

## **AMERICA WAS “BIRTHED” AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO ABRAHAM**

As I have already established in my previous writings on the Abrahamic Covenant, one of the promises God made to Abraham was He would make Abraham into a great nation as shown in Genesis 12:1-3 below.

*The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into **a great nation** and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;** and **all peoples on earth will be** blessed through you."*

Originally the Israelites were chosen to be God's **kingdom of priests and a holy nation before** they entered the Promised Land as illustrated in Exodus 19:1-6 below.

*Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to **the descendants of Jacob** and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now **IF you obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." ~ Exodus 19:1-6*

As already established based on the historical written records in the Old Testament we know despite the Israelites' intent to "do" and "obey" all the commandments God required, time and time again they fell short of their end of the covenant just like many believers are doing today.

Therefore, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as their long awaited Messiah. Tragically **some** of the Jews rejected Him. As a result, the Gentiles were given an opportunity to be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel only by the blood of Jesus Christ as substantiated in Ephesians 2:11-13 below.

*"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**" ~ Ephesians 2:11-13 (NKJV)*

Furthermore, Jesus told the Pharisees and Sadducees that the Kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to **another nation** due to **their rejection of Him and their unbelief** as indicated in Matthew 21:43 which states "I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a **nation that will produce the proper fruit.**"

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Therefore, two new nations (both a “*spiritual*” and a “*physical*” nation) had to be birthed that would produce the proper fruit.

First and foremost, a new “*spiritual*” nation was born and it is called the body of Christ which includes both the Jews from the House of Judah and the Gentiles from the House of Israel (Jacob-Ephraim) which were grafted into the common wealth of Israel.

This truth is substantiated by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:28-29 (NKJV) when he states, “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you **are all one in Christ Jesus**. And if you are Christ’s, then **you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**”*

This truth is once again proclaimed by the Apostle Paul below in Romans 3:21-26.

*“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness **is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe**. **There is no difference between Jew and Gentile**, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and **all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus**. **God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement**, through the **shedding of his blood—to be received by faith**. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one **who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**”*

Therefore, to reiterate, the “*spiritual*” nation which was born is the body of Christ and we are a royal priesthood and a holy nation as proclaimed by 1 Peter 2:9 which states “*But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*”

Do not miss the significance that this is the same thing that God told Moses at Mount Sinai to tell to the Israelites in Exodus 19:6 when He said, “*And you shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.*”

More, importantly note the conditions God has established in order for His people to be in a covenant relationship with Him based on Exodus 19:5 which states, “*Now therefore, if you will indeed **obey My voice and keep My covenant**, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.*”

We are only God’s people **if** we obey His voice and keep His commandments which are the terms and conditions of the covenant we entered into when we accepting His Son, Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

This “*spiritual*” nation would fulfill one of the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis 18:18 which states, “*Abraham will surely become **a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.**”*

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Still a new “*physical*” nation had to be raised by God until the prophecy in Isaiah 66 came to pass resulting in the nation of Israel being reborn in May 1948. Up until this time the twelve tribes of Israel, both the Jews from the House of Judah and the Gentiles from the House of Israel (Jacob-Ephraim), who were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by faith in Jesus Christ, were scattered all over the world when the temple and Jerusalem were destroyed at the hands of the Romans in 70 AD.

Therefore, God raised up a new “*physical*” vineyard that would bear the proper fruit which was America. Have you ever noticed the USA in Jerusalem before?

America was birthed for God’s purposes and glory from the very beginning to be His “*physical*” nation until the “*fullness of the Gentiles*” is fulfilled when He will turn His **full** attention back to the “*physical*” nation of Israel which was reborn in 1948 and to the Orthodox Jewish people from the House of Judah who are still spiritually blinded by God until the fullness of the Gentiles comes to fruition.

We are now entering the time of the fullness of the Gentiles and the dispensation of the grace of God. The leading missionary organizations project from statistical data that the gospel will be presented to **ALL** 6,000 ethnic people groups among the 238 nations by 2015.

This will fulfill **one** of God’s main mandates for the body of Christ, which again, is comprised of both Jew and Gentile believers in Jesus Christ based on Matthew 24:14 below.

*“And this **gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in **ALL** the world as a witness to **ALL** the nations, and then the **end**<sup>1</sup> will come.” ~ Matthew 24:14 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup>According to Strong’s Greek Lexicon Number **G5056** the word “**end**” as used in Matthew 24:14 above is the Greek word “*telos*” which means 1) end a) termination, the limit at which a thing ceases to be (always of the end of some act or state, but not of the end of a period of time) b) the end 1) the last in any succession or series 2) eternal c) that by which a thing is finished, its close, issue d) the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose. It does not necessarily mean the end of the world. Rather it could mean the end of one assignment and the beginning of another.

It is only after the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in the entire world as a witness unto **all** the nations; will the Lord then turn His **full** attention back to the nation of Israel as it was in the beginning *because they are loved on account of the patriarchs* as indicated in Romans 11:28-32 below.

