

REMINDER



WHEN I THINK OF AMERICA

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When I was a young boy, I had an idealistic view of America. I was proud to be an American living in a country that had definite principles of decency and righteousness. Today as a mature man my view of America is no longer idealistic. I still get chills when I see the flag waving or when I hear the “Star Spangled Banner,” but I shiver when I survey

the state of our nation.

On this Independence Day, I grieve with God when I see an America that has lost its principles, and America that does not know right from wrong. I grieve with God when I see a nation that is in pursuit of the American Dream, instead of a relationship with God.

Today when I think of America, I see a people that despite great material wealth are self-destructive, disillusioned, disappointed, and declining in morality and faith. Let me share what I see.

❑ MATERIAL WEALTH

From a material standpoint, the situation of the average American has improved:

- The average American lives 76.5 years, five and one-half years longer than they lived twenty-six years ago.
- The median family income has more than doubled in the last fifty years.
- The overall per capita income has grown nearly seventy-seven percent in the last thirty years.
- The unemployment rate has dropped from sixty-one percent to just above four percent in the last twenty-five years.
- The number of children living below the poverty level is the lowest it has been in twenty years.

Sadly, such material advantages have not brought the American people any closer to achieving the American dream. Larger salaries, bigger homes, comfortable retirements and more “stuff” have not made for a happy people.

❑ SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS

The American people are plagued with an array of self-destructive behaviors:

- A person who smokes a pack or more of cigarettes each day lives seven years less than someone who never smoked. Tobacco use is responsible for over 430,000 deaths in America every year. That is one in every five deaths!
- At least ten million Americans used smokeless tobacco the past year despite the fact that use of smokeless tobacco is one of the leading causes of oral cancer.
- Alcohol is involved in one-half of all murders, accidental deaths, and suicides.
- More than two million Americans suffer from alcohol-related liver disease. Cirrhosis is the seventh leading cause of death among young and middle-aged adults.

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- An estimated 13.6 million Americans were current users of illicit drugs and 861,887 people were arrested for drug abuse in 1998.
- About one percent of female adolescents have anorexia. That means that about one out of every one hundred young women between ten and twenty are starving themselves, sometimes to death. About four percent of college-aged women have bulimia.
- One in four children “huff” or know someone who does. Inhalants - such as glue, nail polish remover, paint thinner, spray paint, lighter fluid, household cleaners, deodorant - are one of the first psychoactive drugs kids try. Chronic inhalant abusers may be anxious, excitable, irritable, or restless.
- An estimated 1,900 people attempt suicide every day, and 84 are successful! Suicide is the eight leading cause of death. More people die from suicide than homicide.

❑ **DISILLUSIONED WITH SOCIETY**

In addition to self-destructive behaviors, Americans are disillusioned with the institutions that make up the fabric of our society - the White House, Congress, the United States Supreme Court, the news media, large business corporations, and organized religion:

- Fifty-five percent of Americans trust the government little, if at all.
- Only twenty percent express a great deal of confidence and thirty-three percent have very little confidence in the White House.
- Only twelve percent express a great deal of confidence and forty-one percent have very little confidence in the Congress.
- Only fourteen percent express a great deal of confidence in the press.
- Thirty percent have very little confidence in large business corporations.
- Only twenty-five percent have a great deal of confidence in organized religion.
- Druggists and pharmacists rank above the clergy with regard to honesty and ethical standards.

❑ **DISAPPOINTED IN EACH OTHER**

Americans are disappointed in the conduct of those around:

- Seventy-four percent are dissatisfied with the honesty and standards of people’s behavior.
- Sixty-six percent think that society’s standards are acceptable and unacceptable behavior are getting worse.
- Sixty-seven percent believe society is too tolerant of behavior that is harmful.
- Fifty percent think that in the past ten years we have gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of commitment to marriage.
- Thirty-seven percent think that in the past ten years we have

gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of respect for other people.

- Twenty-two percent think that in the past years we have gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of belief in God and religion.

❑ **DECLINING IN MORALITY AND FAITH**

- 81.6 percent agree that moral decay is the main cause of America’s problems.
- Almost half of American women will have an abortion sometime in their lifetime!
- Forty-two percent of teens recently polled claim to have had immoral sexual relations.
- 17.5 million Internet surfers visited adult pornography sites from their homes in January, 2000. Of the forty million adults who admit visiting a sexually-oriented web site at some time, more than seven million of these identified themselves as Christians.
- Offensive language on television has increased more than five-and-a-half times and references to homosexuality have increased more than twenty-four times in the last ten years.
- The incidents of sexual content, coarse language, and violence on television has nearly tripled in the last ten years.
- The marriage rate has dropped forty-three percent and the divorce rate has more than doubled in the last thirty years; in 1998, there were 2,256 million marriages and 955,000 divorces.
- Only fifty-six percent realize that people who do not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour cannot go to Heaven.
- Only thirty-six percent of people believe that the Bible is the literal Word of God.
- The number of people who attend church a few times a year is now only fifteen percent.

