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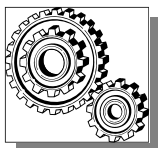
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In the Works

William Federer
September 2015

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

Editors Note: the following was broadcast on American Minute on March 28, 2015. William Federer will be speaking here in Vermont this September, sponsored by the Christian Action Ministry.

The United States Supreme Court stated in the 1892 case of *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*, written by Justice David Josiah Brewer that "This is a religious people.. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation.

The commission to Christopher Columbus...(recited) that...it is hoped that by God's assistance some of the continents and islands in the ocean will be discovered'...The first colonial grant made to Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584...and the grant authorizing him to enact statutes for the government of the proposed colony provided '... that they be not against the true Christian faith'. The first charter of Virginia, granted by King James I in 1606...commented the grant in these words: '... in propagating of Christian Religion to such People as yet live in Darkness ...'.

Language of similar import may be found in the subsequent charters of that colony...in 1609 and

1611; and the same is true of the various charters granted to the other colonies. In language more or less emphatic is the establishment of the Christian religion declared to be one of the purposes of the grant.

The celebrated compact made by the Pilgrims in the *Mayflower*, 1620, recites: 'Having undertaken



for the Glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith...a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia'. The fundamental orders of Connecticut, under which a provisional government was instituted in 1638-1639, commence with this declaration: '...and well knowing where a people are gathered together the word of God requires that to maintain the peace and union...there should be an orderly and decent government established according to God...to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now

profess...of the said gospel is now practiced amongst us.'

In the charter of privileges granted by William Penn to the province of Pennsylvania, in 1701, it is recited: '...no people can be truly happy, though under the greatest enjoyment of civil liberties, if abridged of...their religious profession and worship...'. Coming nearer to the present time, the Declaration of Independence recognizes the presence of the Divine in human affairs in these words: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights....appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions....And for the support of this Declaration, with firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor'. These declarations...reaffirm that this is a religious nation."

Justice Brewer continued in *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*: "While because of a general recognition of this truth the question has seldom been presented to the courts, yet we find that in *Updegraph v. The Commonwealth*, it was decided that, 'Christianity, general Christianity, is, and always has

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we don't know where we have come from, or what we have been about."

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States

been, a part of the common law...not Christianity with an established church...but **Christianity with liberty of conscience to all men.**' And in *The People v. Ruggles*, Chancellor Kent, the great commentator on American law, speaking as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, said: 'The people of this State, in common with the people of this country, profess the general doctrines of Christianity, as the rule of their faith and practice...**We are a Christian people**, and the morality of the country is deeply engrafted upon Christianity, and not upon the doctrines or worship of those impostors.'

And in the famous case of *Vidal v. Girard's Executors* (1844) this Court...observed: 'It is also said, and truly, that **the Christian religion is a part of the common law** of Pennsylvania'...If we pass beyond these matters to a view of American life as expressed by its laws, its business, its customs and its society, we find everywhere a clear recognition of the same truth. Among other matters note the following: the **form of oath** universally prevailing, concluding with an appeal to the Almighty; the custom of **opening sessions of all deliberative bodies** and most conventions with prayer; the **prefatory words of all wills**, 'In the name of God, amen'; the **laws respecting the observance of the Sabbath**, with the general cessation of all secular business, and the closing of courts, legislatures, and other similar public assemblies on that day; the **churches and church organizations** which abound in every city, town and

hamlet; the multitude of **charitable organizations** existing everywhere under Christian auspices; the gigantic **missionary associations**, with general support, and aiming to establish Christian missions in every quarter of the globe. **These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations** to the mass of organic utterances that **this is a Christian nation...**"

Justice Brewer continued: "Or like that in articles 2 and 3 of part 1 of the constitution of **Massachusetts**, (1780), 'It is the right as well as the duty of all men in society publicly, and at stated seasons, to worship the Supreme Being, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe...As the happiness of a people and the good order and preservation of civil government essentially depend upon piety, religion, and morality, and as these cannot be generally diffused through a community but by the institution of the public worship of God and of public instructions in piety, religion, and morality: Therefore, to promote their happiness, and to secure the good order and preservation of their government, the people of this commonwealth...authorize...the several towns, parishes, precincts...to make suitable provision...for the institution of the public worship of God and for the support and maintenance of public Protestant teachers of piety, religion, and morality...'"

Justice Brewer added: "Or, as in sections 5 and 14 of article 7 of the constitution of **Mississippi**, (1832:) 'No person who denies the being of a God, or a future state of

rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this state...Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind, schools, and the means of education, shall forever be encouraged in this state.' Or by article 22 of the constitution of **Delaware**, (1776) which required all officers, besides an oath of allegiance, to make and subscribe the following declaration: 'I, A.B., do profess faith in **God the Father**, and in **Jesus Christ His only Son**, and in the **Holy Ghost**, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.'"