*“Concerning **the gospel they are enemies for your sake**, but concerning **the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers**. (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) **For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable**. For as **YOU were once disobedient to God**, yet **have now obtained mercy through their disobedience**, even so **these also have now been disobedient**, that through the*

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*mercy shown **YOU** they also may obtain mercy. **For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.**” ~ Romans 11:28-32 (NKJV)*

Therefore, the purpose God raised up America for in the first place is quickly coming to a close.

America did indeed become the greatest and most powerful nation ever to exist because God did indeed bless America. Our founding fathers had one common denominator: their devotion to God our Creator and this is why America was founded on Judeo-Christian values, was instrumental in Israel becoming a nation in 1948 and has been God’s physical vineyard to carry out *The Great Commission* and be the light to the rest of the world.

And it is for this very reason God wants America back—so we can finish our end time assignment and help bring in the end-time harvest of souls until the reason our nation was birthed in the first place comes to completion. And, God will get His way with or without our cooperation.

This is the primary reason why America was founded on Judeo-Christian values because it was based on the everlasting covenant God made with Abraham.

### **God Blessed America!**

Indeed He did and here’s why...

America was God’s new spiritual vineyard and was unique and set apart for God’s glory and purposes from the very beginning for the following reasons:

1. It was the first nation ever to be established because the people first loved God.
2. It was the only country in history to have been **founded** on Judeo-Christian beliefs.

## ***America is the only country founded based on the fact—we first loved God!***

The pilgrims were among the first **settlers** to leave everything they knew behind to take possession of the new land flowing with milk and honey. They were willing to give up their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to inherit the promises God first gave to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 6:3 below.

*“Hear, Israel, and **be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.**”*

The pilgrim’s intent for coming to this foreign land is crystal clear as illustrated in the Mayflower Compact written on November 11, 1620. It serves as a written testimony to us all.

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*“In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten...having undertaken, for the glorie of God, and **advancement of the Christian faith**...a voyage to plant the first colony...”*

Furthermore, the earliest legislation of the colonies of New England was all determined by Scripture. At the first assembly of New Haven in 1639, John Davenport clearly stated the primacy of the Bible as the legal and moral foundation of the colony:

*“Scriptures do hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men in all duties which they are to perform to God and men as well as in the government of families and commonwealth as in matters of the Church ... **the Word of God shall be the only rule** to be attended unto in organizing the affairs of government in this plantation.”*

It was for this reason the first design for the official seal of the United States recommended by Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson in 1776 depicts the Jews crossing the Red Sea. The motto around the seal read: **“Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God.”** This was because they knew their success depended upon God’s divine providence and they were determined to obey God’s commandments and live according to the precepts found in His Word.

## ***America was indeed founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs and was established by the following pre-requisites:***

1. We believed in the one and only God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

While there are many names for God, He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

*God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation. ~ Exodus 3:14-15*

*“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no **god** was formed, nor will there be one after me. ~ Isaiah 43:10*

2. **We believed in God’s only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

*“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “**before Abraham was born, I am!**” ~ John 8:58 (NIV)*

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*“For God so loved the world that he gave **his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16*

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**” John 14:6*

*“Now this is eternal life: **that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent.” ~ John 17:3*

*“But these are written that you may believe that **Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God**, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” ~ John 20:31*

It is important to establish our belief in God’s only begotten son, Jesus Christ, because people don't mind referring to God because their definition of God is based on what they have come to believe He is. This is why the different religions can readily accept the nebulous term of God. Everyone has a God they believe in—even atheists. There are all kinds of false Gods people worship—money, power, sex, drugs, work, etc. Mentioning and referring to Jesus Christ is an entirely different matter because believing in Jesus Christ distinguishes the difference between a very narrow path which leads to eternal life, versus the wide path most follow, which results in the second death—eternal damnation.

### **3. We obeyed and lived according to the precepts and principles found in God’s Word.**

America inherited the promises of God because we built our nation for His honor and glory from the very beginning. As a result, He blessed us with wealth, prestige and we became the premier world power **because we obeyed the precepts and principles found in His Word**. Our “fruit” attests to this fact: America has been instrumental in...

1. Carrying out the Great Commission. This was God’s purpose for the church and America as illustrated in the following Scriptures:

*“And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and the end will come.” ~ Matthew 24:14*

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **AND** teaching them to **obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age.” ~ Matthew 28:19-20.*

2. We have been instrumental in establishing missions for the needy, homeless, widows, orphans and those less fortunate world-wide. We have **freely** shared our resources with the rest of the world through

charitable giving not because **we had to** but because of our love and devotion to God by obeying the precepts found in His Word.

3. Until now our government has always been Israel's greatest ally and the United States was instrumental in helping Israel become a nation in 1948. The people of America have always supported the nation of Israel and her people through prayer and financial support. Furthermore, as already established **we have spiritual ties to the nation of Israel based on the Abrahamic Covenant.**

## ***OUR FOUNDING FATHERS RELIED ON GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE***

The underlying factor which made America the greatest nation ever to exist was not our differences but those things which joined us together in unity. The Founding Fathers of our great country had one common denominator: their trust and devotion to God, our Creator. They shared the belief that **all** men are created equal and endowed **by their Creator** with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This core belief formed an unbreakable alliance to one another to stand up and declare our independence from the tyrannical rule of Great Britain. From the beginning America was destined to be the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey and held the promise of freedom for the common man to determine their own destiny. This sentiment was echoed by Patrick Henry who cried out, "Give me liberty or give me death." As a result, America became "One Nation under God" and personifies the truth of 2 Corinthians 3:17, "*The Lord is the Spirit. Wherever the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom.*"

Like Abraham, our Founding Fathers understood the significance faith and obedience to God played in the birth of the greatest nation to ever exist. Do not take my word for the truth. We must understand their intent based on their own words....

