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The Bulletproof George Washington

George Washington's part in the July 9th, 1755, battle during the French and Indian War is indisputably one of the most significant events of his early years. His life literally hung in the balance for over two hours. This dramatic event helped shape his character and confirm God's call on him.

During the two-hour battle, the 23-year-old Colonel Washington had ridden back and forth on the battlefield, delivering the general's orders to other officers and troops. The officers had been a special target for the Indians. Of the eighty-six military officers, sixty-three were casualties. Washington was the only officer **on horseback** not shot down.

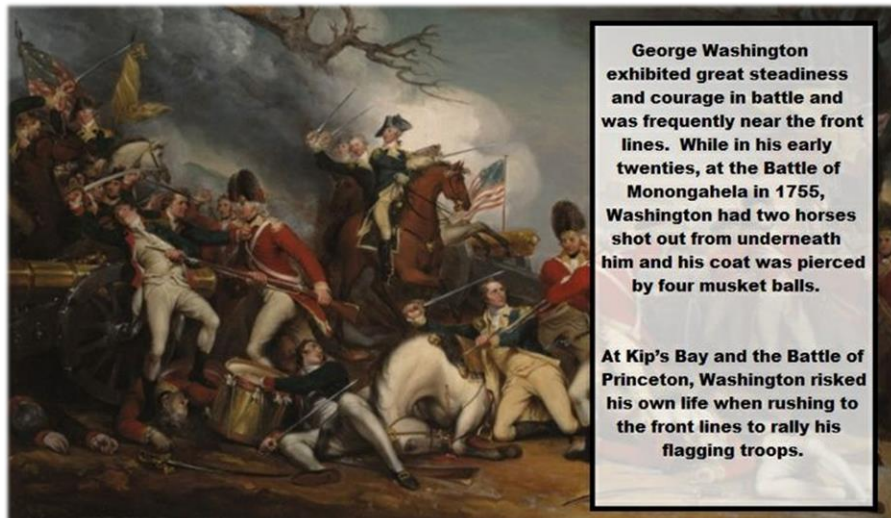
Following the battle, Washington wrote a letter to his brother in which he readily and openly acknowledged:

"By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet [I] escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!"

In the Autumn of 1770, an old, respected Indian chief sought out Washington. The chief, explaining that he had led the Indians against them in the battle fifteen years earlier, revealed to Washington what had occurred behind the scenes during the conflict:

"I called to my young men and said, mark the tall and daring warrior [Washington]? ...Himself is alone exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies. Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss--'twas all in vain, a power mightier far than we shielded you. Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you...I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle."

This account of God's miraculous care of Washington and of Washington's open gratitude for God's Divine intervention could be found in virtually all student textbooks until 1934; today, few have ever heard of it. Truly, it isn't essential that this story be in all history books but it is essential that we don't rewrite history to prove our



George Washington exhibited great steadiness and courage in battle and was frequently near the front lines. While in his early twenties, at the Battle of Monongahela in 1755, Washington had two horses shot out from underneath him and his coat was pierced by four musket balls.

At Kip's Bay and the Battle of Princeton, Washington risked his own life when rushing to the front lines to rally his flagging troops.

present day liberal, anti-religious prejudices. Indeed, this is what is being done. "You have preferred the praise of men to the glory of God." John, 12.

When I read this story, I felt so sad that we have "reasoned" God out of society, out of our lives. How many times do you think this story will be told in history classes this Feb. 22nd? Our children will be cheated and indeed not have a clear, objective, scholarly, real understanding of this event in American History. Reason has won. Truth has lost. We have lost. "The terrible "ifs" accumulate." Churchill

"In a 10-year effort, the Political Science Department of Houston collected 15,000 pieces of writing by the Founding Fathers to ascertain where they got their ideas. Of those 15,000 pieces, the re-searchers selected 3,152 pieces that they believed had the greatest impact on America's founding. They discovered that the three men most quoted by the founders were Sir William Blackstone, Baron Montesquieu and John Locke. The re- searchers were surprised to find that the Bible was quoted 16 times more often than these three men. In fact, 34% of all quotes by the founders were taken straight from the Bible. Furthermore, another 60% of the founders' quotes were simply quotes of men who had quoted the Bible. In total, the re- searchers discovered that 94% of the founders' quotes came either directly or indirectly from the Bible. Don't tell anyone about this research, you'll sound like a "Bible-Wacker". Our culture has degenerated to the point where you must change the truth if the truth includes God.



