



**THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
AND THE FOUNDING
OF OUR NATION**

TRUTH VS. FALSEHOODS

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FALSEHOOD: Our nation was not founded Biblical principals- we are not a CHRISTIAN nation.

TRUTH: The basis of the freedom we enjoy today comes from the Bible. Our forefathers founded America with clear and deliberate ideas and principles taken directly from God's Holy word. Our nation was built upon solid principals which have been proven over time.

For two hundred-thirty four years America has stood as a beacon of light to the world. We are known around the world as a place of refuge, offering freedom and hope for any person who make America their home. No other nation in history has had such prosperity and privileges as America. Those wanting to destroy America today would have us think this happened by accident, but not so. **America was founded a Biblical foundation, that if adhered to, can never fail- because God never fails. God's Word shaped America!**

Over the past 50 years there has been a deliberate attempt to destroy America's foundation and re-writer history. We can see this from the very beginning of America's discovery starting with Christopher Columbus.

Speaking with various college students, over the past ten years, I am amazed of lack of understanding they have as to how our Nation was founded. The information they received throughout their high school level grades is in many cases absolutely false and the truth is simply omitted. The Lord willing, I plan to present you with a series over the next few weeks, of facts concerning the founding of America. I will begin today going all the way back to Christopher Columbus. It is simply mind boggling to me how Christopher Columbus is portrayed as a drunken, womanizing, money grabbing adventurer by so called professors of our day and NO ONE seems to care. These men and woman teaching lies daily, should be run out of our universities. Instead they are given top positions with large salaries. Incredible!!!

FALSEHOOD: Christopher Columbus was not a Christian. God had nothing to do with his discovery of America. He sailed for money, pleasure and fame.

TRUTH: God directed his every step. America was destined to become a place of refuge for God's chosen people, the Jews and all who were oppressed.

Fact: **Christopher Columbus was not only a Christian, he was a Bible Scholar.** He wrote a book entitled, ***The Book of Prophecies. 1*** This fact is important for us to know because it gives us insight to his motive for his voyage.

Fact: Columbus kept a journal. He wrote these words in his journal: "At a very early age I began to sail upon the ocean. For more than 40 years I have sailed everywhere that people go. **I prayed to the most merciful Lord** about my heart's great desire and **he gave me the spirit and the intelligence** for the task - seafaring, astronomy, geometry, arithmetic, skill in drafting, spherical maps and placing correctly the cities, rivers, mountains and ports. I also studied cosmology, history;

chronology and philosophy. It was the Lord who put it to my mind. I could feel His hand upon me. The fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit because he comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures. For the execution of the journey I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps. It was simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied."²

- History books amazingly are void of these entries. I wonder why?

Fact: Christopher Columbus wrote also that he had a firm belief that he had been called by God from his mother's womb. He stated his mother named him Christopher (*Christ bearer*), in reference to Isaiah 49: 1, which states, "Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from afar; The Lord hath called me from the womb, from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name."³

Fact: Columbus also firmly believed God had called him to be a missionary explorer and to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathen, according to Isaiah 49:6 which states, "I will also give thee a light to the Gentiles that thou mayest be my salvation to the ends of the earth."⁴

- Does this sound like a drunken mercenary, sailing the seas for money, fame and wild women like the humanistic books of today would have one to think! Our youth of today are being hi-jacked and lied to. The agenda is to wipe God from our thinking. It is a deliberate planned agenda that started with the Humanist manifesto in the 1930's and continues to this day.

Fact: Columbus christened the first island on which he landed, "San Salvador," meaning Holy Savior. He knelt down and prayed these words, "Oh Lord, Almighty, and Everlasting God, by Thy Holy Word thou has created the heaven and the earth and the sea. Blessed and glorified be Thy name and praise be Thy Majesty which had designed to use us, thy humble servants, that Thy Holy Name may be proclaimed in the second part of the earth." In fact on every single island in which they stopped Columbus instructed his men to erect a large wooden cross, a token to our Lord Jesus Christ in honor of the Christian faith. ⁵ – **Amazing!**

Part Two

One hundred and twenty eight years after Columbus discovered America the Pilgrims made their voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to America in the year 1620.

FACT: Those who came to America were God-fearing individuals

The Pilgrims were God-fearing individuals, living in England. The state run church in England had become so corrupt that a group of God-fearing individuals broke away from the apostate church. They were called separatists in England for separating themselves from the state run Church.

In 1607, as a result of terrible persecutions from the Church of England upon their persons, reputations, family and livelihood, the Separatists departed their home country of England for Holland **solely because of their faith**. In his writings, the History of Plymouth Plantation, Governor William Bradford records their farewell as follows. "So being thus constrained to leave their native soil country, their lands and all of their friends to a country they knew not, but these things did not dismay them **for their desires were set upon the ways of God and to enjoy his ordinances. They rested in His providence and they knew whom they believed.**" **6** After 12 years in Holland and **much prayer**, the Separatists believed they were to resettle once again in Virginia. They sent a letter containing seven articles to the Counsel of England asking for permission to settle in Virginia. "Article 3 stated" **"The Kings Majesty we acknowledge, for supreme governor in his dominion, but in all things obedient is due him if the thing commanded be not against the Lord's word.** Subscribed by John Robinson and William Bruster."**7**

Governor William Bradford described their departure from Holland: "Being ready to depart, they had a day of **solemn humiliation.** **Their Pastor, John Robinson, had taken his text from Ezra 8:21,** which states, **"And there at the River of Ahava, I proclaim the fast that we might humble ourselves before God and seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance."** The rest of the time was spent in **pouring out prayers to the Lord with great fervency.** Mixed with abundance of tears, they knew that they were **Pilgrims according to Hebrews 11: 13. What could now sustain them but the Spirit of God in his Grace?"** **8**

FACT: 102 Pilgrims made the choice to risk their lives, making this very dangerous and treacherous voyage. They knew nothing of the land except it was inhabited by savages.

FACT: For six long weeks aboard the Mayflower they lived in a room that was only five and one-half feet tall, twenty-five feet wide and eighty feet long. They had no privacy. Think about it. There were no bathrooms, showers, cooked meals or nurseries for a baby that was just born on the ship. Thirty-four children would constantly cry out of fear as storms tossed the Mayflower from side to side. The tossing made everyone seasick and the smell of vomit, perspiration and latrine odors was almost unbearable. Aboard the Mayflower were thirty heathen sailors who hated the Pilgrims, their prayers and the psalms they sang. The time was actually nine and one-half weeks from the very beginning to the end. Yet all 102 endured...why?