*"Religion and morality are indispensable. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."* ~ George Washington.

*"This day ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."* ~ John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife Abigail concerning congress approving our 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 (FREEDOM),*

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*and the pursuit of happiness.*” ~ Thomas Jefferson stated In the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

"We have staked the whole of all **our political institutions** upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves **according to the Ten Commandments of God.**" ~ James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution"

"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.**" ~ Patrick Henry, Founding Father.

"Gentlemen, I am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, **is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?** I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning **before we proceed to business.**" ~ Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

## ***OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS WERE WRITTEN BASED ON THE PRECEPTS FOUND IN GOD'S WORD.***

Our founding documents are the result of the covenant God made with our Founding Fathers which were based on Judeo-Christian values. Christian in that they were based on the belief in Jesus Christ and Judeo in nature because America was birthed as a result of the Abrahamic covenant God established with our Patriarchs— Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights were founded upon the Torah the first five books of the Bible written by Moses, the book of Isaiah, and the four Gospels. The Bills of Rights are the first ten amendments to our Constitution and correspond to the Ten Commandments outlined in God's law. Our Constitution is the law of the land for the United States and it was built upon the deeper foundation of the **intent of the law** found in God's Word.

Our three branches of government the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branch were modeled after Isaiah 33:22, "For the Lord is our judge (Judicial Branch), the Lord is our lawgiver (Legislative Branch), the Lord is our king (Executive Branch); it is He who will save us (not the government)!"

Listen to the words from our early Supreme Court Justices:

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*“Providence has given 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.” ~ First Supreme Court Justice John Jay (served from 1789 to 1795)*

*“I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society. One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is part of the Common Law. There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as laying its foundations.” ~ Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story (served from 1812 to 1845).*

*“Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of the law which is Divine...Far from being revivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants.” ~ James Wilson, Supreme Court Justice who signed the U.S. Constitution (“Of the General Principles of Law and Obligation”)*

Can anyone say Amen to the above quotes?

Listen to our Founding Father’s perspective on our Constitution...

**Noah Webster** in his address to the Officers of the Massachusetts Militia in 1798 states, *“We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

**Noah Webster** confirms the intent of our founding documents when he said in the History of the United States in 1833, *“...the moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws...All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.” (Amen!)*

**Noah Webster** also stated, *“It is alleged by men of loose principles, or defective views of the subject, that religion and morality are not necessary or important qualifications for political stations. But the scriptures teach a different doctrine. They direct that rulers should be men who rule in the fear of God, men of truth, hating covetousness...”*

Furthermore, Monday, September 17, 1787, was the last day of the Constitutional Convention. Pennsylvania delegate **Benjamin Franklin**, one of the few Americans of the time with international repute, wanted to give a short speech to the Convention prior to the signing of the final draft of the Constitution. Too weak to actually give the speech himself, he had fellow Pennsylvanian James Wilson deliver the speech. Following is an excerpt from this speech:

*“In these sentiments, Sir, I agree to this Constitution with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a general Government necessary for us, and there is no form of Government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, and believe farther that this is likely to be*

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*well administered for a course of years, and can only end in Despotism, as other forms have done before it, **when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic Government, being incapable of any other.***” (The definition of despotism is a government or political system in which the ruler exercises absolute power—tyranny).

*“I doubt too whether any other Convention we can obtain, may be able to make a better Constitution. For when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men, all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect production be expected? It therefore astonishes me, Sir, to find this system approaching so near to perfection as it does; **and I think it will astonish our enemies, who are waiting with confidence to hear that our councils are confounded like those of the Builders of Babel; and that our States are on the point of separation, only to meet hereafter for the purpose of cutting one another's throats.**”*

*“Thus I consent, Sir, to this Constitution because I expect no better, and because I am not sure, that it is not the best. The opinions I have had of its errors, I sacrifice to the public good. I have never whispered a syllable of them abroad. Within these walls they were born, and here they shall die. If every one of us in returning to our Constituents were to report the objections he has had to it, and endeavor to gain partizans in support of them, we might prevent its being generally received, and thereby lose all the salutary effects & great advantages resulting naturally in our favor among foreign Nations as well as among ourselves, from our real or apparent unanimity.”*

*“Much of the strength & efficiency of any Government in procuring and securing happiness to the people, **depends, on opinion, on the general opinion of the goodness of the Government, as well as of the wisdom and integrity of its Governors.** I hope therefore that for our own sakes as a part of the people, and for the sake of posterity, we shall act heartily and unanimously in recommending this Constitution (if approved by Congress & confirmed by the Conventions) wherever our influence may extend, and turn our future thoughts & endeavors to the means of having it well administered.”*

The people who think our constitution is antiquated and needs to be circumvented or done away with are the very individuals who feel the same way about the Bible and seek to eradicate God from our nation. The following example will substantiate how the “original intent” of concepts and ideals has changed over the years as we have drifted from God and His precepts found in His Word.

