

“RE-claiming the MAN-CARD ~ Founding Fathers Faith” [7.4.10]

Historical revisionists are attempting to re-write the actual events that gave birth to our great nation. They continually attack historical evidence like:

- The fact that America was founded upon the biblical principles of Judeo-Christianity:
- Please know all the creative editing ~ flat out manipulation of history cannot change the well documented historical facts of the birth of our great country!

Since it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend; I wanted to begin our time w/a historical overview of the actual birth of our great nation ~ Faith of the Founders

That is not to say that all our Founding Fathers were all Christians. Clearly they were not; BUT...

93% of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of Christian Churches = it's a matter of public record.

The delegates included:

- (28) Episcopalians + (8) Presbyterians + (7) Congregationalists + (2) Lutherans + (2) Dutch Reformed + (2) Methodists + (2) Roman Catholics
- (1) unknown ~ no religious affiliation
- (3) deist = “...those who believe in an impersonal God who gave the world its initial impetus but then left it to run its course.”
  - (2) of (3) deist are most recognizable = Ben Franklin & Thomas Jefferson

Even the (4) original signers that were not Christ-followers were deeply influenced by the principles of Christianity that help shape their political ideas. Their love & devotion for our Lord Jesus is well-documented in the annals of American History:

As a matter of public record ~ FOUNGING FATHER’S sentiments concerning their faith & complete dependence upon God:

**George Washington** = 1<sup>st</sup> President of the United States  
“It is impossible to rightly govern the world w/out God & the Bible”

**Benjamin Rush** = Signer of the Declaration of Independence  
“My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!

**John Hancock** = Signer of Declaration of Independence

**John Adams** = 2<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States  
“We recognize no sovereign but God & no king but Jesus!”

**Patrick Henry** [Governor of Virginia]  
“It cannot be emphasized too clearly & too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

**John Jay** = 1<sup>st</sup> Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege & interest of our Christian nation to select & prefer Christians for their rulers.”

**Charles Carroll** = Signer of the Declaration of Independence

“Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime & pure...are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free government.”

Founding Fathers' were not all Christians BUT 93% loved Jesus!

The 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence mutually pledged, Their lives + Their fortunes + Their sacred honor:

Don't romanticize the cost of liberty ~ cost of Independence-Freedom: They sacrificed deeply for the cause of FREEDOM.

Their names were kept anonymous for the 1<sup>st</sup> (6) months:

- (5) signers were captured + tortured + killed for being traitors to England
- (12) signers had their homes ransacked & burned: one such case is...  
At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson's family home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The Nelson home was destroyed and Thomas died bankrupt.
- (2) signers lost sons in the Revolutionary War
- (1) signer had (2) sons captured
- (9) of the (56) signers fought & died in the Revolutionary War.

The sacrifices made for our freedom are too immense to even imagine:

According to John Quincy Adams ~ July 4, 1776

“The Founders had taken the principles that came into the world thru the birth of Christ & used those principles to birth a nation, thus joining together Christian principles and civil government in an ‘indissovable’ bond.

4<sup>th</sup> of July is our day to reflect upon our Godly heritage (story of sacrifice)

Today we celebrate the sacrifice that have been made & presently are being made: & most importantly the sacrifice of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!