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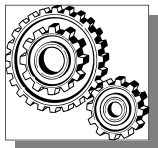
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## Founding Fathers

### Christopher Columbus:

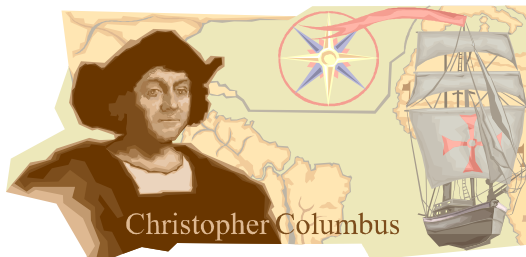
*It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel his hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures.*

*I am a most unworthy sinner, but have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence.*

*For the execution of the journey to the Indies, I did not*

*make use of intelligence, mathematics, or maps. It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied.*

*No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His*



Christopher Columbus

*holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives advice. He lacks nothing that it is in the power of men to give Him. Oh what a gracious Lord, who desires that people, should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible! Day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him.*

Did Columbus feel called to

bear the light of Christ to undiscovered lands in fulfillment of biblical prophecy, or that he had been guided by the Holy Spirit every step of the way?

**Proverbs 29:2** When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

We as Americans have a religious heritage; there is NO question our nation was founded on religious beliefs.

The Mayflower pact was the first document created in this country. For the first 150 years after its writing you could find it in any text book. It says the people came here to propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is two paragraphs and 200 words long. Yet it has disappeared from our textbooks and history. Why? Because it's a government document with a lot of evangelical words.

People today say religion is fine just keep it at home in private. We don't want it in schools or any public place. We even debate over our religious holidays, such as the following.

**“This all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed  
Patrick Henry 1798**

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We don't have Thanksgiving any more; we have fall break. We don't have Christmas any more; we have winter break. We don't have Easter any more; we have spring break. We don't talk about our religious heritage any more.

For 150 years even the Fourth of July was considered a religious holiday.

There is plenty of evidence that **George Washington** was a Christian. There are plenty of writings and pictures of General Washington kneeling in prayer. Yet today he has become one of our leading deist founders. Why are we teaching our children this today? It has a great impact on society. We can't have people see him as a religious founder because it will affect public policy.

Court case *Warsaw vs. Hatchabee*: It says that it violates the U.S. Constitution to have a cross in a cemetery.

Court case *Brittney vs. Dixon County School Board*: A sophomore girl was given the same homework as everyone else in her class. Write a research paper on any subject you choose. A lot of students chose spiritual topics though not religious topics. One chose reincarnation, another occult, another spiritualism. Brittney decided she was going to write about the life and times of Jesus Christ.

For choosing this topic she was awarded a **ZERO** and it was upheld all the way to the Supreme Court.

**Governor Morris:**

The last signer of the Constitution. He is also the penman of the Constitution. Doesn't it make sense that the man who wrote the Constitution would understand it? Why is it we don't teach our children about Governor Morris today? He is politically incorrect, like so many of the other founding fathers, with his belief in Jesus Christ.

One Supreme Court justice said, "Hmm, 200 years is a long time ago, we can't really be sure what our founding fathers wanted."

Go to the library to find there are 97 personal writings of

**George Washington** written by his own hand; **James Madison** with 18 volumes of writings; **John Quincy Adams** with 23 volumes; **John Adams** with 33; **Ben Franklin** with 44; and **Alexander Hamilton** with 60. These men wrote it all down, so all generations would know what they believed.

**Governor Morris** said, "...religion is the only solid base for good morals. Therefore education should teach the precepts of religion." No-where near where we are today. But again, what does he know?

He just wrote the Constitution.

**James Wilson:**

The next to last man to sign the Constitution, was appointed to the Supreme Court by George Washington. In 1792 he authored the first legal commentaries on the Constitution saying, "*Human law rests its authority ultimately on the authority of the law which is divine. You cannot separate God's law from civil. Religion and law are twin sisters.*"

But, today they run into each other like freight trains.

**William Samuel Johnson:**

Hailed from Connecticut and signed the Constitution. He was one of Americas leading educators, and was the first President of Columbia College.

He would often address public school graduations. He was a strong believer in Jesus Christ.

**The Supreme Court** today says we cannot mention the name God or Jesus in a public school setting because it will have a psychological effect on our children.

We are told that America is a secular nation founded by secular people and that is why we are to remain secular today and have no religious expression.

We have been told that the founding fathers were **NOT** Christians. It was said that our founding fathers were atheists,

agnostics, and deists. They did not even believe in God. This is taught all over the country at all our Colleges and Universities and appears in tests as well. What will this do to our public policy fifteen years from now, when these kids become our federal, state, and local leaders? Now, after being taught this false history and becoming the leaders of the country, how do you think they will rule when a question of religion comes before them?