FACT: The answer is found in the Mayflower Compact. It was signed by Governor William Bradford and the leaders of the Pilgrims on November 11, 1620, before setting foot on dry land at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Here is what it says, "In the name of God, Amen, having undertaken for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one another covenant and combine ourselves together in a civil body politic for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid. And by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices.,,9

FACT: The Pilgrims came to America for the advancement of the Christian faith. They were missionaries to the Indians. These God-fearing people made a covenant between themselves and God to be witnesses to the Indians. In order to preserve this Holy Covenant the Pilgrims enacted just laws, ordinances, constitutions and offices based upon the Word of God. This was the FOUNDATION of AMERICA.

Part Three

FACT: Ten years after the Pilgrims one thousand Puritans sailed to America and founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Who were the Puritans and why did they come to America?

You will remember last week we saw that the Pilgrims were God-fearing individuals, living in England. The state run church in England had become so corrupt that these God-fearing individuals broke away from the apostate church. They earned the name "Separatists" in England for separating themselves from the state run Church. These "Separatists" endured great persecutions from the Church of England upon their persons, reputations, family and livelihood. They left England for Holland where they lived for 10 years and then sailed for America.

While the separatist (so called because they broke away from the church) separated themselves from the apostate Church of England another group stayed and tried to purify it from within. These folks earned the name Puritans

They had little results and so like their brethren before them they drafted an agreement called the Cambridge Agreement, which states, "It is fully and faithfully agreed among us by the first of next March, we will pass the seas under God's protection to inhabit New England. The whole government together with patent for said plantation will be first." 10

FACT: It is well documented in their writings that they would trust the leading of the Holy Spirit for their undertaking and the new form of government, which would be based on the principles and the values of the Word of God.

FACT: Their minister, John Cotton, gave them a farewell sermon from Second Samuel 7: 10, which states, "Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more, neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore as before times." 11

FACT: The Puritans were led by Governor John Winthrop, a successful lawyer and **a strong Christian**. While traveling to America he penned **A Model of Christian Charity**, which became a guideline for future constitutional covenants of the colonies stating, "We are a company **professing ourselves fellow members of Christ** and thus we ought to account ourselves **knit together by this bond of love**. We shall find the God of Israel is among us when ten of us shall be able to resist a thousand of our enemies. That men of succeeding plantations shall say the Lord make it like New England. For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us"**12** WOW Did you hear that. How dare professors in our Universities tell us we do not have a Godly heritage. These liberal historians paint a very different pitcher of the Pilgrims and Puritans. Their portrait is men who were harsh and unloving. Proud and demanding...Not so. These were men and woman of humility willing to be ruled by the Word of God!!

FACT: The first constitution was written in America on January 14, 1639. It was called the **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut**. This constitution was penned by Roger Ludlow after hearing a sermon from the famous Puritan Minister, Thomas Hooker. In fact Connecticut became known as the Constitution State.

FACT: The committee that convened to frame the Orders was charged to **make the laws as near the law of God as they could be**. The preamble stated, "And well knowing, when a people are gathered together, **the Word of God requires** that to maintain the peace and union of such a people that there should be an orderly and decent government **established according to God**. We do, therefore, associate ourselves to be **one public state**, to maintain and **preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, which we now profess**. **The Gospel is now practiced among us and also in our civil affairs to be guided and governed according to such laws, rules, orders and decrees."**

FACT: Article 1 of this Constitution stated that the **Scriptures hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men, in all duties which they are to perform.**

FACT: Article 2 states, "In all public offices which concern civil order **as the choice of their civil magistrates, making and repealing laws and things of light nature, would be governed by the rules which the Scriptures held forth to them."****13**

FACT: This Constitution also ordered two general assemblies every year, annual elections, qualifications for citizenship, vote by ballot, nomination method, limitation of term of office, qualifications for public office and the rights of the people preserved through representative assemblies.

This was the foundation of our Government in America!!!!

FACT: The first Bill of Rights in America was written by Reverend Nathaniel Ward of Massachusetts in 1641. "Reverend Ward drafted 98 liberties and laws **from the Word of God** which he called The Body of Liberties." **5**

A few of those liberties (written in 1641 by a preacher drafted from God's Holy Word) were: the right to life, the right to own private property and the right to a trial by jury.

FACT: We are told by Godless historians today that our rights came from the amendments to the U.S. Constitution. (written by men who were Deists or Godless) That just is not so! Our rights were given by **God's word** which was the foundation used by the Godly Puritans who gave us these rights in constitutional form in the document the Body of Liberties written in 1641.

FACT: Did you know that the body of liberties also contained laws for capital crimes, such as "If any person commits any willful murder, he shall be put to death," **Exodus 21:12**. "If any man lies with mankind as he lies with a woman, they shall be put to death," **Leviticus 20: 13**. Repeatedly the Word of God was the foundation for the laws of the land.

Part Four – Schools in America

FACT: America's FIRST school was **HARVARD!**

FACT: It was founded in 1636 by **Reverend John Harvard**, a Godly man, who donated the property and his entire library.

FACT: The declared purpose of this school was "**to train illiterate clergy.**" **15** In other words, to make sure the preachers could read and understand the Word of God, even in the original Greek and Hebrew.

FACT: Harvard's official motto was if you can imagine, "**For Christ and the Church.**" **16**

FACT: Many of our founding fathers such as John Adams, John Hancock and Samuel Adams, all signers of the Declaration of Independence, later attended Harvard.

Just like colleges and universities today, Harvard had certain requirements. The requirement of America's first school stated, "**Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3, and, "therefore, to lay Christ in the bottom is the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning, everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day, that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."** **17**

- Don't let some godless professor tell you any different. Harvard's main purpose was for each student to know God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures.
- This was the foundation of the educational system in America.

FACT: "The first ten of twelve Presidents of Harvard were Ministers. Over 50 percent of the 17th century graduates became Ministers. In fact 106 of the first 108 schools in America were founded on Christian faith."**18**

QUESTION: Do you know what **the first public school law was in America?**

FACT: It was called "The Old Deluder Satan Act."

That law stated, "It being one chief project of that 'Old Deluder Satan' to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures as in former times, that after the Lord has increased the settlement to the number of 50 householders, they shall appoint one within their own town to teach all the children to read and write." **19**

The reason the "Old Deluder Satan Act" was passed by the colonists of Massachusetts and Connecticut was to prevent illiteracy and the abuse of power over a population ignorant of the Scriptures as had been the case in Europe!

