

Introduction:

- On July 4th, 1776, King George III of England entered in his diary, "*Nothing of significance happened today.*" But I say, "Happy Birthday America... 245 years! Take that King George!"
- On this 245 birthday of our nation, I want to celebrate our nation and share with us what has been taking place over my life-time and yours. I want to speak about the Two Histories of America and God in our Nation. I want you to take away the fact that God is in our nation and has been from the very start. Do not let anyone lead you to think otherwise.
- So when we look at America, we have the history that actually happened and we have the history that has been re-written telling a different story. I think it important we look at this on the 245 birthday of our country. After all, the average age of great nations is 250 years. Our founding fathers held the word of God as truth and two of the many scriptures they held onto were...
- "*For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.*" (Isaiah 60:12, ESV)
- "*and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*" (John 8:36, ESV) Why two histories?

I. The Two Histories of America I want to set the stage for the message with this first point.

- A. In America we have two histories. We need to recognize this and ask ourselves, "Why do we have two histories?"
 1. We have our actually history that you will have a hard time finding these days but it is out there if you look for it. May I recommend David Barton and Wall Builders Ministries. He has some of the greatest materials of American history along with accurate documentation.
 2. We have revised history that has been, for the most part, re-written and telling a different story. We call this revised history. Those who revise history are called revisionists.
 - a) Revisionists - "*someone who examines and tries to change existing beliefs about how events happened or what their importance or meaning is.*" Cambridge Dictionary.
 - b) Most of the re-writing of history by the revisionists take out all references to God and to scripture. You need to ask yourself, "Why?"
 3. We have the history that actually happened and we have the history that has been re-written telling a different story. Why is it being re-written?
 - a) Because, when you take God out of our history you strip away the very foundation upon which our Republic has been build. Our Founders prized freedom the scriptures and the wisdom contained therein! According to John 8:36. *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.* Individual freedom was prized by our founding fathers.
 - b) When you take God out of our history, you miss the entire heart of what the Founders believed and lived and died for.
 - c) When you take God out of our history you greatly affect four things our founders worked to create so that generations could live safe and strong. You affect morality. IE. How is it that young man can pull a pistol shoot someone in the face and show no remorse? You affect law. You greatly affect education and you affect liberty. And

without God nations slide into depravity, chaos and self destruction. HISTORY PROVES THAT.

- B. Difference between socialism communism. <https://www.dictionary.com/e/socialism-vs-communism/>.
1. Socialism - has two main meanings:
 - a) a theory or system of social organization that advocates the vesting of the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, of capital, land, etc., in the community as a whole, or into the collective as a whole. Some call this collectivism.
 - b) (in Marxist theory) socialism is the stage following capitalism in the transition of a society to communism, characterized by the imperfect implementation of collectivist principles.
 - c) *Socialism* is a *social* theory. It theorizes that a collective cooperation of citizens will make all governmental institutions public. For example, no one will receive a healthcare bill when going to the doctor because they, and everyone else, have paid a hefty amount in government taxes. That's where the collective cooperation comes in. Much like Obama Care.
 2. Communism - on the other hand, is a branch of *socialism*. It's similar in that it's still founded on the idea of collective cooperation, but differs in that communists believe that cooperation should be run by a totalitarian government made up of one and *only one* government.
 - a) Russia gave *communism* a bad name when it reigned as the USSR. It was here that thousands who were seen as threats to the state—artists, authors, intellectuals, even those who practiced religion—were sent to be slaughtered or exiled. I guess you could call it *socialism* gone bad. Then there is China...and Venezuela.
 - b) Although the USSR fell in 199, Russia is still very *communist* culturally, though economically they are a capitalistic system. Countries like the People's Republic of China are certainly more *communist* than Russia, where all things are nationalized up to the point that citizens can't even make full use of the internet due to the government's fear of free thought. Chinese citizens are graded by the government... this determines whether you can fly, work, travel, etc. If you are vocal against the government you get a bad grade, much like FB and twitter jail.
 - c) So, although *communism* is a form of *socialism* ... it's definitely the rotten egg of the two. Both are 'collectivism'.
- C. Why look at revisionists and socialism? Because these are the very things that threaten our nation today. Our founding fathers created a government based on the Word of God that is the most dynamic form of government we will ever see until Jesus returns. I want to show us now how much our Founding Fathers relied on God and scripture to form our government.

II. God In Our Government/Nation

- A. What about separation of church and state? This has been an argument that has been around for a long time. When most people say it, it means that there should be a wall of

separation between one's personal faith and any display of that faith in public. This could not be any further from the truth.

