



A CONCISE DEFENSE OF THE NEED TO RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

The primary need to Return is contained and implied in the Bible verse: “Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.” (Galatians 3:15). The Articles of Confederation was the USA’s original national Christian covenant which was illegally usurped by the Federal Constitution. There was great blessing in that original national covenant and its attendant Biblical Christian legislation of the Confederation Congress. Among its blessings were Christian liberty, more accountability of civil leaders, and significant restraint of centralized overreach. The foundation of all blessing for a nation is “kissing the Son”, and the Confederation order did that. (Of course, until the return of Christ, nothing on this earth will be perfect, for much sin remains, yet the Confederation order had the basic foundations right.) In contrast, the current centralized and secular humanistic federalist order is a curse that has turned the USA into a modern Babel. Until the USA repents and returns to our original national Christian covenant, we should expect to be under divine curse.

The ratification of the Articles of Confederation by all of the States of the USA made the governmental order present since the USA’s beginning on July 4, 1776 a written Christian covenantal order, which follows the Biblical pattern of national covenanting. (The stipulations of the Articles set in writing the de facto arrangement of the States of the USA since July 4, 1776. The Articles was written in 1776, to accompany the independence effort and to spell out in writing the arrangements of the sovereign States of the USA.) It followed the wholesome pattern of previous American social covenants, such as the Mayflower Compact.

Christian anti-federalist patriot Patrick Henry was right when he praised the Articles of Confederation and objected to its unfair malignment in these words of warning:

“The Confederation, this same despised government, merits, in my opinion, the highest encomium: it carried us through a long and dangerous war; it rendered us victorious in that bloody conflict with a powerful nation; it has secured us a territory greater than any European monarch possesses: and shall a government which has been thus strong and vigorous, be accused of imbecility, and abandoned for want of energy? Consider what you are about to do before you part with the government. Take longer time in reckoning things; revolutions like this have happened in almost every country in Europe; similar examples are to be found in ancient Greece and ancient Rome — instances of the people losing their liberty by their own carelessness and the ambition of a few. We are cautioned by the honorable gentleman, who presides, against faction and turbulence. I acknowledge that licentiousness is dangerous, and that it ought to be provided against: I acknowledge, also, the new form of government may effectually prevent it: yet there is another thing it will as effectually do — it will oppress and ruin the people.”

Oh, to a great extent we are an oppressed and ruined people now because we have failed to heed these words of warning, but it is not too late for us to repent and return to Christ and our original national Christian covenant.