FACT: "The first school textbook printed in America was called the *New England Primer*. This *Primer* was printed in 1690 in Boston and used until **1900**-that's 210 years.

Our founding fathers, as well as most other Americans, learned to read and spell from the *New England Primer*. *Here is what* the boys and girls were taught in the public schools for 210 years.

The first section of this *Primer* contains the rhyming alphabet.

"A, in Adams fall we sinned all. C, Christ crucified for sinners died. E, Elijah hid by ravens fed.

The second section contained the A, B, C's with Bible verses. A, a wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. E, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. L, liars shall have their part in the lake which bums with fire and brimstone. N, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.

The third section contained the spelling of words with Bible names. These are men's names: Adam, Abel, Abraham, Aaron, David, Daniel, Elijah, Ezekiel. These are some women's names. Debra, Dorcas, Grace, Mary, Martha, Rebecca.

The last section contained the shorter catechism, which was questions and answers. Here is a sample of what the first graders test washow well can you do?

Question: What are the decrees of God? ----How does God execute his decrees? ----What are God's works of providence? -----What is the third Commandment? -----What is required in the Third Commandment? -----What is forbidden in the Third Commandment? -----What is the reason annexed to the Third Commandment? -----And how about this for a first grade question, "What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?" **20** WOW! Have we come a long way or what...the ten commandments can not even be quoted in school.

This text book was used for 210 years in our schools and it can no longer be used in our public schools today because of the myth of separation of church and state?

FACT: Princeton, was founded in 1746 by the Presbyterian Church. Up until 1902 every President of Princeton was a minister. The University's official motto was, 'Under God's power she flourishes.' Here is the founding statement for Princeton, "**Cursed is all learning contrary to the cross of Christ.**" What a statement for a University."**21**

"Princeton produced nearly one-third of the 200-plus founding fathers including James Madison, Father of our U.S. Constitution and Doctor Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence, who graduated from Princeton **at age 14.** Amazingly, the average age to enter these schools was **12 years old.** The freshman project for these schools **was to translate the greek New Testament into English in their own handwriting. The student also had to be trilingual in Latin, Greek and English.**" **22**

FACT: Yale University, graduated such founding fathers as William Johnson and William Livingston, both signers of the U.S. Constitution, and Noah Webster who authored the famous *Webster's Dictionary.* "**23** Yale's Charter of 1745 clarified the intention of the college. "**Under the blessing of Almighty God we have trained up many worthy persons for the service of God in the state as well as the church.**" **24** These schools, Harvard, Princeton and Yale, are the ones that **influenced the values and philosophies of a majority of individuals who signed the Declaration and the Constitution. ...AMERICA WAS FOUNDED ON GODLY PRINCIPALS BY GODLY MEN AND WOMAN.**

Part Five

Let's take a look at some of the lives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Fact: The book, *The Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence*, (which I have in my library), was a school textbook in 1848.

School children were taught about these individuals who signed the Declaration of Independence and the Godly lives that they lived. The following is a quote: "Roger Sherman, from the Connecticut Delegation, was a professor of religion and one of its brightest ornaments, nor was his religion that which appeared only on occasions. It was with him a principle in habit. It appeared in the closet, in the family, on the Bench and in the Senate House. Few men had a higher reverence for the Bible. Few men studied it with a deeper attention. Few were more intimately acquainted with the Doctrines of the Gospel."**25**

Fact: Roger Sherman was the only founder that signed **all four of the nation's major documents**: His signature is found on the Articles of Association in 1774, the Declaration of Independence in 1776, the Articles of Confederation in 1777 and the Constitution in 1787.

Listen to this statement by Mr. Sherman in February of 1776, "That all civil rights and the right to hold office were to be extended to persons **of any Christian denomination.** "26
This is a powerful statement about public policy in government from a founding father.

Fact: Doctor John Witherspoon of the New Jersey Delegation, was the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence. Here is a quote American children read concerning his life. "Besides his practice to observe the last day of each year with his family as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, it was also his practice to set apart days for secret fasting and prayer as the occasion suggested."27

Listen to this quote, "While at Princeton, Doctor Witherspoon trained nearly **70 of the founding fathers**, including 1 President, 1 Vice President, 3 Supreme Court Justices, 10 cabinet members, 12 Governors, 21 Senators and 39 Congressmen, all under Princeton's philosophy which we stated earlier, 'cursed be all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ! ' 27...AMAZING... (How dare professors ridicule students who claim our forefathers were Godly men and woman and that America is a Godly nation. History is truly being distorted...no, not distorted ..LIED ABOUT and changed by liberal professors with a hidden agenda to tear down everything that has to do with God. We are living in the end times....It is time to stand for Jesus.

FACT: The following was written about Doctor Benjamin Rush, from the Pennsylvania Delegation "It was his usual practice to close the **day by reading to his collected family a chapter in the Bible** and afterwards by addressing his Maker in prayer, devoutly acknowledging his goodness for favors received and humbly imploring continued protection and blessing."29

Dr. Rush was also a policy maker for three Presidents. In 1791 he authored an educational policy paper entitled "The Bible in Schools. "30 He gave **12 reasons why the Bible would never be taken out of the schools in America.** ...HELLO, is anyone listening....Can you imagine Doctor Rush coming back today carrying his Bible into the schools as teachers and students had done for well over 300 years? Due to the infamous 1962 Supreme Court ruling, Doctor Rush would be told that it is now unconstitutional to read the Bible, pray or even see the Ten Commandments and would be asked to leave because of the myth of separation of church and state. And this wonderful book, *Lives of the Signers*, would also be classified as unconstitutional because of the same myth.

These were just a few out of many stories about these Godly lives of the signers. I recommend every Christian purchase a copy of this book which is available in most book stores and from Amazon.com. This book also gives us insight of the values these individuals exemplified in their daily lives.

FACT: Now I want to give you some statements that prove the founding fathers intended for Christian values and government to be interwoven and never to be separated. Unfortunately, the individual most people quote when dealing with this subject, the separation of church and state, is Thomas Jefferson. The reason being the letter he wrote to the Danbury Baptist Church in Connecticut in 1802. In this letter Jefferson made the statement that all of us are familiar with "separation of church and state." What multitudes of people don't know is that this phrase is not found in the First Amendment. In fact, this phrase is not found in any document written by our founding fathers. We can find the true intent of Jefferson's statement by reading the discussions recorded in the Congressional records from June 7th through September 25th of 1789.

