

July 13, 2010 update

**Evidence of the Founding Judeo-Christian Influence
Heritage of the United States of America
&
Evidence the Bible Contains Secular (Knowledge, Logic, Mental Dispositions)**

The founding fathers would refer to themselves as Christians, 51 of 55--a full 93%, 28 Episcopalians, 8 Presbyterians, 7 Congregationalists, 2 Lutherans, 2 Dutch Reformed, 2 Methodists, 2 Roman Catholics.

The declaration of independence, had signified four times God. It isn't that strange either, because they could have been all hanged for treason, they trusted in God to protect them and God did protect them.

"nature's God" "creator"
"supreme judge of the world"
"with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence"

Evidence of the founding Judeo-Christian influence, heritage in the founding document of our nation.

- Exhibit A Evidence the Declaration of Independence, in the words "nature's God" "creator" "supreme judge of the world" "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.
- Exhibit B Evidence Ben Franklin, at age 81, stood up during the framing of our constitution, points to which particular God (Judeo-Christian influence, heritage) in the Declaration of independence, by directing attention to Jesus words in the bible and said,
 - "In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor.... And have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? "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 man.' **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. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel;we shall be divided by our little partial local interest; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war, or conquest. "I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

Each session then began with prayer in writing the constitution.

George Washington 1796, the first president of our country, in his farewell address spoke these words, gave clear utterance, testimony to the indispensable supports in religion and morality.

"Of 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 would labor to subvert these great pillars of the duties of men and of citizens."

- Do you discern and acknowledge the founding Judeo-Christian influence, heritage in the founding document of our nation, founding fathers? Yes or No?

Evidence the Bible Contains Secular (Knowledge, Logic, Mental Dispositions)

The bible is a vast library, containing 66 books, written by 40 authors, cross many generations, great spans of time, of man's venture in war, politics, peril, wealth, justice, peace, mercy, emotions, compassion, love, joy, sorrow. It is a wealth of instances of both supernatural and secular knowledge our Founding Fathers and early country men relied upon for their daily lives, and aided them in receiving their independence, freedom from a King, tyranny over the people.

- Then there are also few unique times, instances when, the supernatural and secular part of the bible become combine, which becomes so powerful a persuasion to the people, it's becomes transferred in law and daily living of the people, establishes nations. For from the bible's pages, Thomas Paine, wrote his most persuasive, compelling argument, in his book "**Common Sense**" published January 10, 1776. Common sense, used the Bible's words, it's information in the Judeo part, knowledge as the main argument, persuasion found in the bible, to persuade a public, people, **God's abhorrence of having Kings upon the earth, the bible revealed reasoning, persuasion of the King's oppression that will occur**, which help to escalate their seeking of independence. It became the most widely publish book at it's time, sold as many as 120,000 copies in the first three months, while the population was only about 2,500,000 in the colonies. Today that would be equivalent, to 15,000,000 copies in just three months. In a year it sold equivalent to 60,000,000 copies, if sold today. Paine gave his royalties from *Common Sense* to George Washington's Continental Army. **So the compelling argument from the bible, not only help to give cause, support, and establish our freedom and liberty, it even fought the war by funding the war.** I wonder if Thomas Pain didn't have the bible to draw upon, and his famous book, didn't get quickly distributed to the people of the 13 colonies, how much longer, or perhaps never our nation would of enjoyed not only freedom, but liberty from king's reigns set up here? Perhaps the founding fathers would have been defeated, hung on trees for treason, along the roadways? How many nations would still be ruled by kings? Many who attack the bible, should be thankful, for given them their freedom and liberty from the oppression and tyranny of Kings.
- The founding fathers sensing the will of the people, in one hand conceived and formed a government of neutrality, "non-respecting" establishments of religion, and in the other hand in their wisdom and foresight, formed a government, from biblical morality principles for civil order, universally accepted among all the Christian groups, of the people, by the people. Using many biblical morality principles, established, affirmed, rights, guidelines, laws from the bible of tried and tested through hundreds of generations of human behavior, for man's relations, for daily living, for justice, for mercy. Resting upon the biblical morality, golden rule, mental disposition, secular logic "treating your fellow man as you wanted to be treated" on this secular bedrock from the bible, established laws, and laws which protect the peace, harmony, and happiness in marriages (the joining of the flesh of man with a woman) forbid prostitution, incest, bestiality, homosexuality, polygamy and strongly discouraged adultery and divorce. The biblical morality inspired founding fathers, gave acknowledgment and credit their source of these rights to the "Creator" in our "Declaration of Independence".
- One of the atheist most admired people, **Thomas Jefferson**, wrote a book removing all the supernatural parts of the new testament and left only the secular parts, principles. It's called the Jefferson's bible. Jefferson gave credit to Jesus words as the greatest morality for mankind. Jefferson himself shown there is secular information, logic, contained in the bible. I wonder if Atheist can also recognize secular content in the bible or would they also now discard Jefferson?
- Abraham Lincoln, in 1858 used the words, reasoning, persuasion, argument from Jesus, stated another secular logic in the bible:

