

Freedom in the U.S. is now in peril

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As I have been reading the book, *The 5000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen, I'm beginning to wonder if I had been paying attention in my high school civics class when I was being taught about the Constitution, or whether my teacher just gave it a passing mention.

I think it more the latter than the former, even though I was well known among all of my teachers as being a daydreamer during class. I guess I always thought that there was something more important to think about than the material at hand. Perhaps that explains why I am in the profession that I am in.

That was back in the early seventies, not all that long after Madeleine Murray O'Hair succeeded in taking prayer out of schools, and even if my civics teacher had known about the Godly lives of the framers of our Constitution, she probably would not have been permitted to mention it.

As I mentioned in my article last week, the book got its name from the fact that mankind's standard of living stayed about the same for the 5,000 year period immediately before our Constitution was written, then within just about two hundred years, mankind's standard of living and technological abilities skyrocketed, all because what Americans were able to do with freedom.

Ronald M. Mann, the Deputy Director for the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution wrote in the book, "Consider, for instance, that the United States represents approximately 5 percent of the world's population but has created more wealth than all the rest of the world combined. Moreover, during this time period we have never suffered a famine, this in spite of the fact that even today famines continue to stalk the world over. Throughout the ages humans have gone hungry and many have starved, in spite of their fertile land and manpower to work it...For more than a hundred years the United States has been the food basket of the world."

Mann quoted Benjamin Franklin who said, "The ancient Assyrians, Persians, Egyptians, and Greeks were intelligent people, but in spite of their intelligence they were never able to get enough to eat. They often killed their babies because they couldn't feed them. The Roman Empire collapsed in famine."

Mann continued, "During the past two hundred years the United States has outdistanced the world in extending the benefits of inventions and discoveries...Americans have been responsible for more discoveries and inventions in science...than any nation on earth...Its young men and

women have fought in wars...asking nothing in return...The United States is always the first nation to provide relief and aid to other nations.”

Mann quoted Peter Marshall who said, “The time is come, it now is, when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America’s future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God’s government.”

I agree. Our Constitution did come from God, but in recent years our government, under the pressure of a minority, has been systematically forcing God out of our government, and more precisely, has been attempting to make us believe the God had nothing to do with our Constitution.

And that is easy to believe, if you aren’t taught the truth about the Constitution and about the men who wrote it. Moreover, we are now living in at least a four-year period of time that we are going to have perhaps the most ungodly leadership we have ever had.

Freedom is at great peril in this country now, and our ignorance is at least partly to blame for it.

Take, for example, the destruction of the value of the family. This came about not just by a media that has glamorized homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, divorce, and selfish ambition over right relationships, but also by a government whose welfare system led to millions of fatherless children. But did you know that the framers of the Constitution saw the institution of the family to be just as important as any other branch of government? They knew that it was there that children would learn how to be good citizens and that order and discipline would be taught.

Over the coming weeks I am going to be writing more about our Constitution. The future of our country depends upon us all knowing and understanding what our rights are and the principles that the framers of the Constitution held to give us those rights. Being “smart” or “intelligent”, as liberals think they are, just isn’t enough.

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