

ONE NATION, UNDER GOD?

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FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: SAMUEL ADAMS

- He was the father of the revolution
- He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence
- *“I . . . recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: CHARLES CARROLL

- He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence
- *“Sensible of my mortality, but being of sound mind, after recommending my soul to Almighty God through the merits of my Redeemer and my body to the earth . “*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN DICKINSON

- He was a signer of the Constitution
- *“Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN HANCOCK

- He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence
- *“I John Hancock, . . . being advanced in years and being of perfect mind and memory-thanks be given to God-therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die [Hebrews 9:27], do make and ordain this my last will and testament...Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommend to the earth . . . nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God. . .”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: PATRICK HENRY

- He was the governor of Virginia and, generally, a patriot.
- *“This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN JAY

- He was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- *“Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved son. He has been pleased to bless me with excellent parents, with a virtuous wife, and with worthy children. His protection has accompanied me through many eventful years, faithfully employed in the service of my country; His providence has not only conducted me to this tranquil situation but also given me abundant reason to be contented and thankful. Blessed be His holy name!”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN LANGDON

- He was a signer of the Constitution
- *In the name of God, Amen. I, John Langdon, . . . considering the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed unto all men once to die [Hebrews 9:27], do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say-First: I commend my soul to the infinite mercies of God in Christ Jesus, the beloved Son of the Father, who died and rose again that He might be the Lord of the dead and of the living . . . professing to believe and hope in the joyful Scripture doctrine of a resurrection to eternal life . . .”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: RUFUS PUTNAM

- He was a Revolutionary War General.
- He was the first Surveyor General of the United States
- *“First, I give my soul to a holy, sovereign God Who gave it in humble hope of a blessed immortality through the atonement and righteousness of Jesus Christ and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. My body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner. I fully believe that this body shall, by the mighty power of God, be raised to life at the last day; ‘for this corruptable (sic) must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.’ [I Corinthians 15:53]”*

FAITH OF THE FATHERS: BENJAMIN RUSH

- He was a 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!”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN WITHERSPOON

- He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence
- *“I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is no salvation in any other [Acts 4:12]. . . . [I]f you are not reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, if you are not clothed with the spotless robe of His righteousness, you must forever perish.”*

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN ADAMS

- He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights and the 2nd President of the United States.
- “The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

- He was the 6th President of the United States
- “My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ and I cannot cavil or quibble away [evade or object to]. . . . the whole tenor of His conduct by which He sometimes positively asserted and at others countenances [permits] His disciples in asserting that He was God.”
- “In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.”



FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: NOAH WEBSTER

- He was a revolutionary soldier, judge, legislator, educator
- “[T]he Christian religion... is the basis, or rather the source, of all genuine freedom in government... I am persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of Christianity have not a controlling influence.”

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS: GEORGE MASON

- He was a delegate at the Constitutional Convention, Father of the Bill of Rights...
- “I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me, hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive absolution and remission for all my sins.
- My soul I resign into the hands of my Almighty Creator, Whose tender mercies are all over His works. . humbly hoping from His unbounded mercy and benevolence, through the merits of my blessed Savior, a remission of my sins.”



THE FAITH OF SOME CURRENT CONGRESSMEN

- Jerry Nadler, a Democrat from New York
- "Mr. Steube, what any religious tradition ascribes as God's will is no concern of this Congress." (Feb 26, 2021) Politifact.com

THE FAITH OF THE SOME IN CONGRESS

- “Over time, the Democratic Party has reduced its use of the word God in its platform. In 2004, the platform included the phrase "one nation under God," and also referred to "God’s children," "eyes of God" and "God’s gifts." In 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020, the only references to God in the platform were to "God-given potential." A search of the Republican Party [platform](#) turns up 16 mentions of the word "God." Politifact.com
- The Democrat party left the words “under God” out of the pledge of allegiance at least twice during their last convention and have a habit of doing that at other times when reciting it.

THE FAITH OF SOME IN CONGRESS

- The opening prayer in the United States Congress, January 3rd, 2021, by Rev. Emmanuel Cleaver, D-MO. He closed with a reference to the monotheistic god, to Brahma and to the god known by many different names and faiths.
- Rev. Cleaver is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

WHAT HAPPENED?

- 245.....
- That's the number of years between 1776 and 2021

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