As a result of all this, more than half of all Americans are not at all confident that life for their children will be better than it has been for them. This in a country where previously each generation has believed that the following generation will have a lifestyle better than they had.

I still celebrate the independence that was fought for and won by our forefathers, and I still pray that America will return once again to the greatness she once knew. But I know that Christians can have no confidence in a better future for our children unless we first seek God’s mercy and forgiveness for our sins.

We need God to create a clean heart in us so that we can **“teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:13).**

We need to present our bodies **“a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.”**

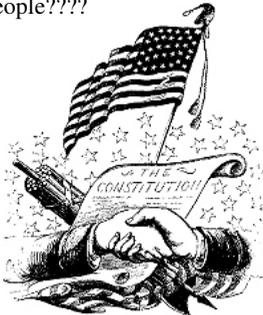
We should not **“be conformed to this world: we should be transformed by the renewing of our mind so that we may be able to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2). ■**



Do You Remember the REAL America?

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

- When riots were unthinkable?
- When you left your front doors open?
- When socialism was a dirty word?
- When ghettos were neighborhoods?
- When the flag was a sacred symbol?
- When criminals actually went to jail?
- When you weren't afraid to go out at night?
- When a boy was a boy and dressed like one?
- When the poor were too proud to take charity?
- When the preachers actually talked about the Bible?
- When clerks and repairmen actually tried to please you?
- When college kids swallowed goldfish, not acid?
- When songs had tune, and words made sense?
- When young fellows tried to join the Army or Navy?
- When people knew what the Fourth of July stood for?
- When you never dreamed our country could ever lose?
- When a Sunday drive was a pleasant trip, not an ordeal?
- When you bragged about your hometown and home state?
- When people expected less and valued what they had more?
- When politicians proclaimed their patriotism, and meant it?
- When everybody knew the difference between right and wrong?
- When things weren't perfect - but you never expected them to be?
- When you knew that the law would be enforced and your safety protected?
- When you considered yourself lucky to have a good job, and proud of it?
- When the law meant justice, and you felt a shiver of awe at the sight of a policeman?
- When you (and your President) weren't embarrassed to say that this is the best country in the world?
- When America was a land filled with brave, proud, confident, hardworking people????



Faith of Our (Founding) Fathers -

“Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion.”

- Noah Webster

“Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

- Abraham Lincoln

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”

- George Washington

“If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants.”

- William Penn

“Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

- Alexis deTocqueville

“The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men, and take consistent ground in politics.”

- Charles G. Finney

“Politics are a part of religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as a part of their duty to God.”

- Charles G. Finney

“Republican institutions in the hands of a virtuous and God-fearing nation are the very best in the world, but in the hands of a corrupt and irreligious people they are the very worst, and the most effective weapons of destruction....”

“Destroy our churches, close our Sunday-schools, abolish the Lord’s Day, and our republic would become an empty shell, and our people would tend to heathenism and barbarism.

Christianity is the most powerful factor in our society and the pillar of our institutions.....”

- Philip Schaff

GALLANT MEN

“Down through the years there have been men, brave gallant men who have died that others might be free.

And even now they do it still. Brave gallant men know that someone must and so they will.

Oh gallant men have built us a nation passed us a torch of flame. Let us hold it high and light up the sky with praise of our gallant men.”

“. . . all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil liberties.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.”

- Thomas Jefferson

“Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens. “

- Daniel Webster

“I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men.”

- Benjamin Franklin

“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. . . Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

- John Adams

“The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and law. . . All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

- Noah Webster



“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

- George Washington

Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, be read and taught as a divine revelation in the school? Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?

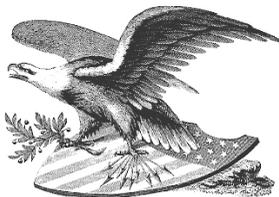
- United States Supreme Court, 1844

“If the Moral character of a people degenerate, their political character must follow. These considerations should lead to an attentive solicitude to be religiously careful in our choice of all public officers. . . and judge of the tree by its fruits.”

- Elias Boudinot

“Lastly, our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral habits.”

- Daniel Webster - December 22, 1820



THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

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As our campaign for Governor grows, many people are interested in the Biblical basis for Christian involvement in politics and government.

This was the true driving force behind America's founding fathers (who based the Constitution on specific Biblical, Judeo-Christian principles). It is also the foundation of this campaign and of my service as Governor, should God see fit to place me in that office.

