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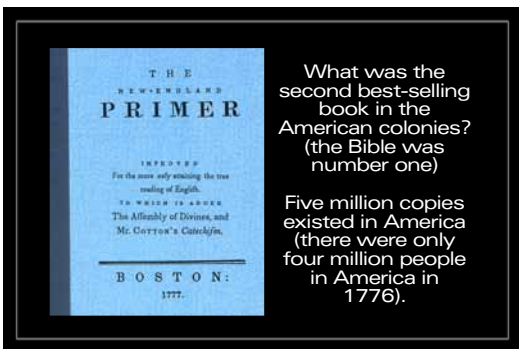
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**“Though the year of its first appearance is disputed, it is estimated to have sold more than five million copies.”**  
Daniel S. Burt, ed., *The Chronology of American Literature: America’s Literary Achievements from the Colonial Era to Modern Times* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004), 30.



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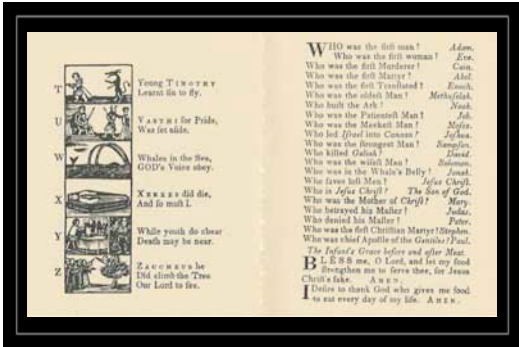
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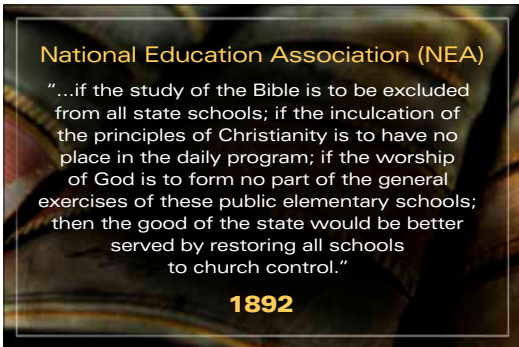
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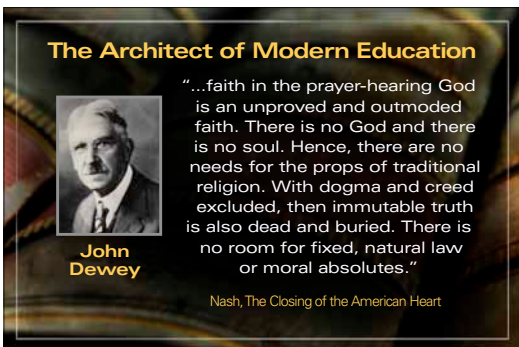
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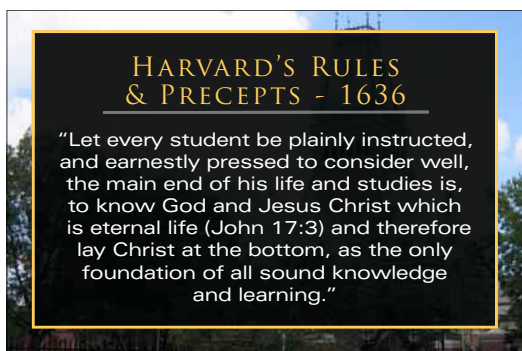


