



## Searching for a Winner: The Bible's Influence on the Founding Fathers & Early Educators: Patrick Henry, John Adams, Noah Webster, Jedediah Morse, & Wm McGuffey

- 42) When multiculturalism, diversity, and equality are combined with political correctness, unrestrained immigration that purposefully rejects assimilation and a ban on racial profiling in the face of internal rebellion, then the order of the commonwealth is seriously threatened.
- 43) The ability of a client nation to continue from generation to generation requires the tandem concept of *esoterike harmonia* within the souls of its citizens and *exoterike harmonia* as a people united behind one culture, one heritage, and one code of ethics.
- 44) The individual order of the soul must be based on the laws of divine establishment for the unbelievers while believers must add to this the absolute principles of the Word of God.
- 45) National entities can survive by subscribing to the laws of divine establishment but they cannot be classified as client nations. For a client nation to be a client nation it must provide the political, social, and cultural environment that enables the Christian population to fulfill the five responsibilities of client nation status:
  1. Evangelize the lost;
  2. Teach doctrine to the saved;
  3. Preserve and protect the Word of God;
  4. Support and deploy missionaries to nations where positive volition is expressed at God consciousness; and
  5. Provide a haven of refuge for the Jewish Diaspora.
- 55- Our Founding Fathers understood the necessity of a healthy spiritual life if the nation they established was to survive. We have recently studied the famous "Liberty or Death" speech of Patrick Henry. Here are his views on this subject:

**Barton, David. *The Myth of Separation*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (Aledo: WallBuilder Press, 1992):**

Patrick Henry was largely responsible for the adoption of the first ten amendments to the Constitution, now known as the Bill of Rights. Since Patrick Henry was a driving force behind the First Amendment, did he see it as separating church and state? How did he feel about mixing public affairs with Christianity?

*It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom to worship here. (p. 118)*

Barton also quotes several other Founding Fathers on the subject of Christianity and the State:

**John Adams.** While Minister to France, Adams had worked closely with the French government. This provided him the opportunity to observe a government conducted without Christian principles which he later compared with the government in the United States:

*We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*



*Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue.*

*The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity, and humanity. (pp. 122-23)*

**Noah Webster.** Webster authored textbooks and resource books for schools: dictionaries, spellers, catechisms, and history books. Webster recognized that the principles which had given birth to the nation must be transmitted to future generations to ensure continued national success:

*In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed. No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.*

*The brief exposition of the constitution of the United States will unfold to young persons the principles of republican government; and it is the sincere desire of the writer that our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.*

*It is extremely important to our nation, in a political as well as religious view, that all possible authority and influence should be given to the scriptures, for these furnish the best principles of civil liberty, and the most effectual support of republican government. The principles of all genuine liberty, and of wise laws and administrations are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by its authority. The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer. (pp. 126-27)*

Others in education who stressed the importance of maintaining a spiritual presence in not only the commonwealth but also the schools include Jedediah Morse and William H. McGuffey:

**Jedediah Morse.** Dr. Morse while teaching school in the early 1780s in New Haven, became dissatisfied with the academic treatment of American geography in schools. He collected his own lectures and, in 1784, published them in *Geography Made Easy*. His efforts deservedly earned him the title of the “Father of American Geography.” This influential educator recognized the importance of Christianity to education:

*To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation ... in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom. All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. Whatever pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them. (p. 128)*

**William H. McGuffey.** McGuffey, best known for his *McGuffey Readers*, was professor and department chairman at Miami University of Ohio. His *Readers*, first printed in 1836, sold 122 million copies in only 75 years.



McGuffey's *Readers* were compilations of the best available stories for students. With the abundance of quality sources and literary classics available for his selection, from which did he primarily draw? In the preface to his *Third Reader* we read:

*For the copious extracts made from the Sacred Scriptures, he [McGuffey] makes no apology. Indeed, upon review of the work, he is not sure but an apology may be due for his not having still more liberally transferred to his pages the chaste simplicity, the thrilling pathos, the living descriptions, and the overwhelming sublimity of the sacred writings. (p. 129)*

*The time has gone by, when any sensible man will be found to object to the Bible as a school book, in a Christian country; unless it be on purely sectarian [denominational] principles, which should never find a place in systems of general education [William H. McGuffey. *The Eclectic Third Reader*. (Cincinnati: Truman and Smith, 1837). Reprint. Milford: Mott Media, Inc., 1882, Preface].*

- 56- These are a precious few quotes from those who were instrumental in the founding of the nation and the education of its children. Such beliefs and opinions were predominant among the first generations of our country.
- 57- If such is true then those who drew up the Constitution, ratified it and functioned under it never considered the fact that there was a “wall of separation between church and state” in the sense that it is applied and enforced today.
- 58- To appreciate the fallacy of the current interpretation of the First Amendment’s “Establishment Clause” it is important that we observe the duplicity and deceit that has been perpetrated upon an historically ignorant population by a renegade Supreme Court motivated by Enlightenment dogma.
- 59- I will relate to you the details from several sources that best summarize the issue at hand. If you are interested in pursuing the subject further I recommend the following titles:

**Barton, David. *Original Intent: The Courts, the Constitution, & Religion*. (Aledo: WallBuilders Press, 1996).**

**Buchanan, Patrick J. *The Death of the West*. (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2002).**

**Kirk, Russell. *The Roots of American Order*. (La Salle: Open Court Publishing Co., 1974).**

**Millard, Catherine. *The Rewriting of America’s History*. (Camp Hill: Horizon House Publishers, 1991).**

**Emerson, Steven. *American Jihad: The Terrorists Living among Us*. (New York: The Free Press, 2002).**

**Jippling, Thomas L. *Does the First Amendment Violate Itself?* (Washington: Free Congress Research & Education Foundation, 1997).**

**Wyrich, Paul M. and William S. Lind. *Why Islam Is a Threat to America and the West*. (Washington: Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, 2002).**

- 60- My research has consulted these and other resources. References will designate the names of the author(s) and page number(s).
- 61- In general, what I am about to teach is designed to educate you about the present condition of our client nation and how it got there. Specifically, our study will emphasize several subjects. It will:



1. Reveal the present-day assaults by Lucifer and his emissaries whose objective is the destruction of Western culture and whose primary target is Christian doctrine, the *sine quo non* of Western culture.
  2. Demonstrate that these assaults are designed to deconstruct the absolute standards of biblical truth with the flexible philosophies of cultural Marxism.
  3. Document that the legal backing for these assaults are based on falsehood, deceit, and fraud and perpetrated by former justices of the United States Supreme Court.
  4. Illustrate that the systematic decline of the client nation is caused by forsaking what the Founding Fathers believed was its only sure protection: the doctrines of the Bible.
  5. Examine that the loss of biblical thought resulted in loss of order in the soul which led to loss of order in the commonwealth.
  6. Assert that the only defense our country has in the face of these assaults is found in the pulpits and congregations of local Protestant churches who teach, inculcate, and apply biblical principles.
  7. Implore that each member of this congregation aspire for *esoterike harmonia* in his own soul and *exoterike harmonia* with fellow believers in the church.
- 62- Proper organization of this subject demands that we treat it as an independent study. We shall refer to it as "The Clanking Chains."