# AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

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Our flag salute refers to America as "**one nation under God.**" When our nation was established under the guidance of our Christian forefathers, this statement was indisputable. A nation prospers as long as it is under God and our nation prospered. Today, our nation is in deep trouble and no longer prospering. We are bankrupt, both morally and financially. Evil men have crept in (Jude 4) and destroyed our heritage. It is time we, as God's Covenant people, once again take on ourselves the spirit of our founders and make this truly a "**nation under God.**" To do this we must first understand what we lost and why we lost it. We now have at least two generations of Americans who are products of our degenerate school system which no longer teaches the history of our Christian heritage. Such teachings would offend the aliens and anti-Christs who have infiltrated our schools and made second-class citizens of Christian Americans.

In Deut. 1:13 it tells us to "**Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your trives, and I will make them rulers over you.**" As long as we were ruled by wise and understanding men of our Christian faith we prospered. The Mayflower Compact signed at Plymouth, Nov. 11, 1620 testifies to the desires of the Pilgrim Fathers to "**build a nation under God.**" It starts with these words, "**In the Name of God, Amen**" and contains this statement, "**Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith....**"

Patrick Henry, in his most famous speech, March 23, 1775, referred to "the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country." The first paragraph of The Declaration of Independence refers to "The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" and the last paragraph contains the phrase, "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence."

The Massachusetts Bill of Rights in 1780 contained the following statements: "We, therefore the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the goodness of the great Legislator of the Universe, in affording us, in the Course of His Providence, an opportunity, deliberately and peaceably, without fraud, violence or surprise, of entering into an original, explicit, and solemn compact with each other; and of forming a new constitution of civil government, for ourselves and posterity, and devoutly imploring His direction in so interesting a design, do agree upon, ordain and establish, the following Declaration of Rights, and Frame of Government, as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." "And every denomination of Christians, demeaning themselves peaceably, and as good subjects of the Commonwealth, shall be equally under the protection of the law; and no subordination of any one sect or denomination to another shall ever be established by law." They did not include Judaism, Buddhism, Voodooism or anything other than Christianity. If the writers of the First Amendment to our U.S. Constitution had been as specific, it would have made it more difficult for it to be misinterpreted by the misguided or evil men who have wormed their way into our government.

Our forefathers established a Christian government, by and for Christians. Samuel Adams recognized the Christian nature of the colonies when he moved at a town meeting in the early 1770's "that a committee of correspondence be appointed, to consist of twenty-one persons, to state the rights of the colonies, and of this province in particular, as men, as Christians, and as subjects..."

These people, a new breed, molded their institutions under Christian influences. According to John Quincy Adams, the highest glory of the American Revolution was that is connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.

The writers of our Constitution, though well-meaning, erred in not making this fact clear enough to circumvent what has been done to it by non-Christians and pseudo-Christians. It has been so distorted that it now little resembles that which the writers intended. The men who gave us our Constitution could never have visioned a time when the Bible and prayer would be banned from the classroom.

John Fiske's "Civil Government in the United States" (published in 1890) gives this account of the establishment of free public schools in 1647, "Every town has its school committee. In 1647 the legislature of Massachusetts enacted a law with the following preamble: 'It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures, as in former times by keeping them in an unknown tongue, so in the latter times by persuading from the use of tongues, that so at least the true sense and meaning of the original might be clouded and corrupted with false glosses of deceivers; to the end that learning may not be buried in the graves of our forefathers, in church and commonwealth, the Lord assisting our endeavors;' it was therefore ordered that every township containing fifty families or householders should forthwith set up a school in which children might be taught to read and write, and that every township containing one hundred families or householders should set up a school in which boys might be fitted for entering Harvard College. Even before this statute, several towns, as for instance Roxbury and Dedham, had begun to appropriate money for free schools; and these were the beginning of a system of public education which has come to be adopted throughout the United States."

Harvard College was founded in 1636 for the express purpose of training ministers for the Churches. Schools were established because of the desire of the parents to teach their children to read the Bible. Early American education had for its basis a sound Christian foundation. The Bible was used as a text book and no one questioned the propriety of it or raised a question about separation of church and state for they knew that such a question was not applicable. This was A Christian nation with a Christian government established by and for white Christian people.

Christian education was the foundation of our nation's growth and remarkable success. Our individual freedom was a direct result of the Christian idea. The colonists brought with them a tradition of Biblical scholarship and a determination to teach their children to read the Scriptures and continue the practice of the Christian verities which are eternal. It was John Dewey, humanist and professor of philosophy at Columbia University, who introduced into our school system in the 1930's the devilish philosophy that there are no eternal

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