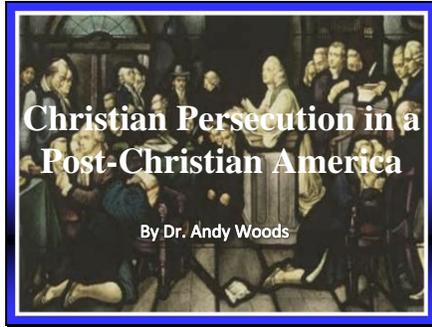
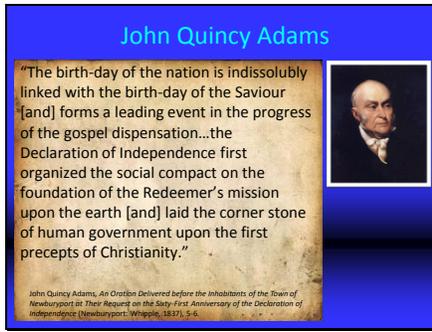


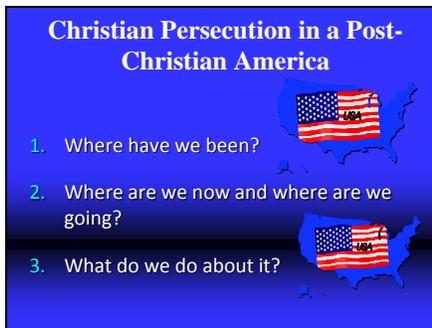
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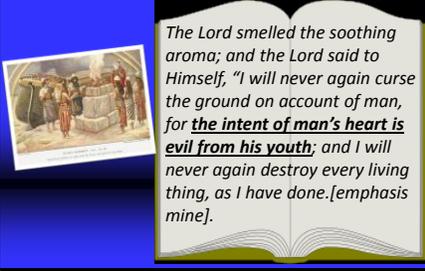
Bancroft "...simply calls Calvin 'the father of America' and adds: 'He who will not honor the memory and respect the influence of Calvin knows but little of the origin of American liberty.'"



Loraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1932), 388-90.

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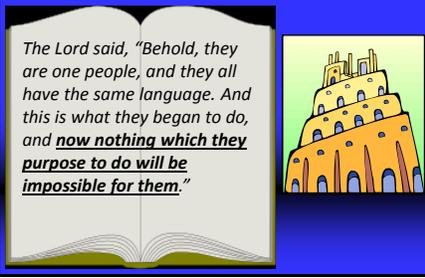
Genesis 8:21



The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for **the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth**; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine]."

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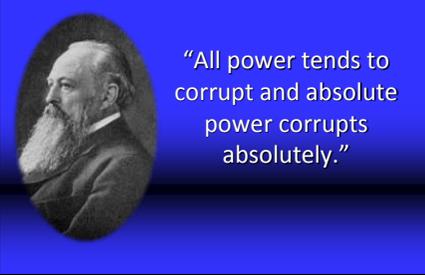
Genesis 11:6



The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and **now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.**"

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Lord Acton



"All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

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Federalist # 51



“But what is government but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, trans. Clinton Rossiter (New York, NY: Penguin, 1961), 322.

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Declaration of Independence

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“This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation...These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people...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.**”



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- 📖 Educational institutions
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- 📖 Conclusion

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God Blesses His Truth

Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Ps 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Ps 138:2, "For You have magnified Your word above all Your name" (NKJV)



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John Winthrop



"For we must consider that we shall be as a City set upon a Hill; the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be a story and a by-word through the world."

John Winthrop, "A Model of Christian Charity,"
Winthrop Papers, 2:292-95.

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A City Set Upon a Hill



Matt 5:13, 16:
"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

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Speech by Attorney General Janet Reno, Newark, New Jersey, May 5, 1995. Quoted in James Bovard, "Waco Must Get a Hearing," *Wall Street Journal*, May 15, 1995.

"You are part of a government that has given its people more freedom...than any other government in the history of the world."

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Scripture and Psychological Damage

"But if portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be, and in his specific experience with children Dr. Grayzel observed, had been, psychologically harmful to the child and had caused a divisive force within the social media of the school."



School District of Abington Township v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203, 209 (1963).