Justice David Josiah Brewer had served on the Kansas Supreme Court, 1870-1884. President Chester A. Arthur appointed him a Circuit Court Judge, 1884, then a Supreme Court Justice in 1889. Justice David Josiah Brewer was nephew of **Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Field**, with whom he served 9 years on the bench. **Justice David Josiah Brewer** died on March 28, 1910. In his work, *The United States-A Christian Nation*, published in Philadelphia by the John C. Winston Company, 1905, **Justice David Josiah Brewer** wrote: "We classify nations in various ways. As, for instance, by their form of government. One is a kingdom, another an empire, and still another a republic. Also by race. Great Britain is an Anglo-Saxon nation, France a Gallic, Germany a Teutonic, Russia a Slav. And still again by religion. One is a Mohammedan nation,

others are heathen, and still others are Christian nations. **his republic is classified among the Christian nations of the World.** It was so formally declared by the Supreme Court of the United States..."

Justice David Josiah Brewer continued: "**We constantly speak of this republic as a Christian nation** in fact, as **the leading Christian nation of the world.** This popular use of the term certainly has significance...In no charter or constitution is there anything to even suggest that any other than the Christian is the religion of this country.

In none of them is Mohammed or Confucius or Buddha in any manner noticed. In none of them is Judaism recognized other than by way of toleration of its special creed..." **Justice Brewer** concluded: "While the separation of church and state is often affirmed, there is nowhere a repudiation of Christianity as one of the institutions as well as benedictions of society. In short, there is no charter or constitution that is either infidel, agnostic, or anti-Christian. Wherever there is a declaration in favor of any religion it is of the Christian...I could show how largely **our laws and customs are based upon the laws of Moses and the teachings of Christ**; how constantly the Bible is appealed to as the guide of life and the authority in question of morals."

William Federer is a nationally known author and host of American Minute. He will be speaking in Vermont this September

"I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society. One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law: there never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying (*laying*) its foundation."

Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story, Harvard speech, 1829

Our Guest Speaker this Fall William J. Federer



WILLIAM J. FEDERER is a nationally known speaker, best-selling author, and president of Amerisearch, Inc., a publishing company dedicated to researching America's noble heritage.

Bill's **AMERICAN MINUTE** radio feature is broadcast daily across America and by the Internet. His Faith in History television airs on the TCT Network on stations across America and via DirectTV.

RADIO: Bill has been interviewed on thousands of radio programs, including Focus on the Family, Janet Parshall's America, Point of View, USA

Radio Network, Michael Medved, Common Sense Radio w/Ollie North, D. James Kennedy's Truths that Transform, Phyllis Schlafly Live, Beverly LaHaye Live, G. Gordon Liddy, RadioAmerica, Family Life Radio, USA Radio Network, Judicial Watch, InsightMag.com, Michael Reagan and others.

BOOKS: Bill's first book "America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations" has sold over a half-million copies. His works include:

***AMERICAN MINUTE**-Events of American Significance Remembered on their date.

***BACKFIRED**-A nation born for religious tolerance no longer tolerates religion.

***CHANGE TO CHAINS**-The 6000 year quest for control-Volume 1: Rise of the Republic

***ENDANGERED SPEECHES**-How the ACLU, IRS & LBJ Threaten Extinction of Free Speech

***ISLAMIC CONQUEST-PAST & PRESENT**- Political Islam's

1400 year War with the West
***PRAYERS & PRESIDENTS**-Inspiring Faith from Leaders of the Past

***THE INTERESTING HISTORY OF INCOME TAX**

***THE ORIGINAL 13**-A Documentary History of Religion in America's First Thirteen States

***THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** & their Influence on American Law

***THREE SECULAR REASONS** Why America Should be Under God

***TREASURY OF PRESIDENTIAL QUOTATIONS**

***WHAT EVERY AMERICAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE QUR'AN**-A History of Islam & the U.S.

SPEAKING: Bill has spoken across America, at events from Mount Rushmore to the Lincoln Memorial to the U.S. Capitol.

BIOGRAPHY: Born October 1, 1957, Bill was raised in south St. Louis, 5th of eleven

children, Bill lettered in wrestling, football and was a state finalist in track-high hurdles. He graduated from St. Louis University High School ('76), studied at University of Dallas, Texas ('76-'78); in Rome, Italy ('78), and graduated from Saint Louis University ('80) with a degree in Accounting/Business Administration.

Bill worked in real estate, oil & gas, and held positions with community organizations, charity groups, churches - working with youth, families, elderly and minorities. He served as a Scoutmaster, having been an Eagle Scout. **FAMILY:** Bill married his high school sweetheart, Susan Maria Misko, on May 2, 1981. Bill and Sue have four grown children.

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“The general principles on which the (Founding) 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.”

“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Have you heard the statement, “The United States is not a Christian Nation.”? Generally this comes from those who do not want morality to interfere with their lifestyle. The Christian Action Ministry knows we were formed as a Christian Nation, acted as one for 200 years, but have fallen away from our founding principles. We need to return to the beliefs of our Christian forefathers, form our governments in accordance with God’s principles, and shun the false teachings of abortion and homosexuality that are so preeminent today, from the White House down to our local governments and even within our families.

We have invited William Federer to be our guest speaker this fall. The topic will be current, relevant to you and to our country, exposing where we have strayed, and encouraging us to harken back to what made this country great in the first place.

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Next Meetings

May 19, 7:00 pm
Community Bible Church
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June 9, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
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