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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND THE GENIUS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS: WE ARE MADE FOR LOVE AND TRUTH AND PEACE

Today, the principle of Religious Liberty has been under assault. E.g. the vicious antisemitism we have seen on many college campuses or the persecution of Christians by the Federal government. On Dec 5, 2024, when the presidents of three of Americas' most prestigious universities appeared before congress during a hearing on rising antisemitism, they refused to state clearly whether or not calls for the killing of Jews on their campuses would constitute bullying or harassment. Across the country, jaws dropped. University campuses have become dangerous to your physical and spiritual health. After all, Jesus speaks to the intellectually elite of His day who looked down on everybody else when He says: "The tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom ahead of you." And we wonder what got Him killed?

"Without God there would 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." - Dwight D. Eisenhower
Sadly, it has not continued to be.



COULD, WOULD THE FOLLOWING BE WRITTEN TODAY! -AND WHY NOT? Reprinted from the Gazette of the United States, Wednesday, October 7, 1789, By THE PRESIDENT of the United States of America.

"A PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence for Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful to his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor: And whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States, A Day of public Thanksgiving and Prayers, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States, to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; - for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence in the course and

conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious Liberty with. which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; - and in general, for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions; - to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; - to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; - to protect and guide all sovereigns and

nations, (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord; - to promote the knowledge and practice true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; - and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my Hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty- nine. George Washington."

George would definitely be upset by the present democratic party.



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.

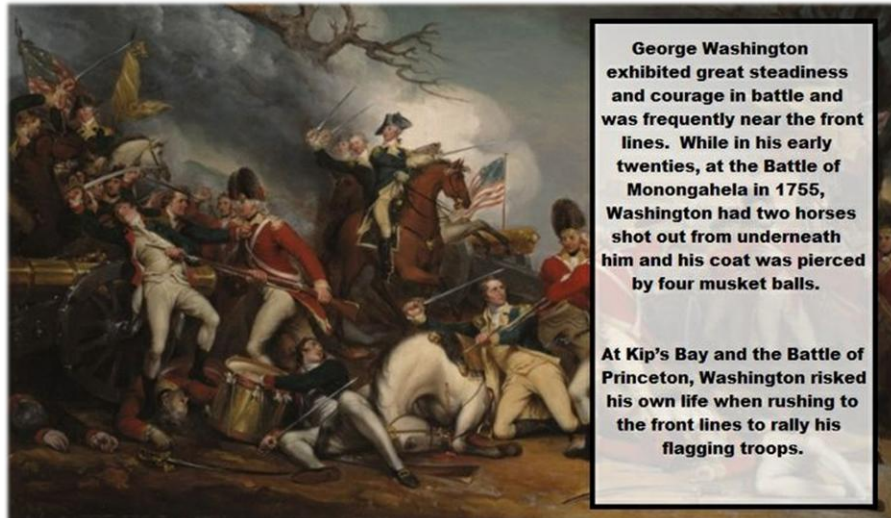
Following the battle, Washington wrote a letter to his brother in which he readily and openly acknowledged:

"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 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 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, true understanding of this event in American History. Prejudice, control has won. Truth has lost. We lost. Only if... *"The terrible "ifs" accumulate."* Churchill



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.

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it along to our children in our bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where people were free.” President Ronald Reagan

"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!

**sounds
familiar**

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.

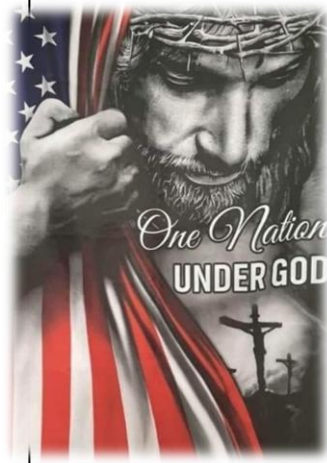
"Everyone is afraid of saying a new thing or doing a new thing." Dostoevsky

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!**

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!!!



"In a free society, government reflects the soul of its people. If people want change at the top, they will have to live in different ways. Our major social problems are not the cause of our decadence. THEY ARE A REFLECTION OF IT." - Cal Thomas



"In matters of style swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson



*"Our constitution was made only for a **moral and religious people**. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."* - John Adams, America's Second President



"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people...they are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." - Thomas Jefferson



"A nation that is not ruled by God will be ruled by tyrants." - William Penn



"The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of Earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people take time to pray." - S. D. Gordon

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