According to the 1828 edition of Noah Webster’s American Dictionary of the English language the definition of politics is as follows:

**POL'ITICS**, n. The science of government; **that part of ethics** which consists in the regulation and government of a nation or state, for the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity; comprehending the defense of its existence and rights against foreign control or conquest, the augmentation of its strength and resources, **and the protection of its citizens in their rights, with the preservation and improvement of their morals.** Politics, as a science or an art, is a subject of vast extent and importance.

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According to the on-line Merriam-Webster dictionary the definition of politics has evolved to:

**1 a :** the art or science of government **b :** the art or science concerned with guiding or influencing governmental policy **c :** **the art or science concerned with winning and holding control over a government**

**2 :** political actions, practices, or policies

**3 a :** political affairs or business; *especially* : competition between competing interest groups or individuals for power and leadership (as in a government) **b :** political life especially as a principal activity or profession **c :** **political activities characterized by artful and often dishonest practices**

**4 :** the political opinions or sympathies of a person

**5 a :** the total complex of relations between people living in society **b :** relations or conduct in a particular area of experience especially as seen or dealt with from a political point of view <office politics> <ethnic politics>

## ***THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE***

The separation of church and state is NOT in our constitution and our Founding Fathers wanted to protect the church from being controlled by the government. It is why our First Amendment says, “*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...*”

The intent of the First Amendment was in part to ensure that no particular Christian denomination would supersede another. The phrase "wall of church and state" although never written in the Constitution was actually mentioned by Thomas Jefferson in a presidential correspondence in the context of meaning the federal government would not promote the interest of one Christian denomination over another.

In addition, the fact that fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies further dispels the lie of separation of church and state.

As a matter-of-fact John Quincy Adams said, “*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.*”

Following is a perspective from a foreigner on his quest to understand what made America so unique from all the other nations.

Alexis de Tocqueville a French political thinker and author of *Democracy in America* stated, “*The Americans combine the notions of **Christianity and liberty** so intimately in their minds that is it impossible to make them conceive one without the other. The religious atmosphere of the country was the first thing that stuck me upon my arrival in the U.S. In France, I had seen the spirits of religion and freedom almost always marching in opposite direction, in America; **I found them intimately linked together and joined and reigned over the same land...** Religion should therefore be considered as the first of their political institutions. From the start, **politics and religion** have agreed and have not since ceased to do so.”*

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Fast forward to the 21st century and how the phrase has taken on a different context in light of the social, cultural, and philosophical changes (humanism) the United States has experienced. The intent has evolved to separate Christianity from any part of a person's life that may come into contact with the government. This twisting of the intent of the First Amendment is very evident in the realm of education. Congress can open a session with prayer, but prayer in public schools is not allowed. This phenomenon was reflected in cases handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court with the details and court citations reflected later in this writing, especially when addressing the Madelyn Murray O'Hair lawsuit which began America's slippery slide away from God, His precepts/ principles found in His Word, and our Judeo-Christian foundation as a nation.

It is apparent there is no separation of church and state when it comes to our elected leaders promoting their agenda of embracing Islam and amnesty of **illegal** aliens. They use the supposed separation of church and state only when seeking to eradicate the Judeo-Christian heritage our nation was founded on.

**The United States for the first time will host an International Islamic Forum. April 2011**

<http://www.thewhitehousewatch.com/obama-sends-hillary-to-intl-muslim-conference-to-build-goodwill/>

**Hillary Clinton to Address U.S.-Islamic Gathering in Washington April 2011.**

<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/hillary-clinton-address-us-islamic-gathe>

**Pelosi Urges Catholic Clergy to Preach Amnesty**

<http://townhall.com/video/pelosi-urges-catholic-clergy-to-preach-amnesty>

***EDUCATION IS "KEY" TO UNDERSTANDING OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED ON JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES. WE NEED TO STOP THE INDOCTRINATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND TEACH THEM THE TRUTH! BUT FIRST, WE MUST KNOW THE TRUTH OURSELVES!***

Our founding fathers knew the importance of educating boys and girls and men and woman with a **solid foundation** based on Christian virtues.

*"Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, united their endeavors to renovate the age, by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls, of inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the Deity ...in short of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system." ~ Samuel Adams.*

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*“In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes, and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government. That is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible.” ~ Benjamin Rush, “A defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book,” 1798*

*“In my view, **the Christian Religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed...no truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian Religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.**” ~ Noah Webster’s reply to David McClure, October 25, 1836*

Our Founding Fathers knew how critical the role of educating the people, especially the children, on the Word of God was and it was the only way the “Great Experiment” would ever be successful if it was laid upon the foundation of the Bible. This is why four of the most prestigious universities established in America **were** founded on Judeo-Christian values. Consider the following:

**Yale**, founded in 1701, adopted a Hebrew insignia, and Hebrew was compulsory at Harvard until 1787.

**Harvard** founded in 1636 established their rules and precepts as follows:

*“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 lay Christ at the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning.”*

Harvard’s **original** Motto was “Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae” meaning Truth for Christ and the church.