In *my* opinion, it *will* not cease, until a *crisis* shall have been reached, and passed.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half *slave* and half *free*.

I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* -- I do not expect the house to *fall* -- but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided.

It will become all one thing or all the other.

Inspired a nation, by a secular observation of human behavior contained in the bible, reasoning they as a united nation cannot stand together for much longer, if they persist down a path of half slave and half free.

Abraham Lincoln witness the consequential effects of the truth of that statement, the Bible's secular human behavior observation, at Gettysburg in 1863. Notice near the end of his speech, he also gives acknowledgment to God. I don't have to wonder which God he was referring to, it don't take a rocket science, but perhaps an atheist in denial of the Judeo-Christian heritage of our country, may have a difficult time, to figure the God of the bible.

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, **under God**, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The bible has evidences as a historical part in the founding influence, heritage, contains secular knowledge (this alone gives it the right to be any place in government), and legal statute, support it's legitimacy to be present in government institutions, having limitations of it's use by law. Particularly between elected leaders are permitted and all non elected employees (particularly teachers) of government are forbidden, must be place in law the determinative factor.

- Evidence of the founding Judeo-Christian influence, heritage in the founding document of our nation.
 - Exhibit A Evidence the Declaration of Independence, in the words "nature's God" "creator" "supreme judge of the world" "with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.
 - Exhibit B Evidence Ben Franklin, at age 81, stood up during the framing of our constitution, points to which God (Judeo-Christian influence, heritage) in the Declaration of independence, by pointing to Jesus words in the bible.
- Evidence the Bible Contains Secular (Knowledge, Logic, Mental Dispositions)
 - Exhibit C Evidence Abraham Lincoln's words taken from the bible **"A house divided against itself cannot stand."** the bible contains secular knowledge, pertaining to observations of nature and human behavior, contains vast amounts of information, pertaining to Judges, regarding to law, justice, compassion, mercy, wisdom, in instances can be classified as solely secular. **If someone demands to remove the bible from court, because it has a supernatural element, lets say they point to the word "God", then you have to remove the declaration of Independence from government, due to it has the word "God". This reveals the bible can be in government. Even so the bible contains a supernatural element, doesn't forbid it from being at least placed in a court, schools, displays, being it has also secular knowledge, logic, mental dispositions, for the same reason the Declaration of Independence can't be forbidden.**

Religion and Pubic Education **William D. Valente, Professor of Law**

The Supreme Court dicta in the bible reading cases (34) strongly indicate the bible could be used in schools to teach students about religion or to study the bible as a source of literature and historical reference. Comparative study of various religions in the study of world cultures is also apparently constitutional. Similarly, the study of religion in the context of political history dose not offend the

establishment clause. The study of the parables of Jesus in the study of fables and parables as methods of teaching was permitted. Study of the biblical account of the rise of the kingdom of Israel was also allowed.

34. School District of Abington Twp.v.Schempp, 374 U.S. 374 U.S.203,225 (1963)

1560 (1963); *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. 97, 106, 21 L.Ed.2d. 228, 89 S.Ct. 266 (1968); *Stone v. Graham*, 449 U.S. 39, 42, 66 L.Ed. 2d 199, 101 S.Ct. 192, reh.den. 449 U.S. 1104, 66 L.Ed 2d 832, 101 S.Ct. 904 (1980).