Regarding the principles in this article, I am very grateful to Pastor Thomas Minnick, whose Biblical teaching has helped to bring these truths to life in me and in many others.

Why Get Involved?

Crisis and civic duty are inferior and ineffective motivation for Christians who take seriously their charge to seek God's will for their lives. Why participate if this is not surely God's desire? Sadly, twentieth century preaching often discouraged our involvement in the “worldly” business of politics and government.

Yet, Christians have not always hesitated to “get involved” in American civil government. Rather, for much of our history, Christians were deeply committed to this role. In fact, most of our founding fathers were outstanding Christians (as opposed to the very few deists, agnostics or atheists constantly highlighted by today's anti-Christian elite).

More Christians must now realize the Biblical basis for involvement. It then becomes a matter of obedience to God.

As Christians consider their responsibility, there are three vital principles to remember.

First, government is God's institution! Civil government exists and functions by God's command, not because cave men created a social contract.

Civil government began in Genesis 9:1-7, when God instructed Noah after the flood. In Exodus 20-22, God through Moses gives a specific pattern for civil government.

Scripture is full of God's sovereignty and interest in civil government. In Daniel 2:20-21, God removes and sets up rulers. In Proverbs 21:1, He turns a ruler's heart. In Romans 13:1, He ordains civil powers. Clearly, government is not a secular institution but a God-ordained institution.

A second key principle is that God has every right to direct His institutions. Indeed, Scripture reveals God's will, rules and leadership qualities for the home, the church... and the government!

Christians are quite familiar with Biblical expectations for the family and the church. Yet many are amazed to realize that our country's Constitution and many of its laws and punishments are based on civil government rules of conduct that are spelled out in the Bible.

Exodus 21-22 addresses manslaughter, premeditated murder, assault, kidnapping (and slavery), abortion, infanticide, property crimes, criminal negligence, assaulting parents, robbery, and bestiality.

Leviticus 13, 20 and other passages address such issues as public health laws and homosexuality.

In Deuteronomy 17-22 are laws regarding violation of a court order, perjury, malicious accusations, building codes (no regulatory scheme, it just sets the standards for responsible conduct and punishes wrongs), juvenile delinquency and rape.

God also gives qualifications for leadership, both in the church (I Timothy 3:1-7) and in civil government (Exodus 18:21). Imagine our state and nation under leaders with these Biblical qualities: “*able*” and “*fears God*” and speaks “*truth*” and “*hates covetousness!*”

The third vital principle to remember is that secularizing government is an affront to a Holy God! We are often told that government and politics should be secular. But would we allow Biblical Christianity to be excluded from our homes or churches? So why quietly capitulate to arguments saying we should keep God's Word and God's people out of God's institution of civil government?

We need to petition God for revival before privatization of our faith results in complete secularization of government.

Biblical Governing

Once Christian involvement in the political process bears fruit in the election of a Godly person, it is crucial for that individual to understand and obey Biblical principles in office. Among these are four principles.

First, we must understand that civil leaders are “*ministers of God*” (*Romans 13:3-4*). This relates to the principle of **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The role of a civil leader is to enable government to fulfill God's purposes. Civil leaders are doing the will of God in establishing justice and maintaining civil order. They are accountable to God for the faithful discharge of their ministry responsibilities. A person's behavior in office is positively affected by knowing that he must answer to God.

A second principle, that of **DESTINY**, understand the reality of sovereign appointments. A civil leader serves at God's pleasure! “. . . *He (God) removeth kings, and setteth up kings. . .*” (*Daniel 2:21*). “*For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from*

the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another” (*Psalms 75:6-7*).

God places people in leadership for His specific purposes - for His benefit, not theirs! “. . . *Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*” (*Esther 4:14*).

We must ask ourselves, “*Why has God put me here? What does He want me to accomplish?*”

Understanding man's tendency to compromise, we also recognize the principle of **DEPENDENCY**.

Leaders are called on to make hard decisions! Recall Solomon and the baby (I Kings 3:16- 27). Elected office requires more wisdom and courage than any person has. If one trusts in human wisdom (pollsters, consultants or even his own wisdom), he will usually be frightened into doing the wrong thing. Yet, “. . . *lean not unto thine own understanding*” (see *Proverbs 3:5-6*).

It is hard to know what is right! It is even harder to do what is right! Our only hope is a right relationship with God - living each day dependent upon Him for wisdom to know the right thing and courage to do the right thing. Don't fear the voters, fear God!

The fourth essential is to understand God's purpose for civil government, the principle of **JURISDICTION**.