**Princeton** founded in 1746 founding statement exclaimed “Cursed is all learning is contrary to the Cross of Christ.”

Look at **Columbia University**’s original seal. It has now been replaced.



Above her head: Yahweh (in Hebrew)

At the top: Psalm 36:9 in Latin “In thy light we see light.”

On the ribbon: Psalm 27:1 “God is my Light” in Hebrew

Under her feet: 1 Peter 2:1-2

In 1892 the National Education Association (NEA) noticed the beginning of opposition taking root challenging the role religion played in public schools and issued the following statement:

*“...if the study of the Bible is to be excluded from all state schools; if the inculcation of the principles of Christianity is to have no place in the daily program; if the worship of God is to form no part of the general exercises of these public elementary schools; **then the good of the state would be better served by restoring all schools to church control.**”*

The powerful global elitists and the people they are in bed with know if they can influence and indoctrinate our youth and brainwash them with their belief system they will win this spiritual battle for the heart and soul of our nation. Just as a house becomes a home based on love, respect, and being established upon a solid foundation of Jesus Christ and His precepts, the same principles apply to our nation. A nation is only as good as the people who inhabit it are.

This is why we see the indoctrination of our children happening in the public school systems and our universities across the land. It must be stopped. We may not be able to have God and prayer in our public school system but we **must** tell our children the truth and it begins in our homes! Parents it is our responsibility to teach and emulate God’s Word in our homes.

## ***RELIGION (CHRISTIANITY) AND MORALITY IS THE ONLY WAY TO PRESERVE OUR REPUBLIC!***

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Our founding fathers and other leaders foreshadowed what would become of our country if we forgot our roots. We have been led astray and we have lost our way of what was envisioned by our Founding Fathers as they penned our Declaration of Independence which states, *“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.”* These unalienable rights are based on the foundation of Religion (Christianity) and Morality **as the only way to preserve our Republic!**

*“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to **political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensables supports**...In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens...” ~ **George Washington**’s Farewell Address given on September 17, 1796.*

**Samuel Adams** in a letter written on June 21, 1776 quoted in The Wall Builder Report in the summer of 1993, *“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.**”*

Benjamin Rush, a physician, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, first Surgeon General of the United States, and founder of the first American Anti-Slavery Society stated, *“The **only** foundation for...a republic is to be laid in **Religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty (freedom), and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.**”* from essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical, 1798.

Another signer of the Declaration of Independence, **Charles Carroll** stated, *“Without morals, a republic **cannot** subsist any length of time; **they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion...are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.**”*

**Patrick Henry** who cried out, *“Give me Liberty or give me death,”* also stated, *“The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] **virtue, morality, and religion.** This is the armor...and this alone, that renders us invincible.”*

**Benjamin Franklin**, the least religious of the Founding Fathers stated, *“...**only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.**”* (From a letter to Messrs. The Abbés Chalut and Arnaud, April 17, 1787).

**Abraham Lincoln** proclaimed in the Gettysburg Address, *“That these men shall not have lived in vain; **that under God** the nation they built shall have a new birth of freedom, and that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth!”* ~ August 1862 The Gettysburg Address.

**Theodore Roosevelt** on March 30, 1912, stated, “*We, here in America, hold in our hands the hopes of the world, the fate of the coming years; and shame and disgrace will be ours if in our eyes the light of high resolve is dimmed, if we trail in the dust the golden hopes of men.*”

Last, but certainly not least...

When I was in Washington, D.C. and visited the Jefferson memorial I understood the sobering and prophetic insight of this Founding Father would come to pass on our present path.

*God who gave us life gave us liberty. And 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 these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His Justice cannot sleep forever.”*

*~ President Thomas Jefferson*

## **OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON GODLY PRINCIPLES**

Dear Fellow Americans,

This was sent out by Focus on the Family on May 15, 2009. If you take the time to read the bill I guarantee you that you'll have a new appreciation for the role played by the Christian faith in the founding of our country, and you will be much better equipped to sort through the noise as the debate over the Supreme Court vacancy reaches high decibel levels in the coming times ahead.

For now, I only want to alert you to one of the more amazing bills ever to have been introduced in Congress. It will serve as a valuable primer to help you understand the strong role played by the Christian faith in the foundation of the country. It's a quick read and its facts cannot be denied.

The bill, called H. Res. (for House Resolution) 397 would, if passed, designate the first week in May as "America's Spiritual Heritage Week." It was introduced by Rep. Randy Forbes of Virginia, and timed to coincide with this year's National Day of Prayer on May 7. Dr. Dobson appeared personally at the press conference in Washington, D.C., to lend his support to the legislation.

### **111th CONGRESS**

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## **H. RES. 397**

Affirming the rich spiritual and religious history of our Nation's founding and subsequent history and expressing support for designation of the first week in May as 'America's Spiritual Heritage Week' for the appreciation of and education on America's history of religious faith.

