

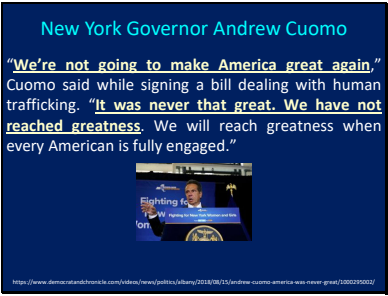
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God Blesses His Truth

Proverbs 14:34

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Ps 33:12

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."



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God Blesses His Truth

Amos 7:7-8

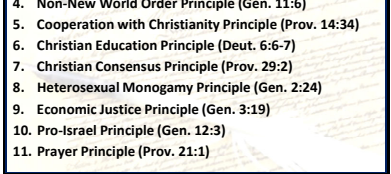
⁷ Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ The LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer."



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Calvin Coolidge

Calvin Coolidge stated July 5, 1926: "The principles...which went into the Declaration of Independence...are found in...the sermons...of the early colonial clergy...They justified freedom by the text that we are all created in the Divine image."

Calvin Coolidge, July 5, 1926, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.
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Baron Montesquieu



"The Christian religion...is a stranger to mere despotic power. The mildness so frequently recommended in the Gospel, is incompatible with the despotic rage with which a prince punishes his subjects, and exercises himself in cruelty...[W]e shall see, that we owe to Christianity, in government, a certain political law; and in war, a certain law of nations; benefits which nature can sufficiently acknowledge."

Alvin I. Schmidt, *Under the Influence: How Christianity Transformed Civilization* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), 257-58.

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Sir William Blackstone

"Thus, when the Supreme Being formed the universe, and created matter out of nothing, he imposed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be...If we farther advance, from mere inactive matter to vegetable and animal life, we shall find them still governed by laws, more numerous indeed, but equally fixed and invariable...Man, considered as a creature, must necessarily be subject to the laws of his creator, for he is entirely a dependent being.... no human laws should be suffered to contradict the laws of nature and the law of revelation."

14 William Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England*, 5 vols. (Philadelphia: Robert Bell and Son's Library, 1775; reprint, NY: Capricorn, 1967), 1:39-40, 46.

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John Locke

"Locke's theory reflects St. Paul's Christian understanding of the natural law. Although he has often been referred to as a deist, it is clear from his writings that he considered himself a Christian. In his monograph *The Reasonableness of Christianity* (1695), he talks about sinners being 'restored by Christ at the resurrection.' Frequently, he also cites Scripture references in support of his arguments."

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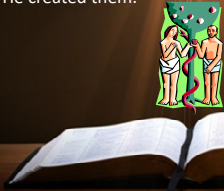
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Genesis 1:27

God created man **in His own image**, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



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Genesis 9:6

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man."



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Genesis 6:11

"Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence."




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Declaration of Independence

- “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,”
- “we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal,”
- “they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,”
- “appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions,”
- “with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.”

Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 467-68 (1892).

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John Adams


John Adams - America's second President "Rights [are] antecedent to all earthly government; Rights...cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; Rights [are] derived from the great Legislature of the universe."


John Adams, The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States, ed. Charles Francis Adams, 10 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown, 1856), 3:449.

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 "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..."

Declaration of Independence, In Congress, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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Former Attorney General Janet Reno

"You are part of a government that has given its people more freedom...than any other government in the history of the world."

Speech by Attorney General Janet Reno, Newark, New Jersey, May 5, 1995. Quoted in James Bovard, "Waco Must Get a Hearing," *Wall Street Journal*, May 15, 1995.

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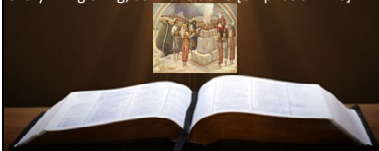
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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth, and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



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Jeremiah 17:9


"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?."



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Mark 7:20-23

“²⁰ And He was saying, ‘That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.’”

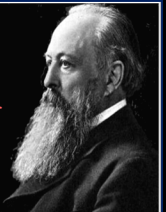


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LORD ACTON

ALL POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT AND
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JOHN DALBERG-ACTON, LORD ACTON




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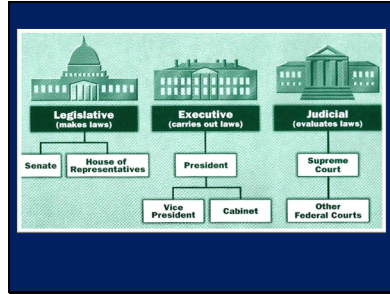
Federalist # 51

“But what is government but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, trans. Clinton Rossiter (New York, NY: Penguin, 1963), 422.



