

America's Christian Founding

Unfortunately, there are some today that want to forget or ignore the fact that our country was founded on Christian values. Let me share a few quotations that establish that our founding fathers did indeed found it on Christian values.

- “It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty toward the Majesty of Heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.” (**Patrick Henry** answering the arguments of those supporting English rule).
- “The esteemed **Benjamin Franklin** wrote: ‘I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs [Acts 1:3] I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men [Daniel 4:17]. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice [Matthew 10:29], 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”’.
- “Article 2, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the United States* gives the precise wording of the oath of office to be taken by every individual who is elected to the presidency (“Presidential Oaths...”). Conspicuously absent from the oath are the closing words so familiar to our ears: “So help me God.” When did these final four words that affirm belief in the God of the Bible begin to be added to the presidential oath of office? The custom began on April 30, 1789 when the very first President sworn into office, **George Washington**, took it upon himself to add the words. Every President thereafter has followed Washington’s lead by adding the words “so help me God”.
- “**Gouverneur Morris** (1752-1816), was a member of the Continental Congress in 1778-1779, signed the Articles of Confederation, a delegate to the convention that framed the *Constitution of the United States*, and served as the head of the Committee on Style that was responsible for the final wording of the Constitution—which he signed in 1787...he insisted that the Bible is the key to making sense of history and learning from the mistakes of the past: ‘The reflection and experience of many years have led me to consider the holy writings, not only as most authentic and instructive in themselves, but as the clue to all other history, They tell us what man is, and they, alone, tell us why he is and what he is’”.

There are those that desire to change history, deny history, or erase history. If we allow this to happen, we will lose the freedoms that our history not only gave us, but guarantees to us and our children.

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Note also that the **Declaration of Independence** clearly states that this country was founded on religious principles: “The Declaration of Independence, the most famous document produced by the Continental Congress during the War for Independence, proclaims: “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.” As well, this text references “the laws of nature and of nature’s God” and closes by “appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world” and noting the signers’ “reliance on the protection of divine Providence.”

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It is possible to identify three major areas of agreement with respect to religious liberty and church–state

“To a person, the Founders were committed to protecting religious liberty. This conviction was usually based upon the theological principle that humans have a duty to worship God as their consciences dictate.”

“Article XVI was amended to make it clear that ‘the free exercise of religion’ is a right, not a privilege granted by the state.”

“But at a minimum, it prohibits Congress from, in the words of James Madison, compelling “men to worship God in any manner contrary to their conscience.”

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Yet in one generation we have seen God taken out of our public-school classrooms, prayer in classrooms and other school functions. We have seen government officials demand copies of preacher’s sermons. We have seen arrests made, consider this incident in our ally Great Britain: “A 71-year-old pastor of a north London church was arrested on April 23 under the United Kingdom's Public Order Act for allegedly making ‘homophobic comments’ during a public sermon....” [Pastor Arrested After Sermon on Marriage, Police Cite Complaints of 'Homophobic Comments' \(newsweek.com\)](#)

Many today would be surprised to discover that “separation of church and state” is not found anywhere in our Constitution. This statement was made by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to the Danbury Baptist Convention in 1802. It needs to be remembered that many of the colonies had a government-supported denomination. Many were opposed to a state religion as in selecting a particular denomination and supporting it by the state treasury, or even outlawing other religious groups. There is nothing in the Constitution that prohibits the government from allowing all religious groups the freedom to preach and teach their faith, even on government property. In essence, the government simply cannot take sides.

On September 19th we had corresponding lessons on this topic. Check our website for sermons titled “Where did we come from? (Proverbs 14:27-35)” from the AM service and “To Be, or Not to Be (Psalm 33)” from the PM service. Also, you can find our worship services on our Facebook page.