What is the reason for government? Looking at history, man began in a state of innocence, and all was good. There was no need for government (see Genesis 1:27-28, 31). But sin entered the picture (see Genesis 4:3-10, 6:1-6), and God ordained civil government (see Romans 13:1). It is God's institution, begun by His creative act.

Further, God is in control of government. “*The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will*” (*Proverbs 21:1*).

In considering the role of government, we must discern the jurisdictions of Caesar or God (Matthew 22:15-21). The church and civil government are made necessary by the same thing (sin), but do not have identical responsibilities. The humanist view of the role of government is to perfect mankind. The Scriptural view of the role of government is to protect mankind.

Scripture shows that civil government is charged with a limited responsibility to protect life and property. Previously listed passages from Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, and many others, indicate this.

A civil leader must decide that he will take a Scriptural view of the limited role of government in society! For example, God's plan for welfare does not involve civil government. People who are in need of temporary help are directed to look primarily to the family (see I Timothy 5:3-8), secondarily to the church (see I Timothy 5:9-16 and Acts 6:1-2), or finally to neighbors in the community (see Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22).

Clearly, God's plan vastly differs from the present system, which is such a monumental failure. The humanistic plan is publicly funded, coercive and creates cycles of dependency. The Biblical plan is a private program, voluntary and allows the poor to retain

their dignity.

Anyone who reads through the Bible can see that God's ways bring blessings and man's ways bring destruction.

Yet so often we all try, try again to do whatever seems right in our own eyes, thinking somehow that we in our day can escape the unavoidable consequences that are spelled out in God's Word. Having "done our own thing" for decades, we are now suffering the gaping devastation of crime, broken homes, abused and aborted children, sexual immorality, drug and alcohol problems, corrupt government, reckless taxing and spending, warped welfare programs and deficient education.

Half-hearted measures will never solve these full-scale problems. The answer begins with a return to God and his ways.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve. . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).



AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE:

"The Real Story"

In an age where the Independence National Historic Parks (Department of the Interior) is removing all semblance of this nation's Christian heritage from national monuments, where certain so-called civil libertarian groups and national education organizations have removed the words "God" and "Christ" from our textbooks, where the humanists have succeeded in selling America on the lie that we are god versus the One and Only True God, where evolutionists have captivated our belief in the scientific impossibility that life can originate from non-life, and where the entire nation is bent on satisfying self - rather than the marvelous and wonderful Creator we have: I submit the following for your review. It is the story, or real history, behind our Nation, which the groups mentioned above have purposefully and intentionally tried to delete from historical record - literally hoping that you might be brainwashed into a belief system based on lies.

Listed below are bibliographic data concerning the books from which certain quotes or other pertinent information have been extracted. These excerpts unequivocally lend credence to the view that America was indeed founded upon Christian principles, by Christian people, for religious purposes. These particular fragments represent an infinitely small gathering of all that was said or done in the name of God or Christ within the first few years of America's beginning. The excerpts below represent just

a small sampling of what these authors' associative books reveal. Hence, I personally recommend the acquisition of these books for everyone desiring to know "The Real Story" behind America's Christian heritage.

BOOK: *THE LIGHT AND THE GLORY* (Peter Marshall and David Manuel. The Light And The Glory. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1977: Page numbers below.)

Christopher Columbus: "It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. . . There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures. . . I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps. It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied. . . No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of Our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives advice. He lacks nothing that is in the power of men to give Him. Oh, what a gracious Lord, who desires that people should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him" (p. 17).

Upon reaching San Salvador, Christopher Columbus stated: "Holy Saviour, Oh Lord, Almighty and Everlasting God, by Thy Holy Word Thou hast created the heaven, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy name, and praised by Thy Majesty, which hath deigned to use us, Thy humble servants, that Thy holy name may be proclaimed in this second earth" (p. 41).

On every island on which Christopher's crew stopped, Columbus had his men erect a large wooden cross "as a token of Jesus Christ our Lord, and in honor of the Christian faith" (p. 43).

The French Huguenots: A group of French Huguenots (Protestants), seeking a haven from religious persecution, touched ground at what would soon be named St. Augustine and settled at what is now Buford, South Carolina. Two years later, another group of Huguenots settled at the mouth of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida (p. 73).

Jaques Cartier (Discoverer of the St. Lawrence River): Erected a cross 30 feet high on the western shore of its gulf (p. 74).

Samuel de Champlain: Known as the "Father of New France, who undertook the most effective measures of bringing the Light to the Indians" stated: "They were living like brute beasts, without faith, without law, without religion, without God." He brought from France four gray-clad friars of the Recollets, a branch of the Franciscan Order, to help in their conversion (p. 74).

Father Jaques Marquette: Ordered by his superior to "seek

toward the south sea (the Gulf of Mexico) new nations that are unknown to us, to teach them to know our great God, of whom they have hitherto been ignorant” (pp. 75-75).