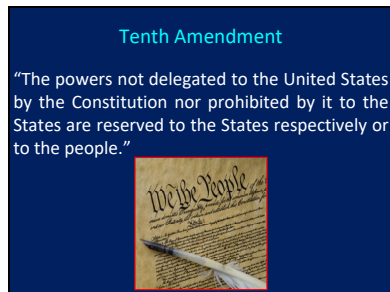
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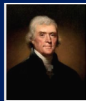


"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite."

Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, trans. Clinton Rossiter (New York, NY: Penguin, 1961), 292.

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Thomas Jefferson



Kentucky Resolutions of 1798:
"...in questions of power then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the constitution..." (from draft)

Papers of Thomas Jefferson 30:529-556

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Total Depravity
Unconditional Election
Limited Atonement
Irresistible Grace
Perseverance of the Saints

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John Calvin

Bancroft "...simply calls Calvin 'the father of America' and adds: 'He who will not honor the memory and respect the influence of Calvin knows but little of the origin of American liberty.'"

Loraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (Philipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1932), 398-90.



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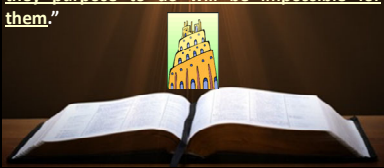
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Genesis 11:6

The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them."



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God's Doctrine of Nations



Since Babel	Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26
Millennium	Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev. 12:5; 20:3
Eternal State	Rev. 21:24, 26

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Acts 17:26

"and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation."



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The Divine Institutions

- Conscience (Gen. 3:22)
- Marriage and family (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25)
- Labor (Gen. 2:15; 3:19)
- Government (Gen. 9:6)
- Nationalism (Gen. 11:1-9)


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Sine Qua Non of Nationhood

- Common language
- Common culture
- Common currency
- Enforceable national borders



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John Winthrop
(1587–1649)

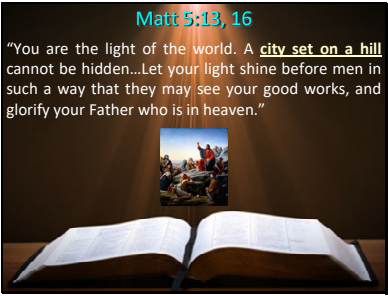
“For we must consider that we shall be as a City set upon a Hill; the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be a story and a by-word through the world.”

John Winthrop, “A Model of Christian Charity,” *Winthrop Papers*, 2:292-95.

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Matt 5:13, 16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”



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Thomas Jefferson




"...comparisons of our governments with those of Europe are like a comparison of heaven and hell."

Thomas Jefferson, Memoir, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, Vol. II, 221, to Joseph Jones on August 14, 1787

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George Washington's Farwell Address of 1790

"It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."



George Washington, "Washington's Farwell Address," online www.wikipedia.org, accessed 7 May 2020, 1.

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American Exceptionalism?

"I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism."



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Christopher Columbus

"Our Lord opened to my understanding (I could sense his hand upon me) so it became clear to me that the voyage was feasible...All those who heard of my enterprise rejected it with laughter, scoffing at me . . . Who doubts this illumination was from the Holy Spirit? I attest that He, with marvelous rays of light, consoled me with the holy and sacred Scriptures . . ."




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Christopher Columbus

. . . "they inflame me with a sense of great urgency...No one should be afraid to take on any enterprise in the name of the savior if it is right and if the purpose is purely for His holy service . . . And I say that the sign that convinces me that our Lord is hastening the end of the world is the preaching of the Gospel in so many distant lands."


Columbus, Book of Prophecies, trans. Ray Brigham, 178-79, 182-83.



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Mayflower Compact (1620)


Mayflower, in 1620, recites: “Having undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith and the honor of our king and country a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia.”



David Brewer, *United States A Christian Nation*, 14

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“Probably at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the amendment to it now under consideration [the First Amendment], the general if not the universal sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the state so far as it was not incompatible with the private rights of conscience and the freedom of religious worship. An attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference, would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation” (underlining mine).




