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SHAKING THE FAITH OF A NATION THROUGH FOOLISH LEGISLATION

THE LEGISLATIVE tendencies in America in this day and age are justly causing widespread alarm. Men and groups of men of a selfish and intolerant turn of mind are today seeking and obtaining seats in the legislative halls of the states and the nation, through the grant of ignorant franchise holders. Measures intended to give preferences and advantages to one set of citizens, obviously detrimental to other citizens, and citizens in the making, are now frequently passed with seeming utter abandon, and indifference to the thoughts of equal rights. Crude and unfinished drafts, proposals for laws, with vague and hidden meaning, are traded in the legislative mill and eventually turn up on the pages of the statute books. Courts are today continually called upon to define the meaning of these newly enacted and hopelessly worded laws and, finding this task impossible, the judges are invariably forced to search for the actual intent in the legislators' minds. Offensive language that would not go unchallenged in the streets, where the simple principles of American rights and equality are still in practice, is used with impunity in our legislative halls. Asinine measures designed to abrogate inalienable rights, placing citizens in jeopardy because of their origin or their faith, have with frequency, in recent years, been written into state and federal statutes over the feeble protests of those who had the courage and who sensed that such enactments would gradually open the way for an onslaught on America's most cherished ideals and institutions.

The time is NOW to begin replacing the statutes that have a sinister meaning, in order to bring back the old civic faith and replace in our country that assurance of Liberty and Justice for All which in the beginning made the very name America a synonym for the Rock of Ages.

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