1. Defined roles:
 - a) Moses over government, Aaron over spiritual affairs. God was to be in both.
 - b) When Rome controlled the church. State dictated how and what people believed.
 - c) Early colonists wanted to be free to worship however they wanted without state control, yet dictating how government would operate. *"The Pilgrims, Puritans, and others who settled America wanted to return to God's original plan of separating the church from government control. That long-standing American desire and practice of freedom of religion was specifically written in the First Amendment."* Wall Builders.
2. The phrase "separation of Church and State" cannot be found in the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. In fact, it is not found in any of our nation's founding documents. Related to government, the phrase first appeared in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut in 1801.
3. *"Jefferson wrote his now famous letter, using the phrase "Separation of Church and State" to reassure the Danbury Baptists that the First Amendment prohibited the government from trying to control religious expression. In short, the First Amendment was intended to keep government out of regulating religion, but it did not keep religion out of government or the public square."* WallBuilders.
4. Summary: Separation of church and state was to keep government from 'messing' with the church while allowing the church to influence government. It was to keep Congress from creating a state run church. IE. For 180 years students started the school day with prayer and also prayed over their lunches. Thomas Jefferson also allowed a church meeting in the House Chamber and got the Marine band to play because music was so bad. They wanted church influence in government! Not government influence in church.

B. God In Our Nation

1. Did you know:
 - a) that the revolutionary ideas that graced our founding documents were first preached in pulpits in America.
 - b) that 29 of the 56 signers of the Declaration held what are today considered seminary or Bible school degrees, and many others of the signers were bold and outspoken in their personal Christian faith.
 - c) that not one single signer was secular in orientation. *"Thomas Paine (certainly the least religious of the Founders) openly acknowledged God and announced his belief in his personal accountability to God, and he also directly advocated teaching creationism in the public school classroom."* WallBuilders.
 - d) that one of the first acts of the new congress was to publish and print Bibles for the colonies. The first Bible printed in the Colonies was the Aitken Bible. I am talking about God in our nation!
2. Quotes from Presidents about the Bible

- a) President Abraham Lincoln *"The Bible is the best gift that God has given to men. All the good the Savior has given to the world was communicated through this book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong."* Maybe that is why our youth today struggle with morality so much. p.ix Founding Fathers Bible.
 - b) President Andrew Jackson *"The Bible is the Rock on which our Republic rests."* *ibid.*
 - c) President Franklin Delano Roosevelt *"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a Nation without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic."* *ibid.*
3. Bill of Rights After the signing of the Constitution in 1787, it had to be ratified by 9 of the 13 existing states. The only way they could make that happen was to guarantee by a declaration of individual rights that limited the central governments power. This declaration became known as the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights did not create the rights that it was designed to secure. It secured the rights that pre-existed the document.
- a) James Madison's proposed amendments to the constitution began with the guarantee of freedom of religion followed by speech, press, assembly, petition, keep and bear arms, and freedom from forced quartering of soldiers in ones home.
 - b) Madison in his famous *Memorial and Remonstrance* declared that, in order to be a part of civil society one must be subject to the Great Governor of the universe. "This obligation to God, provided the foundation for the freedom of the heart and mind of every man from civil rule." pp 1721 Founding Fathers Bible. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Are you seeing how much God was in the hearts and minds of the Founding Fathers? There was no separation of church and state in their thinking!
 - c) The Bill of Rights reminds us government officials are servants of the people and not their lords and benefactors. Luke 22:25-26 *To be great you must be servants of all.*
- C. Our Free Market System. There are several forms of government in the scriptures but the Bible endorses one above all the others. And along with history it discourages socialism while greatly encouraging the free market system. When the first settlers came to America they brought with them a socialistic economy because they had lived all their lives under a king, they were not used to thinking for themselves nor the hard work necessary for survival. The result: 2/3 were dead in six months.
- 1. Here as John Smith's assessment during this 'starving time': "the people adamantly refused to work for themselves, instead relying on efforts of a few who did the work, whose fruit of their labors were divided and distributed among the whole colony."
 - 2. His remedy...The Bible
 - a) *"Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."* NLT 2 Thes 3:10 This puts responsibility on the shoulders of the individual. You could not rely on the work of others.
 - b) The direct application of this scripture in Jamestown caused the people to discard socialism/(collectivism) and adopt the free market approach that saved the colony.