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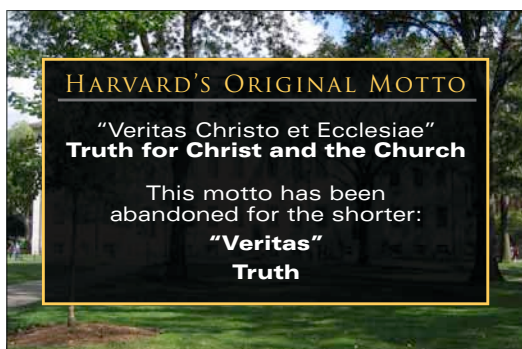
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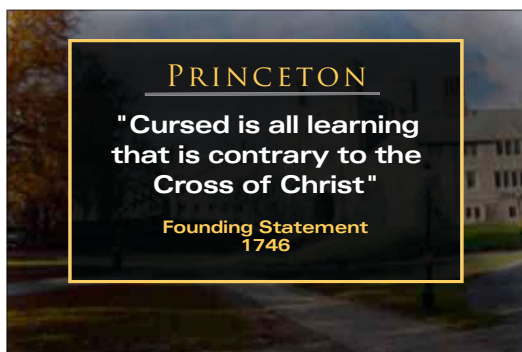
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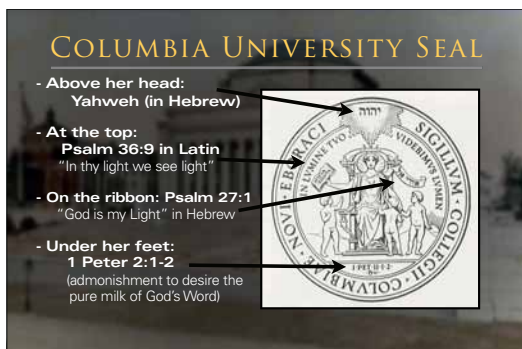
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Samuel Eliot Morison, "Harvard Seals and Arms," *The Harvard Graduates' Magazine*, September 1933, 8.



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Mark A. Beliles & Stephen K. McDowell, *America's Providential History* (Charlottesville: Providence Foundation, 1989), 111.



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David C. Humphrey, *From King's College to Columbia, 1746-1800* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1976), 107.

**GOUVERNEUR MORRIS**

"Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God."

Life of Gouverneur Morris, Vol III

Morris, Gouverneur (1832). Cited in Jared Sparks, *The life of Gouverneur Morris*. Boston, MA: Gray and Bowen, Vol. III, p. 483.

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**SAMUEL ADAMS**

"Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite their endeavors to renovate the age, by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls, of inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the Deity...in short of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system."

Letter to John Adams, October 4, 1790

Samuel Adams, "Letter of Samuel Adams to John Adams, October 4, 1790," in *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, ed. Harry A. Cushing (New York: Octagon Books, Inc., 1968), 4:343.

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**BENJAMIN RUSH**

"In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes, and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government. That is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible."

Benjamin Rush, "A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book," 1798

Benjamin Rush, *Essays, Literary, Moral & Philosophical* (Philadelphia: Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford, 1798), 112. Online Source: <http://deila.dickinson.edu/cgi-bin/docviewer.exe?CISOROOT=/ownwords&CISOPTR=19843>

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*An Ordinance, &c.* 855

Article III. Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

July 13, 1787

F.N. Thorpe, ed., *Federal and State Constitutions* (Washington: GPO, 1909), 2: 957.

Online Source: <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/democrac/5.htm>

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**NOAH WEBSTER**

"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."

Reply to David McClure, Oct. 25, 1836

Webster, Noah (1953). Cited in Harry A. Warfel (Ed.), *Letters*. To David McClure, October 25, 1836. New York: NY: Library Publishers. pp. 453-454.

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Chapman, John Gadsby. *The Baptism of Pocahontas*. Architect of the Capitol. Commissioned 1837, placed 1840 in United States Capitol Rotunda.



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Weir, Robert W. *The Embarkation of the Pilgrims*. Architect of the Capitol. Commissioned 1837, placed 1844 in United States Capitol Rotunda.



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**GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
Farewell Address, Sept 17, 1796




“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports...In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens...”

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*The Will of the People: Readings in American Democracy* (Chicago: Great Books Foundation, 2001), 38.  
Online Source: <http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/facts/democrac/49.htm>

**JOHN ADAMS**




“Statesmen, my dear Sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is **Religion** and **Morality** alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand.”