Jamestown (The Virginia Company's Charter): King James I states in the preamble to the Company Charter, “. . . Propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God, and may in time bring the infidels and savages, living in these parts, to human civility and to a settled and quiet government” (p. 83).

William Bradford (First Governor of Plymouth): Declared a day of public Thanksgiving (the same holiday we celebrate today - p. 135).

Puritans: Were the people who, more than any other, made possible America's foundation as a Christian nation. Far from merely fleeing the persecutions of King and Bishop, they determined to change their society in the only way that could make any lasting difference: by giving it a Christianity that worked (p. 146).

John Winthrop (First Governor of The Massachusetts Bay Company): “Thus stands the cause between God and us: We are entered into covenant with Him for this work. We have taken out a commission; the Lord hath given us leave to draw our own articles. . . If the Lord shall please to hear us, and bring us in peace to the place we desire, then hath He ratified this covenant and sealed our commission, [and] will expect a strict performance of the articles contained in it. But if we shall neglect the observance of these articles. . . the Lord will surely break out in wrath against us” (pp. 161-162).

The Boston Gazette, wrote concerning the Revolution: “. . . We will put our lives in our hands and cry to the Judge of all the earth. . . they come to cast us out of this possession which Thou hast given us to inherit. Help us, Lord, our God, for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude” (p. 266).

Jonathan Trumbull (Governor of Connecticut), concerning the Revolution: “The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitudes of isles be glad thereof. . . If you ask an American, who is his master? He will tell you he has none, nor any governor, but Jesus Christ. . . No king but King Jesus” (p. 267)!

William Prescott: “Our forefathers passed the vast Atlantic, spent their blood and treasure, that they might enjoy their liberties, both civil and religious, and transmit them to their posterity. . . Let us all be of one heart, and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. And may HE, of His infinite mercy grant us deliverance out of all of our troubles” (p. 268).

John Hancock: “We think it incumbent upon this people to humble themselves before God on account of their sins, for He hath been pleased in his righteous judgment to suffer a great calamity to befall us. . . also to implore the divine blessing upon

us, that by the assistance of His grace, we may be enabled to reform whatever is amiss among us, so that God may be pleased to continue to us the blessing we enjoy, and remove the tokens of his displeasure, by causing harmony and union to be restored between Great Britain and these colonies” (p. 268-269).



Patrick Henry: “There is no longer room for hope. If we wish to be free, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left us! They tell me that we are weak, but shall we gather strength by irresolution?

We are not weak. Three million people, armed in the holy cause of liberty and in such a country, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. We shall not fight alone. God presides over the destinies of nations, and will raise up friends for us forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death” (p. 269)!

George Washington: “Let my heart, therefore, gracious God, be so affected with the glory and majesty of (Thine honor) that I may not do my own works, but wait on Thee, and discharge those weighty duties which Thou requirest of me. . . Direct my thoughts, words, and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. . . daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ” (p. 284).



The Young George Washington

Henry Muhlenberg writes of Washington's faith: “Washington rode around among his army yesterday and admonished each and every one to fear God, to put away the wickedness that has set in and become so general, and to practice the Christian virtues. . . This gentleman does not belong to the so-called world of society, for he respects God's Word. . . Therefore, the Lord God has also singularly, yea, marvelously, preserved him from harm in the midst of countless perils, abuscades, fatigues, etc. and has hitherto graciously held him in His hand as a chosen vessel” (p. 323).

In holding his army together at Valley Forge, Washington credits God: “It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to defend the cause of the United American States. . . it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the Divine Goodness, and celebrating the important event, which we owe to his Divine Interposition” (p. 326).

Upon Washington's inauguration, he stated: “It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who presides in the counsels of nations, and whose Providential aids can supply every human defect, that His

benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. . . We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained” (p. 349).

Upon Washington's formal resignation of his commission before Congress: *“I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my official life by commending the interest of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, and of those who have superintendance of them to His holy keeping”* (Washington then wept - p. 335).

Upon expiration of his presidency, Washington concluded: *“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. . . and let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. . . reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principal”* (p. 351).



Benjamin Franklin: *“In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. . . and have we now forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance? . . . I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of man. . . I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business”* (p. 342).

John Adams (on the day the Declaration of Independence was passed): *“It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty”* (p. 310).

BOOK: FAITH OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS (Tim LaHaye. Faith Of Our Founding Fathers. Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth & Hyatt, 1987. Page numbers are below.)

George Washington's "Farewell Circular Letter" sent to the Governors of the 13 states: *“Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; and Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience. . . And without humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant out supplication we beseech Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”* (p. xi).

