

America, One Nation Under III
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“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” (1 Corinthians 1:19-20).

When the nation of Israel was freed from the slavery of Egypt, they were commanded by God to worship Him alone and not the multiple gods of the pagan nations that surrounded them (Exodus). While they were in harmony with God they lived a moral life. That is, crime existed to a very low. Abortion and homosexuality was almost non-existent. But as soon as Israel as a nation stopped believing in the true God that freed them from slavery, immorality began to increase. Homosexuality became so common, abortions were performed on a daily basis (sacrifices of unwanted babies to a pagan god), homicides were on the rise, and thefts increased by leaps and bounds. Due to that Israel was judged by God as a nation various times throughout their history.

We see the same historical patterns in America today. When America was founded, it was founded because the Pilgrims wanted the freedom to worship the God of the Bible the way they believed that He should be worshipped. They did not want freedom “from” religion, but freedom “of” religion. Unfortunately things have changed. “Bill Maher of ABC's Politically Incorrect said, "America has never been a Christian Nation." And unfortunately many are living like if that was true. However, as we read about the founding of our universities and the first textbooks that were used in this country, we cannot dispute our Christian foundation. 106 of the first 108 colleges were started on the Christian faith. By the close of 1860 there were 246 colleges in America. Seventeen of these were state institutions; almost every other one was founded by Christian denominations or by individuals who avowed a religious purpose. Harvard's original rule was; *"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 to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning."*

Seeing that the Bible was the first textbook that was used in the United States, we cannot deny the fact that the God of the Bible has played a major role in the foundations that were laid down by our Founding Fathers. They knew that it was the God of the Bible who founded this nation. But unfortunately most recently there has been a vast movement to remove the Bible out of the public's grasp including the schools and the government by those scoffers who “believe” that there is no God. Their actions are totally the opposite of the actions of our Founding Fathers. Their “belief” system is driving them to go against everything America stands for and has stood for since it was founded, and also at the same time go against the God who gave them life and holds their breath in His hands.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible." Washington also said that, "Do not let any one claim to be a true American if they ever attempt to remove religion from politics." And let us not forget what Abraham Lincoln also said, "...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."

What would Washington and Lincoln say to people like Bill Maher who openly scoffs Christianity? What would they say when they see today's liberal politicians? And what would they say if they were to see that the Bible is not allowed in our public schools?

It has been said that history repeats itself. Unfortunately that is true. The same trends that we see in the history of Israel are the same trends that we see in America today. When Israel decided to kick God out of the nation, morality and wickedness increased. This same thing is occurring with the United States. This nation we call America is no longer the same nation that our early fathers established. Something has gone wrong. This nation without God will be too soon one nation under... America needs God!