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In the United States, only three out of a hundred Americans deny the existence of God. Yet, in science, secularism has overtook its thinking. The more medicine has been worked overtime to divorce God from its thinking. The more medicine has been parted from an art to a science, the farther it has strayed from its Source of power. And this is in a country where every branch of government officially and publicly recognizes our dependence, as a nation, on the Creator.

From the *Christopher News Notes* of the Executive branch, every President from Washington to Eisenhower has publicly acknowledged God. Excerpts from some of his addresses follow:

Washington: "... in this first official address, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe"

Jefferson: "... acknowledging and addressing an overruling Providence ..."

Madison: "... in the guardianship and guidance of that Almighty Being whose power regulates the destiny of Nations ..."

Lincoln: "... in the right, as God gives us to see the right ..."

Wilson: "God helping me, I will not fail them."

Hoover: "I ask the help of Almighty God."

Roosevelt: "We humbly ask the blessing of God ... May He guide me in the days to come."

Truman: "We believe that all men ... are created in the image of God."

Eisenhower: "... we beseech God's guidance."

In the Judicial, Supreme Court Justice, Robert H. Jackson, stated: "One can hardly respect a system of education which would leave the student wholly ignorant of the currents of religious thought that move the world society." In 1952, Supreme Court Justice, William O. Douglas, said: "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

In the Legislative branch, a bill enacted by both houses in 1954 added the words "under God" to the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In 1956 Congress proclaimed "In God We Trust" as the national motto of the United States — a guiding principle which Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, had engraved on all coins in 1863.

Since such are the proclamations of our national leadership, it is fitting and proper that a profession of Faith be a formal part of a national convention devoted to the art and science of medicine. Your Federation has introduced the instruments for this Profession of Faith. During the annual A.M.A. convention a Memorial Mass is offered for all deceased members; at the same time an exhibit is maintained in the Convention Hall.

Make every effort to do three things when you come to Atlantic City in June.

Attend the Memorial Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church, Wednesday, June 10.

Register at Booth # M-26-a, the Federation Exhibit in Convention Hall.

Have delegate representation at the Executive Board meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Hotel Dennis, June 10. Observers are welcome.

Be a "Christopher!" Show a personal and practical responsibility in restoring the love and truth of Christ in the market-place.

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