

FOUNDING FATHERS PART II

"WAS AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS CHRISTIAN OR NOT?"

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Zion Reformed Church, Lodi, Ca

MAYFLOWER COMPACT - 1620

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia;

The Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England – May 19, 1643

Whereas we all came to these parts of America with the same end and aim, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospell thereof with purities and peace, and for preserving and propagating the truth and liberties of the Gospell.

Delaware Constitution of 1776, ART. 22

Thorpe 1:566

Art. 22. Every person who shall be chosen a member of either house, or appointed to any office or place of trust, before taking his seat, or entering upon the execution of his office, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, if conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, to wit:

"I, A B, will bear true allegiance to the Delaware State, submit to its constitution and laws, and do no act wittingly whereby the freedom thereof may be prejudiced."

And also make and subscribe the following declaration, to wit:

"I, A B, do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration."

James Madison – "Father of the Constitution"

"I have sometimes thought there could not be a stronger testimony in favor of religion or against temporal enjoyments, even the most rational and manly, than for men who occupy the most honorable and gainful departments and [who] are rising in reputation and wealth, publicly to declare their unsatisfactoriness by becoming fervent advocates in the cause of Christ; and I wish you may give in your evidence in this way." - **Letter to William Bradford, September 25, 1773**

Patrick Henry – the Patriot - “Give me liberty or give me death”

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." - **Speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses, May, 1765**

George Washington – First President, Father of America

Most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ, my merciful and loving Father; I acknowledge and confess my guilt in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of my sins, but so coldly and carelessly that my prayers are become my sin, and they stand in need of pardon. I have sinned against heaven and before Thee in thought, word, and deed. I have contemned Thy majesty and holy laws. I have likewise sinned by omitting what I ought to have done and committing what I ought not. I have rebelled against the light, despising Thy mercies and judgment, and broken my vows and promise. I have neglected the better things. My iniquities are multiplied and my sins are very great. I confess them, O Lord, with shame and sorrow, detestation and loathing and desire to be vile in my own eyes as I have rendered myself vile in Thine. I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins for the sake of Thy dear Son and only Savior Jesus Christ who came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me. Make me to know what is acceptable in Thy sight, and therein to delight, open the eyes of my understanding, and help me thoroughly to examine myself concerning my knowledge, faith, and repentance, increase my faith, and direct me to the true object, Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth, and the Life." - **Authentic handwritten manuscript book, April 23, 1752**

John Adams – Second President

"Suppose a nation in some distant Region, should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited. Every member would be obliged in Conscience to temperance and frugality and industry, to justice and kindness and Charity towards his fellow men, and to Piety and Love, and reverence towards Almighty God. In this Commonwealth, no man would impair his health by Gluttony, drunkenness, or Lust-no man would sacrifice his most precious time to cards, or any other trifling and mean amusement-no man would steal or lie or any way defraud his neighbour, but would live in peace and good will with all men-no man would blaspheme his maker or prophane his Worship, but a rational and manly, a sincere and unaffected Piety and devotion, would reign in all hearts. What a

Eutopa, what a Paradise would this region be." - **Diary Entry, February 22, 1756**

Sam Adams – Governor of Massachusetts, Organizer of Boston Tea Party, Signer of Declaration of Independence, "Father of the American Revolution"

"The right to freedom being the gift of God Almighty, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave... 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 and promulgated in the New Testament." - **Rights of the Colonists, November 20, 1772**

"Christian men, who had come together for solemn deliberation in the hour of their extremity." - **Proposal to open Continental Congress with prayer, September 6, 1774**

Alexis De Tocqueville

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive one without the other."
Democracy in America

Benjamin Rush – First Surgeon General and Signer of Declaration of Independence

"In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes, and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government. That is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible." – **"A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book."**

Noah Webster – Father of American Education

"In my vies, 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 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." - **Reply to David McClure, October 25, 1836**

National Education Association (NEA)

"If the study of the Bible is to be excluded from all state schools; if the inculcation of the principles of Christianity is to have no place in the daily

program; if the worship of God is to form no part of the general exercises of these public elementary schools; then the good for the state would be better served by restoring all schools to church control." – **Columbian History of Education in Kansas, 1893**

Harvard's Rules & Precepts 1636

"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 lay Christ at the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning."

Harvard's Original Motto

"Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae"

"Truth for Christ and the Church"

Princeton – Founding Statement 1746

"Cursed is all learning that is contrary to the Cross of Christ."

Columbia University Seal



The college is represented by a lady, Alma Mater, sitting on a throne, with several children (her pupils) at her knees. Beneath them is a reference to 1 Peter 2:1-2, expressing the way in which the children should receive instruction: "laying aside all malice and guile and as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." The lady has her left hand on one child and holds open a Bible in her right hand, and the words LOGIA ZONTA, an allusion to St. Stephen's words in Acts 7:38 meaning roughly "the Living Word" are written in Greek. The Hebrew Tetragrammaton, YHWH (Yahweh), appears within a radiant triangle. The school's motto "In Lumine Tup Videbimus Lumen", meaning "In thy light we shall see light" Psalms 36:9, arcs across the

top. Out of the ladies mouth is a label with the words "Auri Al", "God is my Light". In the background is a rising sun, alluding to Malachi 4:2, a prophecy of Christ that "The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings."

Conclusions

***Was America founded on the Christian Faith? Absolutely
Why? Our Founding Fathers were strong Christian Men
What happened? Consider this quote from Martin Luther:***

"I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth.

Reason is a whore, the greatest enemy that faith has."

We have stopped teaching it to our children! (Even our President doesn't seem to know the history of our country)

Harvard's new motto: "Veritas" (truth)

The Motto for American Christians today:

"Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae"
"Truth for Christ and the Church"

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