Joseph Story, *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States; With a Preliminary Review of the Constitutional History of the Colonies and the States before the Adoption of the Constitution*, 5th ed., 2 vols., no. America M, Englewood Clifton, MA: Little and Brown, 1891, reprint, Buffalo, NY: Hein, 1994), 2:610-31.

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Maryland Constitution (1776)

In Maryland, by the Constitution of 1776, it was provided that “the legislature may, in their discretion, lay a general and equal tax, for the support of the Christian religion.”


Brewer, *United States A Christian Nation*, 22



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John Quincy Adams

"The birth-day of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birth-day of the Saviour [and] forms a leading event in the progress of the gospel dispensation...the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon the earth [and] laid the corner stone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity."




John Quincy Adams, An Oration Delivered before the Inhabitants of the Town of Newburyport at Their Request on the Sixty-First Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (Newburyport: Whipple, 1837), 5-6.

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America is a "Christian Nation"

"This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation...These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people...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."



Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 465, 470-71 (1892)

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Robert Charles Winthrop

"All societies of men must be governed in some way or other. The less they may have of stringent State Government, the more they must have of individual self-government. The less they rely on public law or physical force, the more they must rely on private moral restraint. Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled, either by a power within them, or by a power without them; either by the Word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible, or by the bayonet. It may do for other countries and other governments to talk about the State supporting religion. Here, under our own free institutions, it is Religion which must support the State."

Robert Winthrop, Addresses and Speeches on Various Occasions (Boston, MA: Little, Brown, 1852), 172. Speech to the Massachusetts State Society (1849) 65-66.

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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 corruptions of Christianity, I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus Himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others...His system of morals...if filled up in the style and spirit of the rich fragments He left us, would be the most perfect and sublime that has ever been taught by man..."

On April 21, 1803, Jefferson wrote to Dr. Benjamin Rush, also a signer of the Declaration

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Thomas Jefferson

"His moral doctrines...were more pure and perfect than those of the most correct of the philosophers...gathering all into one family under the bonds of love, charity, peace, common wants and common aids. A development of this head will evince the peculiar superiority of the system of Jesus over all others. The precepts of philosophy, and of the Hebrew code, laid hold of actions only. He pushed his scrutinies into the heart of man; erected his tribunal in the region of his thoughts, and purified the waters at the fountain head."

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Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake

"Jack Phillips is a baker who declined to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because his Christian belief is that marriage exists only between a man and woman. Now a Colorado judge has ordered him to bake cakes for same-sex marriages, and if Phillips refuses, he could go to jail."


Ken Klukowski, "Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake," online: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/12/Christian-Baker-Willing-to-Go-to-Jail-for-Declining-Gay-Wedding-Cake>, 12 December 2013, accessed 16 May 2014.

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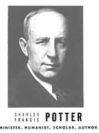
“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”

Cited in Mark A. Bellay and Stephen K. McDowell, *America's Presidential History* (Charlottesville, VA: Providence, 1988), 95.

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Humanist Proselytizing

“Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every public school is a school of Humanism. What can the theistic Sunday-schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”



Charles Francis Potter, *Humanism: A New Religion* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1930), 128

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Yoram Ettinger

"Iran School Textbooks Can Congress Authorize to Ignore 1971, report: <http://theetingerreport.com/iran-and-mideast/iran-s-school-textbooks> 16/02/2013 can Congress authorize to ignore, May 26, 2013, accessed 30 May 2015."

"Iranian school textbooks, such as *The Qur'an and Life (Grade 12, p. 125)* prepare Iranian children for the Ayatollahs' sublime goal: the apocalyptic, horrifying, millenarian, military battle against the USA and other "arrogant oppressors of the world," which are extensively led by "diabolical devils," while the "cruiser" the inflexible, immortal, divinely ordained and eternal global leader, the Mahdi, "has not surfaced yet. Iranian children are taught that the Battle is already raging throughout the world, awaiting their sacrifice. School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples' values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif."

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Old Satan Deluder Law: 1642 Massachusetts

"It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former time...It is therefore ordered...that after the Lord hath increased the settlement...they shall...appoint one within their town, to teach all such children to read...they shall set up a grammar school to instruct youths..."

Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 467 (1892)

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New England Primer

A: "In **A**dam's fall we sinned all."

C: **C**hrist crucify'd for sinners dy'd."

D: "The **d**eluge drown'd the earth around."


J: **J**ob feels the rod, yet blesses God

N: "**N**oah did view the old world & new."

Z: "**Z**acchaeus he did climb the tree our Lord to see."

