

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Al Denson Show and for tuning in every week to our program. My prayer for you is to be encouraged in your daily walk with Christ through the words of this booklet. Our hope is that in turn you will tell others of what God is doing through our ministry to youth and parents on TV. I am convinced you will not find another program on any network anywhere that deals with issues today's youth and their parents are facing, and provides answers from a Godly perspective.

In addition, we would love for you to help us by going to our web site at www.aldenson.com. Here you can write to us, order additional material like this booklet, check out all my music, have a daily bible study, and stay up to date on the ministry. You can also send us a prayer request and questions for the TV show. But more importantly, please continue to be in prayer with us as we work together to help those that are in need.

Thanks for watching and God Bless!

Sincerely,



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Most artists create for only a brief moment in time. That phenomenon was once known as "15 minutes of fame". Yet even in a fickle world, there still emerge a talented few that transcends time and trends. With nearly 15 years as a major label recording artist and seven hit

albums to his credit, Al Denson is that kind of artist.

But the attention and acclaim his artistry has brought him over the years are anything but the routine rewards of worldly success. Rather, they are the fruits of a life of purpose and passion, and a mission that has always reached far beyond merely making music.

The millions of young people Al has performed for, befriended, counseled, consoled and clowned around with in his career already know that. And thousands more are finding out every day.

This past year has seen Al expand his efforts to a global audience through the reach of his daily syndicated television production, "The Al Denson Show." "You've got to reach out to people where they are with the most powerful means and this form of media allows you to build trust and a rapport," says Al. "This has all been so amazing. I can't imagine what lies in store when the Lord finally calls me home, but I don't have to wait for heaven to receive rewards. I get them every time a kid comes up to me and says, 'I heard what you said, and I accepted Christ.' You can't ask for anything more or better than that."

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"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."

For many years, students across our country started their school day by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This has always been one way young Americans could

show respect for our history and for the foundation of our country. But today in many classrooms you will never hear the pledge recited. There are now those in America who refuse to recite it because of the two words it contains: "under God."

Our country was founded on three pillars: FAITH, FAMILY, and FREEDOM. This is America's foundation and this is why she is the oldest, on-going constitutional republic in the history of the world. But today there are many in our country who say the only two pillars that are necessary to hold America up are family and freedom, and that faith is no longer necessary. There are even those who say that our



founding fathers never meant for faith in God to be a part of America's foundation at all.

It is being taught today in many university history classes across this nation that none of the founding fathers even believed in God. What is going to happen in America when these university students become the leaders in our country? They will believe that Americans can be successful with leaders who do not believe in God.

It is imperative that young people today know the truth. The Founding Fathers of America left behind volumes of their own writings so that future generations could know exactly what they did and why. More than two hundred years ago, these men identified for us all the foundation of America—it was faith in God, and it is this foundation which has made her great.



Listen to the truth concerning just a few of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence:

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, 24 held seminary or what are today considered Bible college degrees; and a number of the Founding Fathers that were members of Congress were also ministers.

Signer Dr. John Witherspoon helped produce the first family Bible in America so that families could study the Bible together.

Founder Charles Thompson was responsible for an American edition of the Bible which is one of the most scholarly American translations of the Bible ever done. It took him about 20 years to complete that translation.

Signer Dr. Benjamin Rush was the founder of America's first Bible Society. His goal was to get the Bible into the hands of every American so that they could find out about salvation through Jesus Christ, and he also believed that the Word of God could solve all of America's social problems, everything from slavery to crime. Other signers joined Dr. Rush in the

Bible Society movement and within eight years had started 121 different Bible Societies in America.

Signer Francis Hopkinson, a church choir leader, and music director was

responsible for America's first purely American hymnal, a hymnal which set the entire book of Psalms to music.

Signer Thomas McKean was responsible for America's first legal commentary on the Constitution and was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In the courtroom one day, Judge McKean told a man named John Roberts, a man who had been found guilty of treason and sentenced to death, that Mr. Roberts needed to make peace with God and find remission for his sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Signer Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, proclaimed, "I rely on the merits of Jesus Christ for the pardon of my sins."

Signer Robert Treat Paine said, "I am constrained to offer my adoration to the author of my existence, Jesus Christ, for His providential mercies offered to the world."

Signer Charles Carroll, the final surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, said, "On the mercy of my redeemer I rely for salvation, and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts."

And there are many other examples. Not bad for a bunch of guys who supposedly didn't believe in God!

A public school textbook that was printed in 1848 and used for decades in this country contained all of the biographies of the 56 signers of the Declaration; so American school kids in earlier generations grew up knowing the truth about America's foundation. Unfortunately, it would be hard to find a textbook today that contains facts like those mentioned above!

