

IF YOU GIVE A FOOL A FAVOR

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How often does it make headlines that an atheist group is upset that prayers are being said somewhere, or that some religious symbol is in the public, or that something is said or written that makes unbeliever feel the least bit unwelcome? It does seem that adamant atheists think that Bible-believers' main duty in America is to make sure atheists are not made uncomfortable in any way by their presence. The best expression of Christianity is one that is neither seen nor heard by any potentially offended unbeliever. A recent grievance from the godless is chronicled by Fox News contributor Todd Starnes in a July 24, 2013 online article, "Chaplain Ordered to Remove Religious Essay From Military Website." Evidently, it is no longer a given that chaplains can do the very things that make them chaplains, lest some atheist see and feel discrimination (which has become one of the longest four-letter words in English). The Air Force chaplain's column dealt with the origin of the phrase, "no atheists in foxholes." Naturally, an atheist group complained. The Air Force capitulated and, within hours, the essay was removed. In the ongoing offensive to eliminate what offends, we rarely step back to analyze the scenario's illogic. If the atheist is right about God's non-existence, then nothing in the universe has intrinsic value, including his own feelings and mental comfort. Therefore, if the atheist is right, why should anyone care what he approves, since his views are just as meaningless as anyone else's? In other words, if the atheist is right about atheism, then he is implying the rest of us have no obligation to listen to him about anything. Atheism implies its own worthlessness. Let that sink in. It has always been that "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14:1). What does it say of our military, or society that we craft any custom or policy based on the complaints of fools?