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Lack of Pre-1947 Precedent

CASE	DATE	PRE 1947 CITATIONS	POST 1947 CITATIONS
Levitt v. Committee	1973	0	18
Committee v. Nyquist	1973	1	99
Stone v. Graham	1980	0	9
Marsh v. Chambers	1982	1	32

Barton, *Myth of Separation*, 163-66.

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- “Jack Phillips is a baker who declined to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because his Christian belief is that marriage exists only between a man and woman. Now a Colorado judge has ordered him to bake cakes for same-sex marriages, and if Phillips refuses, he could go to jail.”

Ken Klukowski, “Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake,” online: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/12/Christian-Baker-Willing-to-Go-to-Jail-for-Declining-Gay-Wedding-Cake>, 12 December 2013, accessed 16 May 2014.

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Dr. James Dobson



“I have to be honest. It’s a very scary time for our nation right now. We’re kind of at a watershed moment...We’re just trampling the Constitution. It’s bullying. It’s just a straight bully tactic. ... that’s not the country our forefathers foresaw.”

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/05/17/trampling-the-constitution-famed-christian-claims-irs-bullied-ministry-threatened-to-deny-tax-application-over-criticism-of-obama/>

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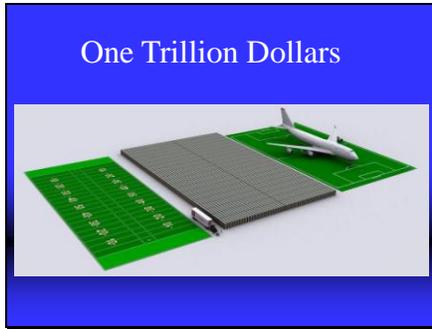
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“I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change...But if Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy.”



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“Not too long ago, two friends of mine were talking to a Cuban refugee, a businessman who had escaped from Castro, and in the midst of his story one of my friends turned to the other and said, ‘We don't know how lucky we are.’ And the Cuban stopped and said, ‘How lucky you are? I had someplace to escape to.’ And in that sentence he told us the entire story. If we lose freedom here, there's no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth.”

A TIME FOR CHOOSING, Speech given on October 27, 1964.

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“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

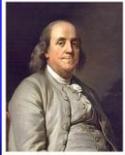


Address to the annual meeting of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
(30 March 1961)

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Benjamin Franklin

At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when queried as he left Independence Hall on the final day of deliberation (in the notes of Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland’s delegates to the Convention) a lady asked Dr. Benjamin Franklin, “Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin responded, “A republic replied the Doctor **if you can keep it**.”



The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, ed. Max Farrand, vol. 3, appendix A, p. 85 (1911, reprinted 1954).

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O say can you see by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key, *Star Spangled Banner*

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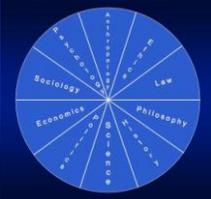
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Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

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Morris, *Genesis Recond.* 18-20

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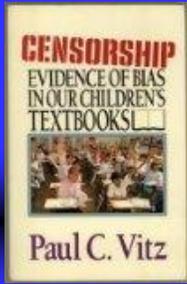


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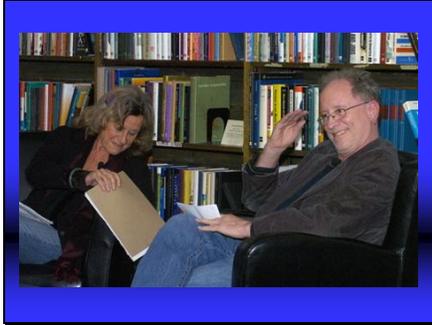
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Cited in Mark A. Beliles and Stephen K. McDowell, *America's Providential History* (Charlottesville, VA: Providence, 1989), 95.

“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”

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• “The Church must take right ground in regard to politics. The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics. Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter, but the time has come when they must act differently. God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground. It seems sometimes as if the foundations of the nation are becoming rotten, and Christians seem to act as if they think God does not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it, and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics.”

Charles Finney, *Lectures on Revivals of Religion*, Lecture XV



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IN April of 2009, Secretary of DHS Janet Napolitano [issued a nine-page report](#), "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment," which warned of the potential for violence from rightwing fringe groups.

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The Justice Department is resurrecting a program designed to thwart domestic threats to the United States, and Attorney General Eric Holder says those threats include individuals the government deems anti-government...