- c) Another scripture used by Bradford among the pilgrims was: *"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."* (1 Timothy 5:8, ESV)
 - d) This free market approach also kept government at arms length from individual exchange. The result they found: the less government interference the greater the prosperity.
 - e) Ben Franklin - *"A free market is the means, under God, of recovering and establishing the freedom of our country entire, and of handing it down compete to posterity."* ibid.
Our founders understood that our economic system was not secular but one derived from God and His principles such as in 1 Tim 5:8 and 2 Thes 3:10.
- D. Our Education. In America, we have been 'dumbed down' by lessening our expectation upon our children and youth. For 150 years Websters Blue Black Speller was the textbook for spelling. IE. Such words as: acanthus, bronchotomy, ichthyology, quacious and many other words.
1. Signer George Wythe was three when he began a study of the classics.
 2. Signer Thomas Jefferson was 9 when he began study of Latin, Greek and French; he entered William and Mary College at age 16. It was common for youth to speak three languages and enter college at age 13.
 3. John Marrant (1755-1791) was 13 when he became the first black man to successful evangelize the native indians. By the way, blacks were 25% of the voting population at the time.
 4. Signer William Livingston was 14 when he became missionary to Mohawk Indians. At 18 he graduated Yale at the top of his class.
 5. The policy of setting higher expectations for youth prevailed in America until 1920s when it was replaced with 'Progressives' who turned away from student centered learning to a more social oriented education. Lower expectations brought greater ignorance.
 6. Ignorance: Benjamin Franklin *"A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."* Founder Bible pp. 1298. A people cannot be ignorant and free. IE. This may be why civics is no longer taught in school. Thank you governor DeSantis for changing this! This is why socialism seeks to rewrite history! They must take God out of classrooms, courtrooms, and the American living room if they are to ever make our Republic fall.
- E. My point today is to show that our government was founded on Christian principles and values. It is blatantly obvious when you search it out. Do not be fooled by all the anti christian rhetoric.

Conclusion:

- My desire today was to help us remember what our Founding Father's did to provide for us a safe and secure government in God.

- I wanted to recount portions of our history that really do matter! It is why so many who do not like our country want to rewrite and weaken it by secular thought.
- I want to rehearse these things and keep it before us and before the next generations.
 - *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* (John 8:36, ESV)
 - *“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”* (2 Corinthians 3:17, ESV)

Show Picture: At Pilgrim National Park in Plymouth, Massachusetts stands an 81 foot tall monument to our Forefathers. Faith is the central figure standing with her finger pointed upward to God. Around her are four other statues that are seated. The four represent morality, law, education and liberty. The mix of which makes a nation successful

1. Morality. *Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, said, “While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.” He went on to say that the greatest security from enslavement in a country is morality among the people. The statue of Morality has the Ten Commandments in her left hand and the scroll of revelation in her right, both being necessary to build a free nation. In the niches in the base of Morality’s throne are engravings of the Evangelist writing the Gospel and of Prophecy. This Gospel is first written within the heart, which will then flow out and affect all spheres of life. The statue representing Morality has no eyes for she is looking inward, indicating there must first be internal liberty within man before there can be external liberty in society.*
2. Education. *The statue of Education is holding an open book of knowledge (the Bible) implying its truth must be passed to all. Flanking her throne are two carved reliefs; one is Youth (the object of the parents instruction) and the other Wisdom (represented by a grandfather) pointing to the commands and an open Bible, with the world at his feet. The family, both parents and grandparents, were to teach the youth how the world works from a Biblical perspective. Education is wearing a wreath of victory, which is obtained when children are well-instructed in the Lord.*
3. Law. *The founders of America considered the Bible to be the source of truth, and they sought to not only build their lives upon its precepts, but also their civil laws. The Pilgrims wrote in their General Laws that “Laws ... are so far good and wholesome, as by how much they are derived from, and agreeable to the ancient Platform of God’s Law.” In the Massachusetts Body of Liberties (which was a precursor to our Bill of Rights), written by Rev. Nathaniel Ward in 1641, the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) was the basis for its criminal code, and “in case of the defect of a law in any particular case” the standard was “the word of God.” The two carved reliefs underneath the throne where Law is seated reflect this, as one represents Justice and the other Mercy. Our forefathers sought to administer civil justice while always having God’s mercy in view.*

4. Liberty. The fruit of a people with Biblical faith, morality, law, and education is liberty. The Forefathers Monument tells us that Christianity produces liberty. **God is the author of liberty, all liberty.** Engraved on the memorial honoring him are these words of Thomas Jefferson: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?" The seated statue Liberty has a sword in his hand, prepared to protect the family and protect liberty. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty; and it is necessary to overcome Tyranny (depicted in one carved relief) and preserve Peace (depicted in another).

Let us hold fast to our actual history and be carriers of its truth and reality.

*****The name, "Bill of Rights," is English. It is accurate in England. The English Bill of Rights is a statement of certain freedoms which British Government permits to its subjects. An American Bill of Rights is the exact reverse of the English one. The "Bill of Rights" in American Constitutions is a statement of the uses of force which American citizens do not permit to men in American Government. Rose Wilder Lane. *****