First U. S. Congress: The very first act of Congress was the appropriation of funds for the printing of 20,000 Bibles for the conversion of the Indians (p. 6 & 96).

Patrick Henry: Was the only governor in American history to be elected and re-elected five times. Much of his popularity was sparked by his being the most activist attorney in the Colonies regarding religious freedom issues (p. 7).

Supreme Court Justice: Recently, in 1952, one of the most atheistic anti-religious Supreme Court justices Justice William O. Douglas clearly admitted the fact that America is a religious nation (pp. 9-10).

Early American Populace: At the time of the Revolution at least 75% of American citizens had grown up in families espousing some form of Puritanism (p. 13).

Colleges and Universities: During the first century of Colonial America all 126 colleges were established by some religious group or denomination (p. 23).

Founding Fathers: Of the 56 men who wrote and signed the U.S. Constitution of 1787, all but 3 were orthodox members of one of the established Christian communions (p. 31).

Declaration of Independence (opening paragraph): *“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they declare the causes which impel them to separation”* (p. 40).

The First Amendment: *“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances”* (p. 61). (Note that there is no Separation of church and state clause herein, but rather, there is the mention of “religion”—to protect the church from the state, not the state from religion is duly noted. See also the Product referred to as Misconceptions Concerning God at this web site. The article under Misconceptions is entitled “Christians Desire A Theocracy.”)

Edmund Burke (orator and leader in Great Britain during the time of the Revolutionary War): *“The people are Protestants....this is a persuasion not only favorable to liberty but built upon it....But the religion most prevalent in our northern Colonies is... Protestantism....”* (p. 67.)

State Election Laws: The majority of states during the 18th century had election laws that required legislators to be Christians (pp. 73-79).

Early American Education & Textbooks: Most textbooks during the 18th century, like The New England Primer, were filled with religious teaching regarding all subjects (English, writing, math, etc.). Christianity was welcome in the schools and textbooks in 1787 and for 100 years thereafter. Only within the last thirty years have secularists been successful in removing God from the American classroom (p.75). See also the Misconception “Secular Humanism Has Replaced God” at this web site.

James Madison: Was one who studied for the Ministry before he took up the study of Law (p. 78).

Slavery: Was overthrown principally because it came into

conflict (finally and after all) with biblical beliefs (“... that all men are created equal...”—pp. 81-82).

The 10 Commandments, the U. S. Constitution and Sunday Worship: Most of the Ten Commandments, one way or the other, are embedded within the U. S. Constitution. Sunday worship was a legal weekly holiday for 175 years after the drafting of the Constitution. These “Blue Laws” were stricken down as recently as 1961 (p. 83).

John Quincy Adams (concerning the Bible): “My custom is, to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. It employs about an hour of my time” (p. 90).

Adams further urged his son to form and adopt biblical principals of government: “It is essential, my son, in order that you may go through life with comfort to yourself, and usefulness to your fellow creatures, that you should form and adopt certain rules or principals, for the government of your own conduct and temper.... It is in the Bible, you must learn them, and from the Bible how to practice them. Those duties are to God, to your fellow creatures and to yourself. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself” (pp. 90-91).



John Adams

John Adams: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” (p. 196).

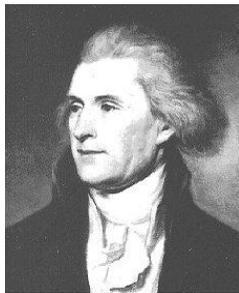
Northwest Ordinance (Article III, passed by the Continental Congress in 1787 - the same year that the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution): “Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of all mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged” (p. 91).

State Constitutions - in All Fifty States: Every single State Constitution appeals to “Almighty God” (p. 92).

The National Anthem (second stanza): “... Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land / Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation! / Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just; / And this be our motto, 'In God is our trust!'” (pp. 94-96.)

Thomas Jefferson: “Can the liberties of a nation be sure when we remove their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people, that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?” (p. 194.)

“Our free society depends on one essential element, the self-restraint of its citizens. And the self-restraint of the citizens in turn depends on one primary belief, that God exists and that one day He will judge us and reward or punish us according to His divine standard” (p. 195).



Benjamin Franklin: “It is that particular wise and good God, who is the Author and Owner of our system, that I propose for the object and adoration of my praise” (p. 118).

“That He ought to be worshipped, by adoration, prayer and thanksgiving both in publick and private” (p. 120).

Alexander Hamilton: In an effort to impede any Constitutional maneuver to deplete our religious freedoms, Alexander Hamilton wrote the following: “Let an association be formed to be denominated the Christian Constitutional Society, its object to be first: the support of the Christian religion. Second: the support of the United States” (p. 140).