FACT: The founders in their discussion on the First Amendment were saying, we do not want a national denomination in America like we had in Great Britain. We don't want one denomination running and controlling the nation. We will not all be Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, or any other denomination, but we do want **Christian principles**. This is proven in their statement and actions.

FACT: Thomas Jefferson's personal letter, where he mentions separation of Church and state also quoted the First Amendment, was to ensure the Danbury Baptist Church that the government's hands were tied from interfering with or in any way controlling the affairs or decisions of the churches of America.

FACT: Thomas Jefferson, "while being the third President, chaired the school board for the Washington DC public schools."³¹ In fact he authored the first plan of education adopted by the city. Guess what the two main textbooks were to teach reading to the students? *"The Bible and Watt 50 Hymnals."*³²

If President Jefferson was truly for separation of church and state the why did he put the Bible in schools? He explained why himself and I quote, "I have always said and always will say that the studious pursuit of the sacred volume will make us better citizens."³³ Does this sound like Thomas Jefferson wanted a separation of church and state? Any intelligent person would conclude not.

FACT: Thomas Jefferson also sent missionaries to the Indians in 1803, 1806 and 1807. These missionaries **were paid out of the Federal Treasury**. By an act of Congress, Jefferson designated land for the sole use of Christian Indians and the Moravian Brethren Missionaries for civilizing the Indians and promoting Christianity."³⁴ Does this sound like Thomas Jefferson wanted a separation of church and state?

FACT: On the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC. **three out of four speeches by Jefferson** etched in his memorial are **centered on God**. One speech states, "**God** who gave us life, gave us liberty. These liberties are the **gift of God**. **When we remove and violate these liberties, I tremble for my country**. When I reflect, **God is just and his justice cannot sleep forever.**"³⁵ This last statement by Thomas Jefferson shows he was not a Deist by today's definition as so many historians claim. I do not know nor can anyone what was in his heart but it is

plain to see for all who will look at the FACTS that Thomas Jefferson was a Biblically thinking and acting man.

Do you know how all this false history about our Christian heritage has come about? The Word of God has the answer. Hosea 4:6 states, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."

Here are some more statements that will prove our founding fathers intended for Christian values and government to be interwoven and never separated.

James Madison, father of the u.s. Constitution stated, *"We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and **all of us to govern ourselves according to The Ten Commandments of God.**"* **"36**

Noah Webster the founding father of America's education stated, *"The Christian religion is the **most important** and **one of the first things in which all children under a free government ought to be instructed.** No truth is more evident than the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.."* **"37**

John Adams, Our second President and signer of the Declaration of Independence stated, *"Religion and virtue are **the only foundation**, not only of republicanism and of all free government, but under all governments and in all combinations of human society."* **"38**

Religion, at the time of our founding fathers, was a Christian denomination. Anything else was called false religion according to Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary.

President John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams stated, *"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."* **"39**

Part Six

Up to this point we have learned:

1. How America was discovered by the inspiration of God in Christopher Columbus
2. How the Pilgrims and the Puritans established our intended government and laws on Christian principles.
3. How the education system was founded on Christian influence
4. How our founding fathers were trained in universities that instilled "Christian principals" ...It was their thoughts that authored the greatest document in America's history, the Declaration of Independence.

I have heard many today quote that the Declaration of Independence was the exclusive work of Thomas Jefferson. **This is an outright lie. No other way to say it nicely.**

FACT: There were four other men on the committee-"Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston and two very devout Christians, John Adams and Roger Sherman.

FACT: This committee made at least 30 changes. Another **50 men** spent July 2nd and 3rd revising the document and then Congress made 55 additional alterations, including the **removal of 480 words**. "1

FACT: When the Declaration of Independence was finally completed and approved, there was little resemblance to the original draft of Thomas Jefferson. Why would college professors state that the declaration of Independence was the sole work of Thomas Jefferson. Simply ask some young college person who wrote the Declaration of Independence and see for yourself how they answer.

There were four other men on a committee. Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, John Adams (a devout Christian) and Roger Sherman who also was a devout Christian. This committee made over 30 changes. Then another 50 men spent July 2nd and 3rd revising the document and Congress then made another 55 additional alteration, including the removal of 480 words." **40**
When completely finished the original draft of Thomas Jefferson was completely changed.

Another very important truth we need to understand is the *Declaration of Independence is the **Number one document of our nation and sets forth the values for our country***. The Constitution is the number two document of our nation and sets forth the specific logistics of how our nation should be run under the value system of the Declaration of Independence, **which is the laws of nature and of nature's God.**

Here is the preamble to the Declaration of Independence.

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the **"laws of nature and of nature's God"** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

- In the preamble the signers stated it was necessary to dissolve or sever (break away from) their political ties with Great Britain because of "the laws of nature and of nature's God." Most of us have never heard these eight words much less what they mean. Did you know every time we celebrate the 4th of July, it is because of these eight words, "the laws of nature and of nature's God?"

FACT: These eight words were the **whole basis and foundation** for the writing of the Declaration of Independence. The king of Great Britain had violated the laws of nature and nature's God again and again. There are Twenty-seven of these violations listed in the Declaration of Independence.

So then one may ask, "What are the laws of nature and of nature's God"? Blackstone's Commentaries on laws written in 1758 by the great English jurist, Sir William Blackstone, has the

answer. These law books, which almost served as the Bible of American lawyers, were used by our courts for **160 years** to settle disputes, to define words and to examine procedure. The eight words, the laws of nature and of nature's God, were already established in our nations law books 18 years before the Declaration of Independence was ever drafted.

Listen to what this "Law Book" has to say. "As man depends absolutely upon his maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his maker's will. This will of his maker is called the law of nature. These laws are eternal, emunable, laws of good and evil to which God himself conforms. That means they never change. This law of nature dictated by God Himself is of course superior to any other. It is binding over all the globe, all the countries and in all times, like in Russia and South America. No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this." **41** Did you hear this...."No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this." WOW

How many laws can you think of in our nation today that are contrary to the laws of God? Blackstone continues, "And if our reason were always as it were in our first ancestor before his transgression" (Blackstone is talking about Adam here) --"clear and perfect, this talk would be pleasant. and easy, but every man now finds the contrary in his own experience, that his reason is corrupt and his understanding full of ignorance and error. Therefore, it has placed Divine Providence to discover and enforce its laws by immediate and direct revelation and these laws are to be found only in the Holy Scriptures."**42** Our nation's value system was based on the **Word of God and remember, 18 years before the Declaration of Independence was written!!!**

FACT: Here are some of the laws from Blackstone's commentaries, used by American Courts for over 160 years to settle disputes, define words and to examine procedure. Under the section of Blackstone's law book called The Nature of Crimes and Their Punishment this is what is written about the crime of murder. ...