- Elected leaders have a right to place the bible anywhere they choose. As to elected leaders they have a right to express in prayer a God, verbally and written, lead people in prayer, even petition the people by logic contained in the bible, while in public duty, based on the founding father's example in the declaration of independence, states God and the founding fathers example such a Benjamin Franklin, stood up and ask for prayer for each day, while the founding fathers were writing the constitution. Elected Leaders are held in check by the electorate, this gives them this right.
- Non elected government employees have the right to place the bible any where they choose. Non-elected employees have no right to express the bible's supernatural elements, within the set lines of current law (34. School District of Abington Twp.v.Schempp, 374 U.S. 374 U.S.203,225 (1963)), not permitted to say, lead a prayer while on duty, no right to express any particular human behavior group, secular religion, (particularly the so called field of psychology, due to it isn't a true science of laws, but a secular religion) nor are they allow to teach secular (Knowledge, Logic, Mental Dispositions) of the bible with exception an elected leaders statements as history. Because non elected government employees, are not elected to represent the people, have not sufficient checks and bounds, particularly hundreds of thousands of teachers, with their large numbers and length of stay in government, they pose ever and present extreme risk of steering the especially young citizens mindsets, as future voters, public's vote, diluting, altering the extreme sensitive gauge of the ballot box. With exception, to teach mandatory the Judeo-Christian influence, heritage in the founding document, the Declaration of independence of our nation. Besides each state having their own curriculum, to teach the Judeo-Christian influence, heritage of our nation, with some minimal guidelines of the Federal government. This is not ever to say this is an official Judeo-Christian nation, but rather to put in place honesty, truthfulness the acknowledgment of the roots of our nation, sprang from Judeo-Christian secular and supernatural influence contained in the library of 66 books, called the bible, our nation's historical heritage. All people of different religions, are welcome here, however, our history, our roots, should be respected, with some adequate amount, form of dignity, honesty, truthfulness, especially taught to all our young citizenry.
- Do you discern and acknowledge the bible contains both supernatural logic and particularly secular logic, content, pertaining to laws of justice, history, observations of both nature and man's behavior? Yes or no?

Even if I was an atheist, to be sincerely honest to myself and others, to have a reputation of honesty, truthfulness, I would have to admit to the founding Judeo-Christian influence, heritage of the birth pains of our country, written in it's founding document, declaration of independence and acknowledgment of a God of the Judeo-Christian religion. This hall mark, acknowledgment of God, in a the declaration of independence, the founding fathers, that which they signed, gives legitimacy to the bible, as a symbol of justice in the courts, as it's word states the particular God in the Declaration of independence and so often quoted by our founding fathers, while in their official duties as elected leaders.

Our Nation's Founding Judeo-Christian Heritage has a right full place in our government institutions, but very limited by our founding fathers.

As for using the bible in a court room, it has legitimate standing, as a symbol of justice, compassion, mercy, the foundation of justice, being it has secular logic, not solely supernatural logic and do to our nation's founding Judeo-Christian heritage contain within it's pages, also supports it's legitimacy.

Our nation's founding heritage, first elected leaders, gave public respect of their choosing towards religion, particularly Christianity, and Judaism. On the other hand in the constitution, without respect of an establishment "a particular sect" within, among the many separate groups in Christianity or Judaism, was the line in the sand.

The establishment religious cause in the constitution, in spirit (mental disposition, intent) displayed in our founding fathers actions, words, purpose was so no particular sect within Christianity would be given an advantage by government over other sects in Christianity.

No particular supernatural creed, practice, teaching would be made into law. With allowance for secular principles, applicable, brought peace, tranquility in the society, and public display by elected representative, a public acknowledgment in writing or verbal of a Creator, God, in words or a prayer.

Therefore the bible with it's secular logic, and the recognition of the God of the Bible, can be used in the government agencies, and by elected leaders, even so, is limited, by it's founding documents and law. And I'm in full agreement to the limitation, the line in the sand, by our founding fathers.

John Jerome Nowak 356 P.O. Box Lackawanna, NY, 14218

Thank you for your time and consideration

My personal website Christjustified.com Copyright © 2003-2010 All Rights Reserved