals, pointing to His longtime participation in the "Holy Trinity," but the effort failed when Schofield determined that Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are "more God subsidiaries than competitors."

To comply with federal antitrust statutes, God will be required to divide Himself into a pantheon of specialized gods, each representing a force of nature or a specific human custom, occupation, or state of mind.

"There will most likely be a sun god, a moon god, sea god, and rain god," said religion-industry watcher Catherine Bailey. "Then there will be some second-tier deities, like a god of wine, a goddess of the harvest, and perhaps a few who symbolize human love and/or blacksmithing."

Leading theologians are applauding the God breakup, saying that it will usher in a new era of greater worshipping options, increased efficiency, and more personalized service.

"God's prayer-response system has been plagued by massive, chronic backlogs, and many prayers have gone unanswered in the process," said Gene Suozzi, a Phoenix-area Wiccan. "With polytheism, you pray to the deity specifically devoted to your concern. If you wish to have children, you pray to the fertility goddess. If you want to do well on an exam, you pray to the god of wisdom, and so on. This decentralization will result in more individualized service and swifter response times."

Other religious experts are not so confident that the breakup is for the best, pointing to the chaotic nature of polytheistic worship and noting that multiple gods demand an elaborate regimen of devotion that today's average worshipper may find arduous and inconvenient.

"If people want a world in which they must lay burnt offerings before an earthenware household god to ensure that their car will start on a cold winter morning, I suppose they can have it," said Father Thomas Reinholdt, theology professor at Chicago's Loyola University. "What's more, lesser deities are infamous for their mercurial nature. They often meddle directly in diplomatic affairs, abduct comely young mortal women for their concubines, and are not above demanding an infant or two for sacrifice. Monotheism, for all its faults, at least means convenience, stability, and a consistent moral code."

One deity who is welcoming the verdict is the ancient Greek god Zeus, who described himself as "jubilant" and "absolutely vindicated."

"For thousands of years, I've been screaming that this third-rate sky deity ripped me off wholesale," said Zeus, speaking from his Mt. Olympus residence. "Every good idea He ever had He took from me: Who first created men in his own image? Who punished mankind for its sins? Who lived eternally up in the clouds? And the whole fearsome, patriarchal, white-beard, thunderbolt thing? I was doing that eons before this two-bit hustler started horning in on the action."

Lawyers for God say they plan to appeal Schofield's ruling and are prepared to go all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary.

"This decision is a crushing blow to God worshippers everywhere, and we refuse to submit to a breakup until every possible avenue of argument is pursued," Childers said. "I have every confidence that God will ultimately win, as He and His lawyers are all-powerful."

## Church Bulletin Board Bloopers

Combined from a file with no date or sender, and two others received March 29, 2001 and May 14, 2003

These are actual clippings from church newspapers It's amazing what a little proofreading would prevent:

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

A songfest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the program herself and has been growing like crazy!

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Mrs. Johnson will be entering the hospital this week for testes.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet should come forward and do so.

Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Smile at someone who is hard to love.

The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green, who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The Lutheran men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."

The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs... Julius Belzer.

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

The service will close with Little Drops of Water. One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sing.

Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Tuesday at 4 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

## [Ask Dr. Laura](#)

Date Received: Thursday, July 25, 2002 11:57 AM

*Dr. Laura Schlessinger is a US radio personality who dispenses advice to people who call in to her radio show. Recently, she said that, as an observant Orthodox Jew, homosexuality is an abomination according to Leviticus 18:22, and cannot be condoned under any circumstance. The following is an open letter to Dr. Laura penned by a US resident, which was posted on the Internet. It's funny, as well as informative.*

Dear Dr. Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the other specific laws and how to follow them.

When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord - Lev. 1:9. The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness - Lev. 15:19-24. The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

Lev. 25:44 states that I may indeed possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination - Lev. 11:10, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of G-d if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev. 19:27. How should they die?

I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? - Lev.24:10-16. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that G-d's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your devoted fan, Jim

## Why God Never Received Tenure at Any University

*Date Received: Thu, 9 Mar 1995*

He had only one major publication.

It was in Hebrew.

It had no references.

It wasn't published in a refereed journal.

Some even doubt he wrote it himself.

It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?

His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.

The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.

He never applied to the Ethics Board for permission to use human subjects.

When one experiment went awry, he tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.

When subjects didn't behave as predicted, he deleted them from the sample.

He rarely came to class, just told students to read the Book.

Some say he had his son teach the class.

He expelled his first two students for learning.

Although there were only ten requirements, most students failed his tests.

His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountain top.

## Hymns for Various Professions

*Date: Seen on Facebook: October 3, 2015*

**Civil Engineers:** When I Survey.

**Contractors:** The Church's One Foundation.

**Doctors:** The Great Physician.

**Electricians:** Send the Light.

**Golfers:** There's a Green Hill Far Away.

**Gossipers:** Pass It On.

**IRS Agents:** I Surrender All.

**Massage Therapists:** He Touched Me.

**Optometrists:** Open My Eyes that I May See.

**Politicians:** Standing on the Promises.

**Realtors:** I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.

**Shoppers:** Sweet Bye and Bye.

**Tailors:** Holy, Holy, Holy.

**Weather Forecasters:** There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.

And for those who speed on the highway, here are a few more:

45 mph: God Will Take Care of You.

65 mph: Nearer My God to Thee.

85 mph: This World is Not My Home.

95 mph: Lord I'm Coming Home.

100 mph: Precious Memories.

## In the Beginning...

*Date Received: Wed, 28 Aug 2002*

Well, most enjoyable things are either illegal, immoral or fattening...