The 56 signers of the Declaration gave us our national birth certificate. The reason we are so blessed is because America has a foundation unlike any other. No other nation in the history of the world has lasted like America has. Turmoil, revolution, and turnover have

been the way of most other nations, and at the time of the American Revolution there were so many revolutions going on in the world that historians called it the "Age of Revolution." For example, in the last 200 years, France has gone through several very bloody revolutions and has had eight different constitutions. Italy has had 54 different governments. Instability among nations is everywhere, but because of America's foundation, she has stood strong—until now.

America has a great foundation but it needs repair because she is in the middle of a war over her own history. The battle that is being waged against the truth about America is called "revisionism." Revisionism is when people deliberately omit, rewrite, hide, or lie about what really happened in history because they want to remove faith from America's foundation. If revisionists can go into courts of law and convince judges that Christianity played no part in our government at the beginning, then most likely these judges will rule that government needs to be without Christianity today. If we as a people, don't know about our own history we will fall for this bad policy and allow it to happen.

We have had a stable foundation in the nation because the values and principles of Christianity do not change. This is why we have had an advantage in this nation over others. For example, France didn't believe in those standards and during the French Revolution the French were both anti-Bible and anti-

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Christianity. In fact, when the French Revolution was over, France abolished the 7-day week and went to a 10-day work week to remove from the minds of the people any concept of God or a Sabbath. Whenever a nation makes up its own standards of right and wrong, there isn't much hope of that nation being great. This is why the signers of the Declaration of Independence founded this nation on the eternal truths of the Word of God. One proof of this is seen in the writings of John Adams.

John Adams, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, wrote two letters to his wife on the day that the Declaration was signed. The first was a short letter announcing what they had done. The second letter was very long and in it he predicted that for generations to come, the 4th of July would be celebrated as a great holiday. He said that the 4th of July should be "commemorated by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." Imagine that! The 4th of July was to be a religious holiday--a time to thank God for what he had done--to be celebrated as a day of deliverance by God

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Almighty! For many years afterwards, the 4th of July was celebrated as a religious holiday. This is verified by the writings of men like John Quincy Adams.

On July 4, 1837, John Quincy Adams, because he had been alive at the signing of the Declaration of Independence and because his father had signed that document, was asked to give an address about the birth of the nation. John Quincy Adams said that the birthday of the Savior of the world (Christmas) and the 4th of July were the two most sacred American holidays because the birthday of this nation was linked to the birthday of the Savior. He explained that God brought America into existence as a Christian nation so that we might send the message of the gospel throughout the world. This was the mind set of our country for generations.

Now Americans are being fed the lie that the founding fathers were not Christians and never intended America to be a Christian nation. There are those today who are trying to make sure, with the help of the courts, that there is never any hint of religion in politics and that there are no public religious expressions of any kind in America. They say that it must be this way because all of our founding fathers were atheists and agnostics, but they are wrong, for it is a historical fact that of the 56 signers, only

two can be shown to not be Christians, and even these two were still pro-Christian and very involved in spreading the Bible across America!

The overwhelming majority of America's founding fathers had a strong faith in Jesus Christ that affected their behavior and especially produced the Biblical character trait of integrity. Signer Dr. Benjamin Rush once said the most important character trait a person can have is integrity, and that to have integrity means that a person's thoughts, words, and actions are all the same.

The best example of men in American history who displayed integrity was our founding fathers, for in the last line of the Declaration of Independence, these 56 promised to give their lives, their fortunes, and their honor to help America become free and independent, and they kept their word.

Amazingly, each one of these 56 men was a British citizen up until the day he signed the Declaration of Independence. But the moment he signed and pledged his alliance to America, he committed an act of treason and was considered to be at war with England—in effect, each one had signed his own death warrant. These 56, even though they had no army or

navy, nevertheless pledged their own lives and personal resources to take on the world's greatest military power, and, for the most part, they were ordinary and not wealthy men, except for a few like Robert Morris and John Hancock who did have money.

Robert Morris was made the financier of the Revolution. This meant it was his job to help find a way to finance the Revolution. But the first three years of the American Revolution there was almost no outside funding at all, so nearly two million dollars came out of Robert Morris' own pocket—and he lost so much that he spent the latter years of his life in debtors' prison.

John Hancock, who later was the Governor of Massachusetts, was also a wealthy man, and he lived in a mansion. When the British came to Boston, the first order they had was to find John Hancock and Sam Adams and hang them from the nearest tree. John Hancock escaped but the British officers took up residence in his home. John Hancock sneaked back into town, got the militia and their cannon, and started blowing up his own house in the middle of the night, rather than see the British succeed in their efforts.

