

One Nation Under God

In God We Trust

Introduction

This weekend we celebrate an American Institution called the 4th of July, or Independence Day. Enjoy it, it may not long be remembered or celebrated. It is a reminder that our nation was founded upon God and his Word, a notion today that is rejected by liberals in our society.

I want you to do something with me this morning.

- 1) Let us say the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Take out a coin, or a dollar bill.

I hope this 4th of July you and your family understand the great unusual nature of the freedoms and liberties we enjoy in these United States of America. We are the only nation under heaven that is “conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

The rights given to us by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the government of the people, for the people, and by the people, is a great experiment in liberty.

Our government was founded, not just on the belief in God, but in the adamant conviction that the Bible is the Word of God, the Ten Commandments and universal, and that Jesus Christ is the only Savior. There are biblical principles upon which our nation was built.

Be it known here today July 2, 2006, in Grove City, PA that there is a movement afoot to eradicate our religious freedoms, and it is succeeding and well under way.

Scripture

- ☞ Psalms 33:12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God is the LORD; Psalms 144:15
- ☞ Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.
- ☞ Leviticus 25:10 Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof:
- ☞ Proverbs 22:28 "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set."

1. The Compelling History of Our Nation

“Quotes” from Founding Fathers and Great Men of our Nation

- Patrick Henry

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

- John Adams –

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

- John Adams

Statesmen, my dear sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue.

- Abigail Adams

A patriot without religion, in my estimation, is as great a paradox as an honest man without the fear of God. Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind, can have any real Good Will towards Men? Can he be a patriot who, by an openly vicious conduct, is undermining the very bonds of Society? The Scriptures tell us righteousness exalteth a Nation.

- John Adams, letter to Abigail Adams, July 17, 1775

But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

- John Quincy Adams – son of John and Abigail, president of USA

The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.

- Samuel Adams, letter to James Warren, February 12, 1779

instigator of Boston Tea party, signer of D of I

A general dissolution of the principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy.... While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.... If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security.

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- Gouverneur Morris Pennsylvania delegate to the Constitutional Convention

Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God.

- Noah Webster

The brief exposition of the constitution of the United States will unfold to young persons the principles of republican government; and it is the sincere desire of the writer that our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.

- Daniel Webster

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end.

- John Jay, First Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty...of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

- Thomas Jefferson

Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure, when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that they are a gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my countrymen, when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever.

- George Washington

To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to add the more distinguished Character of Christian.

- George Washington, Farewell Address, September 19, 1796 (1796)

And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that National morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle. Tis substantially true, that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every species of free Government. Who that is a sincere friend to it, can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of the fabric.

- Calvin Coolidge

The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.

- Calvin Coolidge

The higher state to which she [America] seeks the allegiance of all mankind is not human, but of Divine origin. She cherishes no purpose, save to merit the favor of Almighty God.

The Cry of the Colonies from the Atlantic to Ohio River through the Committee on Correspondence – “No King but King Jesus”

Major sources: The Myth Of Separation by David Barton, WallBuilder Press, PO Box 397, Aledo, TX 76008, (817) 441-6044, and The Light and the Glory by Peter Marshall and David Manuel, Fleming H. Revell Company, Tarrytown, NY.

At the Siege of Boston, Sept. 6, 1774

Continental Congress met together for the first time.

John Adams, in a letter to his wife Abigail recorded that now famous prayer by Rev. Duche and the reaction of Congress. After readings of the day and the reading of Psalm 35. It seemed as if heaven ordained the reading of that Psalm on that morning.

After this Mr. Duche, unexpectedly to every body, struck out into an extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess, I never heard a better prayer, or one so well pronounced. Episcopalian as he is, Dr. Cooper himself [Adams personal pastor] never prayed with such fervor, such ardor, such earnestness and pathos, and in language so elegant and sublime, for America, for Congress, for the province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston. I has had an excellent effect upon every body here. I must beg you to read the Psalm.

