

# North America: Listen!

## *Was the Faith of Our Fathers Originally Christian?*

Unfortunately, the history of the United States of America is being rewritten. Over the last forty to fifty years, a very calculated and strategic effort has been made to undermine and malign its political and historical leaders, their efforts, methods, contributions, and sacrifice. The present “spin” is designed to question the original intents of many issues, but none more so than that of this continent’s “Christian heritage.” This question demands an answer—was the United States of America originally framed in Judeo-Christian values or not?

Sadly, a growing number of people with a more “liberal mind set” have determined that the *American dream*, developed out of the sacrifice of the *many becoming one* (E PLURIBUS UNUM), is *not something* to be proud of anymore. To the chagrin of some, there are large movements and well financed organizations within American culture today committed to convincing the American people and the rest of the world that the citizens of the United States *SHOULD BE ASHAMED* of their country. They want you to believe America is an imperialist empire builder, sticking its nose into international affairs that don’t concern it, bullying and threatening lesser nations with sanctions or invasion if they don’t concede to its required democratic demands. The growing attitude of anti-Americanism within American-Canadian-Australian culture, in combination with many other nations of the world, attests to this fact!

To suggest the possibility that God or “Divine Providence” had something to do with the emergence of this world-renowned *balance of power* over the last 400 years is considered by some as simply foolish. Instead, it’s construed as some kind of racial innuendo, allegedly giving the notion the United States thinks itself a superior nation, more valuable to God than any other on earth. Perhaps therein lies some of the reason so many are determined to “erase God” out of American culture. However, it is regrettably understandable in this hypersensitive, “politically correct” environment we find ourselves surrounded by.

Admittedly however, to suggest Divine Providence had anything to do with the British Commonwealth’s and the United States of America’s ascent to greatness would be preposterous and unthinkable to these modern day revisionists—especially in light of the nation’s *so-called dismal history* of corruption, concupiscence,

war, personal immorality, and legalized slavery (issues which many of these *historical tricksters* use to justify their criticism, claiming our forefathers were culpable). Many of the faultfinders present the challenge that God could never have condoned, honored, and allowed the imposed brutality on so many less fortunate when developing this enormously thundering industrial, geopolitical, and military power the United States has become. Unfortunately, this just goes to illustrate the ignorance of so many concerning how God is working His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and *His direct intervention* through fulfilled prophecies of nations and peoples on this earth.

So many willfully ignore the plain realities of world history and the current arrangement of international *FACT*. Like it or not, the reality is, if it weren’t for the immense combined efforts of Great Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, and other allies during the 20th century to resist and subdue the immeasurable and colossal world conquering efforts of Germany and Japan, the geopolitical arrangement of today’s world would be *extremely different*. Also, many fail to recognize the *prophetic significance* of the current alliance between the British, North America, and the Jewish state of Israel. Clearly, many of the quibblers would simply say it’s just the way “things and stuff” washed out. It’s the luck of the draw, “politics as usual.”

Quite the contrary, *it’s not just blind fate!* Nor is it some kind of reward from God because of the godly attributes, righteousness, or goodness of the American dream, its political forefathers, or the society that has come from this amalgamation of ethnicities and cultures. (Admittedly, the British and American political/military policies, including our leadership over the past decades and centuries, *have not* always been with the purest of intentions when compared to God’s moral standards.)

However, that being said, it doesn’t erase the fact that presently we have a growing number of nations, cultures, and people who have selectively forgotten the *blood, sweat, and tears* over the last 400 to 600 years that the British and North Americans have sacrificed in global conflicts and struggles, endeavoring to derail the efforts of tyrants and dictators around the world. This was *not mischance, coincidental, or happenstance* according to your Bible. Clearly, it was by

design, guided and steered through a variety of geopolitical circumstances that resulted in *fulfilling some ancient promises* made to a single patriarch, Abraham, and his family, who were considered faithful by God. This resulted in the emergence of the *greatest* commonwealth (company) of nations and the *greatest* nation the world has ever seen—the British Commonwealth and the United States of America (Genesis 48:16–22).

#### FACTS TO CONSIDER

There are some interesting facts, events, and comments of *American history*, specifically, explaining just how obvious it was that this greatest nation was indeed framed from the model of *biblically* based Judeo-Christian ethics and law, with Jesus Christ being central to this endeavor.

Almost 400 years ago, the group of people arriving on the Mayflower from England was essentially a *Christian* church congregation, pastored by a man named John Robinson. However, choosing to remain behind with the majority of this independent congregation (which separated from the Christian Church of England), deferred the departing of the first group to North America under the leadership of Elder Brewster. They sighted land in the Cape Cod area, off the east coast near the present city of Boston, in the month of November, 1620. Only half of the approximately 102 original passengers would survive the first winter.