New England Primer, 1737

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Harvard University


"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Prov. 2, 3). Everyone shall exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."

Rules of Harvard in 1636, quoted in David Barton, Original Intent, 81

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Scripture and Psychological Damage

"But if portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be, and in his specific experience with children Dr. Grayzel observed, had been, psychologically harmful to the child and had caused a divisive force within the social media of the school."




School District of Abington Township v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203, 209 (1963).

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John Adams

John Adams - America's second President

"Because we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion, avarice, ambition, revenge or galantry, 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."

From John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798
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John Jay

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

William Jay, *The Life of John Jay* (New York: J. & J. Harper, 1833), Vol. II, p. 376, to John Murray Jr. on October 12, 1816.

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Alexis de Tocqueville

"There is no country in the whole world in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America and there can be no greater proof of its utility, and of its conformity to human nature, than that its influence is most powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation on earth."

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America and Two Essays*, trans. Gerald E. Baines (1830, reprint, NY: Penguin, 2003), 340.

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Alexis de Tocqueville

"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more I did perceive the great political consequences resulting from the state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other, but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country."

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 345.

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Alexis de Tocqueville

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 345.

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American Population (1890)



"In other words, about one-third of the entire population were directly connected with Christian organizations... and yet it is clear that there is an identification of the great mass of American citizens with the Christian church."

Brewer, *United States A Christian Nation*, 37-38

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Genesis 1:26-28

296 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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Genesis 2:24

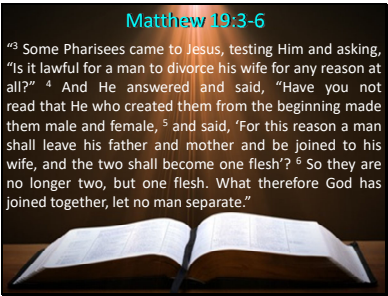
"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

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Matthew 19:3-6

³ Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" ⁴ And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."



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Benjamin Franklin



"Hence bad examples to youth are more rare in America... Atheism is unknown there, Infidelity rare and secret; so that great persons may live to a great age in that country without having their piety shocked by meeting with either Atheist or Infidel."

Benjamin Franklin, "Advice on Coming to America," America in Person, ed. George D. Youtz, 109.

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Genesis 3:19


"By the sweat of your face You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground, Because from it
you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust
you shall return."



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2 Thessalonians 3:10

"For even when we were with you, we used to
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Genesis 12:3


"And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

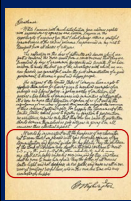


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George Washington's Letter

to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, August 18, 1790





"I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport...the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

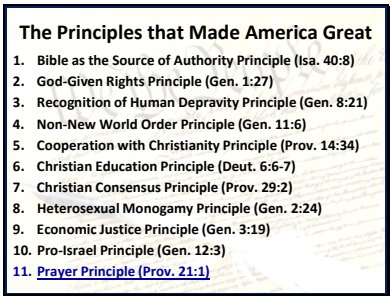
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"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had **daily prayers** in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard-and they were graciously answered...I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, **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."

Benjamin Franklin, June 28, 1787; quoted by Albert Henry Smyth, ed., *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin* (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1905-7), IX:600-1.

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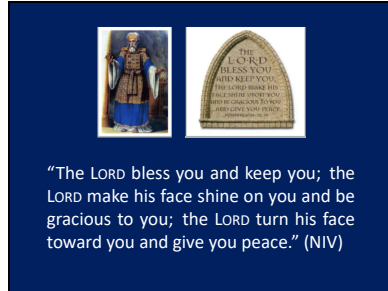
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INTRODUCTION

David Barton: “Consider the Declaration of Independence. No nation has ever been as long under the same founding document as America has under the Declaration. In fact, France had their Revolution more than a decade after America did, and she is now in her fifteenth government. Brazil has had seven constitutions since 1822; Poland has had seven since 1921; Afghanistan has had five since 1923; Russia has had four since 1918; and the story is similar for other nations. This type of instability has characterized nations in Europe, Africa, South America, and the rest of the world – except America.” **David Barton, *The Role of Pastors & Teachers in Civil Government* (Aledo, TX: Wall Builder, 2003), 14-15.**