In the beginning God populated the earth with broccoli and cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's and Krispy Creme. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And man said "Yea." and woman said, "And another one with sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds.

And God created the healthful yogurt that woman might keep the figure that man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane, and combined them. And woman went from size 2 to size 6. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing and garlic toast on the side. And man and woman unfastened their belts following the repast. God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then brought running shoes so that his children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And man and woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and it's 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" and man replied, "Yea! And super size 'em." And Satan said "It is good." and man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. And Satan created HMOs.

## Types of Bread for Tashlich

*Date Received: Monday, September 23, 2002*

On the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, there is a ceremony called Tashlich. Jews traditionally go to the ocean or a stream or river to pray and throw bread crumbs into the water. Symbolically, the fish devour their sins.

Occasionally, people ask what kind of bread crumbs should be thrown. Here are suggestions for breads which may be most appropriate for specific sins and misbehaviors:

For abrasiveness: Grits	For jingoism, chauvinism: Yankee Doodles	For sins committed in haste: Matzoh
For being holier than thou: Bagels	For laziness: Any long loaf	For sins of chutzpah: Fresh Bread
For being overly smothering: Angel Food Cake	For lechery and promiscuity: Hot Buns	For sins of indecision: Waffles
For causing injury to others: Tortes	For not giving full value: Shortbread	For sophisticated racism: Ritz Crackers
For committing auto theft: Caraway	For ordinary sins: White Bread	For substance abuse: Stoned Wheat
For complex sins: Multi-Grain	For over-eating: Stuffing	For sycophancy, ass-kissing: Brownies
For dressing immodestly: Tarts	For particularly dark sins: Pumpernickel	For tasteless sins: Rice Cakes
For dropping in without notice: Popovers	For petty larceny: Stollen	For telling bad jokes/puns: Corn Bread
For erotic sins: French Bread	For pride and egotism: Puff Pastry	For timidity/cowardice: Milk Toast
For excessive irony: Rye Bread	For promiscuity with gentiles: Hot Cross Buns	For trashing the environment: Dumplings
For ill-temperedness: Sourdough	For racist attitudes: Crackers	For twisted sins: Pretzels
For impetuosity: Quick Bread	For raising your voice too often: Challah	For unnecessary chances: Hero Bread
For indecent photography: Cheesecake	For silliness, eccentricity: Nut Bread	For use of heavy drugs: Poppy Seed
		For war-mongering: Kaiser Rolls

For those who require a wide selection of crumbs, we suggest a Tashlich Mix available in three grades (Taslich Lite, Medium, and Industrial Strength) at your favorite Jewish bookstore.

## A Religion-Related Joke

*Date Received: February 3, 2003*

Sitting behind a couple of nuns at a baseball game (with their big habits partially blocking the view), three men decided to badger the nuns in an effort to get them to move. In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Utah ... there are only 100 Nuns living there." The second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Montana ... there are only 50 Nuns living there." The third guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Idaho... there are only 25 Nuns living there." One of the nuns turned around, and looked at the men, and calmly said, "Why don't you go to hell...there aren't any Nuns there."

## Ten Ways the Bible Would Be Different if it Had Been Written by College Students

*Date Received: Mon, 13 Apr 1998*

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning, cold.

The Ten Commandments are actually only five, double spaced, with inch-and-a-half margins and written in an oversize font. New edition every two years in order to limit reselling.

Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food.

Paul's letter to the Romans becomes Paul's E-mail to abuse@romans.gov

Reason Cain killed Abel: They were roommates.

The place where the end of the world occurs: Finals, not Armageddon.

Out go the mules, in come the mountain bikes.

Reason why Moses and followers walked in desert for 40 years: They didn't want to ask directions and look like Freshmen. Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, he would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.

## Turmoil in Heaven

Date Received: Wed, 11 Feb 1998

Turmoil rocked Heaven this morning as allegations arose that God had had an affair with a former worshipper. The scandal was begun when a 21-year-old woman, known only as Mary, claimed that she had given birth to God's "only son" last week in a barn in the hamlet of Bethlehem. Sources close to Mary claim that she "had loved God for a long time", that she was constantly talking about her relationship with God, and that she was "thrilled to have had his child."

In a press conference this morning, God issued a vehement denial, saying that "No sexual relationship existed", and that "the facts of this story will come out in time, verily."

Independent counsel Kenneth Beazulbub immediately filed a brief with the Justice department to expand his investigation to cover questions of whether any commandments may have been broken, and whether God had illegally funneled laundered money to his illegitimate child through three foreign operatives known only as the "Wise Men".

Beazulbub has issued subpoenas to several angels who are rumored to have acted as go-betweens in the affair. Critics have pointed out that these allegations have little to do with the charges that Beazulbub was originally appointed to investigate, that God had created large-scale flooding in order to cover up evidence of a failed land deal.

In recent months, Beazulbub's investigation has already been expanded to cover questions surrounding the large number of locusts that plagued God's political opponents in the last election, as well as to claims that the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah was to divert attention away from a scandal involving whether the giveaway of a parcel of public land in Promised County to a Jewish special interest group was quid pro quo for political contributions. If these allegations prove to be true, then this could be a huge blow to God's career, much of which has been spent crusading for stricter moral standards and harsher punishments for wrongdoers.

Indeed, God recently outlined a "tough-on-crime" plan consisting of a series of 10 "Commandments", which has been introduced in Congress in a bill by Rep. Moses. Critics of the bill have pointed out that it lacks any provisions for the rehabilitation of criminals, and lawyers for the ACLU are planning to fight the "Name in Vain" Commandment as being an unconstitutional restriction on free speech.