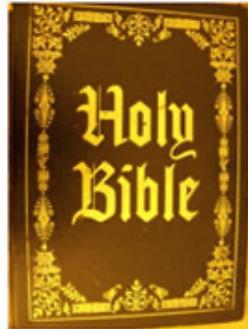


PARALLEL CONCEPTS BETWEEN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION & THE BIBLE

Many Biblical concepts are also reflected in our Constitution



Today, there are opposing sides and differing opinions by American citizens (and Non-citizens) as to the connection (the wisdom) behind the validity of truth that the Bible and its moral truths were interwoven in the Constitution of the United States.

"In my opinion, there is no doubt as to the amazing correlation between Biblical concepts and the Principles of Liberty established by the Founders for freedom, prosperity, and peace, and how they were reflected in the Declaration of Independence."

Many of those same concepts are also reflected in our structure of government as established by the Constitution of the United States.

- These reflections should not surprise the honest student of American History.
- Scholarly studies have shown that the Bible was the most quoted source, by far, in all the Founders' speeches and writings.
- The reverence which the Founders showed toward Biblical concepts in both the Old and New Testaments was reflected by John Adams when he said:

"Suppose a nation in some distant Region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and

reverence toward Almighty God.... What a Utopia, what a Paradise would this region be."

Note: When reading the Biblical law of government as proclaimed by Moses, we need to remember and reflect on the fact that ancient Israel was a unitary republic of one nationality and one faith. The American Founders knew they must establish a government for a pluralistic society. It was John Adams who took these same functions of government from the Old Testament record (Isaiah 33:22, For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our King; it is He who will save us).

Adams pushed for a separation of powers into three branches.

As the student of history studies these references and tries to understand the spirit in which they were given, he will, no doubt, come to see that same spirit in the ideas of the Founders as they structured the American nation.

- We find that no other source gave to the Founders the ingredients they sought for the establishment of a free people better than the Bible.
- No writings of ancient philosophers, which the Founders also studied, established the pathway to freedom so powerfully as did the Bible. As the Bible is read and studied, it is hoped that the Holy Spirit will distill upon the reader as they did upon the Founders. It will soon become apparent to the honest seeker of truth that, as George Washington testified many times, the Hand of Providence was in this work.

The following quotes from our Founders reveal a great deal about their beliefs and the origins of our nation:

The First Charter of Virginia (granted by King James I, on April 10, 1606)

We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a Work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of his Divine Majesty, in propagating of Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God...

William Bradford...Wrote that they [the Pilgrims] were seeking:

1. "a better, and easier place of living"; and that "the children of the group were being drawn away by evil examples into extravagance and dangerous courses [in Holland]"
2. "The great hope, and for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world"

John Adams, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

"I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world."

Samuel Adams, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS

"I . . . [rely] upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins."

"The name of the Lord (says the Scripture) is a strong tower; thither the righteous flee and are safe [Proverbs 18:10]. Let us secure His favor and He will lead us through the journey of this life and at length receive us to a better place."

Benjamin Franklin, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION; DIPLOMAT; PRINTER; SCIENTIST; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"As to Jesus of Nazareth, my opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and His religion as He left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see."

John Hancock, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS; REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS

"He called on the entire state to pray "that universal happiness may be established in the world [and] that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole earth be filled with His glory."

Patrick Henry, REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; LEGISLATOR; "THE VOICE OF LIBERTY"; RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

"Being a Christian... is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast."

"The Bible... is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed."

"This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed."

Thomas Jefferson, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; DIPLOMAT; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA; SECRETARY OF STATE; THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man."

"The practice of morality being necessary for the well being of society, He [God] has taken care to impress its precepts so indelibly on our hearts that they shall not be effaced by the subtleties of our brain. We all agree in the obligation of the moral principles of Jesus and nowhere will they be found delivered in greater purity than in His discourses."

"I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be: sincerely attached to His doctrines in preference to all others."

"I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ."

George Washington, JUDGE; MEMBER OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS; COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY; PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY"

"You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are."

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

From the Preamble to the United States Constitution:

Preamble = : an introductory statement especially: the introductory part of a constitution or statute that usually states the reasons for and intent of the law; an introductory fact or circumstance indicating what is to follow.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."



Knowing the truth that has set us free...do we, as American citizens, uphold to the general principles of the United States Constitution as it reflects the Christian precepts as it is written? Will you help to establish justice and help provide for the domestic tranquility of our country? Give God the praise!!