



THE TRUTH CANNOT BE SILENCED.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the **Day of Truth**® student organizing manual. On behalf of the thousands of faculty and students who hold sincere religious beliefs that oppose the endorsement and/or promotion of homosexual behavior, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the team that will take a bold stand for God's truth in the public schools and society. We thank you for your interest and involvement.

Your willingness to participate in the **Day of Truth** shows great courage. As you are probably aware, opposition to the promotion of homosexual behavior in the public schools (or society as a whole) can lead to criticism, and in some cases, disciplinary action. Please be assured that you will not be standing alone. Thousands of other students of faith, along with ADF and its allies will be standing with you in the defense of **your** right to hear and speak the Truth about homosexual behavior. Freedom of speech applies to *everyone*, not just certain individuals and groups.

Enclosed in this manual are many ideas and suggestions for how the **Day of Truth** can have the maximum impact at your school. Please feel free to take these ideas and suggestions and mold them to fit your particular school. We realize that some schools, especially in certain areas of the country, have been more exposed to the promotion of homosexual behavior than others. It will be in those areas that you might encounter greater opposition to your freedom of speech and your message.

If you have any questions, or face any problems with school administrators, faculty members, or other organizations on campus, please contact us at 1-800-TELL-ADF or via e-mail at dayoftruth@telladf.org.

Thank you again for your courage, conviction, and willingness to stand for the Truth.



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THE DAY OF TRUTH PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

One day, during his high school biology class, Kyle's teacher stated that homosexual behavior was not a choice. Kyle immediately raised his hand to disagree. The teacher, who claimed to be a bisexual, immediately ridiculed and humiliated him in front of the entire class.

"What's the matter, Kyle," the teacher said mockingly. "Are you unsure of your sexuality? Did you know that the people who scream the loudest turn out to be gay themselves?"

The other students in the class laughed at him.

A few weeks later, the same teacher started talking about homosexual behavior again as part of a class discussion on genealogy. Kyle politely asked what homosexual behavior had to do with the subject.

The teacher once again questioned Kyle's sexual orientation and implied that he might be covering up the fact that he was homosexual. Kyle stood up and denied the accusation, telling the teacher that he had a girlfriend.

The class snickered at him. One student went as far as to suggest that the girlfriend was a cover-up for Kyle's homosexuality.

Devastated and humiliated, Kyle's grades dropped from a 3.70 grade point average to a 2.10 GPA in the months following the incident.¹

The treatment of Kyle is just one of numerous examples of how students, like you, who take a stand for the Truth about homosexual behavior, can face possible humiliation, ridicule, and potentially punishment in public schools.

Instead of the Truth, many young children are being told that their parents are "stupid" or "bigots" if they have objections to homosexual behavior. Many advocates of homosexual behavior have proclaimed that it is one of their goals to have children reject the religious beliefs of their parents.²

Another goal of many homosexual activists and their allies is to have you and your peers accept or participate in homosexual behavior. The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educational Network (GLSEN), the sponsors of the "Day of Silence," have come up with the term "questioning students" to target your peers who may be confused about sexuality.

Dr. Frances Scott, a professor of childhood development at Chicago's Erikson Institute, says that many of your peers might be open to experimenting with homosexual behavior because they are still trying to figure out "who they are." This is especially true of your peers who have come from broken homes or do not have a strong relationship with both of their parents.³ By planting

¹ Don Feder, "Welcome to the NEA-Dominated Schoolhouse," *Creators Syndicate*, September 5, 2001.

² See Justin Torres, "Conference: 'New Moment' in Homosexual Activism," *CNSNews.com.*, October 4, 1999.

³ David Gelman, "Tune In, Come Out," *Newsweek*, November 9, 1993, p. 70.

a seed that some of your peers may be homosexual if they are struggling with who they are, homosexual activists groups can perhaps convince them that they are something they really aren't.

