

AMERICA'S BIBLE ROOTS

Dark forces in our nation are waging a powerful crusade to obliterate any connection between the founding of our nation and the Bible. That the men who wrote our Bill of Rights and Constitution—and who were among its earliest office-holders—were men who believed in God and who were greatly influenced by the teachings of the Bible—and of Christ in particular—is simply a matter of fact. Only dishonest or grossly ignorant men will deny this historical fact, as the following illustrations attest:

- Patrick Henry, not only closed his famous speech in St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia, in 1775, with "Give me liberty or give me death," but in the same speech, he also invoked "God," "the majesty of heaven," and "Almighty God" to witness the justice of their cause. Further, he also paraphrased and applied two passages of Scripture in the same speech.
- Thomas Jefferson, though reputed to be a Deist, wrote to Benjamin Rush 1803: "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 he wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines, in preference to all others...."
- Benjamin Franklin, signer of the Declaration of Independence, wrote the following in a 1754 pamphlet addressed to Europeans considering moving to America: "Atheism is unknown there; Infidelity rare and secret; so that persons may live to a great age in that country without having their piety shocked by meeting with either an Atheist or an Infidel. And the Divine Being seems...pleased to favor the whole country."
- George Washington, "Father of the nation," was a devout believer in God, as his biographies amply document.
- James Madison, principal author of our Constitution, wrote in his late years that "belief in a God All Powerful wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the World and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources."
- John Adams, our second president, once addressed military leaders as follows: "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
- John Jay, first Supreme Court Chief Justice, later, president of the American Bible Society, wrote in 1816: "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."

- All 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence believed in the God of the Bible, as evidenced by their numerous positive references to Him.

The evidence of the faith in God, the Bible, and Jesus that guided the principles our Founding Fathers built into our Constitution is massive. Unlike so many moderns, they understood that “Righteousness exalteth a nation...” (Pro. 14:34).

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