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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Your Supervisor

SUBJECT: Diety

TO: A New Lieutenant

Your life will be profoundly affected by your views on this fundamental topic- a belief in diety. I believe that it is a useless parade to march through life without a belief in diety. No matter what you call Him, failure to acknowledge the power of a force for good, superior to man himself, is a shaky foundation upon which to build one's life.

One of the driving forces resulting in the founding of our great country, which you have sworn to defend, was the desire to achieve religious freedom. So deeply ingrained in our national fabric is this belief in diety, that we officially recognize in the Constitution the right of every individual to enjoy religious freedom. We pledge allegiance to "One nation under God" and adorn our money with the inscription "In God we trust." Consider this when exercising your authority and accepting the responsibility inherent in your commission.

  
Paul G. Patton, Colonel, USAF  
AN OLD LIEUTENANT