"We will next consider the crime of murder, which is punished almost universally throughout the world with death. The words of the Mosaic law over and again the general precepts of Noah that 'whosoever sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed' are very emphatical in prohibiting the pardon of murderers, (footnote, Genesis 9:6.) es, 'Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death for the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that sheddeth.' (Footnote, Numbers 35:31.)" **43** Blackstone continues, "the first murderer was Cain.(Footnote, Genesis 4:14."**44**) Blackstone's foundation for law came straight from the Holy Bible and it was quoted often by the framers of the declaration of Independence.

Here's a section under the crime against nature. Sadly, this crime is not enforced today because this crime is now called gay rights. "The infamous crime against nature committed with either man or beast, it is an offense of so dark a nature, the very mention of this crime is a disgrace to human nature. This is the voice of nature and of reason and the expressed laws of God determined to be capital. "If a man lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." Leviticus 20: 13. "If a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death." Leviticus 20: 15. "**45** Now, Blackstone

gives an example. "We have an instance, long before the Jewish dispensation by the destruction of two cities by fire from heaven, Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis Chapter 19, but now the general punishment of all felonies is the same, namely by hanging." **46**

Question: What if our founding fathers were to come back and see groups like Queer Nation and Act Up having gay pride parades in our nation's capital? What would they say about San Francisco being the homosexual capital of the world?

Charles Finney, a famous evangelist who preached during the 1800's in one of America's greatest revivals, known as the Second Great Awakening. in his autobiography, explained how he received his call to the ministry. Deciding to become a lawyer, he, like all other students, studied Blackstone's commentaries on law. In the course of his studies Finney said he read so much of the Bible, where Blackstone found his concepts, he became a Christian and received his call to the ministry." **47**

Part Seven

The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they **are endowed by their creator** with certain **unalienable rights.**"

We hold these truths....What exactly is truth? Students today are taught that truth is subjective. That is there are no absolutes. Some examples would be clarification values, situation ethics, alternative lifestyles and we can not forget the term politically correct. But what did the word truth mean at the time of the founding fathers?

FACT: Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defined thousands upon thousands of words with Biblical references to clarify the context in which a word was used.

FACT: Noah Webster was a founding father and he also authored Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution. He also served nine terms in the Connecticut legislature, three terms in the Massachusetts legislature and four terms as judge. Listen to this....He also had mastered **28 languages**. WOW and I can even master English. I believe Mr. Webster would be well qualified and it would be safe to call him an expert in defining words. His 1828 Dictionary defines the word truth as, "Conformity to fact or reality." He then lists Bible verses for the exact meaning. "Thy word is truth," John 17. "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4. Jesus Christ is called truth in John 14." **48**

FACT: Webster defined truth as the word of God in his 1828 Webster's Dictionary. When we look at today's Webster's Dictionary truth is described as conformity to fact or reality. But guess what, all eight Bible verses that Mr. Webster used in his original dictionary have been censored, removing all Christian perspective. Our present day dictionary that bears Webster's name is a

good example of how education has been **secularized**. A close comparison reveals that not only had thousands of Scriptures been removed in our modern editions, but Biblical definitions had been replaced by definitions reflecting humanistic ideas. Can you imagine if Noah Webster could come back today, he would not be allowed to take his original 1828 dictionary into our public schools or universities because of the popular myth, separation of church and state.

The next two words are created and creator-...."that all men are **created equal** and are endowed by **their creator**". **FACT:** The founding fathers believed in a creator. They were not a bunch of evolutionists and atheists as taught in our schools today. Noah Webster defined the word creator as, "To bring into being from nothing." Genesis 1: 1. "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth."**49**

The next word is **unalienable rights**, which simply means nontransferable or nonchangeable rights. Our unalienable rights are an endowment, which means a gift, from God.

FACT: **Our rights as Americans come from God, not from the Supreme Court, the Federal Court, Congress or the President.** What did the founding fathers say about these rights?

FACT: Samuel Adams, father of the American Revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence, made this statement in his writing called "The Rights of the Colonists." In explaining their rights, Samuel Adams declared, "These may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutes of the great law giver and head of the Christian Church which are to be found clearly written in the New Testament." **50**

FACT: Alexander Hamilton, signer of our Constitution, who also authored 51 of the 85 Federalist Papers stated, *"The rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old musty records, but are written by the hand of Divinity itself and can never be erased by mortal power."* **51**

Now that we have the clear intent of the founding fathers, we know what the right to life, liberty and happiness really meant-The right to life. When does life start? Psalm 51:5 states, "At conception." When does life stop? Job 1 :21 states, "When the Lord takes it away." Remember now it was the founding fathers, not the religious right, who said our rights were to be found in the word of God. Concerning the right to Liberty; Doctor John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration of Independence, who served on over 100 Congressional committees and President of Princeton said this about liberty, *"He is the best friend to American Liberty who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion who sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind"* **52** Now that's a strong statement.

Did you know that the Liberty Bell that symbolizes America's freedom bears an inscription from the Bible which is in Leviticus Chapter 25, verse 10; "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." This symbol of liberty proclaims that the Bible and civil government were not to be separated.

The right to pursue happiness is also misunderstood today. The word pursue makes clear that the State cannot guarantee happiness to anyone, especially through all of the bureaucratic programs from the cradle to the grave. Remember the government that governs least governs best. Where do we find the definition of the pursuit of happiness? Proverbs 29:2 states, "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Remember Blackstone's law books declared, "If any law or right violated or contradicted God's law in the Holy Scriptures, they were not valid." Let me repeat that. "If any law or right violated or contradicted God's law in the Holy Scriptures they were not valid." According to Blackstone, the founding fathers, and most important, God Almighty, felt many of the so-called rights of today such as abortion rights, homosexual rights, suicide rights, euthanasia rights, criminal rights, radical feminist rights, radical animal rights, radical environmental rights, and illegal alien rights are not valid or constitutional.

What about those in government who pass laws that are contrary to God's laws? Isaiah 10: 1 states, "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees and that write grievousness which they have prescribed." As Christians we are commanded in I Timothy to pray for all men "in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty."