Signer John Hart, also Speaker of the House in New Jersey, was a strong Christian and a family man with thirteen children. He was a farmer who loved the quiet life. When the

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British came looking for him, John Hart did not want to leave his home because he was taking care of his sick wife, but he was forced to. The British tracked him in the woods for the next year. He spent all four seasons out in the woods and he never spent two nights in a row in the same place for that year. When he was finally able to come back home, he found that the British had burned his home, his barns, his buildings, and his crops. His wife had died of her illness and his thirteen children had been taken and scattered—he never found even one of them. John Hart died shortly after of exhaustion and a broken heart.

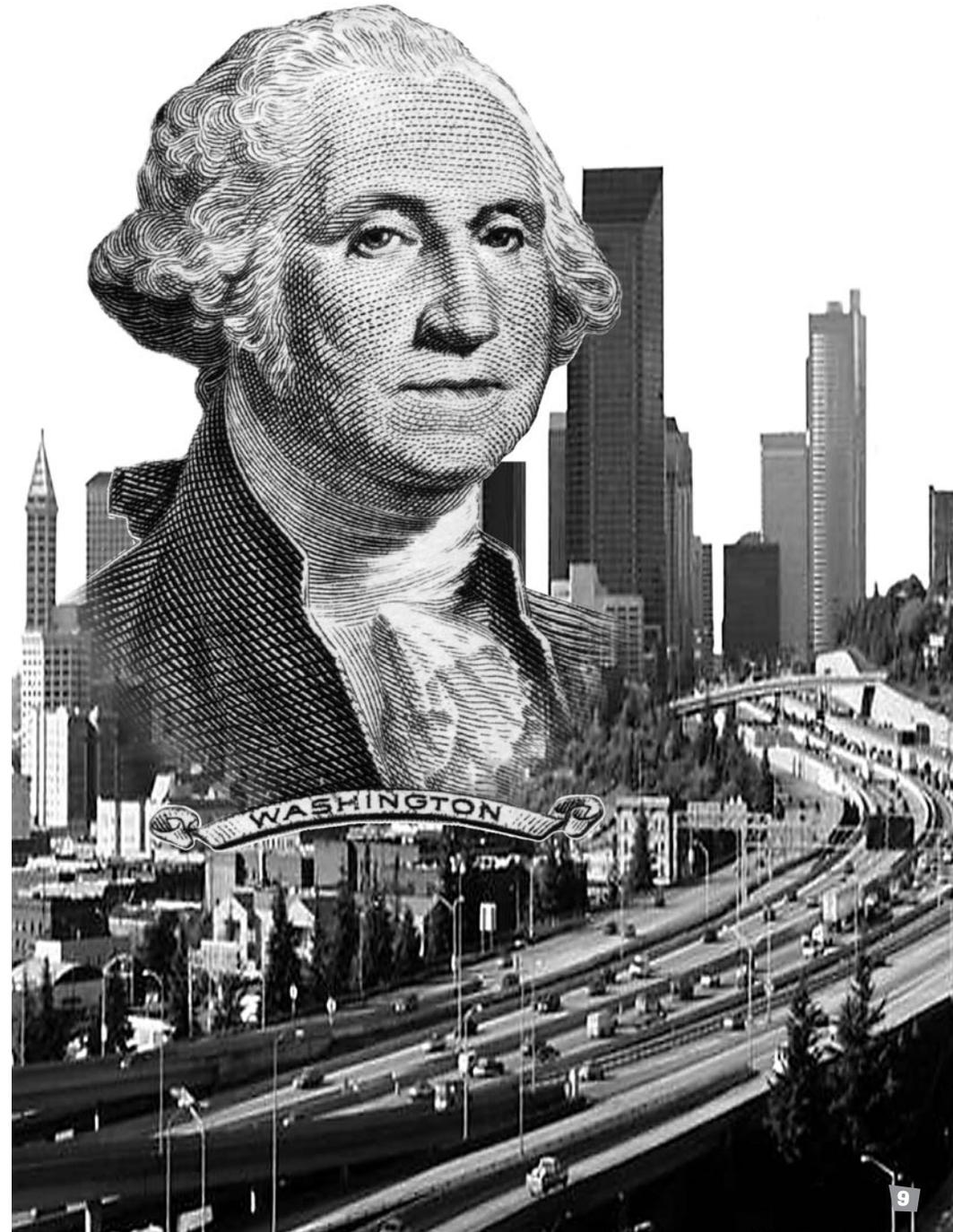
56 men of great faith sacrificed everything so that we could be free. If we aren't aware of the sacrifices involved and the truth about our religious heritage then, we will lose it and not even realize it is gone until it is too late. These godly men gave their word and kept it and if young people today don't understand these sacrifices, then they will not preserve and maintain our freedoms and religious heritage. Our founding fathers gave us an incredible foundation, yet textbooks deal with all this so lightly that most today think that our nation and its prosperity just happened by accident.