BIBLE AS THE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY

Isaiah 40:8- The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

...reviewed an estimated 15,000 items, and closely read 2,200 books, pamphlets, newspaper articles, and monographs with explicitly political content between 1760 and 1805. They reduced this to 916 items, about one-third of all public political writings longer than 2,000 words. From these items, Lutz and Hyneman identified 3,154 references to other sources. The source most often identified by the founding fathers was the Bible, which accounted for 34 percent of all citations. The fifth book of the Bible, Deuteronomy, because of its heavy emphasis on biblical law, was referred to frequently...The most cited thinkers were not deists and philosophers, but conservative legal and political thinkers who often were also Christians. Baron Charles Montesquieu leads this list with 8.3 percent of all citations, followed closely by Sir William Blackstone with 7.9 percent, and John Locke with 2.9 percent. **John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution*, pp. 51-53.**

Baron Montesquieu: While many American history books have noted that the three branches of government in the United States are derived from Montesquieu's theory, none to my knowledge have ever noted how his argument for three branches...was influenced by his admiration for Christianity. He saw Christian spiritual ideas as vital to the nation's liberty. "It is not enough for a religion to establish a doctrine, it must also direct its influence. This the Christian religion performs in the most admirable manner, especially with respect to the doctrines of which we have been speaking. It makes us hope for a state

which is the object of our belief; not for a state which we have already experienced or known.” Contrasting governments under Christianity to those under Islam, Confucianism, Hinduism, and Greek paganism, he found those under Christian influence far superior in fostering civic freedom. “The Christian religion,” he maintained, “is a stranger to mere despotic power. The mildness so frequently recommended in the Gospel, is incompatible with the despotic rage with which a prince punishes his subjects, and exercises himself in cruelty.” Again “[W]e shall see, that we owe to Christianity, in government, a certain political law; and in war, a certain law of nations; benefits which nature can sufficiently acknowledge.” And he defended Christianity by chiding a critic who did not “distinguish between the orders for the establishment of Christianity, and Christianity itself.” It was these Christian convictions that led him to say, **“There is no liberty if the judiciary power be not separated from the legislative and executive.”** **Alvin J. Schmidt**, *Under the Influence: How Christianity Transformed Civilization* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), 257-58. Citations found at Baron de Montesquieu, *The Spirit of Laws*, trans. **Thomas Nugent** (NY: Hafner, 1949), 2:39-40, 29 (2x), 31; 1:152.

John Locke’s contribution to the founder’s thinking involved natural rights or the idea that **“government merely existed to uphold natural law and that governmental tyranny violated the natural rights of man. Natural rights were not given to people by kings or governments but belonged to people by nature.”** Schmidt, *Under the Influence*, p. 253.

John Locke: “Second, Locke contributed the theory of **social compact**: the idea that men in a state of nature realize their rights are insecure, and compact together to establish a government and cede to that government certain powers so that the government may use that power to secure the rest of their rights...This is the cornerstone of limited government.”

“In his first treatise on government he cited the Bible eighty times. Forty-two of these citations are from Genesis, mostly chapters 1 and 3. Twenty-two biblical citations appear in his second treatise in which he argued that parents have authority over their children based upon the creation of Adam and Eve and their offspring. He also argued that man has the right to possess property since God gave the earth to Adam and later to Noah. He based the social compact which government is established upon “that Paction which God made with Noah after the Deluge.” His basic doctrines of parental authority, private property, and social compact were based on the historical existence of Adam and Noah.”

John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution*, pp. 61-62.

GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS

Genesis 9:6: “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, **For in the image of God He made man.**”

James 3:9: With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, **who have been made in the likeness of God;**

NON-NEW WORLD ORDER

John Winthrop (1587 – 1649) was an English Puritan lawyer and one of the leading figures in founding the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the second major settlement in New England following Plymouth Colony. Winthrop led the first large wave of colonizers from England in 1630 and served as governor for 12 of the colony's first 20 years. His writings and vision of the colony as a Puritan "city upon a hill" dominated New England colonial development, influencing the governments and religions of neighboring colonies. Wikipedia

Article 2 section 2 paragraph 2: “He [the President] shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur.”