Many adults now regret bad sexual decisions that they made or experiments tried during their teenage years. When participation in homosexual behavior is added to the list of decisions a teenager can make, the results can be tragic.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), homosexual behavior is the leading cause of the transmission of the HIV/AIDS virus. Through 2003, over 440,000 cases occurred through homosexual sex. The next closest cause was intravenous drug use, which accounted for over 246,000 HIV/AIDS cases.⁴

Young men who practice homosexual behavior are especially at risk. The CDC estimates that at least half of all new HIV infections are among people under twenty-five.⁵ Almost no advocates of homosexual behavior disclose that celibacy is the safest decision; they often suggest so-called "safe sex" measures that are often not safe after all.

These and other risks show the danger of GLSEN's Day of Silence campaign and why it is essential that your peers know the truth about the consequences of homosexual behavior.

Unlike the Day of Silence, the **Day of Truth** does not include techniques that are likely to disrupt classes or other school activities. GLSEN's Day of Silence encourages students to remain silent throughout the day and not respond to teachers or school administrators.

The **Day of Truth** is also meant to strengthen families, and not divide them. In the Day of Silence organizing manual, your peers are told that they should "brainstorm" a list of people "who are likely to stand in your way."⁶ According to the manual, those people include teachers, counselors, and administrators who have "denied you their support in the past, or who've expressed bias against (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people)."⁷ The manual also suggests that the list include other children, school board members, community members, and *relatives* "who have shown intolerance" of homosexual behavior. The manual goes on to state, "People who oppose you on your issue are known as, you guessed it, **your opponents**" (emphasis ours).⁸

Seeing parents and relatives as a student's "opponents" if they oppose homosexual behavior goes against what the **Day of Truth** stands for. We believe that parents and relatives should be honored. We believe the Truth should be spoken in a respectful and non-disruptive way, and to see those who are tempted by or even trapped in homosexual behavior as Christ sees them – not as opponents – but as his brothers and sisters, often hurting, but always in need of His love.

⁴ Source: Center for Disease Control, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention – Basic Statistics. See www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats.htm.

⁵ "Young People at Risk: HIV/AIDS Among America's Youth," Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention Centers for Disease Control, November 4, 2000.

⁶ 2002 Day of Silence Organizing Manual, p. 16.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

What is God's Truth when it comes to homosexual behavior and other forms of sexual activity? Here are a few excerpts from the Bible:

So God created mankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (Genesis 1:27-28)

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." (Genesis 2:18)

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. (Genesis 2:23-24)

God intended for marriage to be between one man and one woman. It is also His intention that sexual activity is to be confined to marriage and is to be between one man and one woman and, as such, is to be a source of joy, unity, and strength.

With regard to homosexual behavior, the Apostle Paul wrote:

For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error. (Romans 1:26-27)

There can be no mistaking here that Paul is addressing the issue of homosexual behavior.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11:

*Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor **homosexual offenders** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*

It would be difficult to see how anyone could interpret these Scriptures as anything different than condemning homosexual behavior. But it is important to note that all sins are wicked in the eyes of God. The Bible is as clear in its condemnation of adultery, lying, theft, and murder, as it is with regard to homosexual behavior. We are all sinners who deserve God's wrath, but because

of the love and grace of Jesus Christ, we can be reconciled to our Father and have eternal life. **That is the Truth.**

It is our responsibility to point the hurting person tempted by or even trapped in homosexual behavior to this healing love and merciful grace. Love does not mean condoning things that are wrong or that cause harm. When Christ loved someone, like the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11), he expressed compassion for her. He also gave her the loving direction to “go now and leave your life of sin.” As followers of Christ, we must take action when someone is trapped in sinful behavior that separates them from God (John 8:24). We must be able to speak the Truth and direct people to their need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THE DAY OF TRUTH PROJECT?

The **Day of Truth** was established to counter the promotion of the homosexual agenda and express an opposing viewpoint from a Christian perspective. Participating students are encouraged to wear T-shirts and pass out cards (not during class time) with the following message:

I am speaking the Truth to break the silence. I believe in equal treatment for all, and not special rights for a few. I believe in loving my neighbor, but part of that love means not condoning detrimental personal and social behavior. I believe that by boldly proclaiming the Truth, hurts will be halted, hearts will be healed, and lives will be saved.