### **IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

May 4, 2009

Mr. FORBES (for himself, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. AKIN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. JONES, Mr. WOLF, Mr. TURNER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. WAMP, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### **RESOLUTION**

Affirming the rich spiritual and religious history of our Nation's founding and subsequent history. Religious faith was not only important in official American life during the periods of discovery, exploration, colonization, and growth but has also been acknowledged and incorporated into all 3 branches of the Federal Government from their very beginning:

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed this self-evident fact in a unanimous ruling declaring 'This is a religious people. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation'; Whereas political scientists have documented that the most frequently cited source in the political period known as The Founding Era was the Bible;

Whereas the first act of America's first Congress in 1774 was to ask a minister to open with prayer and to lead Congress in the reading of four chapters in the Bible;

Whereas Congress regularly attended church and Divine service together en masse;

Whereas throughout the American Founding, Congress frequently appropriated money for missionaries and for religious instruction, a practice that Congress repeated for decades after the passage of the Constitution and the First Amendment;

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Whereas in 1776, Congress approved the Declaration of Independence with its 4 direct religious acknowledgments referring to God as the Creator ('All people are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'), the Lawgiver ('the laws of nature and nature's God'), the Judge ('appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world'), and the Protector ('with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence');

Whereas upon approving the Declaration of Independence, John Adams declared that the Fourth of July 'ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty';

Whereas 4 days after approving the Declaration, the Liberty Bell was rung;

Whereas the Liberty Bell was named for the Biblical inscription from Leviticus 25:10 emblazoned around it: 'Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants thereof';

Whereas in 1777, Congress, facing a National shortage of 'Bibles for our schools, and families, and for the public worship of God in our churches,' announced that they 'desired to have a Bible printed under their care & by their encouragement' and therefore ordered 20,000 copies of the Bible to be imported 'into the different parts of the States of the Union';

Whereas in 1782, Congress pursued a plan to print a Bible that would be 'a neat edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools' and therefore approved the production of the first English language Bible printed in America that contained the congressional endorsement that 'the United States in Congress assembled . . . recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States';

Whereas in 1782, Congress adopted (and has reaffirmed on numerous subsequent occasions) the National Seal with its Latin motto 'Annuit Coeptis,' meaning 'God has favored our undertakings,' along with the eye of Providence in a triangle over a pyramid, the eye and the motto 'allude to the many signal interpositions of Providence in favor of the American cause';

Whereas the 1783 Treaty of Paris that officially ended the Revolution and established America as an independent begins with the appellation 'In the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity';

Whereas in 1787, at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin declared, '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? . . . Without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel';

Whereas the delegates to the Constitutional Convention concluded their work by in effect placing a religious punctuation mark at the end of the Constitution in the Attestation Clause, noting not only that they had

completed the work with 'the unanimous consent of the States present' but they had done so 'in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven';

Whereas James Madison declared that he saw the finished Constitution as a product of 'the finger of that Almighty Hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the Revolution,' and George Washington viewed it as 'little short of a miracle,' and Benjamin Franklin believed that its writing had been 'influenced, guided, and governed by that omnipotent, omnipresent, and beneficent Ruler, in Whom all inferior spirits live, and move, and have their being';

Whereas, from 1787 to 1788, State conventions to ratify the United States Constitution not only began with prayer but even met in church buildings;

Whereas in 1795, during construction of the Capitol, a practice was instituted whereby 'public worship is now regularly administered at the Capitol, every Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock';

Whereas in 1789, the first Federal Congress, the Congress that framed the Bill of Rights, including the First Amendment, appropriated Federal funds to pay chaplains to pray at the opening of all sessions, a practice that has continued to this day, with Congress not only funding its congressional chaplains but also the salaries and operations of more than 4,500 military chaplains;

Whereas in 1789, Congress, in the midst of framing the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment, passed the first Federal law touching education, declaring that 'Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged';

Whereas in 1789, on the same day that Congress finished drafting the First Amendment, it requested President Washington to declare a National day of prayer and thanksgiving, resulting in the first Federal official Thanksgiving proclamation that declared 'it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor';

Whereas in 1800, Congress enacted naval regulations requiring that Divine service be performed twice every day aboard 'all ships and vessels in the navy,' with a sermon preached each Sunday; Whereas in 1800, Congress approved the use of the just-completed Capitol structure as a church building, with Divine services to be held each Sunday in the Hall of the House, alternately administered by the House and Senate chaplains;

Whereas in 1853, Congress declared that congressional chaplains have a 'duty . . . to conduct religious services weekly in the Hall of the House of Representatives';

Whereas by 1867, the church at the Capitol was the largest church in Washington, DC, with up to 2,000 people a week attending Sunday service in the Hall of the House;

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Whereas by 1815, over 2,000 official governmental calls to prayer had been issued at both the State and the Federal levels, with thousands more issued since 1815;

Whereas in 1853, the United States Senate declared that the Founding Fathers `had no fear or jealousy of religion itself, nor did they wish to see us an irreligious people . . . they did not intend to spread over all the public authorities and the whole public action of the nation the dead and revolting spectacle of atheistical apathy';

