

General George Washington

“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to an independent nation has been distinguished by some token of Providential agency.”

President George Washington's
 Inaugural Address, 1789



Is America *Still* a Christian Nation?

Why is there so much confusion regarding who we are as a nation? The America we see today is not the America we saw fifty years ago, ten years ago, or even five years ago. What has happened to our country? Why have we lost our identity? In order to know who we are (or were) as a nation, we must know our origin, our founding, and that presents a problem.

For over 100 years, Americans have not learned of America's Christian history. Five generations have produced a *national ignorance* concerning the providential founding of this nation. In so doing, we have lost our vision of the destiny and purpose of America.¹

Modern declarations that America is not a Christian nation are rarely refuted today because of the nation's widespread *lack of knowledge* about America's history and foundation.²

Parents today don't share our nation's *true* history, because they don't know it themselves. Teachers don't teach it. Preachers don't preach it. The media ignores it, our historians omit it, and the secular humanists clamor to change it.

To the degree that America has been divorced from her *true* history, in particular her Christian history, to that degree America has lost her way.³ In short, we have forgotten what God has done in our past. Thus, generations have risen “who do not know the Lord” (*Judges 2*).

We have been dumbed down as a culture, to the point where we are ready to swallow whatever we're fed, ready to

believe whatever is said. We are eager to abandon our nation's exceptionalism, because we don't know how we got here; and, we will gladly give away our liberties, because we don't understand how precious they are to possess.

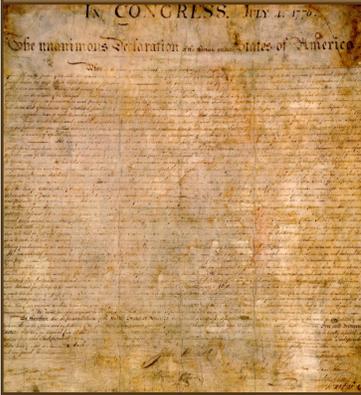
Americans are repeating the foolishness of the Dark Ages, acting in ignorance because the truth has been hidden. When the *true* Gospel was concealed from those medieval peasants, they too were blind to the lies of their leaders. We are no different. Because of our ignorance of America's past, we have bought into the present lies.

Is America a Christian nation? Yes. But, we are not a nation in which Christianity is the only religion. We never have been. Neither is America a nation in which everyone has to agree with Christian doctrine or be a Christian to hold office.

We are a Christian nation because Christianity heavily influenced our beginning. We are a Christian nation because Christians laid the stones of our foundation. We are a Christian nation because biblical principles are at the heart of our liberties, our values, and our institutions.

However, many people point to our “godless” Constitution and ask how America can be Christian when God is not mentioned in our founding document. It is true, God's name is not invoked in the Constitution. However, Christian ideals are evident throughout. The mistake that many make is to read the Constitution apart from its other half – the Declaration of Independence.

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Declaration of Independence

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

Declaration, 1776

The Constitution spells out the methods of our government, how things will be done. The Declaration provides the Founders’ philosophy for constructing the government the way they did. While the Constitution is the *how* behind America’s greatness, the Declaration is the *why*.

One would not expect our methodological document to include mention of God, but one would expect our philosophical document to explain the origin of our principles, and it does. God is mentioned four times in the Declaration. The concepts contained therein are derived from the Bible. Just as the book of *Esther* never mentions God’s name, yet exhibits His providence on every page, so does the Constitution never refer to the Lord, yet it bears witness to His liberating principles.

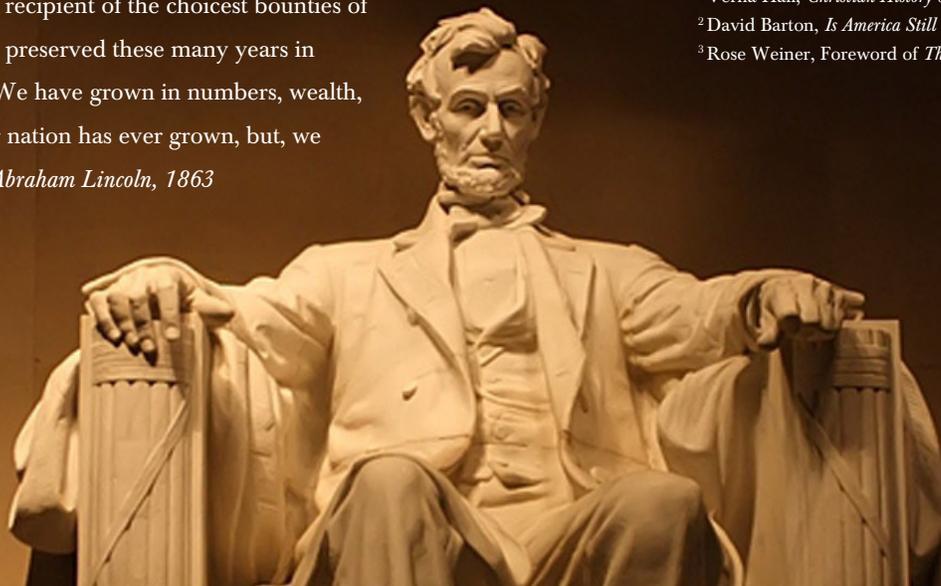
These same principles continue to govern our country today, principles such as the equality of men, the concept of inalienable rights, representative government, limited power, private property, free speech and press, and freedom of religion. No other nation in history can boast such liberties, and no other religion but Christianity could have produced them.

Though there are those who may not like or agree with Christianity (and it is their right to do so), they must appreciate and respect the principles of liberty that biblical Christianity has produced. America is Christian at its core, and its ideals have proven to be successful. Even the secular intellectual must admit that he would prefer living under its influence than living without it.

Though the foundations of this Christian republic have withstood the test of time, they are starting to crack and crumble. The damage has not come by any demise of its own. Rather the damage has come as godless, anti-American forces have chiseled the stones away. If our Founding Fathers were alive today, they would plead with us to wake up to the reality of what is happening.

Christians, don’t be guilty of adding to the problem. Educate yourself on America’s godly heritage and be informed about what is taking place in our country, before it is too late. America is *still* a Christian nation, but it cannot remain so without you, the American Christian, preserving it.

“America has been the recipient of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown, but, we have forgotten God.” *Abraham Lincoln, 1863*



¹Verna Hall, *Christian History of the Constitution*

²David Barton, *Is America Still a Christian Nation?*

³Rose Weiner, Foreword of *The Story of Liberty* by Charles Coffin