Interestingly, it's a fact that this small group of *Christian Separatists*, *pilgrims* as they considered themselves, was fleeing religious persecution from the Church of England. The "compact" that all of them signed before disembarking included the following terminology: "*In the Name of God, Amen... Having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian Faith...in the preference of God and one another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together...*" These references clearly indicate that God was an important, intrinsic, and central idea to their thinking, as was specifically, the *Christian faith*. As these English colonies began to grow and develop, they perceived the hand of God guiding their fledgling "nation settlement" in a direction that even they admitted was un-chartered.

Approximately 140 years later, George Washington himself, writing to his brother John Washington, wrote about his sense of Providence due to the protection he received during the French and Indian War. Washington wrote, "*But by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bul-*

*lets through my coat and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!*"

Traveling with his boyhood friend, Dr. Craik, the two of them riding near the Ohio River fifteen years later came upon an Indian chief who admitted he [the Indian chief] tried killing him [George Washington] with 17 easy shots. The chief said, "Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man [*pointing to Washington*], and *guides his destinies*—he will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the *founder of a mighty empire*. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the *particular favorite of Heaven*, and who can never die in battle." The chief continued, "Washington was never born to be killed by a bullet! I had seventeen fair fires at him with my rifle, and after all could not bring him to the ground!" This *historical fact* was taught throughout the schools of America until 1934. Today, lamentably, it's *no longer* POLITICALLY CORRECT!

Pastor **Henry Muhlenberg**, of the Lutheran Church near Valley Forge, said this concerning General George Washington: "I heard a fine example today, namely, that His Excellency General Washington rode around among his army yesterday and admonished each and everyone to fear God, to put away the wickedness that has set in and become so general, and to *practice the Christian virtues*. From all appearances, this gentleman does not belong to the so-called world of society, for he respects God's Word, believes in the *atonement through Christ*, and bears himself in humility and gentleness. Therefore, the Lord God has also singularly, yea, marvelously, *preserved him from harm* in the midst of countless perils, ambushes, fatigues, etc. and has hitherto graciously held him in His hand as a *chosen vessel*."

And perhaps no other quote so succinctly presents this notion of divine providence and destiny, than the memo Washington himself wrote to Brigadier-General Thomas Nelson in Virginia, when he said, "The *hand of Providence* has been so conspicuous in all this (the course of the war) that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more wicked that has not gratitude to acknowledge his obligations; but it will be time enough for me to turn Preacher when my present appointment ceases." In other words, Washington believed it to be *very obvious* that God's hand was on him and the genesis of the nation by virtue of the way events played out to the benefit of the colonies.

#### ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL PROOF

There are many other facts and statements from

other leaders of the time that undeniably prove the United States of America was indeed established as a *Judeo-Christian culture*, based on both Old and New Testaments, with the precepts of Jesus Christ central to the laws of its society. Notice what **John Jay**, co-author of the Federalist papers, said: “*Providence* has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people—a people descended from the same ancestors... This country and this people seem to have been made for each other.” **Patrick Henry** said, “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*.”

**George Washington**, speaking to a Hebrew congregation in Savannah, Georgia, said, “May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivering the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors planted them in the promised land—Whose *Providential Agency* has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation—still continue to water them with the dews of Heaven and to make the inhabitants for every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah.”

**Thomas Jefferson**, in his Second Inaugural Address, said, “I shall need too, the favor of that Being whose hands we are, *who led our forefathers*, as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessities and comforts of life, who has covered our infancy with *His Providence* and our riper years with His wisdom and power...” **Thomas Jefferson**, writing to Dr. Benjamin Rush *about Jesus Christ* said, “His system of morals...if filled up in the style and spirit of the rich fragments He left us would be the most perfect and sublime that has ever been taught by man... Of all the systems of morality, ancient and modern, which have come under my observation, *none appear to me so pure as that of Jesus*.”

**Alexis De Tocqueville**, a French historian, while traveling in New York in August of 1831, made this observation concerning a local court case in Chester County, illustrating the importance of a belief in God among the common U.S. citizenry of that time. He wrote, “The court of common pleas of Chester County...*rejected a witness* who declared his disbelief in the existence of God. The presiding *judge remarked*, that he had not before been aware that there was a man living who *did not believe* in the existence of God...and that he knew of no case in a *Christian country*, where a witness had been permitted to testify

without such belief.” How times have changed! **Gustave de Beaumont**, another French historian, said in that same year, “Religion in America is not only a moral institution, but *also a political institution*... In the United States, the law is *never* atheistic.” Admittedly, these visiting French historians recognized what they believed to be obvious; the nation was built within a Christian framing.