Another Witness

Washington was kneeling there with Patrick Henry, Randolph, Rutledge, and Lee. And by their side stood, bowed in deference, the Puritan Patriots of New England. Who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploring to heaven for divine interposition and aid. It was enough... to melt the heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacific Quakers of Philadelphia.

Congress on Prayer

Consequently, on May 16, 1776, Congress proclaimed:

The Congress... desirous...to have people of all ranks and degrees duly impressed with a solemn sense of God’s superintending providence, and of their duty, devoutly to rely...on his aid and direction....Do earnestly recommend... a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that we may, with united hearts, confess and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, and by a sincere repentance and amendment of life... and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, obtain his pardon and forgiveness.

- Liberal Ben Franklin - Thursday, June 28, 1787

81 years old on Thursday, June 28, 1787 - A Stirring Rebuke of the Constitutional Convention. A speech recorded by James Madison made by Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention on June 28, 1787:

In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, & they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending providence

in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that 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 proof I see of this truth that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that "except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest.

I therefore beg leave to move-that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that Service."

How did the delegates respond? According to Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey,

"The doctor sat down; and never did I behold a countenance at once so dignified and delighted as was that of Washington, at the close of the address; nor were the members of the convention, generally, less affected. The words of the venerable Franklin fell upon our ears with a weight and authority, even greater than we may suppose an oracle to have had in a Roman Senate."

- Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War

We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God_ and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

2. The Clear and Present Danger (Conflict & Controversy)

Incidents Today

Read Falwell's Report, June 23, 2006

The Beginning

1947 Ruling Everson vs Board of Education

14th Amendment was a tool to apply the 1st Amendment against the States.

Separation of Church and State – Thomas Jefferson's quote, "a wall of separation between church and State..."

?? 1962 Prayers were held to violate the Establishment of Religion Clause.

?? 1963 Banned the use of the Bible in public schools

?? Banned the teaching of Creation

?? Banned the use or display of the 10 Commandments

?? Banned the mention of God or religion in history books

?? Censorship of Public education text books eliminating our Creator and reference to any religious history in America

?? The forced teaching of anti-biblical material including, evolution, homosexuality, abortion

?? Attempts to ban the Pledge of Allegiance – "One nation under God."

?? Attempts to ban – "In God we Trust" on coins and public buildings

Pledge of Allegiance:

Francis Bellamy (1855 - 1931), a Baptist minister, wrote the original Pledge in August 1892

Finally, on Flag Day - June 14, 1923, the Pledge received major attention from adults who had gathered for the first National Flag Conference in Washington, D.C.

The last change in the Pledge of Allegiance occurred on June 14 (Flag Day), 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved adding the words "under God".

In God We Trust

It did not always exist on our coinage or paper money.

The motto IN GOD WE TRUST was placed on United States coins largely because of the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War. Secretary of the **Treasury Salmon P. Chase** received many appeals from devout persons throughout the country, urging that the United States recognize the Deity on United States coins. From Treasury Department records, it appears that the first such appeal came in a letter dated November 13, 1861. It was written to Secretary Chase by **Rev. M. R. Watkinson**, Minister of the Gospel from Ridleyville, PA:

The Congress passed the Act of [April 22](#), 1864.

3. The Resolute Declarations Our Nation

The Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government

The Constitution of the United States of America

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Amendment I - Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791.

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.

Amendment 14th

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.

No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

The Gettysburg Address, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1863

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- **that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.**

Conclusion: The Solution

Psalms 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Proverbs 22:28. Do not move an ancient boundary stone (landmarks) set up by your forefathers.

Leviticus 25:10 Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof:

1. Pray!

If we have not prayed for our nation how do we expect it to be “Under God?”

Abraham Lincoln,

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

2. Proclaim Liberty throughout the Land – your voice counts, and influences others. Celebrate Independence Day!

3. Be A Patriotic– be informed read the declaration of independence, read the Bill of Rights, memorize the preamble of the Constitution, memorize great speeches of our forefathers like the Gettysburgh Address.