Daniel Webster: Was once asked, “What is the greatest thought that ever passed through your mind?” He responded, “My accountability to God” (p. 199).

BOOK: THE REWRITING OF AMERICAN HISTORY (Catherine Millard. *The Rewriting Of America's History*. Camp Hill, PA: horizon House, 1991. Page numbers below.)

Christopher Columbus: Six years after Columbus' discovery of the New World he wrote: “Also I order to said Don Diego, my son, or him who will inherit said mayorazgo, that he shall help to maintain and sustain on the Island Espanola four good teachers of the holy theology with the intention to convert to our holy religion all those people in the Indies, and when it pleases God that the income of the mayorazgo will increase, that then also be increased the number of such devoted persons who will help all these people become Christians. And may he not worry about the money that it will be necessary to spend for the purpose...” (p. 3.)

William Bradford and the Mayflower Compact: “... Having undertaken for the glory of God, an advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do, by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid...” (p. 19.)

Jamestown: First Charter of Virginia, April 10, 1606: “... We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of His Divine Majesty, in propagating Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God...” (p. 307.)

The first act of the Jamestown Landing Party was to erect a magnificent cross representing the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The second act of the Colonists was to kneel down and commemorate the Last Supper together. Jamestown was the site of the first Protestant Church in America, and Robert Hunt laid down his life for this cause. Upon the base of the tallest and most conspicuous monument in Jamestown reads: “... Make yourselves all of one mind for the good of your country and your own, and to serve and fear God...” (p. 309.)

President Teddy Roosevelt Regarding the Pilgrim fathers,

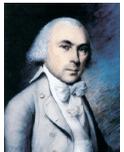
stated: “The coming hither of the Pilgrims 300 years ago, followed in far larger numbers by their sterner kinsmen, the Puritans, shaped the destinies of this Continent, and therefore profoundly affected the destiny of the whole world....” (p. 35.)

William Penn (“I” Constitution): “Therefore, in reverence to God the Father of lights and Spirits, the author as well as object of all divine knowledge, faith and worship, I do hereby declare for me and myn and establish it for the first fundamental of the government of my country that every person that does or shall reside therein shall have and enjoy the Free Possession of his or her faith and exercise of worship toward God....” (pp. 43-44.)

William Penn's well known “Frame of Government”: “That all persons... having children... shall cause such to be instructed in reading and writing, so that they may be able to read the Scriptures and to write by the time they attain to twelve years of age” (p. 44).

Thomas Jefferson: “My views... are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruption’s of Christianity I am indeed opposed, but not the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be, sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others....” (p. 92.)

There are 190 entries in Thomas Jefferson’s library under the title of religion. One hundred eighty-seven of these pertain to Christianity (p. 99).



James Madison: Madison's writings, as those of Jefferson, clearly outlined what the issue, which led to the First Amendment clause, really was: separation of church from interference by the state in its mission, goals and outreach for Christ. In other words, it is a guaranteeing of liberty of worship of different denominational groups within the Christian community outside the civil jurisdiction and interference of the state (pp. 113-115).

Abraham Lincoln: “Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this Continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth” (p. 166).

Lincoln was the first U. S. President to use the term “This nation under God” (p. 167).

Dwight Eisenhower in 1954 initiated action in Congress to have Lincoln's comment “One nation under God” become part of the Pledge of Allegiance (pp. 167-168).

William J. Wolf writes concerning Abraham Lincoln: “No president has ever had the detailed knowledge of the Bible that Lincoln had. No president has ever woven its [the Bible's] thoughts and its rhythms into the warp and woof of his state

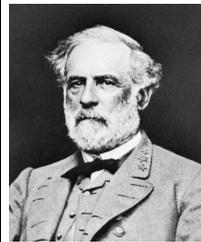
papers....” (p. 167.)

On the north wall of the Lincoln Memorial are inscribed many of Lincoln's comments. Concerning the Civil War: “The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan.” (biblical commands—p. 169.)



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln in 1863, by Act of Congress, set apart the last Thursday in November as the official annual observance day for each American to give thanks to Almighty God for His bountiful blessings upon our land (p. 303).



Robert E. Lee: Author Benjamin Howell Griswold, Jr. writes concerning both Lee and Andrew Jackson: “... Lee and Jackson were both professing Christians - most men of their day were that - but on the premise that these men not only professed Christianity, but actually practiced it and endeavored in every way to live according to its much neglected tenets” (p. 186).

Stonewall Jackson (in a letter to Neale): “... The subject of becoming herald of the cross has often seriously engaged my attention, and I regard it as the most noble of all professions. It is the profession of our divine Redeemer, and I should not be surprised were I to die upon a foreign field, clad in ministerial armor, fighting under the banner of Jesus. What could be more glorious? But my conviction is that I am doing good here; and that for the present I am where God would have me. Within the last few days I have felt an unusual religious joy. I do rejoice to walk in the love of God” (p. 191).

