 **WHEREAS IT IS THE DUTY
OF ALL NATIONS TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE
PROVIDENCE OF
ALMIGHTY GOD**

(George Washington -1789)

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You can't say that!

(With an update by that intrepid reporter, "Doc.")

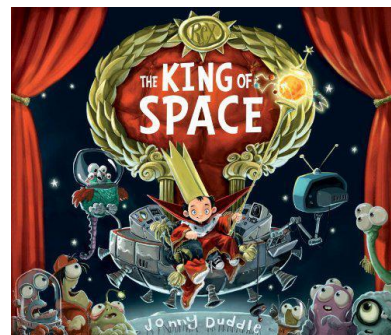
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There's been quite a "stir" in Washington, D.C. over some language used by the "Father of our Country" while in office. I guess it was caused by my posting of George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation of 1789, and then doing the same for Abe Lincoln's similar proclamation in 1864. The old intrepid "observer of civilization" and societal reporter "Doc," just sent me this report.

This just in: In an emergency appeal today to the U.S. Court of Appeals by the American Civil Liberties Union, George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation was found to be in violation of the separation of Church and State due to his unconstitutional references to God. The Supreme Court will next hear the case, but legal scholars see too many precedents to overturn this decision. Said Ruth Bader Ginsburg, former Chief Counsel to the ACLU, "I don't usually comment on cases coming before us, but this seems open-and-shut. References to 'the Almighty,' to 'great and glorious Being,' and to 'beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be,' while quaint, are clearly an endorsement of religion, and besides they are highly divisive on their face. I plan to rule in favor of the ACLU once the case comes before us and I have had the opportunity to carefully study and reflect upon the arguments of both learned counsels."

Because of the large number of said religiously-tainted references in his Proclamation, there is talk that Mr. Washington will be impeached in absentia. If he is retroactively removed from office, Washington D.C. will be renamed Barack Obama City, as the result of the President's latest Executive Order, issued only minutes after the Appeals Court decision. In this same Order, he declared that the states of Virginia and Maryland will be renamed the Greater Barack Obama City Metropolitan Area, and, as had been rumored for several months, has renamed himself The Intergalactic Supreme Ruler of the Cosmos, to distinguish himself from those who came before him who were merely referred to as Presidents.



The Intergalactic Supreme Ruler of the Cosmos has also vowed that if the Supreme Court "gets it wrong," he will act unilaterally to convict Mr. Washington himself. "I can pardon and I can convict anybody I please. I've got a pen and I've got a phone," he said with a wry smile. He also attempted to inject further humor into the situation by playing on his remarks during the Trayvon Martin matter. "If I had had a slave owner, he would have looked like George," he said.