Letter of June 21, 1776, quoted in The Wall Builder Report, Summer 1993

29

John Adams, “Letter to Zabdiel Adams, Philadelphia, 21 June 1776,” in *The Works of John Adams – Second President of the United States*, ed. Charles Francis Adams (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1854), 9:401.  
Online Source: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/re106.html>

**BENJAMIN RUSH**




“The only foundation for...a republic is to be laid in **Religion**. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.”

Essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical, 1798

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Benjamin Rush, *Essays, Literary, Moral & Philosophical* (Philadelphia: Thomas and Samuel F. Bradford, 1798), 8.  
Online Source: <http://deila.dickinson.edu/cgi-bin/docviewer.exe?CISOROOT=/ownwords&CISOPTR=19843>

**GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
 Farewell Address, Sept 17, 1796



"...And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."


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*The Will of the People: Readings in American Democracy* (Chicago: Great Books Foundation, 2001), 38.

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**BENJAMIN RUSH**

"The only foundation for...a republic is to be laid in **Religion**."



"...Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts they will be wise and happy."

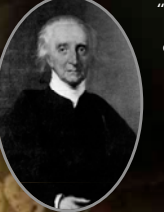
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**CHARLES CARROLL**  
 signer of the declaration



"Without morals, a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion...are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments."


Letter to James McHenry, November 4, 1800

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"Letter of Charles Carroll to James McHenry," dated November 4, 1800. Bernard C. Steiner, *The Life and Correspondence of James McHenry* (Cleveland: The Burrows Brothers, 1907), 475.

**SAMUEL ADAMS**

"Religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness."




Letter to John Trumbull, October 16, 1778

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Paul H. Smith, Gerard W. Gawalt, Rosemary Fry Plakes, et. al., *Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789, volume 11, October 1 1778-January 31 1779*.

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**PATRICK HENRY**  
 1736-1799



"The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor...and this alone, that renders us invincible."


Letter to Archibald Blair, January 8, 1799

35

Moses Coit Tyler, *Patrick Henry* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1898; reprint, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1962), 409.

**ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE**  
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

“The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive one without the other.”



36

Toqueville, Alexis de (1994). *Democracy in America*. New York, NY: Everyman’s Library, a division of Knopf and Random House Publishing.

**RELIGION AND POLITICS?**

“The religious atmosphere of the country was the first thing that struck me upon my arrival in the U.S. In France, I had seen the spirits of religion and freedom almost always marching in opposite directions, in America, I found them intimately linked together and joined and reigned over the same land...”

Alexis de Tocqueville, “Democracy in America”

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Toqueville, Alexis de (1994). *Democracy in America*. New York, NY: Everyman’s Library, a division of Knopf and Random House Publishing.

**RELIGION AND POLITICS?**

Religion should therefore be considered as the first of their political institutions.  
**From the start, politics and religion have agreed and have not since ceased to do so.”**

Alexis de Tocqueville, “Democracy in America”


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Toqueville, Alexis de (1994). *Democracy in America*. New York, NY: Everyman’s Library, a division of Knopf and Random House Publishing.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

“...only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”

Letter to Messrs. The Abbes Chalut and Arnaud, April 17, 1787



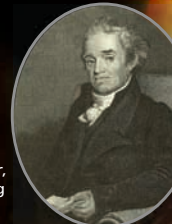
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Letter of Benjamin Franklin to Messrs. The Abbes Chalut and Arnaud, dated April 17, 1787. Jared Sparks, ed., *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin* (Boston: Tappan, Whittemore and Mason, 1840) 10:297.

**NOAH WEBSTER**

**History of the United States, 1833**

“...the moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws... All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”




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Noah Webster, “Advice to the Young,” *History of the United States*, (New Haven: Durrie & Peck, 1832), 338-340.