ADF believes that students have a right under the First Amendment and the constitutions of all fifty states, to speak and hear the Truth. We also believe that Truth must never be communicated in anger or with a mean spirit, but always in a loving, but uncompromising, manner.

That is why ADF and its allies have launched the **Day of Truth** – because truth cannot be silenced, and only the Truth can truly set someone free and allow them to fully experience God’s love and grace in their life.

WHY IS THE DAY OF TRUTH NEEDED?

As mentioned earlier, advocates of homosexual behavior have an agenda. They have specifically targeted public schools as a key part of their overall strategy to change how our society perceives their desire to engage in homosexual behavior.

Based on our religious and social convictions, we stand in opposition to the strategy of those who work to legitimize and aggressively promote homosexual behavior through the public school system.

The Day of Silence is just one of many avenues that they have chosen to indoctrinate impressionable schoolchildren to accept, and perhaps, engage in homosexual behavior. But the Day of Silence is a misnomer, because what is truly being silenced is the Truth. When Christian students have tried to speak the Truth about homosexual behavior, they have often faced hostility

and have even been threatened with possible suspension or discipline by school officials. For instance:

- In Poway, California, a high school student named Chase Harper decided to protest GLSEN's "Day of Silence" by wearing a T-shirt to school with handmade lettering expressing his sincerely held religious objections. Chase was quickly told by a school administrator to "leave his faith in the car." In a school where other students could wear other messages on their T-shirts, Chase respectfully refused to compromise his religious beliefs and was suspended for wearing the T-shirt. Attorneys with ADF have filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the school district on behalf of Chase, charging that Chase's constitutional right to free speech was violated.⁹
- In Ann Arbor, Michigan, a local high school held a so-called "Diversity Week" that included student speeches on the topics of race, religion, and homosexuality at an all-school assembly. When one student wished to give a talk on the biblical position with regard to homosexual behavior, school officials censored her speech, claiming that her religious view toward homosexual behavior was "negative" and would "water down" the "positive" religious message they wanted to convey. That so-called "positive" message was that homosexual behavior and religious belief are compatible and homosexual behavior is not sinful. School officials also created written guidelines that prohibited "targeting" someone's "sexual orientation." The student and her mother filed a federal civil rights lawsuit, charging that school officials violated the student's constitutional rights to free speech, free exercise of religion, and equal protection.¹⁰
- When a religious viewpoint is presented in public schools, it is usually a version that affirms homosexual behavior and rarely, if ever, opposes it. An ADF-allied attorney witnessed this first hand at a school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He noted, "The pastors invited for assemblies during Gay and Lesbian Pride Month every June preach from the Bible that God approves of homosexuality. They cite various Scripture verses supporting their sermons and distribute booklets citing Bible verses with the conclusion that homosexual behavior is not a sin."¹¹
- In Visalia, California; Morgan Hill, California; and Boyd County, Kentucky, school districts have agreed to implement anti-harassment programs conducted by GLSEN and aimed at all students and staff. These programs resulted because of lawsuits filed against the school districts by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other advocates of homosexual behavior. The settlements call for mandatory training for all school staff and high school students. The student training is described as "peer to peer," meaning that students who do not agree with homosexual behavior will be pressured by their fellow classmates to comply. In addition, the school districts must name "compliance coordinators" to "help parents, students, and teachers with incidents of discrimination."¹²

The result of this indoctrination and silencing of the Truth is that many otherwise well-informed teenagers are increasingly accepting of homosexual behavior. In 2001, Zogby International released a poll that found that 85 percent of high school seniors thought homosexual couples

⁹ "School Administrator to Student: 'Leave Your Faith in Your Car,'" *ADF Press Release*, June 2, 2004.

¹⁰ Thomas More Center Press Release, July 10, 2002.

¹¹ E-mail from ADF volunteer attorney, March 5, 2002.