Now let's read some more of the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. "To secure these rights governments are instituted among men." What is the purpose of government? Notice it is to secure our rights not to make rights. The Supreme Court of today is making rights when they should be securing rights. Romans Chapter 12 states this, "Government is a minister of God and a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." First Peter 2: 14 also states, "The purpose of government is for the punishment of evil doers." Why do you think America is number 1 in the world in violent crime? Because government is not fulfilling its God given responsibilities. **We don't need gun control. We need criminal control.**

Do you realize America has been under one form of government for over 200 years? "The nation France has gone through seven different forms of government. Italy has gone through 51, but America has been under one form of government for 200 years. Why? Where did our founding fathers acquire the ideas for our government? A group of political science professors at the University of Houston asked the same question. They felt they could determine the source of the founders by collecting their writings. Then they would know who the founders were quoting. The researchers collected 15,000 writings from the founding era. After searching the writings, they discovered that 34 percent of the founders quotes came directly from the Bible, another 60 percent of their quotes were taken from William Blackstone, Baron Montesquieu and John Locke who used the Bible to arrive at their own conclusions. The final results from the research showed that 94 percent of the founders quotes were based either directly or indirectly on the Bible." **52**

Part Eight

FACT: America is not a democracy. A democracy is the rule of the majority, even if the majority is wrong! If you ask most people what form of Government America has they will say we are a democracy. However we are not. Article 4, Section 4 of our US Constitution guarantees us a **republican** form of government. When we pledge allegiance to the flag, we also pledge allegiance to the **republic of the United States** for which it stands not to the democracy of the United States. This is a very important point. Listen to the words of Noah Webster on this issue. *"Our citizens should early understand that the **genuine source of Republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.**" Webster continues, **"The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitution and laws."** **53***

FACT: Our forefathers always intended for Christian principals to be a part of American Government. They understood the importance of this new nation to be built on The word of God!! Doctor J edediah Morse, a founding father and educator, (who is considered to be the father of modern geography) had this to say concerning about Christianity and government. *"Whenever the **pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican form of government and all the blessings which flow from them must fall with them.**"* **54**
The founding fathers never intended for our government to be a democracy.

FACT: Doctor Benjamin Rush said of a democracy, *"A simple democracy is the devil's own government"... He also called a democracy a mob-ocracy.* **55**

FACT: Fisher Ames, who wrote the wording for the First Amendment stated, *"A democracy is a volcano which conceals the fiery materials of its own destruction. These will produce an eruption and carry desolation in their way."* **56**

FACT: Founding father John Adams stated, *"Remember democracy never lasts long, it soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."* **57**

So why did the founding fathers detest a democracy? In a democracy, there are no absolutes. For example, if a majority of the people decide that murder is no longer a crime, it will no longer be a crime. In our republic, murder is a crime because murder is always a crime in the Word of God. Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ and His Word is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Today we have many crying out for a change in our Declaration of Independence. The sly argument they use is this: Times have changed and we need a 'Living Declaration and Constitution. (Sounds like Israel crying out for a king to be like all the other nations). God's word is NEVER old fashioned. These so called "changers of the times" are spoken of by Daniel the prophet. In fact Anti-Christ will **change the times**. I believe that has reference to our day. The Anti-Christ will not regard the God of his fathers either! Could it be this refers to founding fathers?

So why do so many want to change our Declaration of Independence? Because they do not regard the God of their fathers who built the framework for our Nation on God's word and declared America a REPUBLIC not a Democracy. Today a majority can vote homosexuality is ok and laws are passed declaring it ok. Remember the "Laws of nature and laws of man. They never change....that's a republic...Sadly many Christians are buying into changing our Declaration of Independence into an updated "Living" document... so that it will be "current with our times."

FACT: Do you know why we have a president instead of a king? Because our founding fathers cried out across the colonies, "**No king but King Jesus.58** Did you know that this statement, along with the "concept for our three branches of government can be found in Isaiah 33:22 which states, '**For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law giver, the Lord is our king.'** 59 Our judicial branch of government was formed from the attribute of God that states he is our judge. Our legislative branch of government was formed from the attribute of God that He is our law giver. Our executive branch of government was formed from the attribute of God that states He is our king.

FACT: "The founding fathers stated firmly that the balance and separation of powers was necessary because of Jeremiah 17:9 **60** The verse reads as follows: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?"

FACT: Because of the natural tendency of man's heart to be wicked, the founding fathers did not want the power of a nation to rest on just one official such as a king. If a king became corrupt, then the whole nation would suffer. Therefore, if the power could be separated, all of the government would not become depraved at the same time. America, this is how our government was formed, from the Word of God. It is worthy to note the Judicial branch met in the basement in an off building and had virtually no authority to make laws.

FACT: Pennsylvania's State Constitution of 1776 stated that this oath would be taken by those individuals holding office. Read this and be amazed!! The oath stated these words "**I do believe in one God, the creator and governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and a punisher of the wicked and I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine inspiration.**"

FACT: Delaware's Constitution of 1776 stated, "**I do profess faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ, his only son and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed forevermore, and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine inspiration.**" Similar requirements could also be quoted from the other state's constitutions. Back then a person was selected not because they were a good politician, but because they were good Christian politicians.

Question for you- Where does a government get its power?

FACT: The next statement in the Declaration of Independence answers that question. "Governments are instituted among men deriving their **just powers from the consent of the governed.**" That means you and I, the people. We as Christians **absolutely need to be involved in our**

government to give our consent. If you are not involved in government, you are part of the problem. If you do not vote, you're letting someone else make decisions for you.

FACT: Here is a sad statistic. Only **19 percent of Christians vote.** Think what would happen if we could get the other 81 percent involved.

FACT: "Elections originated in Acts Chapter 6 with the elections of the first deacons and later was used by Pilgrims in their civil government. "**61**

FACT: Listen to what John Jay, our first Supreme Court Justice, said about for whom we should vote. "*Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."-' **62** I am fuming in my spirit as I write these quotes because all we hear today is separation of church and state which is SUCH A LIE from the intent of our founding fathers by Godless men and woman who refuse to submit to God's authority.*

FACT: Listen to this statement by founding father Patrick Henry,(Who professors say was a rebel) "*It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this **great nation was not founded by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ***"-' **63** This amazing statement proves beyond a shadow of a doubt America was founded by Christians and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not by atheists, agnostics and deists.

Part Nine

FACT: Our forefathers instructed us as citizens what to do when government goes bad. It is the next part of the Declaration of Independence (which most people have no idea it even exists). Listen to the instruction given to each of us by these men who gave their lives so that we would be a free. "That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends - our God given rights to life, liberty and happiness **our republican form of government based on the bible and the laws of nature and of nature's God**-are being destroyed, **it is the right of the people** (and our responsibility to our next generation) to **alter or abolish it and to institute new government.**" It is time to reclaim America's Christian ethics and restore our government according to the founding fathers statements, writings and educational system through proper channels. We are so far from the original pattern!

