LAUSO DEO – PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Most people are not aware that at the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. sits an aluminum cap with the Latin inscription, “Laus Deo.” I came across this fascinating story when I recently read an article by Samuel B. Casey, Executive Director & CEO of the Christian Legal Society. The following is an excerpt from Mr. Casey’s report. Do’s praise this will be a history lesson you will enjoy!

Paul

No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that reason, it is one of the best kept secrets. Only if you know Laus Deo’s history, you may discover it on the monument for others.

Laus Deo!

The Latin word “Laus Deo” has been there for many years; they are 5 feet tall, 5.125 inches high, inscribed atop the monument, facing the people of every nation, indeed the Father of every nation, overlooking the 89-square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the federal city.

Laus Deo!

Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words—out of sight and out of mind, yet meaningfully placed at the highest point in the country, their message is the most powerful in the world. So, what do these two words, in Latin, comprised of just two syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say “Praise be to God!” or “Laus be praise to God!” and to “Blessed be the Lord!” Through the years, this great obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, was laid in 1881... and it was completed, and opened to the public in 1885. It took twenty-five years more (when Theodore Roosevelt was President) to finally cap the memorial with a statue of the one Washington himself thought to be the source of any nation’s prosperity, particularly America. “Laus Deo—Praise be to God!”

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the panoramic and majestic view of the city with its distances into the four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the obelisk, Pierre Charles L’Enfant, a perhaps forgotten impost upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east, and the Lincoln Memorial is west, in the distance.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Oh, yes, in a cross, the “X” at right is right in the public square as any of the other symbols that constitute and have contributed to our life together here in America.

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Within the monument itself stands 535 steps and 320 landings. As one climbs the steps and passes at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th it is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a prayer written by the Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 3:7. Luke 16:26 and Proverbs 22:6.

Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848, deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the American Bible Society, Praise be to God! Such was the desire of our forebears for the moral direction, the spiritual growth by the founding fathers. It is inscribed in the stone, “The People of the United States, in the Nation of God, in the Son of God, in the Holy Ghost, Pray for the Republic of America.”

One Nation, Under God.

I am awed by Washington’s prayer for America. Have you ever even thought about yourself... on top the Monument with the words through this grace, as you are as you read aloud to anyone who will listen as you cannot possibly think.

“Almighty God, We make our solemn and sacred profession to the United States in Thy holy providence; That Thou art the heart of the power to cultivate a spirit of submission and subordination to government; and to preserve us in peace, and to secure us in the blessings of liberty, and in the peace and safety of this holy land, and in every place we shall go, that we may hereafter enjoy the fruits of Thy Church’s labors and sufferings, and that we may in all things do Thy will.”

What a joy to have Chuck and George Harris host the Praise program from TBN’s studios in Dallas. Chuck is a true world record blond haired champion and an accomplished actor. He is best remembered for his starring role in the hit TV series “Walker, Texas Ranger.”

Paul and Jane were overhead to spend some time in fellowship with one of today’s greatest fathers of the faith, Dr. Oral Roberts.

As a child of God, I always have been and continue to be thankful for the praying of religious leaders, also when they pray aloud, the influence is much broader and you can feel the “body of Christ” working together much better.

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"THE LORD SHALL INCREASE YOU MORE AND MORE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN, YE ARE BLESSED OF THE LORD WHICH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." Psa. 115:14, 15

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As a Law Student who watched your New York City saves, the words of Jesus come to mind. "He hath not appointed us to fear, but to trust the Holy Spirit which he hath given us to lead us to the Father" (Rom. 8:15). As we pray and as we trust the Holy Spirit, may we be able to lead the brokenhearted... to see the love that have others. (Luke 1:46).