

AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

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It was obvious that our forefathers believed from the beginning that we are "One Nation under God." At times even liberals will admit that truth!

I. A WAKE-UP CALL TO AMERICA

A. In 2002 two circuit court judges declared the phrase "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional.

1. President George W Bush called the decision "ridiculous."
2. Sen. Christopher Bond, (R) Missouri stated: "Our founding fathers must be spinning in their graves. This is the worst kind of political correctness run amok."
3. Tom Daschle, (D) South Dakota, senate leader at the time, said the decision was "just plan nuts."
4. Dennis Hastert, (R) Illinois, the speaker of the House, remarked: "Obviously, the liberal court in San Francisco has gotten this one wrong."

B. For many years the ACLU has at its goal to make America a nation of state-sanctioned atheism"

II. WHAT COURTS AND LEADERS OF AMERICA HAVE SAID.

A. In 1892 The Supreme Court in what was known as the "Trinity Decision stated; "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."

B. The sixth president of the United States John Quincy Adams stated; "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.”

- C. To those who say the makeup of the earliest days of America was not Christian needs to understand that in 1775;
 - 1. 98.4% of our population was Protestant
 - 2. 1.4% of our people were Catholic
 - 3. .2% were Jewish.
- D. Charles Hodge who was called the glory and jewel and crown of Princeton Theological Seminary said; “The proposition that the United States of America is a Christian and Protestant nation, is not so much the assertion of a principle, as the statement of a fact.”
- E. George Washington said; “True religion offers to government it surest support”
- F. Robert C. Winthrop served as Speaker of the House of Representatives said; “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.”

III. HISTORY PROVES AMERICA HAD NO PROBLEM BEING CHRISTIAN.

- A. Our nation’s birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, mentions God four times.
- B. The Constitution is explicitly signed “In the year of our Lord 1787.”
- C. The Constitution was ratified in 1789;
 - 1. Congress was so thankful they requested that President George Washington call for a national day of thanksgiving to honor the event.”
 - 2. These were the same men who wrote the First Amendment which stated that; “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.”

D. The Treaty of Paris of 1783;

1. This treaty made official our separation from Great Britain.
2. This treaty was signed by;
 - a. Ben Franklin
 - b. John Adams
 - c. John Jay
3. This treaty acknowledged the Trinity; "In the name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity."

E. Chaplains have been in the public payroll from the very beginning;

1. Chaplains have been in our military and continue to be.
2. Chaplains have been in our congress and continue to be.

F. The Constitutions of all fifty states mention God in one way or other.

1. "We, the people of the State of Alabama...invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God."
2. "We the people of Hawaii, Grateful for Divine Guidance."
3. "We the people of Montana, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of liberty."
4. Vermont's Constitution; "That all men have a natural and Unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences.."
5. North Carolina Constitution of 1776; "That all men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences."

- G. The Liberty Bell has a Bible verse engraved on it; “Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof.” (Lev; 25:10)
- H. Our National Anthem; “And this be our motto: In God is our Trust!”
- I. Every president, from George Washington to President Donald Trump has been sworn in on the Bible, saying the words, “So help me God.”
- J. Prayers have been said at the swearing in of our Presidents.
 - 1. Franklin Graham along with five other individuals had special prayers at the swearing in of Donald Trump.
 - 2. Atheists sued George W. Bush unsuccessfully because he had the audacity to let Rev. Franklin Graham officiate in prayer at his inauguration.
- K. Virtually every president has called for national days of prayer, of fasting, of thanksgiving.
 - 1. President Trump has called for a National Day Of Prayer today for the victims of the Texas flood.
 - 2. Before the birth of our nation and beyond hundreds of prayer days, fasting days and days of thanksgiving have been called.
- L. Every president who has given an inaugural address has mentioned God and several presidents have quoted the Bible.
- M. The founding fathers often quoted the Bible in their writings.
- N. Quotes in courtrooms have invoked God from the beginning.
 - 1. Bailiffs quote; All stand, oh yes, oh yes, oh yes. This honorable court is now open and sitting for the dispatch of its business. God save the state and this honorable court. You may be seated.
 - 2. Bibles are still found in courtrooms across America and people are asked to place their hand upon it and swear or affirm to tell the truth.
- P. Without question our present is a reflection of our Spiritual past!