

THE FIFTH FREEDOM

IN the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression - - everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way - - everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want... everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear... anywhere in the world.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Message to Congress - - January 6, 1941

Fifty years later, in 1991, American Atheists proposes the recognition of our most important freedom:

The Fifth Freedom - - **Freedom from Religion.**

THE ORGANIZATION

AMERICAN ATHEISTS is a nationwide movement founded by Dr. Madalyn O'Hair for the advancement of Atheism, and the total separation of government and religion. Membership includes the monthly *American Atheist Newsletter*, the *American Atheist* magazine, and other mailings. The *American Atheist Press* publishes books, pamphlets, and other materials to educate the public on Atheism.

The *American Atheist National Convention* is held annually to provide a forum for the presentation of educational seminars, discussions, and topics of interest to Atheists. The organization also sponsors the *American Atheist Television Forum*, a national weekly news and public affairs program from an Atheist perspective.

American Atheists' network of representatives monitor local communities and state legislatures for violations of the First Amendment, and civil liberties issues.

FUND FOR THE 90s.....

.....promoting the expansion of Atheism in the years to come.

AN active, positive Atheist movement can continue. To assure that, *American Atheists* has established **Fund for the 90s**. The Fund will assure the necessary financial resources to:

- ☛ Increase readership of the *American Atheist* magazine, and the distribution of books and educational materials from the *American Atheist Press*;

- ☛ Expand outreach nationwide through the use of television by improving America's only national weekly Atheist program, *American Atheist Television Forum*, by utilizing the latest state-of-the-art equipment and technology;

- ☛ Develop new outreach programs in the months and years ahead, including reintroducing *The American Atheist Radio Series*;

- ☛ Adhere to an aggressive campaign of litigation not only to preserve state/church separation but also to defend Atheist civil rights;

- ☛ Facilitate communication among all Atheists by conducting regional and national meetings;

- ☛ Develop a speakers' bureau to provide qualified representatives to the media, schools, universities, and civic groups;

- ☛ Preserve and expand the *Charles E. Stevens Library and Archives*, the world's largest collection of published Atheist materials;

- ☛ Sponsor local and national demonstrations in defense of state/church separation;

- ☛ Implement a lobbying arm of *American Atheists* to influence legislation on matters critical to Atheists;

- ☛ Counter the numerous multi-billion dollar religious campaigns to convert the world to Christianity by the year 2000 with an aggressive Atheist advertising effort.

STATE / CHURCH SEPARATION

AMERICAN ATHEISTS, during the past quarter century, has evolved from an initial beginning of a successful legal challenge to prayer recitation in public schools by the Murray family, into an international organization widely recognized as having a crucial role in the defense of Atheist civil rights and state/church separation.

Since its founding, *American Atheists* has relentlessly fought and defended the Atheist cause. In response to a growing erosion of our basic freedoms, and in recognition of the need to continue our social and intellectual struggle against far-right political dogma, we intend to continue to expand and aggressively promote *American Atheists* in the nineties.



We want and need your help because, as you know, the only way a cause organization can succeed in our nation is to be well funded. Only Atheists can give support to one another in our attempt to overcome the entrenched religious activists. Keep an active role by donating regularly during the nineties. *With your help we hope to make this decade the most significant in the history of Atheism.*

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