

# PALIN'S RELIGION

Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's religion has come under severe scrutiny. Unfortunately, some of the coverage has been downright unfair.

Baptized Catholic, Palin was raised in a Pentecostal church; since 2002, she has been a member of a non-denominational Christian church. She garnered the attention of the secular media when she urged the faithful to "pray for our military" and for "our national leaders" who are "sending them out on a task that is from God."

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow interpreted this comment as saying that "the commander-in-chief for our side in the Iraq war is a mighty general whose initials are GOD." Most Christians, obviously, would not agree with that spin.

Maddow also wondered why Palin didn't "get up and walk out" when a guest speaker from Jews for Jesus spoke at her church (a talk the ADL found non-problematic). Barack Obama, we know, did not "get up and walk out" on his own disgraced pastor for 20 years, yet MSNBC never got too worked up about that.

MSNBC's Keith Olbermann was worse, speaking in the most sarcastic of terms about her religious beliefs. He even took the time to alert viewers to the news that in Palin's church "they speak in tongues." For the record, Palin's pastor said he "never saw" her speak in tongues.

Palin may not be a Catholic anymore. But she certainly is the victim of a vicious smear campaign conducted by the secular left. The secularists neither understand, nor respect, Christianity.