



A Lesson in Patriotism...Reasons to Love Our God, Family, and Country!

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Patriotism can be described as a devoted love or sense of loyalty toward one's country. Some wonder whether such sentiments align with the life of faith, which centers upon wholehearted devotion to God.

The question arises: Can believers express national loyalty without compromising their ultimate allegiance to the Creator?

"One nation under God"...The phrase "**under God**" was officially added to the Pledge of Allegiance on **June 14, 1954**, by the 83rd United States Congress and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower

"In God We Trust" originated during the American Civil War and became the official U.S. national motto in 1956, appearing on all currency by 1957.

Origins During the Civil War

The phrase "In God We Trust" first emerged in 1861 when Reverend M.R. Watkinson of Pennsylvania wrote to Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase, urging that U.S. coins recognize the Almighty to boost Union morale and emphasize divine protection during the Civil War. Chase acted on this suggestion, instructing Mint Director James Pollock to prepare coin designs, ultimately selecting "In God We Trust" for its brevity and clarity.

Let's try to understand the times:

Some people say that America is not a Christian nation. How do I read it?

We are certainly a nation of Christians - and have been since the days of our founding fathers.

- ✓ Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance."

- ✓ Concerning Israel, Genesis 12:3, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

The goal to take over America is alive and well.

The WOKE Generation...is really the generation who is accepting the Communist manifesto as the goal for America. We are seeing our nation being divided...even like or worse than before the Civil War.

The Civil War in America was an "abomination" then and the idea of erasing history and implementing a 1619-WOKE philosophy will be an "abomination" to our nation today.

Someone said, "You need to keep politics out of religion."

I say, "If you yield to that philosophy and idea then you are opening yourself and our country up to a weak and dreary future."

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." Albert Einstein

Question: Do the present-day politicians understand this fact? Probably not!

They need a history lesson (CIVICS 101) about our great Country.

A Gospel Truth...

OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED ON THE PRECEPTS AND PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S WORD.

- ***The description of America as "A Christian Nation" makes sense if you're talking about American history.***
- ***The original American colonies were overwhelmingly Christian. In fact, most started as Christian charters.***

Facts about our Founding Fathers and the Founding of our nation.

- ***The First Charter of Virginia (granted by King James I, 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 "A better, and easier place of living" and that "their children could hold to God's course of instruction (The great hope)"...and "for the advancement of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in the remote parts of the world."*
- **The Mayflower Compact, 1620...** *"Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together..."*
- **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." **John Adams**

- **John Quincy Adams, SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.** *"My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ."*

"The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth."

Congress, 1854 Proclamation... "The great, vital, and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and the divine truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

- **Benjamin Franklin, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

"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; Governor of Massachusetts...** *"I call 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...**

"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; THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...** *"The doctrines of Jesus are simple, and tend all to the happiness of man."*

"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."

- **Francis Scott Key, AUTHOR OF THE "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"...** *"May I always hear that you are following the guidance of that blessed Spirit that will lead you into all truth, leaning on that Almighty arm that has been extended to deliver you, trusting only in the only Savior, and going on in your way to Him rejoicing."*

- **Benjamin Rush, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; "FATHER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION"...** *"The Gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life."*

"The Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world."

"The Bible... should be read in our schools in preference to all other books because it contains the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness."

George Washington, 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."***

Abraham Lincoln, Upon proclaiming a National Fast Day (30 March 1863).

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!"

Abraham Lincoln Quotes...

- After an important decision concerning the country's future, a counselor to the President, Abraham Lincoln, said... "Mr. President, I hope that God is on our side." Mr. Lincoln calmly replied, "What I am worried about is, not if God is on our side, but if we are on God's side."
- Abraham Lincoln said, "I have often been driven to my knees in prayer because I had nowhere else to go."

I am proud to be an American!

It's the Military, not the politicians, who battle for our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

And the American military, in general, believe that God is the anchor and leader in our battle for truth. God gives us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Over the graves of George and Martha Washington is this Scripture:

<i>"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25-26.</i>
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Actually, the verse is not complete...the actual verse states, "And Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *Do you believe this?*"

- *Jesus was not only asking Martha (Lazarus's sister) if she believed this, He was asking the whole world this question... "Do you believe that there is an afterlife in which all who believe that Jesus was the resurrection and the life will live even though he or she dies...and, once in heaven, we will never die?"*
- *Jesus was asking the key question for every man, woman, boy and girl...*

Do you believe I can resurrect the dead? Trust Me!

Conclusion:

Believing in Jesus, loving our family...and faithfully living our lives to try to honor our God and Country should be our greatest goal.

- **YES...WE MUST COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ACTIONS AGAINST OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY!**
- *Today we salute the families of the American soldiers who were killed in service to our country.
We pay honor to those who served and are now serving this great nation.*
- **May God continue to bless this great nation through the remnant of people who know Jesus Christ, Our Lord.**

*Our nation stands because of praying people
with praying hearts.*

