

Re: OT: Opinions, not flames please

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"Marsha" <mas@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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jmornngstar@xxxxxxx wrote:

Marsha wrote:

I was a little taken aback with it, but a
reasonable

solution, IMO, would be to have him take the oath on
both the Bible and the Koran.

Marsha/Ohio

What good would it do to have him take the oath on a book that he
doesn't believe in? You might as well have him take it with his hand
on a comic book. Why do you find it unacceptable for him to take it on
the Koran? If he swears to the Koran he is likely going to be held to
a more higher standard in his own mind and own community than if the
pinkies are on a bible.

I didn't say it was unacceptable. A lot of people who don't believe in
the Bible have served in office. This paragraph is interesting:

"For all of American history, Jews elected to public office have taken
their oath on the Bible, even though they do not believe in the New
Testament, and the many secular elected officials have not believed in the
Old Testament either. Yet those secular officials did not demand to take
their oaths of office on, say, the collected works of Voltaire or on a
volume of New York Times editorials. Nor has one Mormon official demanded
to put his hand on the Book of Mormon. And it is hard to imagine a
scientologist being allowed to take his oath of office on a copy of

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"Dianetics" by L. Ron Hubbard. Devotees of multiculturalism and political correctness who do not see how damaging to the fabric of American civilization it is to allow Ellison to choose his own book need only imagine a racist elected to Congress. Would they allow him to choose Hitler's "Mein Kampf," the Nazis' bible, for his oath? And if not, why not? On what grounds will those defending Ellison's right to choose his favorite book deny that same right to a racist who is elected to public office?

Have we not had any athiests or agnostics elected? I can't believe they would have sworn on a bible. You don't have to swear on a bible in court.

Janice

I could be wrong, but I thought all those elected to office had to swear on a Bible. This has been quite enlightening, as I've never thought about it before.

Marsha/Ohio

I had to swear an oath similar to that taken by elected officials to join the Bar, and no Bible was used.

Sandi

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