

# It's time to take back the Christian heritage of America

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As I am writing this article on March 21, the freedom of America is being dismantled by the Democrats in Washington who voted to ignore the Constitution in order to install their own brand of socialism.

Ironically, I've been reading a book entitled, *The Book That Made America - How the Bible Formed Our Nation*, by Jerry Newcombe, which emphatically and historically describes how this nation was founded by Christians for the purpose of spreading the Gospel. And while I knew that it was founded as a Christian nation, I am just discovering the extent of that truth. My first question is, whose idea was it to conceal this from me and several generations?

On page 42 of that book, you will find the "America's Christian Heritage Quiz," a list of 50 questions about our nation's founders. I am embarrassed to say that I knew very few of the answers, but I am delighted to say that my wife, who has home-schooled our children for the last decade, knew more answers than I did. Delighted, because it means that the Christian curriculum she has been using has given our children knowledge that was kept from me and I and our generation when we were in public school back in the 60's and 70's.

Here's a few sample questions.

"According to historian David Barton, of the 250 founding fathers, how many of them were of a skeptical bent (not orthodox, Trinitarian Christians)? The answer - 12. One of those 12, who secularists and history revisionists gleefully point to was none other than Benjamin Franklin. But it was Franklin who, after months of fruitless deliberation in writing the Constitution, stood up and made "an impassioned plea for prayer."

Another question - "How many state constitutions mention God?" The answer - all 50.

Finally, because I don't want to give them all away, the question is, "How many of the four founding documents (the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Northwest Ordinance) positively mention God or religion in some positive way?" The answer - all four.

Newcombe cites the historian Paul Johnson who commented that America is unique in that it has an abundant resource of papers and documents that were written as our history unfolded, from the very beginning.

Johnson said, "These early diaries and letters, which are plentiful, and the fact that most important documents about the early American Colonies have been preserved mean that the United States is the first nation in human history whose most distant origins are fully recorded." And of those documents, Johnson says that the "overwhelming thrust was religious."

All of the early settlers came here, not just for religious freedom, but with the purpose that they should spread the Gospel. The original charters of state after state after state contained statements of faith that prove it.

One such charter, the Charter of Massachusetts said in part, “whereby our said people inhabitants there, may be so religiously, peaceably, and civilly governed as their good life and orderly conversation may win and incite the natives of the country to their knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Saviour of mankind, and the Christian faith, which in our royal intention and the adventurers free profession, is the principal end of this plantation...”

Did it work for Massachusetts? In 1702, a man from London wrote about Massachusetts, “I have lived in a country where in seven years I never saw a beggar, nor heard an oath (a cuss word), nor looked upon a drunkard.” What is Massachusetts (and every other state) like now?

We’ve come a long way since 1607, when Jamestown was founded. So far that, in 2007, the 400th anniversary was marked by the words of a Virginia official who said that we should not “celebrate” the event because “you can’t celebrate an invasion.” According to Newcombe, the Virginia Gazette ran a commentary about the yearlong celebration saying, “For a whole year or more we shall celebrate the fact that a bunch of British buffoons who knew nothing of what they were doing colonized a swamp for the sake of Christianizing Indians.”

But the real buffoons are in Washington, celebrating an infamous event of which they should be deeply ashamed and are not. These Democrats in the House and the Senate, along with a Marxist President, have taken Americans from its great and Godly roots, and handed us over to their god of socialism. It is unimaginable to think how evil one must be to do such an unconscionable thing.

I want my country back, along with its real Christian heritage. God help us if the Christians in this country do not stand up against this outrage.

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