Today, it’s also a known historical fact that the Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England and the original Colonial Charters included language to the effect that said, “...to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace...” Many of these documents are “salted and peppered” with language clearly affirming the *Christian mind set* these early settlers and national leaders had in the beginning of the United States.

To the chagrin of many, there are states today who *presently retain* in their state constitutions the qualifications necessary for any intended political delegate planning to represent that particular state’s constituency. Unfortunately, those qualifications are not enforced. The reason becomes obvious, because these qualifications are no longer viewed legitimate due to the current anti-Christian bias encroaching within our society. Notice what some of these requirements demand.

The state of **Delaware** requires in Article 22: “Every person, who shall be chosen a member of either house, or appointed to any office or place of trust... shall...make and subscribe the following declaration, to wit: I, “John Doe,” do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.”

**Pennsylvania’s** constitution required the delegate to make a similar declaration: “I do believe in one God, the creator and governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and the punisher of the wicked, and I do acknowledge the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.” We could include Massachusetts, North Carolina, Maryland, and many others, but it would only go to prove a lamentable fact: the United States of America *is abandoning* the precepts of the God of Israel, His Son Jesus Christ, and the writings of both Old and New Testaments. These documents no longer retain the central influence or sense of importance they once had when the nation was young and small in its own sight.



**A DISTURBING WARNING TO A NATION WHO  
ABANDONS GOD**

In Deuteronomy 32:15–52, Moses makes a prophetic warning to the nation Jeshurun (Israel). This young, poor, and homeless nation, Israel, was about to go into the Promised Land. They had just finished their exhausting forty years of trial in the wilderness. And yet, Moses knew they would “wax fat” and “grow thick,” becoming ultimately a great nation. He also knew they would forget their God, provoking Him to jealousy WITH STRANGE GODS! Regrettably, ALL of North America (Canada included) is repeating this history.

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He does not change. NORTH AMERICA has been given more blessings than most nations on earth, and sadly has *ignored* the source of those blessings. Presently, *throughout the continent*, a secular hedonistic humanism is growing in popularity. As this occurs, the role of God becomes marginalized, if not eliminated, in the lives of the people and shamefully, its leaders. Samuel Adams said, “A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely *overthrow* the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they *cannot* be subdued; but when once they *lose their virtue* then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.” The current trends illustrate a reckless abandonment of God AND *Christian virtue* in our present day social order, obviously the counter distinction Samuel Adams warned this young nation about.

Ancient Israel of old finally degenerated into such a wretched social and moral condition that even God could not tolerate it any longer. He finally mentioned, through the prophet Amos some years previous to the first invasion by the Assyrian army, “Thus saith the LORD; As a shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria [*the northern ten tribes of Israel would be destroyed, not Judah*] in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch [*those who were living in the lap of luxury at the time*]. ... That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel [*ancient pagan worship sites within the nation of Israel*]; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground [*they will be destroyed*]. And I will smite the winter house with the summer house [*vacation and luxury homes*]; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses [*mansions*] shall have an

end, saith the LORD” (Amos 3:12–15).

Some years later, Hosea continues the warning by saying, “For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place [*they will become vulnerable and destroyed because God will pull His protection away*]. Ephraim [*a prophetic name primarily referencing the British Commonwealth and the United States of America*] is joined to idols: let him alone. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love [*her rulers love shameful things*], Give ye. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices” [*they shall be blown away like leaves in the wind because of their sins*] (Hosea 4:16–19).

Today, much in the same way these ancient ten tribes of Israel did, North America and Great Britain, blessed at one time with more than most, aspiring to become the greatest commonwealth of nations and greatest nation the world had ever seen, have squandered their blessings and become oblivious to losing their position of influence as the geopolitical superpowers they once were. *Secular* and *biblical* history proves God blessed these cultures for the good of mankind. Over the years, regardless of what the gain-sayers and revisionists claim, human rights have been greatly enhanced and protected, generally speaking, by the influence of their hegemony. Unfortunately, these days are coming to a close, because God is not amused by a social system in conflict with the original Judeo/Christian precepts that should underscore its cultural identity.

Our nation is adrift, moving further away from the original values and standards ensconced in the Old and New Testaments, which defined our *Christian heritage*. Jesus Christ and the one He introduced as the Father are sending out a *sharp clear appeal* to all who will hear: *REPENT* and *COMMIT* your life to the Christian “way” by accepting Jesus Christ as Messiah and Savior. The day is upon us; it’s time we recognize our nation and our personal lives *have NEED* of a relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Our nation is *departing* from the God of Israel and Jesus Christ, who are fundamental to our nation’s blessings and protection.

We are warned to “Take heed...lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in *DEPARTING* from the living God” (Hebrews 3:12). It is not a good thing to be in that position. Therefore, “**Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts...**” (Hebrews 3:15).