

Phony Atheists

To his credit, President Barack Obama did not shy away from mentioning God several times in his Inaugural Address. We couldn't help but notice, however, that the very same pundits and organizations that branded President George W. Bush a "theocrat" for referencing God were noticeably silent in their reaction to Obama's God-talk.

Maybe that's because they think he is a closet secularist who is just going through the motions to please the faithful. At least that's what the American Humanist Association seems to think: it took out a full-page ad in the *Washington Post* yesterday hailing Obama as "*Living Proof that Family Values Without Religion Build Character.*"

In other words, it's not the religious message that atheists object to most of all—it's who the messenger is. If he's believable, he's a threat. If he's posturing, he's okay. How that's for character?