Whereas in 1854, the United States House of Representatives declared `It [religion] must be considered as the foundation on which the whole structure rests . . . Christianity; in its general principles, is the great conservative element on which we must rely for the purity and permanence of free institutions';

Whereas in 1864, by law Congress added `In God We Trust' to American coinage;

Whereas in 1864, Congress passed an act authorizing each State to display statues of 2 of its heroes in the United States Capitol, resulting in numerous statues of noted Christian clergymen and leaders at the Capitol, including Gospel ministers such as the Revs. James A. Garfield, John Peter Muhlenberg, Jonathan Trumbull, Roger Williams, Jason Lee, Marcus Whitman, and Martin Luther King Jr., Gospel theologians such as Roger Sherman, Catholic priests such as Father Damien, Jacques Marquette, Eusebio Kino, and Junipero Serra, Catholic nuns such as Mother Joseph, and numerous other religious leaders;

Whereas in 1870, the Federal Government made Christmas (a recognition of the birth of Christ, an event described by the U.S. Supreme Court as `acknowledged in the Western World for 20 centuries, and in this country by the people, the Executive Branch, Congress, and the courts for 2 centuries') and Thanksgiving as official holidays;

Whereas, beginning in 1904 and continuing for the next half-century, the Federal Government printed and distributed The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth for the use of Members of Congress because of the important teachings it contained;

Whereas in 1931, Congress by law adopted the Star-Spangled Banner as the official National Anthem, with its phrases such as `may the Heav'n-rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation,' and `this be our motto, `In God is our trust!';

Whereas in 1954, Congress by law added the phrase `one nation under God' to the Pledge of Allegiance;

Whereas in 1954, a special Congressional Prayer Room was added to the Capitol with a kneeling bench, an altar, an open Bible, an inspiring stained-glass window with George Washington kneeling in prayer, the declaration of Psalm 16:1: `Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust,' and the phrase `This Nation Under God' displayed above the kneeling, prayerful Washington;

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Whereas in 1956, Congress by law made 'In God We Trust' the National Motto, and added the phrase to American currency;

Whereas the constitutions of each of the 50 States, either in the preamble or body, explicitly recognize or express gratitude to God;

Whereas America's first Presidential Inauguration incorporated 7 specific religious activities, including-- (1) the use of the Bible to administer the oath; (2) affirming the religious nature of the oath by the adding the prayer 'So help me God!' to the oath;(3) inaugural prayers offered by the President; (4) religious content in the inaugural address; (5) civil leaders calling the people to prayer or acknowledgment of God; (6) inaugural worship services attended en masse by Congress as an official part of congressional activities; and (7) clergy-led inaugural prayers, activities which have been replicated in whole or part by every subsequent President;

Whereas President George Washington declared 'Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports';

Whereas President John Adams, one of only 2 signers of the Bill of Rights and First Amendment, declared 'As the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God, and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him';

Whereas President Jefferson not only attended Divine services at the Capitol throughout his presidency and had the Marine Band play at the services, but during his administration church services were also begun in the War Department and the Treasury Department, thus allowing worshippers on any given Sunday the choice to attend church at either the United States Capitol, the War Department, or the Treasury Department if they so desired;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson urged local governments to make land available specifically for Christian purposes, provided Federal funding for missionary work among Indian tribes, and declared that religious schools would receive 'the patronage of the government';

Whereas President Andrew Jackson declared that the Bible 'is the rock on which our Republic rests';

Whereas President Abraham Lincoln declared that the Bible 'is the best gift God has given to men . . . But for it, we could not know right from wrong'

Whereas President William McKinley declared that 'Our faith teaches us that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, who has so singularly favored the American people in every national trial and Who will not forsake us so long as we obey His commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps';

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Whereas President Teddy Roosevelt declared 'The Decalogue and the Golden Rule must stand as the foundation of every successful effort to better either our social or our political life';

Whereas President Woodrow Wilson declared that 'America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture';

Whereas President Herbert Hoover declared that 'American life is built, and can alone survive, upon . . . [the] fundamental philosophy announced by the Savior nineteen centuries ago';

Whereas President Franklin D. Roosevelt not only led the Nation in a 6 minute prayer during D-Day on June 6, 1944, but he also declared that 'If we will not prepare to give all that we have and all that we are to preserve Christian civilization in our land, we shall go to destruction';

Whereas President Harry S. Truman declared that 'The fundamental basis of this Nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings which we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul';

Whereas President Harry S. Truman told a group touring Washington, DC, that 'You will see, as you make your rounds, that this Nation was established by men who believed in God. . . . You will see the evidence of this deep religious faith on every hand';

Whereas President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared that 'Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first, the most basic, expression of Americanism. Thus, the founding fathers of America saw it, and thus with God's help, it will continue to be' in a declaration later repeated with approval by President Gerald Ford;

Whereas President John F. Kennedy declared that 'The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God';