**JOHN ADAMS**



"We have no government armed in power capable of contending in human passions unbridled by morality and religion... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."


Address to the Officers of the Massachusetts Militia, 1798

41

John Adams, "Letter to Zabdiel Adams, Philadelphia, 21 June 1776," in *The Works of John Adams – Second President of the United States*, ed. Charles Francis Adams (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1854), 9:401.  
 Online Source: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel06.html>

**DANIEL WEBSTER**

"To preserve the government we must also preserve morals. Morality rests on religion; if you destroy the foundation, the superstructure must fall. When the public mind becomes vitiated and corrupt, laws are a nullity and constitutions are waste paper."



4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1800, Oration at Hanover, N.H.

42

Daniel Webster, *Fourth of July Oration Delivered at Fryeburg, ME, in the Year 1802* (A. Williams & Co. / A.F. & C.W. Lewis, Boston, Mass. / Fryeburg, Me., 1882), 12.  
 Online Source: <http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/t/text/pageviewer-idx?c=jul;cc=jul;sid=bcf0884fce38f535e4cd23d7d8513e09;rgn=full%20text;idno=jul000403;view=image;seq=1>

**THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT**

Built upon a deep foundation...  
 deeper than the law,  
 deeper than the Constitution.



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**REVISIT ROMANS 13**

purpose of the Civil Magistrate?

1. Punish **evil**
2. Condone **good**

The Civil Authority **must** know the basis for calling something **good** or **evil**.

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"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights..."



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F.N. Thorpe, ed., *Federal and State Constitutions* (Washington: GPO, 1909), 1:3.  
 Online source: [http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/declaration\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/declaration_transcript.html)

“...and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the **Laws of Nature** and of **Nature’s God** entitles them...”




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F.N. Thorpe, ed., *Federal and State Constitutions* (Washington: GPO, 1909), 1:3.

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**Law of Nature  
Written on the Heart of Man**

“The **law of nature** is that which God at the time of creation of the nature of man infused into his heart, for his preservation and direction...the **moral law**, called also the **law of nature**.”



Sir Edward Coke  
1552-1634

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Sir Edward Coke, *Calvin’s Case in The Selected Writings and Speeches of Sir Edward Coke*, ed. Steve Sheppard (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2003), 7:35.

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**WILLIAM BLACKSTONE**

“...as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should, in all points, conform to his Maker’s will. This will of his Maker is called the **law of nature**...This law of nature...dictated by God himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times: no human laws are of any validity if contrary to this; and such of them as are valid derive all their force, and all their authority...from this original.”


“Commentaries on the Law” 1723-1780

48

Blackstone, William (2004). *Commentaries on the laws of England*. Union, NJ: Lawbook Exchange Ltd.

**WILLIAM BLACKSTONE**

“Upon these **two foundations**, the **law of nature** and the **law of revelation**, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.”



Blackstone, 1723-1780, “Commentaries”, 2500 copies sold in America prior to the Rev War

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Blackstone, William (2004). *Commentaries on the laws of England*. Union, NJ: Lawbook Exchange Ltd.

**FOUNDATIONS REAPPEAR**

“Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine...Far from being rivals or enemies, **religion and law** are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants.”

**James Wilson**  
“Of the General Principles of Law and Obligation”  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice  
Signed U.S. Constitution

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Wilson, James (1804). *The works of the honourable James Wilson*. Philadelphia, PA: Lorenzo Press for Bronson and Chauncey (3 Vols.).

**EVOLUTION OF LAW IN AMERICA**



**1869**  
Eliot arrives as President of Harvard



**1870**  
Langdell becomes head of Harvard Law School

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**LANGDELL'S CASE METHOD**

"Law, considered as a science, consists of certain principles or doctrines...Each of these doctrines has arrived at its present state by slow degrees; in other words, it is a growth, extending in many cases through centuries. This growth is to be traced in the main through a series of cases;..."

