

**News and Current Events :: Tyson Foods: An American Company?****Tyson Foods: An American Company? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/8/6 10:13**

I got this in my email this morning...thought this may be of interest to SI readers....  
ginnyrose

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 /Christian Newswire/ -- "The Tyson plant in Shelbyville, Tennessee is no longer acting like an American Company because they have decided not to celebrate Labor Day," according to Don Swarthout, President of Christians Reviving America's Values (CRAVE).

Swarthout asked, "How can a company like Tyson just decide to ignore the fact that Labor Day is a recognized American Holiday?" However, Tyson has decided to ignore Labor Day as a holiday and celebrate Eid al-Fitr as a way to cater to their Somali Islamic employees.

Swarthout said, "What makes this particularly upsetting is that Tyson is replacing a secular holiday with an Islamic Religious Holiday. If we wanted to replace a secular holiday with a Christian holiday the company or the courts would not allow us to do such a thing."

People we allowed to come into this country should want to learn our culture and to live like Americans. If a holiday is obscure by the standards of society, then in America you have to accept the fact that holiday is obscure and move on with your life.

We still live in America and therefore we should celebrate all of our American holidays. Somali Muslims should not expect to come to our country and then tell us what holidays we have to celebrate. If they come to America they should try to become like Americans, speak the language and do as Americans do.

Our Founding Fathers were Christians and celebrating a Muslim Holiday in place of an American holiday was never intended to happen in America. Like the local Shelbyville newspaper said about this situation, "Once again, American Traditions are pushed aside."

Swarthout said, "What makes Tyson think they have the right to replace our American holidays by substituting a Religious Muslim holiday in its place? This nation was founded by Christians and we are still the majority, not the Muslims."

Swarthout concluded by saying, "We must take pride in our country, celebrate our recognized holidays and set a proper example for those who come to our country. The American people are sick and tired of this type of treatment!"

Tyson Foods refused to comment when contacted about this story.

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COMMENT: wonder if Tyson Foods would allow Christians an off day to celebrate "Ascension Day", or any other Christian Holiday like "Good Friday"?  
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**Re: Tyson Foods: An American Company?, on: 2008/8/6 13:47**

Shelbyville, Tennessee is a rather rural town too. It's not near any large cities... it's Southern Americana at it's finest, with diners and horse farms.

Islam has come to the heartland. We are in trouble, folks.

Krispy

**Re: Tyson Foods: An American Company? - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/6 14:05**

Quote:

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The trouble is, they are doing what Americans do - they are turning their backs. As America has turned from God, they are turning from America - we are losing the protective hand of God. And as our language is no longer the language of God, they have no compulsion to follow.

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No - we must humbly come before God and confess our sins. We must beg for His forgiveness for our prideful and foolish ways - for putting "our" country before Him - for not following His ways - for our self righteousness - for profaning His name. We are simply being treated as we have treated others, just as He has said it would be.

And yes, we are sick - very, very sick.

**Re: Tyson Foods: An American Company? - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/8/6 15:56**

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If it were possible - it is God who is sick and tired. Sick about what we have done with His Son. Tired of us strutting around as so many peacocks - proclaiming our rights, as if we have any of our own - for we gave up our rights when we threw away Christ. For He, and He alone, is our righteousness.

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2008/8/6 19:05**

The early Christians did quite well in a country that didn't recognize any Christian holidays; while their neighbors worshipped at pagan festivals with reckless abandon, the early Christians sang hymns and prayed... and the church grew.

Maybe this is just what America needs, if you want genuine Christians, then there needs to be a genuine alternative, not just lukewarm churchiosity.