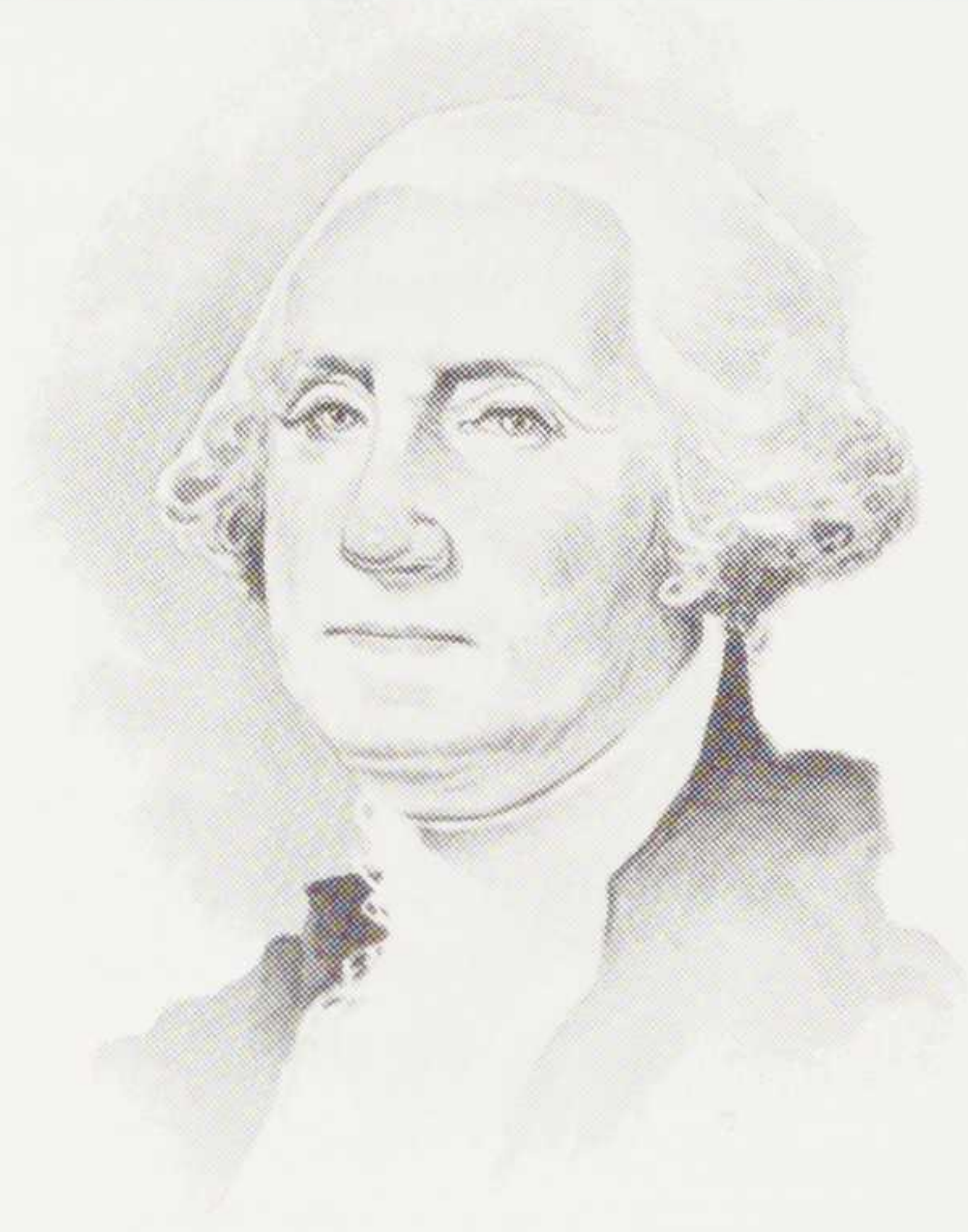


# IS IT RIGHT TO REMOVE GOD FROM GOVERNMENT?



## GEORGE WASHINGTON

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

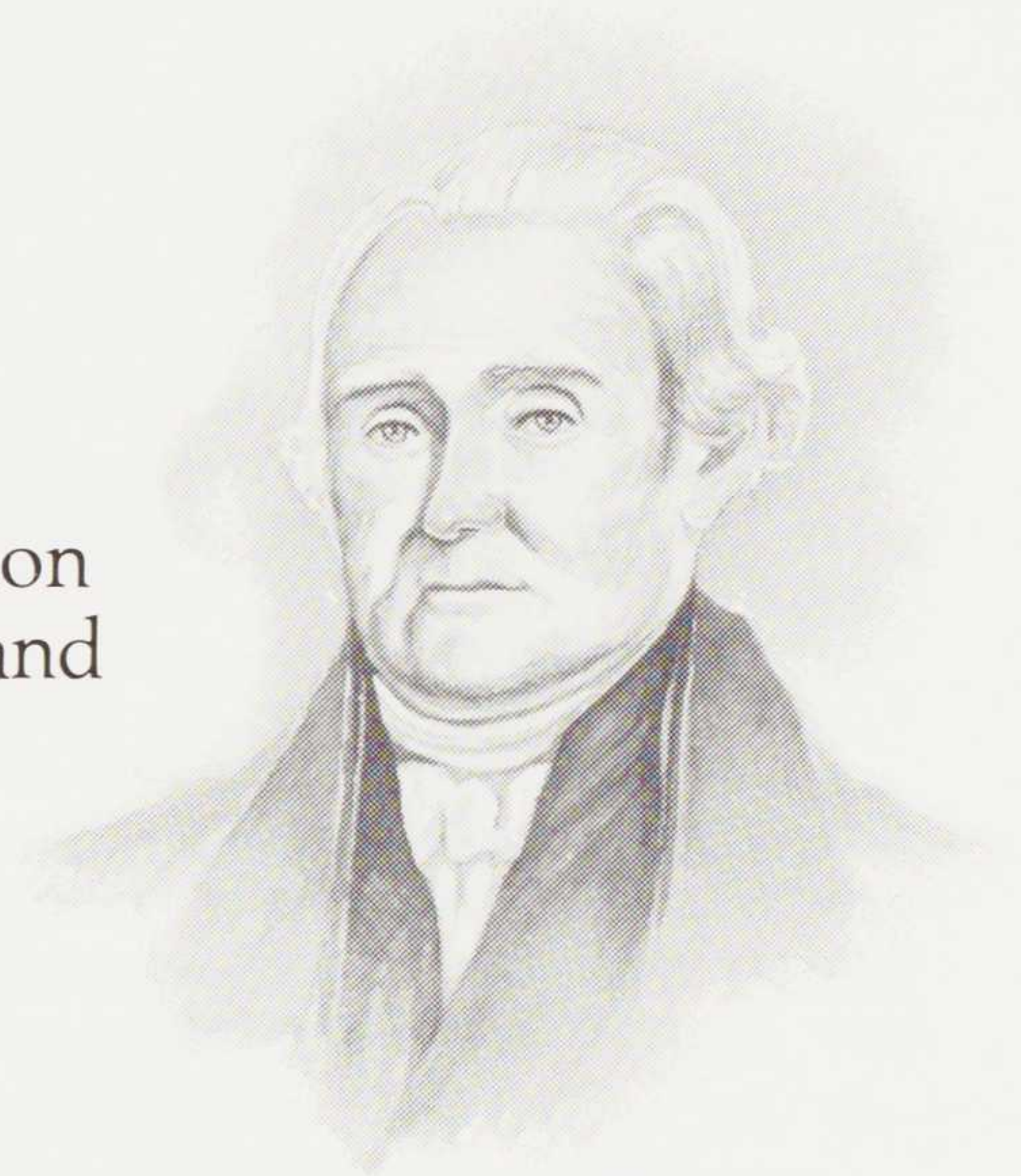
## NOAH WEBSTER

"No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."



## JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."



## DISCOVER AMERICA'S BIBLICAL HERITAGE

In Romans 13, the apostle Paul describes the role of civil government:

*"... It is a minister of God to you for good . . . it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil."*  
(Rom. 13:4)

A minister of God is not free to act independently of God. Rather, he is free only to act faithfully on His behalf.

Historically, America has always recognized civil government as being under the authority of God. From the Declaration of Independence ("... they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights . . ."), to the Pledge of Allegiance ("One nation under God"), to our currency and coins ("In God We Trust"), Americans have thought of this country as a Christian nation.

In celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, it is only proper that we take time to examine, from the viewpoint of Scripture, the nature and purpose of civil government, the Christian's responsibility in this important area, and the biblical heritage in both our legal and governmental systems.