

"ON THE FRONTIER"

"Masters Of Misinformation - In The Age Of Spin-Doctoring"

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An overwhelming number do not believe that our Founding Fathers were Christian. They deny that Biblical principles were the considerations behind the framing of the Constitution. Some claim that God is absent from our wonderful Constitution. You can choose to believe these false allegations (which are colored by atheistic beliefs) or read for yourself the "Declaration of Independence" and the "Preamble to the Constitution of the United States." There has never been a government which was not the product of some theory or philosophy. Government policies don't just happen, they are the incubation of concept. The "Constitution of the United States" is no exception. You can rest assured that our Founding Fathers had convictions which strongly influenced their political lives. We can learn (in part) what influenced their decision making from what they most quoted. In addition to the Bible, they quoted Baron Charles Montesquieu, Sir William Blackstone and John Locke. For example, Baron Montesquieu believed that government should be based upon unchanging principles. Where did he think "unchanging" principles came from? Did he read Hebrews 13:8?

"The Christian religion, which ordains that men should love each other, would, without doubt, have every nation blest with the best civil, the best political laws; because these, next to this religion, are the greatest good that these men can give and receive." *Charles Montesquieu*, "The Spirit of the Laws" (Worcester: Isaiah Thomas, 1802), Vol I, pp 125-126.

Could it be that the Baron had read the following:

Psalms 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Certainly he had not read the history, yet unwritten, about him and his contemporaries. Certainly he, and men like George Washington, would be surprised to find out that they did not believe in Jesus Christ. But of course, they lived and died "before" their history was written or RE-WRITTEN. Today, it is fashionable to color the truth. History has been changed (although, how can you change that which has been?) to agree with the agendas of it's re-writers. It's sad to think that our children will be denied the true historical facts surrounding the birth of our great Nation. If the spin-doctors had not been given credence, the truth might still be known. A man's slant should never be given to alter the facts for personal cause.

I am glad for groups who raise the level of consciousness regarding Christian principles in government. I am also thankful that, due to groups such as these, more Christians are making their voices to be heard in government. However, we should not label these people. Why call them the "religious right?" Why should they be considered a "new" influence in our governing of ourselves? In reality they are a re-awakening of a Nation's true heart. For too long the Christian voice in America has been stilled. For too long Christian participation in government has been abdicated to those who do not believe in the One True God. This should never be the case. Christians should NEVER have been talked out of their role in government. Our government was founded by Christians and upon Biblical Truth. Therefore, Christians should be involved in governing. Why not believe Romans 10:9? Then you could be a good and wise politician and govern like the Founders did. Or at least, a citizen not only of the USA, but of Heaven also.

"The Alienation of Women and Men"

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There is divisiveness underfoot separating men from women, parents from children and mankind from God! On the surface it appears men and women are competitors striving to demonstrate talent. In reality, many are nothing more than bitter combatants engaged in meaningless conflict. We are asked to believe in a brotherhood and sisterhood at odds. Those who are "enlightened" will tell you that women do not really know how they are to behave because men have defined this for them. Men are encouraged to get in touch with their "feminine" side in order to communicate effectively with the opposite sex. Neither is considered capable of understanding the other. These mythical associations and so-called observations are nothing more than a subtle promotion of homosexuality. Oh yes, men and women are from Earth! Made, formed and created by God Almighty, designed to compliment one another. But HIS WORD must be their standard!

Children oppose parental discipline and society supports them. Read all about it, "Child Divorces Parents!" Not only are we told that there is a gender and generation gap but race is thrown into the mix as well.

As for man's current relationship with God, it continues to erode. Mankind is determined to set its own standards for righteousness. Biblical Truths are not only rejected but considered to be obsolete, impractical, sexist and ineffective. Biblical counsel is not sought for "real problems." When one has them, one seeks the "professionals." Perhaps the "professionals" should admit that they do not have the answers.

Unfortunately, Scripture verses are also used dishonestly at times. There are those who have arrested certain verses from the context in order to further their own program. The following verse is an example.

I Corinthians 14:34

Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

It has been alleged that women are not permitted to address a large body or teach at a formal gathering. If that were true, we must explain Deborah (a prophetess and judge, Judges 4:4), Huldah (a prophetess, II Kings 22:14), Anna (a prophetess, Luke 2:36), Phebe (a servant = *diakonos* = minister or deacon, Romans 16:1) and MANY others. Reading the context of I Corinthians, we find that these women were the wives of the prophets living in Corinth at that time. They were interrupting their husbands as they endeavored to prophesy. This was unspiritual, rude and disrespectful to God and their husbands. To use this verse, or any section of God's Word, to further personal opinions and concepts is dishonest. What has been called traditional church doctrine is, in many cases, nothing more than private interpretation. It has always been the Will of God that a SPIRITUAL person (male or female, young or old) take a bold stand and loudly proclaim His Word (Galatians 3:28, I Timothy 4:12, I John 2:12-17, etc.).

To make God out to be the proponent of some chauvinist attitude is not scriptural. The Devil, not God, is responsible for ALL division. An honest look at the Scripture is in order and preferred above any speculation. Help those women which labour in the gospel (Philippians 4:3). Help not hinder. These women are precious!

"An Attitude Of Gratitude Is Your Best State Of Mind"

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The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most important date in history. God fulfilled the promise of Genesis 3:15 by providing a Saviour. Yes, all of HIStory gives testimony to this blessed event. The entire context of God's Word is Jesus Christ, beginning with Genesis 3:15 and culminating with Revelation 22:21. As the Old Testament saints looked forward to Messiah's coming (Jesus Christ's birth, Luke 2:4-7), we look forward to his Return

(I Thessalonians 4:13-18). How blessed we are to enjoy salvation as we wait for God's Son from heaven. This demands our thankfulness!

None of us could have provided for salvation. Even if all humanity were to pool it's wealth and resources, man's ultimate decimation would remain inescapable. Why? Because man does not have the wherewithal to redeem himself (Psalms 49:7-9). How thankful we should be that God has paid the ultimate price for the sins of mankind (Romans 1:16,17; I Corinthians 1:17,18; I Timothy 2:1-8; Romans 10:9,10; etc.). Words escape me when I think of all God's Son has done for me. If God never did another thing for me I will always love Him. If I die tomorrow a pauper, sick, weak and forgotten, I will still have eternal life. God will not forget His promise. God will not forget me. God will not forget you!

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

For this reason I bow my knees unto my God, and am eternally in His debt. I who have done nothing, have received everything (Romans 8:10-18). This is why I so love Thanksgiving day. Regrettably, most of us have lost the impact of it's original intent. In fact, many will never be taught the thinking behind this magnificent time.

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor - and whereas both houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be...And great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions...To protect and guide all sovereigns and nations - to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us - and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

George Washington

October 3, 1789

It is clear from God's Word that we are not only to give thanks but also to be thankful (Psalm 100:4, I Thessalonians 5:18). Thanksgiving can be from the tongue but thankfulness must be from the heart. God deserves both.

Every day should be a day of Thanksgiving unto our wonderful God!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.