We are told that Franklin and Jefferson were not Christians. So, 54 of the 56 signers were Christians and to prove otherwise, you have your work cut out for you. 27 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence had seminary degrees. Not bad for a bunch of atheists.

**Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon:**

Had a seminary degree and is responsible for the translation of two American bibles.

**Francis Hackinson:**

He was a church music director, a choir leader. He authored the first purely American Hymn Book. He took 150 Psalms and set them to music.

*Darrell Desautels attends Community Bible Church in So. Burlington*

*Editor's Note: This compilation is a timely reminder of our Christian Heritage, following the presentation by David Barton that was sponsored by CAM. We will continue this article in future newsletters.*

**"I have a tender reliance on the mercy of the almighty; through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a sinner. I look to Him for mercy; pray for me."**

**Alexander Hamilton**

Last dying words, July 12, 1804

## You Should Have Been There

by William Parkinson

Those of you who missed the David Barton event that CAM hosted on September 21st, missed a really great evening. David was a real blessing to all who attended. Few of us had given any thought to the historical reality of our Country's founding years, and the fact that way back then our founding fathers had to do battle with Islamic terrorists in the Barbary Wars. It was fascinating to recall how similar the attitudes of the current terrorists sound to what was said over 200 years ago to our earliest statesmen, like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. We learned what tactics finally helped us to win, and how doing nothing just made things worse. It was refreshing to hear the stories David has been told by our servicemen, who have actually been in Iraq. How appreciative the Iraqi people are for being liberated. How the embedded news reporters apologize for the slant to the stories they are forced to tell by the liberal news media officials back home; not allowed to tell the positive side. We saw a chart of all the Islamic terrorist activities leading up to 9-11, with the many terrorist attacks on

our embassies, the USS Cole, etc.; something we often forget about, because we focus only on 9-11. Then we looked at the other side of the timeline and it was incredible how once we took the offensive and went after the terrorists, their activities against us dissolved.

The other half of David's talk (actually his other talk—we convinced him to give us two of his talks since he gets up here so infrequently) was on Christian involvement in the political arena, and in particular the attitudes of those who wrote our founding documents. How the

phrase "separation of church and state" actually came about. How its author Thomas Jefferson, not only attended church every Sunday, but did it as President, in the U S government Capitol building itself. How as commander in chief he even ordered the Marine Band to play at church services.

And this was right after he wrote that famous line in a

letter, which in actuality just expressed a guarantee that government would not impose or interfere with religious practice. The phrase, or not even the sentiment, ever exists in any founding document of our country. Quite the opposite is stated in writing after writing by those who bravely penned our original documents.

Pastors were encouraged to exercise their right and responsibility to encourage

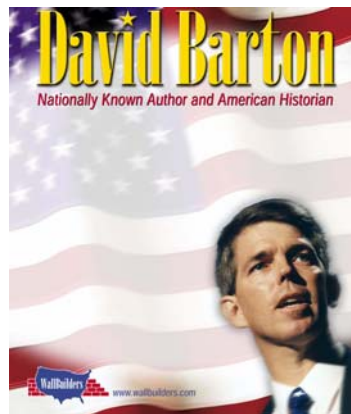
their flocks to be active in the political arena, and to speak to the issues of our day. We were reminded how much popular history had been re-

written in the middle of the last century to reflect everything in economic terms, how we now neglect the strong moral base of what our forefathers did. It is too bad if you missed the event, but you can still order many of David's books and materials at [www.wallbuilders.com](http://www.wallbuilders.com).

On another note you should

be aware that the sponsors and the offering taken that evening did not cover CAM's expenses for the event, which were in the area of \$7,000.00. CAM had to cover about \$2,500, depleting our reserve funds. It is something we are willing to do, to get that kind of information out in our area, but it certainly affects our ability to continue to bring acclaimed speakers to our area. If you are one of the many who enjoy and are enlightened by CAM's efforts, you might want to help out financially with a contribution now and then. Several churches and individuals do regularly support CAM and we are very thankful, but I suspect there are a lot of you out there who have considered a contribution, but just have not taken the step. Now would be a good time. We don't want to enter the important election cycle in 2008 with our hands tied by limited resources. A donation to CAM at the address on this newsletter is tax deductible.

*William Parkinson is one of the original founders of the Christian Action Ministry*



**"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 to humbly implore His protection and favor."**

*George Washington 1789*

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead  
James 2:17

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*November 12, 7:00 pm*  
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*Williston, Vt.*  
*December 10, 7:00 pm*  
*St. Marks Catholic Church*  
*Burlington, Vt.*

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