Preface to Langdell's 1879, *Cases on Contracts*, cited in H.W.Titus, *God, Man and Law*

52

Titus, Herbert W. (1994). *God, man, and law: The Biblical principles*. Oak Brook, IL: Institute in Basic Life Principles.

**JOHN CHIPMAN GRAY**

**"The law is a living thing, with a continuous history, sloughing off the old, taking on the new."**

Gray was one of Langdell's colleagues in changing the view of law in America

H. W. Titus, *God, Man and Law*

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Gray, John Chipman (1994). Cited in Herbert Titus, *God, man, and law: The Biblical principles*. Oak Brook, IL: Basic Life Principles, pp. 5-6.

**RISE OF LEGAL POSITIVISM**

"Langdell did not merely introduce a new method of teaching law, he introduced a new faith concerning law. He believed that man, led by the ablest scholars and judges, could discover and determine the laws governing human affairs. Because he believed that man did not need the aid of God and of the Holy Scripture..."

H. W. Titus, *God, Man and Law*

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Herb Titus, *God, Man and Law: The Biblical Principles* (Oak Brook, IL: Basic Life Principles, 1994), 5.

**RISE OF LEGAL POSITIVISM**

"...Langdell sought to eliminate both from legal education—not by default, but by design. He, along with president Eliot, had embraced the new faith that swept the academic world in the latter 1800's—that Darwin's theory of evolution was the key to all of life, including the law."


H. W. Titus, *God, Man and Law*

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Herb Titus, *God, Man and Law: The Biblical Principles* (Oak Brook, IL: Basic Life Principles, 1994), 5-6.

**LEGAL POSITIVISM**

The claim that the state is the ultimate authority for creating, interpreting and enforcing law. All legal truth is based on the decision of the state.



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**EVOLVING LAW**

“The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience...In order to know what it is, we must know what it has been, and what it tends to become.”




**Oliver Wendell Holmes**  
Supreme Court Justice,  
1902-1932

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Oliver Wendell Holmes, *The Common Law* (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1923), 1

**EVOLVING LAW**

“[Law is] simply an embodiment of the ends and purposes of a society at a given point in its history...beliefs that have triumphed and nothing more.”



**Oliver Wendell Holmes**  
Supreme Court Justice,  
1902-1932

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G. Edward White, *The American Judicial Tradition: Profiles of Leading American Judges* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1976), 157.  
Oliver Wendell Holmes, “Law and the Court” in *The Collected Works of Justice Holmes: Complete Public Writings and Selected Judicial Opinions of Oliver Wendell Holmes*, ed. Sheldon M. Novick (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1995), 3:506-507.

**NOAH WEBSTER**

“It is alleged by men of loose principles, or defective views of the subject, that religion and morality are not necessary or important qualifications for political stations. But the Scriptures teach a different doctrine. They direct that rulers should be men who rule in the fear of God, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness...”

Value of the Bible, 1834, #302

59

Noah Webster, *Letters to a Young Gentleman Commencing His Education* (New Haven, S. Converse, 1823) 18-19.

**Original Delaware Constitution**

**Article 22.**

Every person who shall be chosen a member of either house, or appointed to any office or place of trust...shall...make and subscribe the following declaration, to wit:

60

F.N. Thorpe, ed., *Federal and State Constitutions* (Washington: GPO, 1909), 1:566.  
Online Source: <http://www.nhinet.org/ccs/docs/del-1776.htm>

**Original Delaware Constitution**

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; And I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration."

61

F.N. Thorpe, ed., *Federal and State Constitutions* (Washington: GPO, 1909), 1:566.  
 Online Source: <http://www.nhinet.org/ccs/docs/del-1776.htm>

**the Larger story**

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Ferris, J.L.G. (1907). *Return of the Mayflower*.

**constitution of the New England Confederation**  
 May 19, 1643

"Whereas we all came to these parts of America with the same end and aim, namely, to advance the kingdome of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospell thereof with purities and peace, and for preserving and propagating the truth and liberties of the gospell..."