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“It appears there’s an attempt to marginalize people who hold views that are sharply different from those of the administration and much of the establishment, said Horace Cooper, co-chairman of the Project 21 National Advisory Board. Project 21 is a network of black conservatives.”

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Amos 8:5-When will the new moon be over, So that we may sell grain, And the sabbath, that we may open the wheat *market*, To make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, And to cheat with dishonest scales.

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Deuteronomy 17:16-20- Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never again return that way.’¹⁷ He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.¹⁸ “Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll ^[o]in the presence of the Levitical priests.¹⁹ It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these

statutes,²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

Acts 17:26- and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation

Esther 4:14- For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?

1 Tim 2:1-4- First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,² for kings and all who are in ^[a]authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and ^[b]dignity.³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the ^[c]knowledge of the truth.

Proverbs 21:1- The king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Isa 45:4- Though you have not known Me.

Dan 10:13, 20- But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was ^[o]withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia... Then he said, "Do you

^[y]understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the ^[w]prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the ^[x]prince of ^[y]Greece is about to come.

2 Cor 10:5- *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

2 Tim 3:17- so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Judges 2:10- All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

Joshua 4:19-24- Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho. ²⁰ ^[h]Those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. ²¹ He said to the sons of ^[i]Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ ²² then you shall inform your children, saying, ‘Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.’” ²³ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the ^[i]Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had

crossed; ²⁴ that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may ^[k]fear the LORD your God ^[l]forever.

2 Kgs 22:8-13- Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.

⁹ Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.” ¹⁰ Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. ¹¹ When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹² Then the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, ^[c]Achbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant saying, ¹³ “Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

In a video produced by [Turning Point USA](#), students at Marquette University react in shock upon learning that a textbook written by William “Bill” Ayers is used in a freshman education course. Ayers is a former domestic terrorist who allegedly participated in several acts of violence in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, including setting off bombs at the New York City Police Headquarters and the Pentagon. He became a focal

point during President Barack Obama's first bid for the presidency in 2008, when Republican opponents and the media questioned the nature of their friendship. According to [Breitbart News](#), Marquette lists Ayers book *To Teach The Journey, In Comics* as required reading for the course EDUC 1210: Introduction to Schooling in a Diverse Society. After leaving the underground, he earned an M.Ed from [Bank Street College](#) in Early Childhood Education (1984), an M.Ed from [Teachers College, Columbia University](#) in Early Childhood Education (1987) and an Ed. D from Teachers College, Columbia University in Curriculum and Instruction (1987). Dohrn is director and founder of the [Children and Family Justice Center](#), which supports the legal needs of adolescents and their families.

- See more at:

<http://www.cardinalnewmansociety.org/CatholicEducationDaily/DetailsPage/tabid/102/ArticleID/2778/Textbook-Authored-by-Former-Domestic-Terrorist-Bill-Ayers-Used-at-Marquette-University.aspx#sthash.cfvLLgud.dpuf>

1 Cor 4:2- In this case, moreover, it is required ^[a]of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Acts 16:37-39- But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out." ³⁸ The policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. They were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, ³⁹ and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city.

Matt 5:13-16- You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how ^[a]can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a ^[b]hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a ^[c]basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

It is stunning to think that more than 6 million self-described evangelical Christians would vote for a President who supports abortion on demand; supported the same-sex marriage ballot initiatives that succeeded in Maryland, Maine and Washington; and was on the cover of Newsweek as America’s “first gay president.” Did these self-professed believers surrender their Biblical convictions in the voting booth, or did they never really have deep Biblical convictions on the critical issues to begin with?...This is what happens when the Church is weak and fails to disciple believers to turn biblical faith into action. Given the enormous number of evangelical Christians in the U.S., this bloc could still affect enormous positive change for their issues if they were to unify and vote for the pro-life, pro-marriage candidate as a bloc....What will it take to educate, register and mobilize Christians to vote on the basis of biblical principles, and what kind of candidates could best mobilize them? This is a critical question that Christian political leaders as well as pastors must seriously consider. As we have seen, just a few million more evangelicals voting for pro-life, pro-marriage candidates could offset other demographics that are becoming more liberal.

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Luke 19:13- And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come (KJV).

2 Thess. 2:6-7- And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

Eph 4:15- But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ

Matt 25:25-26- And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.²⁶ His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Philip 1:12-13- But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;¹³ So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places.

2 Timothy 2:9- Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Heb 13:20-21- Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,²¹ Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.