FACT: The Declaration of Independence contains 27 violations that the founding fathers call "abuses and usurpation's" that caused them to separate themselves from Great Britain. Let's look at just a few briefly and compare how our rights are being violated by government today. We have lost focus on the original purpose, which is to **secure our (God-given) rights**, not to make new updated (man -made)rights.

FACT: Violation Number 9 states, "He has made judges dependent on his will alone for the tenure of their offices and the amount in payments of their salaries."

The President has been given the responsibility to select and nominate the individuals best qualified to be positioned as Federal Judges or to be placed on the Supreme Court for the purpose of settling disputes, defining words and examining procedure, which would ultimately secure the rights of the people. In recent history, the President has gone beyond trying to select the best qualified individuals. Instead he chooses individuals who best compliment his will, agenda and philosophy on social issues such as gay rights, abortion rights, radical women rights, radical environmental rights and their liberal humanistic interpretation of our Constitution. (both parties are guilty of doing this)

FACT: Violation Number 10 states, "He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to **harass our people and eat out their substance.**"

Originally our government was intended to be a small body of individuals to regulate, enforce and secure the rights of the people. But we have since become the largest bureaucratic system in the world consisting of **"two million, nine hundred and ninety-two thousand** federal employees with a total salary of **one hundred sixteen billion, seventy-three million dollars.** This does not include the military or state and local offices."**64** Our total gross federal debt in America is **"four trillion six hundred and sixty-four million dollars.**" **65** We have federal agencies, commissions and departments that **regulate our education, our defense, our roads, our housing, our health, our commerce, our finances, our energy....** The list goes on and on. And what about our local and state agencies that have continually harassed us with a sea of red tape. When each of these agencies originated, the burden was once again placed on the citizens in the form of increased taxes, which is eating away our earned substances. This leads us directly to Violation Number 17.

FACT: Violation number 17 states "For imposing taxes on us without our consent."

Have you ever heard of the Boston Tea Party? It was in resistance on the newly imposed tax of about two percent by the King of Great Britain. However, it is possible to be at a 50 percent-plus tax bracket today!!! There seems to be no indication it will even stop there. Your estate at death, is now imposed a 50% tax as of January 1, 2011. Consider the foolish and outrageous waste of our hard earned tax dollars on barrel expenditures, like: "900 million to send American cows to Europe for an export enhancement program, or 121 million to assume the continuing supply of helium for blimps, (Hello...what's that all about) or the 19 million to determine whether **belching by livestock harms the ozone layer.**" **66** This is only the tip of the iceberg. Millions of our tax dollars are being squandered by individuals skimming monies for themselves, their friends and families.

FACT: Violation 21 of the Declaration of Independence states, "For taking away **our charters, abolishing our most viable laws** and **altering fundamentally the forms of our government.**"

Remember the law of nature and of nature's God, which literally means the will of God, abiding by the laws of God, which are found in the Bible? America's foundation was placed upon these eight words and any law which is contrary to the Bible was invalid. Not only have we altered this basic fundamental principle, the government is succeeding in abolishing any knowledge or influence that Christianity played or continues to play in our society. Prayer has been removed from the school as well as the Bible and The Ten Commandments. Recently a young girl was charged with a hate crime because she left an open bible on her desk during lunch break. All symbols and displays of

Christian heritage on local, state and federal grounds have been removed. We have also altered our republican form of government, believing that we are a democracy which is not ruled by absolutes, as in a Republic. In 1962 we started moving from the belief that we are a democracy **into a form of government called an oligarchy where the supreme power is placed into the hands of a very few.**

Have you ever stopped to ask who are these elite few? Who can make final decisions on what laws that will or will not become the policy in the land? Who can overturn any law of the land even if that law was legitimately enacted by the people through their elected representatives? The answer is the United States Supreme Court. This change to oligarchy can be seen by observing the changes in the role of the Supreme Court from securing the rights of the people, making rights contrary to the intent of the founding fathers or the overriding voice of the people. If this is not enough to get your attention, the last violation will because it could be more devastating than all the others.

FACT: Violation Number 13 states, "He has combined with others to **subject us to a jurisdiction foreign** to our Constitution and **unacknowledged by our laws** giving his assent to their acts of **pretended** legislation." When our military was in Bosnia and Somalia we were subjected to be under the command of a foreign officer. This was **unconstitutional according to Article 2, Section 2, which states**, "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States and the Militia when called into actual service of the United States." This violation is most alarming when we consider a statement that was made recently by one of our elected officials in the executive branch of our government who said, "What was written with quill pen is **out-dated** and we need to **reinvent government**." –REALLY??? This statement is talking about **our Constitution and Bill of Rights**. Our Supreme Law of the land, the Constitution, is under attack by powerful forces. These forces want to do away with our present day Constitution. This could be accomplished by a Constitution Convention.

Only one Constitutional Convention has ever been called in the last 200 years. In 1787. They threw out the existing government and established a totally new government. Article 5 of our Constitution states that Congress can call for a constitutional convention with the consent from two-thirds of the states. At this time 29 of the needed 34 states have given their consent. **67**

Americas systematically are losing their God-given rights and freedoms. Our forefathers refused to stand by and do nothing. They sacrificed their families, possessions and own lives for their cause of putting off ungodly tyrannical government rule, we must be willing to do the same. Do you know what it cost our founding fathers to make this nation free? The last sentence in the Declaration of Independence gives us the answer. They pledge to each other their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor. We need to stand up for what is right, voice our opinions and force our government through proper channels to bring America back to moral sanity. We need to return America to its Godly heritage, which is the only reason we became the greatest nation in the world.

Listen to this last paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. "We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America in General Congress, assemble **appealing to the**

Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our nation do declare that these united colonies are free and independent states." Noah Webster defined the word judge as the Supreme Being and listed "Genesis 18 :25 which states, 'Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?'**68** The last sentence and probably the most touching states, "**For the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.**"

FACT: Our forefathers were not poor, beggarly, ignorant individuals, vagabonds just looking to get rich by breaking away from England as some history book claim. They were businessmen, land owners, wealthy, honorable, respected men who put it all on the line...their lives, their fortunes, their families and their sacred honor. Listen to the cost of freedom of these great courageous men.

FACT: "Five signers of the Declaration of Independence were captured by the British and tortured to death.