64

*Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England, The* (Online). (1643, May 19). The Avalon Project at Yale Law School.

**STEPPING STONES**

"As one candle may light a thousand, so the light kindled here has shown unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation...We have noted these things so that you might see their worth and **not negligently lose** what your fathers have obtained with so much hardship."

**William Bradford**

65

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647* (New York: Modern Library, 1981), 262.  
 William Bradford, *A Dialogue, or Third Conference Between Some Young Men Born in New England, and Some Ancient Men Which Came Out of Holland and Old England: Concerning the Church and Government Thereof* (Boston: Press of J. Wilson, 1870), 57.

**BISHOP PAUL P. O'BRIEN**

"The United States was started by men we today would call pagans. They wrote a constitution without one word about God or Jesus in it. And in the amendments they said there should be no laws respecting the establishment of religion. This too is excluding God... Jefferson, Madison, Washington, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Paine, Patrick Henry and most of our Founding Fathers were deists."

Bishop, Universal Life Church

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D. James Kennedy, "The Bishop, the Bible, and the Constitution," *Impact*, July 2005.

Online Source: <http://www.coralridge.org/imp/impact070513.aspx>

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

"...how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly appealing to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible to danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered... And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance?..."

67

James Madison, *Notes on the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787 Reported by James Madison* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1966), 209-210.

Online Source: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/debates/628.htm>

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

"...I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel..."

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James Madison, *Notes on the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787 Reported by James Madison* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1966), 209-210.

Online Source: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/debates/628.htm>

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

"We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages...I therefore beg leave to move—that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business..."

Constitutional Convention, June 28, 1787

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James Madison, *Notes on the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787 Reported by James Madison* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1966), 209-210.

Online Source: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/debates/628.htm>

**what has Happened?**

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**ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN**

"More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: **'Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.'**"

Templeton Address, 1983

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn, "Templeton Lecture, May 10, 1983," in *The Solzhenitsyn Reader: New and Essential Writings, 1947-2005*, eds. Edward E. Ericson, Jr. and Daniel J. Mahoney (Wilmington, DE: Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2006), 577.

**ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN**

"Since then I have spent well-nigh fifty years working on the history of our Revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies, and have already contributed eight volumes of my own toward the effort of clearing away the rubble left by that upheaval..."

Templeton Address, 1983

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...But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: **"Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened."**

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**the path to Forgetting God**

When I fed them,  
they were **satisfied**;  
when they were satisfied,  
they became **proud**;  
then they **forgot** me.

Hosea 13:6

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**the Cycle of Nations**

Revelation 2:5    Blessings

Return    Satisfied    Humility, Thankfulness & Righteousness

Repent    Proud Heart

Remember    Forget God

Destruction    Judgement    Deuteronomy 8:10-20  
Hosea 13:6

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## 2 CHRONICLES 7:13-14

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will

- **humble themselves** and
- **pray** and
- **seek my face** and
- **turn from their wicked ways,**

**then** will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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## ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. **But we have forgotten God...**

Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer, April 30, 1863

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Abraham Lincoln, "Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day" in *Collected Works. The Abraham Lincoln Association, Springfield, Illinois*, ed. Roy P. Basler (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1953), 6:155-157.

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...We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us...and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own...

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...Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

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## Why has all of this happened?

If the enemy can destroy the Christian's passion for America, then he has won the major battle for the soul of this nation.

Great Missionary: Hudson Taylor

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Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Revelation 2:5

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AMERICAN EXPERIMENT  
stepping **Stones**

The graphic features a collage of historical American scenes, including a ship, a battle, and a group of men in suits. The text 'AMERICAN EXPERIMENT' is in a small, white, sans-serif font, and 'stepping Stones' is in a larger, white, serif font, with 'Stones' in bold. The background is dark with a red and white striped pattern.

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