¹² "In Groundbreaking Federal Lawsuit Settlement, School Agrees to Strongest Anti-Gay Harassment Program in Nation," *ACLU Press Release*, August 13, 2002.

should be allowed to adopt children, and over 60 percent thought same-sex “marriage” should be allowed. Even 80 percent of evangelical Christian students supported so-called “hate crimes” legislation, which in its many proposed forms, may well be used to silence religious speech about homosexual behavior.¹³

It is because of cases and information such as this that the **Day of Truth** is needed so middle and high school students can learn that there is more than one side of the argument when it comes to homosexual behavior.

THE SOLUTION

Because of the power and influence that organizations such as GLSEN hold at many public schools, it is often difficult for one lone student, such as a Chase Harper, to obtain the information needed and to take a stand for Truth without facing some sort of intimidation or possible suspension. As stated earlier, freedom of speech applies to *everyone*, not just a few select individuals and groups. The **Day of Truth** provides an opportunity to publicly exercise your constitutional right to free speech.

In addition, when students stand together in unity for the Truth, their power and influence is multiplied, and their fellow students and school administrators are far more likely to listen to their concerns. By working together as a group, you can brainstorm a number of different strategies to take a stand for the Truth at your school.

For instance, you can start to formulate long- and short-term goals to increase the effectiveness and scope of the **Day of Truth** campaign.

Your group will need a **core** group of leaders, each with varying sets of gifts. You will need a campaign spokesperson, someone who is articulate, courageous, and gracious while standing up to potential intimidation from those who seek to silence the Truth. If you seek to publicize the **Day of Truth** in your school, you will need someone with strong writing skills to help write potential stories and press releases for Christian publications and radio and television stations. A sample press release and letter to the editor is posted at www.telladf.org/truth. Finally, you will need an individual who can contact local churches and ministries to get the word out to other Christian students about the **Day of Truth**.

One attainable short-term goal is the education of potential allies who are sympathetic to your message. These allies could include Christian and Orthodox Jewish teachers, administrators, and parents. Often these individuals feel powerless against those forces in the public schools that try to silence the Truth or fear negative repercussions if they say anything that does not affirm homosexual behavior. If they know that some of the student body is willing to take a stand for the Truth, they may be emboldened as well to be your allies in this effort.

Other natural allies are church youth groups or para-church campus ministries such as Young Life, Youth for Christ, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Perhaps your group can make a presentation at one of their meetings to help mobilize other students at your school to take part in

¹³ Christopher Michaud, “Survey: Students Hold Mostly Pro-Gay Views,” *Reuters*, August 27, 2001.

the **Day of Truth**. Even if they are not willing to participate, this is still a good opportunity to educate other Christian students about the day and the threat that the promotion of homosexual behavior in public schools poses to religious freedom.

Working with other groups will broaden your coalition, which, in turn, should increase your sense of unity. The key for success for any cultural movement is to activate the grassroots potential of those who hold the same beliefs as you do and to effectively explain to them why their ability to live and practice those beliefs will be in jeopardy unless they take action. A sense of **urgency** is often needed in order for people to take action.

Another key to success is the formulation of a realistic strategic plan and timeline for achieving your goals. If you wait until the last minute, your chance for success becomes much less. For instance, if you seek to garner media coverage, you will need to know deadlines. Television stations are far more likely to cover your event if it falls within the “10-3” window. The “10-3 window” is the time-frame in which many television stations need to operate to have your story ready for evening broadcast. Press conferences or interviews should be scheduled for between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. so stations have enough time to mobilize and then prepare their stories for broadcast.

Here is a suggested timeline:

TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENT:

Talk with your parents. Have a discussion with your parents about your possible participation in the event. Make sure that they understand the situation and potential opposition you may face. Ask for their permission to participate, and if granted, ask them to pray for you.

Hold an organizing meeting. At this meeting you can gather together a core group of like-minded students who are willing to participate in the **Day of Truth**. From this meeting, you can brainstorm strategies and determine which students should make up your leadership team. You can also form committees to delegate various responsibilities to ensure a successful day.