Whereas President Ronald Reagan, after noting 'The Congress of the United States, in recognition of the unique contribution of the Bible in shaping the history and character of this Nation and so many of its citizens, has . . . requested the President to designate the year 1983 as the 'Year of the Bible', officially declared 1983 as 'The Year of the Bible';

Whereas every other President has similarly recognized the role of God and religious faith in the public life of America;

Whereas all sessions of the United States Supreme Court begin with the Court's Marshal announcing, 'God save the United States and this honorable court';

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Whereas a regular and integral part of official activities in the Federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court, was the inclusion of prayer by a minister of the Gospel;

Whereas the United States Supreme Court has declared throughout the course of our Nation's history that the United States is 'a Christian country', 'a Christian nation', 'a Christian people', 'a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being', and that 'we cannot read into the Bill of Rights a philosophy of hostility to religion';

Whereas Justice John Jay, an author of the Federalist Papers and original Justice of the United States Supreme Court, urged 'The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil and religious liberties is always to remember with reverence and gratitude the Source from which they flow';

Whereas Justice James Wilson, a signer of the Constitution, declared that 'Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine . . . Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants';

Whereas Justice William Paterson, a signer of the Constitution, declared that 'Religion and morality . . . [are] necessary to good government, good order, and good laws';

Whereas President George Washington, who passed into law the first legal acts organizing the Federal judiciary, asked, 'where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths in the courts of justice?';

Whereas some of the most important monuments, buildings, and landmarks in Washington, DC, include religious words, symbols, and imagery;

Whereas in the United States Capitol the declaration 'In God We Trust' is prominently displayed in both the United States House and Senate Chambers;

Whereas around the top of the walls in the House Chamber appear images of 23 great lawgivers from across the centuries, but Moses (the lawgiver, who--according to the Bible--originally received the law from God,) is the only lawgiver honored with a full face view, looking down on the proceedings of the House;

Whereas religious artwork is found throughout the United States Capitol, including in the Rotunda where the prayer service of Christopher Columbus, the Baptism of Pocahontas, and the prayer and Bible study of the Pilgrims are all prominently displayed; in the Cox Corridor of the Capitol where the words 'America! God shed His grace on thee' are inscribed; at the east Senate entrance with the words 'Annuit

Coeptis' which is Latin for 'God has favored our undertakings'; and in numerous other locations;

Whereas images of the Ten Commandments are found in many Federal buildings across Washington, DC, Page 23 "America Bless God!" by Donna M. Rogers, founder of Angel of Love and Light Ministries [www.angeloffaith777.com](http://www.angeloffaith777.com)

including in bronze in the floor of the National Archives; in a bronze statue of Moses in the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress; in numerous locations at the U.S. Supreme Court, including in the frieze above the Justices, the oak door at the rear of the Chamber, the gable apex, and in dozens of locations on the bronze latticework surrounding the Supreme Court Bar seating;

Whereas in the Washington Monument not only are numerous Bible verses and religious acknowledgments carved on memorial blocks in the walls, including the phrases: `Holiness to the Lord' (Exodus 28:26, 30:30, Isaiah 23:18, Zechariah 14:20), `Search the Scriptures' (John 5:39), `The memory of the just is blessed' (Proverbs 10:7), `May Heaven to this Union continue its beneficence', and `In God We Trust', but the Latin inscription *Laus Deo* meaning `Praise be to God' is engraved on the monument's capstone;

Whereas of the 5 areas inside the Jefferson Memorial into which Jefferson's words have been carved, 4 are God-centered, including Jefferson's declaration that `God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever';

Whereas the Lincoln Memorial contains numerous acknowledgments of God and citations of Bible verses, including the declarations that we here highly resolve that . . . this nation under God . . . shall not perish from the earth'; `The Almighty has His own purposes. `Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh' (Matthew 18:7), `as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said `the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether' (Psalms 19:9), `one day every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh see it together' (Dr. Martin Luther King's speech, based on Isaiah 40:4-5);

Whereas in the Library of Congress, The Giant Bible of Mainz, and The Gutenberg Bible are on prominent permanent display and etched on the walls are Bible verses, including: `The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not' (John 1:5), `Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding' (Proverbs 4:7), `What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God' (Micah 6:8), and `The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork' (Psalm 19:1);

Whereas numerous other of the most important American government leaders, institutions, monuments, buildings, and landmarks both openly acknowledge and incorporate religious words, symbols, and imagery into official venues;

Whereas such acknowledgments are even more frequent at the State and local level than at the Federal level, where thousands of such acknowledgments exist, and

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Whereas the first week in May each year would be an appropriate week to designate as 'America's Spiritual Heritage Week': Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the United States House of Representatives--

(1) affirms the rich spiritual and diverse religious history of our Nation's founding and subsequent history, including up to the current day; (2) recognizes that the religious foundations of faith on which America was built are critical underpinnings of our Nation's most valuable institutions and form the inseparable foundation for America's representative processes, legal systems, and societal structures; (3) rejects, in the strongest possible terms, any effort to remove, obscure, or purposely omit such history from our Nation's public buildings and educational resources; and (4) expresses support for designation of a 'America's Spiritual Heritage Week' every year for the appreciation of and education on America's history of religious faith.