

America, One Nation Under  
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*“We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion. I do believe that. I think religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies.” – Bill Maher*

It has been said many times that you cannot discuss religion and politics with people without getting into an heated argument. Well unfortunately that is true if you if you are bold enough to go against the current that America is on. Everything seems to be fine as long as you completely ignore quotes like that of Bill Maher. But the moment that you dare to speak against his type of philosophy, then immediately you are branded as a hateful, un-tolerable, and right wing fool.

People like Bill Maher believe that we should keep God out of everything, including this nation. For that reason such people are extremely occupied in making sure that our leaders come up with new laws that have nothing to do with God in general. After all who needs God, right? Wrong!

The willful mistake that Bill Maher and those like him are doing is that they are completely and willingly ignoring the truth that America was founded on God and on the Bible. Regardless of how they feel about it, and regardless what they say, they cannot undo the facts. They cannot even erase the handprint that God left on our early documents. They are willingly covering up their ears and eyes to this undeniable truth.

The first President of the United States said; "I have often expressed my sentiments, that every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience" – (George Washington, letter to the General Committee of the United Baptist Churches in Virginia). George Washington also said that "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible." The Fourth President of the United States stated; "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We've staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity...to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." In regards to the Bible President Abraham Lincoln stated; "That I am not a member of any Christian church is true; but I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures; and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular...I do not think I could myself be brought to support a man for office whom I knew to be an open enemy of, or scoffer at, religion" [July 31, 1846].

Bill Maher said that he thinks that “...*religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies...*” According to Bill Maher then, our Founding Fathers were fools and crazy people because they believed in God and in His Word. Has not Bill Maher and people like him studied the history of the United States? If this great nation of ours was founded on God and the Bible, and since that is very evident, why would someone dare to say otherwise? Why completely ignore the facts? Well, I believe the reason that they boldly go against the facts is because they do not want to submit to the authority of God and His Word.

Paul wrote in Romans 1:18-22 *“For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and wickedness of those who in their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God himself has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes-his eternal power and divine nature-have been understood and observed by what he made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him. Instead, their thoughts turned to worthless things, and their ignorant hearts were darkened. Though claiming to be wise, they became fools.”*

The Founding Fathers knew the importance of believing in God and allowing His Word into politics. Because of that the Ten Commandments were allowed in the court system of those days. The Ten Commandments were displayed and engraved on many of the government buildings without any problem. God blessed America because of it's faithfulness to Him and Him alone. America needs to repent and turn back to the Lord.