Will Durant, the famous historian, in his work "The Life of Greece", writes about the late stages of decay that took place in Greek society.

1. Orthodox, supernatural religion was disregarded by the elite, while cults from the East flourished among the lower classes in Athens.
2. Astrology gained widespread acceptance.
3. Patriotism declined.

4. Marriage and law became secularized.
5. Upper class adults were consumed with the pursuit of pleasure.
6. Education stressed knowledge more than character.
7. Dances by unclad women were an accepted custom.
8. Motherhood was devalued and children viewed as inconvenient - the death rate overtook the birth rate.
9. Abortion and infanticide were commonly practiced. Sound familiar? A true moral landslide! A moral wasteland!

The list of rights goes on and on. We have criminal rights, computer rights, animal rights, marriage rights, victim rights, abortion rights, housing rights, privacy rights, the right not to be tested for AIDS and the right not to inform anyone we may be infecting. Crazy, isn't it? We've lost our balance. "Everyone is afraid of saying a new thing or doing a new thing." Dostoevsky



As a society we need to begin teaching that people not only have rights (everybody has a long list of rights they are quick to proclaim) but also have responsibilities. I can't remember the last time I saw someone draw up a list of responsibilities. We have a Statue of Liberty on the East Coast; we need a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast.

Once again, we need to become comfortable with the words **good** and **evil**, **right** and **wrong**, virtue and sin. They are perfectly good words and need to be used honestly, strongly, lovingly without fear or shame. We need to plant some honest, moral, truthful trees under which our children can one day sit. We need some moral success stories in our society. **HAPPINESS TOMORROW DEPENDS ON DOING THE TRUTH TODAY!**



Recently, an FBI agent reported to the press that everyone in the agency received a memo directing them to begin targeting conservative Catholics. Do you think that the American Catholic Bishops should say something about this and the clergy of all the Christian churches? You won't hear this on the evening news.

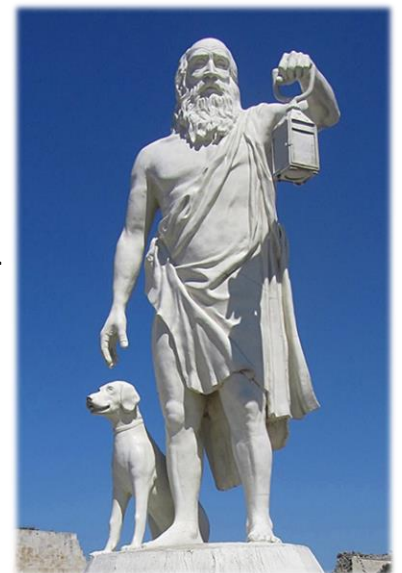
I watch MSNBC, CNN, and Fox to be FULLY INFORMED and not prejudice anyone or anything. Quite a difference, from network to network. Mostly in what IS NOT REPORTED. - SELECTIVE TRUTH! **ALL** voices must be heard to be fair, honest and informed. I do the same when I vote. I say I am a Democrat/ Republican/ Independent/ Christian/ Catholic. - measure EVERYTHING and then, as best you can, vote fairly, intelligently. There are no right answers if you ask the wrong questions. As Voltaire once wrote: "If you want to find out who is in charge, find out who you can't criticize." All of the above are serious RELIGIOUS MATTERS!



GET OUT!

Some of the Catholic students that were in Washington for the March for Life were thrown out of the Smithsonian and the building that displays the constitution for wearing religious medals or T-shirts that were pro-life. **OFFENSIVE !!** T shirts that said "My Body, My Choice" were most acceptable and declared non-offensive. Do you think the Catholic bishops should speak out about this? -defend the sheep? Their silence is deafening!! Where are the Shepherds? -hiding in the barn??

Truth be told, there is something of Diogenes in each of us. Remember, he was the man who went about with a candle in his hand searching for the truth. Too many of us walk in darkness with an unlit candle in hand, fearing that if we come upon truth, we will have to live it. Be brave. Light your candle. Be truth. Live the truth. Let your light shine! There are two ways to share the light. Be the light or be a mirror that reflects the light. ***"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."*** George Washington. Thank you, George!



Greek sculptor, Phidias was busy chiseling the strands of hair on the back of the head of his statue of Athena which was to stand in the acropolis. A passerby posed the question: "That figure is to stand 100 feet high, with its back to a marble wall, who will ever know what detail you are carving behind there? Phidias replied, **"I will."**



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