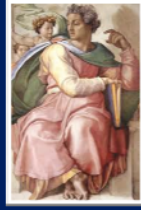


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Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king



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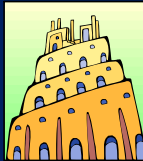
Genesis 8:21



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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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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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.'"



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

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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, *The Republic of the United States of America and Its Political Institutions. Reviewed and Examined*, trans. Paul Reeves, vol. 1 (Garden City, NY: Bames, 1851), 337.

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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. Youstra, 109.

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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.”



B.F. Morris, *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*, 186.

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Founders' Sources

- 34% Bible
- 8.3% Baron Montesquieu
- 7.9% William Blackstone
- 2.9% John Locke



Donald S. Lutz, *The Origins of American Constitutionalism* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 1988), 141.

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Justice Iredell; quoted in Barton, *Original Intent*, 217.

“For nearly thirty years it [Blackstone’s Commentaries] has been the manual of almost every law student in the United States, and its uncommon excellence has also introduced it into the libraries, and often to the favorite reading of private gentlemen.”


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"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."



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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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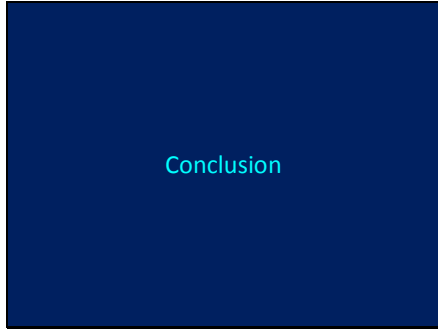
America is a "Christian Nation"

But in what sense can it be called a Christian nation? Not in the sense that Christianity is the established religion or that the people are in any manner compelled to support it.



Brewer, United States A Christian Nation, 11-12

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Review

Early America's:


- 📖 Early pioneers
- 📖 Education
- 📖 Architecture
- 📖 Founding documents
- 📖 Christian consensus
- 📖 Legal system



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So What?
Points of Application!

1. God deserves glory for what He has done – doxological purpose



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So What?
Points of Application!

2. Repent (Rev 2:5)
Therefore **remember from where you have fallen**, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.



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So What?
Points of Application!

3. God gives us the potential for greatness



Cross References

Gen 3:4-The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"

Jer 17:9-The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

Heb 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the

blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.