Contact sympathetic individuals/organizations at schools and in the community. Make a list of local campus ministries and churches that you believe would be interested in participating in the **Day of Truth**. If you are a member of a student club, such as a Good News Club or Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter and have a faculty advisor, check and see if that advisor can help you make the proper contacts with the school administration and help facilitate permissions that would be needed to ensure that the **Day of Truth** goes as smoothly as possible.

Register online at www.telladf.org/truth. E-mail us as at dayoftruth@telladf.org, and let us know about your participation in the **Day of Truth**. In addition, if you receive initial resistance from school officials to the **Day of Truth**, ADF’s team of experienced lawyers is ready and willing to help you remove any improper or unconstitutional roadblocks interfering with your right to free speech.

Develop a budget. Put together a budget for the publicity and other materials you will need to make the **Day of Truth** a success. If you are going to host a special event or invite a speaker, you will need to budget for the costs associated with that.

Purchase materials. Access the materials you will need to publicize the event. Go to www.telladf.org/truth to purchase T-shirts. Cards and other materials you can use to maximize your impact are also located here and are easy for you to download.

Develop talking points. Start brainstorming “talking points” for publicity and media interviews. You can find assistance on this by going to www.telladf.org/truth for some suggested points. Make sure that everyone is on the same page and sticks to your agreed-upon talking points. Some media may try to find ways to make you seem “hateful” and “intolerant.” Don’t fall into that trap! Contact us at 1-800-TELL-ADF or dayoftruth@telladf.org if you have any questions.

ONE MONTH BEFORE THE EVENT:

Work on media coverage. Draft press releases for local media outlets, such as television and radio stations, newspapers, etc. Send these releases out about two weeks before the event. You can download a sample press release at www.telladf.org/truth. **A sample press release is also included in this packet.** If you send the press releases too early, they can get buried in a stack and easily forgotten. But if you send it too late, it may be difficult for the media to mobilize and cover your event. **Remember, as stated earlier, you need to schedule media events at times that are most optimal for media coverage.** Send press releases to the attention of the assignment editor at your local newspaper and television stations. It’s okay to call to follow-up.

Gather together your “core” group. A month before the event is a good time to gather together your core group to make sure everyone is still on board and working in sync with one another. Go over your schedule for the **Day of Truth** and answer any questions that your core group may have. Review your talking points. Most importantly, starting one month before the event, **assign prayer partners that can pray together on a daily basis.** Prayer must be the foundation for everything you do.

Solidify your support. Check with churches or ministries that have expressed interest in participating in the **Day of Truth** to solidify their support and address any questions or concerns they may have. If they are concerned about negative ramifications from advocates of homosexual behavior or groups sympathetic to their agenda, please have them call us at 1-800-TELL-ADF or e-mail us at dayoftruth@telladf.org.

ONE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT:

Hold daily meetings. Get together on your lunch hour or during breaks to pray together. Go over any other logistical matters that need to be nailed down.

Distribute materials. Make sure that each individual has a T-shirt, cards, and the other materials they will need to fully participate in the **Day of Truth.**

WHAT CAN I DO OR NOT DO?

It is **very** important that you be respectful of authority and always show the love of Christ while proclaiming the Truth. The goal of the day is to model Christ's love, not cause unnecessary and potentially harmful confrontations.

Here are some simple guidelines to stay out of trouble and to be effective. Please follow these guidelines for your participation in the **Day of Truth**:

- Be respectful to your fellow students, teachers, and principals, even if you receive less than respect in return. The best witness is a peaceful witness in these situations.
- Make sure that you pass out the cards during breaks, lunch hours, or before and after school. **DO NOT** pass out cards during class time.
- If you live in Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, or South Dakota, you will need to check your school's literature distribution policy – you may have to get permission to pass out the cards.
- If your school has always had a dress code that forbids (and has always been enforced against) all messages on T-shirts—don't break it. Check with ADF first. If you cannot wear the shirt, then just pass out the cards.
- If a teacher or someone else in authority asks you to stop, graciously request that they check with the principal first.
- If the principal or other school official asks you to stop, show him or her the enclosed letter provided by ADF that explains student rights. This letter can also be downloaded from www.telladf.org/truth.
- If the principal or other school official continues to insist that you stop, stop immediately. Please call 1-800-TELL-ADF so that we can help resolve the situation quickly.