Coin and Currency: In a letter to Congress in 1861, the Director of the Mint in Philadelphia states: “No nation can be strong except in the strength of God or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins” (p. 381).

Supreme Court: On the wall within the courtroom itself, opposite the bench, is Adolph Weinman's sculpture entitled *The Struggle Between Good and Evil With Good Prevailing*. The sculpture portrays the figures on the left representing Security, Harmony, Peace, Charity and Defense of Virtue, who triumph over Corruption, Slander, Deceit and Despotism, depicted on the right with two serpents. The sculpture had personified God's good versus Satan's evil, with his characters, who could

well be taken out of Galatians 5:22, 23. It depicts a clash between God's virtues and laws, or the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the evil works of Satan. Both marble structures in the inner courtroom of the Supreme Court, highest court in the land, stand out as awesome reminders that we are truly a Christian nation. Supreme Court Justice David J. Brewer, who served from 1890-1910, gave a magnificent lecture entitled *The United States: A Christian Nation*, which is hereunder excerpted:

“This Republic is classified among the Christian nations of the world. It was so formally declared by the Supreme Court of the United States. In the case of Holy Trinity Church v. United States, (143 U. S. 471), that that Court, after mentioning various circumstances added, ‘These and many other matters which might be noticed add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation.’” (p. 387.)

- Witness Box Ministries



Lest We Forget. . .

A flag is the emblem of sovereignty - a symbol and guarantee of protection. Every nation and people are proud of the flag of their country.

July 3, 2010 England, for a thousand years boasts her Red flag and Cross of St. George; France glories in her Tri-color and Imperial Eagle; ours, the “Star-spangled Banner,” far more beautiful than they - this dear old flag! - the sun in heaven never looked down on so proud a banner of beauty and glory.

Men of the Black Brigade, rally around it! Assert your manhood, be loyal to duty, be obedient, hopeful, patient.

Slavery will soon die; the slaveholders’ rebellion, accursed of God and man, will shortly and miserably perish.

There will then be, through all the coming ages, in very truth, a land of the free - one country, one flag, one destiny.

I charge you, Men of the Black Brigade of Cincinnati, remember that for you, and for me, and for your children, and your children’s children, there is but one Flag, as there is but one Bible, and one God, the Father of us all.

- James Lupton, Acting Camp Commandant
presenting the National flag to
The Cincinnati Black Brigade
September 4, 1862



“PLEASE REMEMBER ME”

Remember me, America, for I was once your son, I fought and died at Valley Forge with General Washington;

I was there at Gettysburg on that tragic, tragic day.

When brother fought against brother - the blue against the grey.

I rode with Teddy Roosevelt on the charge up San Juan Hill. Some came back to fight again - but I just lie there still.

I went to France with A.E.F. to bring the peace to you;

I was twenty-one and full of fun - I never saw twenty-two

I am still here at Pearl Harbor since that December seventh day of infamy.

Lying silently with my shipmates on the U.S.S. Arizona at the bottom of the sea.

On D-Day June 6th 1944, we hit the beaches of Normandy And we fought uphill every inch of the way.

We routed the Germans and hurled them back, but what a terrible price we had to pay.

I served on an U.S. submarine, the bravest of the brave, Until a German depth charge gave us a watery grave

I bombed the Ploesti oil fields; they blew with one big roar, But in the attack we were hit with flack - I'll never bomb anymore.

In Korea I heard the C.O. shout “We’ll make it - I am sure we will.”

I lost my life to try and take a spot called Pork Chop Hill Vietnam! Vietnam! When will we ever learn?

I am one of sixty thousand that never will return.

I left my town, my wife, my kids, my home, so cozy and warm;

I was killed in a scud attack in a war called - Desert Storm!

And so in my eternity my thoughts are all for thee, I'll never forget my America. . .

I pray she remembers me.

- John Dirusso, Combat Veteran
World War II - U.S. Army Air Corps



NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:90 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Martin
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Volunteers Needed!!!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of June 27, 2010

Sunday School ----- 17
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve. Service, 06/30/10 ----- 21

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of June 27, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 718.20
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 43.00
Total Received for Week of 06/27/10: \$ 761.20

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



Nursery Needs -

We are needing your help with supplying some needs for the Nursery. Please look at the list below and ask God how you might be used to supply them. Thank you!

- Kleenex (without lotion or scent)
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Lysol Spray
- Diapers (except newborn)
- Crackers
- Graham Crackers
- Animal Crackers
- Juice



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

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