COOPERATION WITH CHRISTIANITY

Joseph Story (1779-1845; Massachusetts) - appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by President James Madison (1811-45); considered the founder of Harvard Law School and its Professor of Law (1829-45); authored numerous legal works; is considered one of the most prolific judicial writers; in fact, of his 34 years on the Supreme Court (much of the time when John Marshall was Chief Justice), Story authored opinions in 286 cases, of which 269 were reported as the majority opinion or the opinion of the Court; his contributions to American law have caused him to be called, along with Chancellor James Kent, the “Father of American Jurisprudence.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YORAM ETTINGER – “School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples’ values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif. The latter have mastered the art of Quran-sanctioned Taqiyya—doubletalk and deception-based agreements, aimed at shielding the “believers” from the “disbelievers,” to be abrogated once conditions are ripe. School textbooks are considered, by the Ayatollahs, a critical means to mobilize the youth, charting the roadmap to the final military victory over the infidel USA and the West.”

Yoram Ettinger, “Iran’s School Textbooks—Can Congress Afford to Ignore It?” < [http:// theettingerreport.com/ Iran-and-MidEast/ Iran-s-School-Textbooks-% E2% 80% 93-can-Congress-afford-to-i.aspx](http://theettingerreport.com/Iran-and-MidEast/Iran-s-School-Textbooks-%E2%80%93-can-Congress-afford-to-i.aspx), May 29, 2015 >; Internet; accessed 30 May 2015.

TIM LAHAYE – “Atheism, secularism, and humanism were largely philosophical imports from France, Germany, and England after the Constitution was written and after the death of most of our nation ‘s founding fathers. It had a little effect on America until the latter part of the 19th century. MIT (Massachusetts Institute of technology), the first college chartered by atheists, was not founded until 1861, or seventy-two years after the founding of America. This was followed in the 20th century by the humanists’ gradual takeover of our teachers’ colleges and the moving of the

headwaters of education to the citadel of secularism, Columbia University.” **Tim LaHaye, *The Faith of Our Founding Fathers*, p. 33.**

CHRISTIAN CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE

Prov. 29:2 – When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, people groan.

HETERO-SEXUAL MONOGAMY

Matthew 19:3–6: ³ Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?” ⁴ And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, ⁵ and said, ‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’? ⁶ “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

John Eidsmoe: “JD Unwin conducted an exhaustive study of 80 primitive cultures and 16 civilized societies, to determine whether there was a relationship between sexual practices and the level of civilization. He concluded that no society can display productive social energy unless sexual energy is restrained, and that the greatest energy is displayed by those societies which require that sexual expression take place only within monogamous marriage. In short, civilization cannot survive unless there is some restraint upon sexual expression. The institution of the family supplies that restraint.” **John Eidsmoe, *God and Caesar*, p. 117-18.**

William Federer: “In 1934, Oxford anthropologist J.D. Unwin published *Sex and Culture*, in which, after studying 86 civilizations over 5,000 years, he found a 100 percent correlation between monogamous heterosexual marriage and cultural advancement, and that sexual promiscuity always preceded the decline of a civilization.” **William Federer, American Minute, “Usurpation by Courts, with Responses of Former Presidential Candidates.”**

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

2 Thessalonians 3:10: For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

Nathaniel Philbrick: "The fall of 1623 marked the end of Plymouth's debilitating food shortages. For the last two planting seasons, the Pilgrims had grown crops communally—the approach first used at Jamestown and other English settlements. But as the disastrous harvest of the previous fall had shown, something drastic needed to be done to increase the annual yield. In April, Bradford had decided that each household should be assigned its own plot to cultivate, with the understanding that each family kept whatever it grew. The change in attitude was stunning. Families were now willing to work much harder than they had ever worked before. In previous years, the men had tended the fields while the women tended the children at home. “The women now went willingly into the field,” Bradford wrote, “and took their little ones with them to set corn.” The Pilgrims had stumbled on the power of capitalism. Although the fortunes

of the colony still teetered precariously in the years ahead, the inhabitants never again starved." **Nathaniel Philbrick, *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* (New York: Penguin Books, 2007, paperback edition), page 165.**

PRAYER

1 Timothy 2:1-4: First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

James 5:16b: The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Prov. 21:1: The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Ben Franklin, the so-called deist, was the delegate who called for prayer on June 28, 1787, when the Constitutional Convention was on the verge of breaking up.

"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 Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had **daily prayers** in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir,

were heard-and they were graciously answered.... 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**. 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 labor 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**.... 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."

Benjamin Franklin, June 28, 1787; quoted by Albert Henry Smyth, ed., The Writings of Benjamin Franklin (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1905-7), IX:600-1.

Max Farrand, The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1911), Vol. I, pp. 451-452, from James Madison's Notes on the Convention for June 28, 1787.

James 1:17: Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the **Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Matthew 6:26: Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Psalm 127:1: Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city