

America, One Nation Under II

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“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14).

All Americans believe that we live in one of the greatest countries that has ever existed. And I personally believe that that is true to the fullest sense. We live in a country that has blessed so many people around the world in so many different ways. For that reason many throughout the world strive to come to our country so that they might benefit from its opportunities and blessings. America is indeed the greatest country that this earth has had.

Everyone knows that in order to build a structure that is going to last for a long time, its foundations must be solid and secure. The reason that we live in a great country is because of its foundations. The roots of this country were solid and strong and were based on God. That is why God’s handprint is all over the early documents and his name was so commonly used throughout our great leaders and Founding Fathers. We saw in our last articles many quotes from our early Presidents that believed in God and were not ashamed to say it and show it. For that reason they so boldly spoke about the importance of establishing this nation under God.

When a crime takes place, one of the first and most important things that the government or local authorities do is tests to see who was at the crime scene through the process of fingerprints. Through that they can perhaps find the guilty parties. They place a great importance of that because they can find the facts. The same test can be performed with this great country of ours. If we were to investigate the topic whether to see if God was involved in the founding of this nation, we would definitely have to use the fingerprint examination. As you do research, you will clearly see that God was indeed involved with the founding of this nation because His fingerprint is all over the early documents, it’s laws, it’s songs, it’s textbooks, and it’s national anthems.

Patrick Henry said this in 1776; “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religious, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here” Thomas Jefferson also said; “I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also.” Our currency still says “One Nation Under God.” The Pledge of Allegiance that has been used in our public schools since the 1800’s says, “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.” And not to forget

some of the lyrics of "America the Beautiful," "...America! America! God shed His grace on thee...God mend thine ev'ry flaw..."

But unfortunately Americans are forgetting the fact that this nation was founded on God Himself. That is why people like Bill Maher are so easily influencing today's Americans into thinking that we don't need God, that only crazy fools believe in God. That is why he said; "We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion. I do believe that. I think religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies." What Bill Maher and those who follow his philosophy are then saying is that our Founding Fathers and all early Americans were crazy people because they believed in God. They argue in such a way which makes it seem that the belief in God is something that someone just recently came up with.

I believe that the fool is he who chooses to close his eyes and plug up his ears to the facts. American was founded on God, regardless what today's Americans say. People believed in the importance of having God as the ruler of the home, of the country, of this great nation of ours we call America.

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