FACT: Nine signers died either from hardships of the war or shot to death.

FACT: One of the signers, John Hart, was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying. Their 13 children fled in all directions for their lives, his fields and his gristmills were destroyed. For more than a year he lived in caves returning home after the war to find his wife dead and his 13 children gone. He died a few weeks later from exhaustion and a broken heart.

FACT: Francis Louis's home and property were burned. The enemy jailed his wife and she died in a few months.

FACT: Two signers lost their sons in a war.

FACT: Two signers had their sons captured by the British. These signers had their homes ransacked and then burned to the ground, Louis Morris, George Walton, Arthur Middleton, Button Guinett, Edward Rutledge, Francis Hopkinson, Linwood Hall, Thomas Hayward and Richard Stockton. these men gave their all. "**69**

FACT: America has a covenant with God? Our first President, "George Washington, took his oath for office in New York City with his hand upon the Bible opened to Deuteronomy Chapter 28." This ceremony was symbolic of a covenant or an agreement with God according to the principles in Deuteronomy Chapter 28

Listen what happens to the nation that will or will not keep their covenant with God. Verse 1, "And it shall come to pass if thou shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord Thy God to observe and to do all His Commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord Thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." America is great because we kept God's Commandments for the first 300 years of our history.

Verse 2, "And all these blessings shall **come on thee** and **overtake thee** if thou shall hearken to the voice of the Lord Thy God." God lists 20 blessings to the nation that keep His Commandments in the next 11 verses.

Verse 3, "Blessed shalt thou be in the city and blessed shalt thou be in the field." **Remember when our cities were safe?** You respected and obeyed policemen, and the TV and the radio were moral and decent? Remember when the 6:00' clock news gave good reports? Remember when we had bumper crops from our fields?

Verse 5, "Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store." We have really been a blessed economy in America.

Verse 7, "The Lord shall cause thine **enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face**: they shall come out against thee one way, and **flee before thee seven ways**." We are a world power.

Verse 10, "And all the people of the earth shall see that thou are called by the name of the Lord and they shall be afraid of thee." Remember when nations of the world respected and feared America? The blessings go on and on for the nation that keeps God's Commandments.

FACT: In 1962, there was a radical turning point in our nation. On June 25, 1962 in the Supreme Court case "Engel versus Vitale", **74** the Courts struck down school prayer. The Court explained its decision .. A wall of separation between church and state. "**75**

FACT: That statement is not in any founding document, including the Declaration of Independence, Constitution or the Bill of Rights, therefore, **this decision was unconstitutional and still is today.**

FACT: On June 17, 1963, in the Supreme Court case "Abington versus Schempp, **76 the Court banned school Bible reading.** The Court explained, "If portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be and have been psychologically harmful to the child." **77** UNBELIEVABLE! The Bible was taken out of our public schools that had been using them for well over **300 years** because it, the Bible, would cause brain damage to children.

FACT: In 1980, in the Supreme Court case, "Stone versus Graham"**78**, The Ten Commandments were taken out of the public schools. The Court explained, "**If the posted copies of The Ten Commandments are to have any affect at all, it will be to induce the school children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey the Commandments. This is not a permissible objective!**"**79** It's hard to believe this decision by our Supreme Court would no longer allow the school children to see The Ten Commandments because they might obey them; things like "Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not take the Lord's name in vain," because that would be unconstitutional. What is amazing to me as a pastor is that many of God's people vote for these very people who hate Christianity and work overtime to destroy our foundations all because they promise not to raise taxes etc. SHAME!

FACT: James Madison, the father of the US Constitution, said concerning the Ten Commandments. **"We have staked the whole future of an American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it, but upon each and all of us to govern ourselves according to The Ten Commandments! "** **80** Imagine if James Madison were to walk into a public school today, he would be horrified and shocked to find no Bibles, no prayer, no Ten Commandments because they were unconstitutional.

FACT: Abraham Lincoln stated, **"The philosophy of a school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next! "** **81** This statement has come true in America. We now have a government without God because we took God out of our schools in the 60's. Carl Marx said, "Take away the heritage of a people and they are easily persuaded" Now that we have heard what our Supreme Court and James Madison had to say about The Ten Commandments, let's see what God's Word has to say.

Deuteronomy Chapter 28, the same Chapter we had mentioned earlier about the blessings of the nation that kept God's Commandments, says in verse 15, "But it shall come to pass if thou will not harken unto the voice of the Lord Thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee." Sadly, America has violated God's principles in this verse for at least the last few decades, since June 25, 1962, to be exact.

Fact: America is under a curse. Verse 16, "Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shall thou be in the field." As I have already stated our city of Washington, DC. is the murder capital of the world. Our city of San Francisco is the homosexual capital of the world. We have riots and gangs in our cities that are out of control. "We in America are Number 1 in the world in violent crime, divorce, teenage pregnancies, voluntary abortion, illegal drugs, pornography, drug use and illiteracy of all the industrialized nations.,," **82** In 1990, 700 thousand graduates could not even read their diploma. "Today in America 57 innocent people were murdered. Today, 54 thousand men are serving long term prison sentences. Today, 21 million dollars were spent on pornography. Today, 251 women have been raped. Today, 3,000 teenage girls found out they were pregnant." **83** In the next few verses of Deuteronomy 28, there are at least another 30 curses listed for the nations that have taken away God's commandments and principles.

Listen to the statement by founding father, **George Mason, the father of the Bill of Rights**, about national sins while he was speaking on the floor of the Constitutional Convention. *"As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, so they must be in this, by an inevitable chain of causes and effects, providence punishes national sins by national calamities!"* **84**

George Washington made this statement in his first inaugural address. *"The smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained!"* **85**

Martin Niemoeller was a pastor in Nazi Germany and gives a vivid description of how Hitler rose to power. "In Germany, first they came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't

a communist. Then they came for the Jews, but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionist, but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Catholic but a Protestant. Then they came for me, but by that time there was no one to speak up!"⁸⁶ We are to be salt and light and speak up. We need to pray for those in office, become informed, contact our elected officials, vote and be willing to sacrifice ourselves.

Last, but most important, Second Chronicles, 7: 14 states, "*If my people, (not the people in government) which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*"

Notice God says, if we as Christians will do three things, he in return promises to do three things. We as Christians need to, (1) humble ourselves; (2) pray and seek God's face; and (3) turn from our wicked ways. Then God promises to, (1) hear our prayers in heaven; (2) forgive our sins; and (3) heal our land of America.

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