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On January 20th when President Bush is re-inaugurated for Presidency, he will put his right hand onto the bible before b eing sworn in. The tradition is not one found in the Constitution, but it is one kept by every president since George Washi ngton, with the exception of Theodore Roosevelt after McKinleyÂ's 1901 assassination. Michael Newdow, notorious for his earlier "Under God" lawsuit, has filed suit saying that the Christian ministers who pray at the inauguration, the Chri stians songs sung, and the swearing with bible all violate the ConstitutionÂ's Establishment Clause. Newdow has also re -filed his earlier-dismissed case to excise "Under God" from the pledge on behalf of 8 other parents.