If you find yourself in trouble, we suggest the following:

- Stay respectful.
- Obey authority.
- Show the letter on student rights provided by ADF.
- Remind school officials that they permit other students to hold a "Day of Silence."
- Remind school officials that they permit other students to wear T-shirts with imprinted messages and symbols.
- Remind school officials that they permit other students to distribute personal messages, notes, and other communications in non-class settings.
- Call 1-800-TELL-ADF, and be prepared to give your name, the name of your school, and the names of officials that required you to stop. If you are under the age of 18, we will also need to talk to your parents to get their permission to help you.



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 5, 2005
To: Principals, Educators, and Administrators
From: Alliance Defense Fund
Re: Day of Truth Project

This letter is to inform you that students at your school will be participating in the **Day of Truth**, a campaign that affirms the free speech rights of students who hold religious beliefs with regard to sexual activity.

The Alliance Defense Fund is a legal alliance that defends and protects the right to hear and speak the Truth. We have more than 700 allied attorneys who are dedicated to this defense of the constitutional right of religious freedom and freedom of speech.

These students will be handing out cards, during non-class time, to their classmates, about the rights of all students to share information that provides a balanced perspective on this issue. They have been instructed that they must be respectful, obey authority, and not interrupt regular classroom activity.

Students do not abandon their constitutional rights of free speech when they enter public school. In *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, the Supreme Court stated, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." 393 U.S. 503, 506 (1968). The Supreme Court has squarely stated that a student's free speech rights apply "when [they are] in the cafeteria, or on the playing field, or on the campus during authorized hours..." *Id.* at 506.

Furthermore, students have an individual constitutional right to inform their fellow students about the **Day of Truth** as long as they do not materially disrupt the academic process while doing so. In addition, if the school allows individual students or student clubs to advertise events through school bulletin boards, school public address systems, general posting of student flyers, or other means, the school cannot forbid the same means of advertising for the **Day of Truth**.

You may also have concerns that this activity will be in violation of the so-called "separation of church and state." It is a fundamental principle of constitutional law that a government body may not suppress or exclude the speech of private parties just because the speech is religious or contains a religious perspective. *Good News Club v. Milford Central Sch. Dist.*, 533 U.S. 98 (2001); *Lamb's Chapel v. Ctr. Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist.*, 508 U.S. 384 (1993); *Widmar v. Vincent*, 454 U.S. 263 (1981). This principle cannot be denied without eviscerating the essential First Amendment guarantees of free speech and religious freedom.

Religious speech is protected by the First Amendment and may not be singled out for discrimination. *Good News Club*, 533 U.S. at 108-10; *Widmar*, 454 U.S. at 269. As the United States Supreme Court has stated:

Our precedent establishes that private religious speech, far from being a First Amendment orphan, is as fully protected under the Free Speech Clause as secular private expression.... Indeed, in Anglo-American history, at least, government suppression of speech has so commonly been directed *precisely* at religious speech that a free-speech clause without religion would be *Hamlet* without the prince. *Capitol Square Review and Advisory Bd. v. Pinette*, 515 U.S. 753, 760 (1995); (emphasis in original).

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions, please call our offices at 1-800-TELL-ADF. We are ready to address any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bull
Chief Counsel

CONCLUSION

Thank you again for your interest and participation in the **Day of Truth**. It is our hope and prayer that this event will not only reaffirm the First Amendment right to speak and hear the Truth, but that Truth will make a difference in the lives of those with whom you will have contact. If you have any questions, feedback, or general comments, please call us at 1-800-TELL-ADF or e-mail us at dayoftruth@telladf.org.