In his final "Farewell Address" following 50 years of public service, George Washington talked about what it would take to keep America strong. He said that of everything

that makes politics work well, religion and morality are the two most important elements and that they cannot be separated from government if we want our country to prosper. George Washington even said that no one can be a true patriot if he undermined the two foundations of religion and morality on which this country was built.

The founding fathers pointed out again and again that it wasn't our Constitution that makes America great, for the Constitution was simply the framework of our nation. They believed that what was most important was to obey what God had said in the Scriptures. For example, William Patterson, a General in the American Revolution, a signer of the Constitution, and a Justice on the Supreme Court, would end his speeches by quoting Proverbs 29:2, which says "With good men in authority, the people rejoice; but with the wicked in power, they groan." It is not just the document, but the leaders that make a nation great. You can have the greatest document in the world but when you put it in the hands of corrupt leaders it doesn't work properly, and other nations have copied our Constitution and still failed for just this reason.

John Jay, one the original members of the Supreme Court, explained why our country had been established as a republic by pointing back to ancient Israel. While they are known for having kings, Israel actually started as a republic (see Exodus 18:21-22). When the



Israelites eventually started whining to God about wanting an earthly king so they could be like other nations, God finally granted their wish. At the time of the American Revolution, most nations had kings, but our founding fathers said America would go back to the Exodus 18 model and would be a republic instead and that we would choose our own leaders and that government in America would be in the hands of the people.

As a result, America was the first nation since ancient Israel to have this opportunity, but with this great privilege also came a great responsibility. We were given a wonderful foundation of faith, but we must continue to protect that foundation. The only way America will survive is to elect "righteous leaders." As John Francis Mercer explained at the Constitutional Convention, "It is a great mistake to suppose that the paper we are to propose [the Constitution] will govern the United States. It is the men whom it will bring into the government and the interest in maintaining it that is to govern them; the paper will only mark out the mode and the form. Men are the substance and men must do the business."

For generations American citizens were taught in this country to apply Biblical principles to their voting. Noah Webster said, "In selecting men for office, let principle be your guide...it is alleged by men of loose principles or defective views of the subject that religion and morality

are not necessary or important qualifications for political stations. But the Scriptures teach a different doctrine. They direct that rulers should be men 'who rule in the fear of God, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness' [Exodus 18:21]. When a citizen gives his suffrage [vote] to a man of known immorality, he abuses his trust [civic responsibility]; he sacrifices not only his own interest, but that of his neighbor; he betrays the interest of his country."

Christians must vote for godly men and women. We have a responsibility to God, to our country, and to future generations to be active in the political process. Government policies will always reflect the personal values of those in office. If our leaders are immoral and corrupt, our government is going to become corrupt, and our liberties will be lost. When civil liberties are lost, religious liberties will also be lost. The future of America and her citizens rests in the hands of the people of this country. God is either going to continue to bless this nation or curse it according to the decisions that we make concerning our leaders.

There is a great controversy in America today over the "separation of church and state." We

first need to be aware that this phrase does not appear in our Constitution. Secondly, we need to be aware that this idea is a threat to our national security because it gives the credit for our civil rights to the state and not to God. The danger in this kind of thinking is this: What the state gives, the state can take away. We have seen this happen in Red China, Cuba, and in the former Soviet Union, where millions have been killed, imprisoned or tortured for their faith. The rights that we have as American citizens were given to us by a gracious God and not by the government, and because the state (government) did not give them to us, they have no right to take them away from us.

The founding fathers of our nation wrote in the Declaration of Independence that, "We therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions . . ." The title "Supreme Judge of the world"

expressly implies that our Creator, God, is the giver of human rights. Benjamin Franklin said, "Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature."

David Barton tells us in his great book *America: To Pray or Not To Pray* (WallBuilder Press) that in 1892, the United States Supreme Court made an exhaustive study of the supposed connection between Christianity and the government of the United States. After reviewing scores of volumes of historical documents, the Court asserted, "These references...add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a religious people...a Christian nation." In 1931, the Court reiterated that Americans are a "Christian people." And in 1952, it affirmed that "we are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

But on June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court reversed its position and made a decision that religious activities like school prayer and Bible reading could no longer be included in the daily lives of students at school. Never before in our nation's history had any branch of government taken such a stand. It makes one wonder if these Justices ever read what found-

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ing father Benjamin Rush said: “The only foundation for useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion,” and that, by removing the Bible from schools, “we would be wasting so much time and money in punishing crime and would be taking so little pains to prevent crime.” Take the Bible out of our schools and there would be an explosion in crime! His words spoken hundreds of years ago may have been prophetic, because in the years since 1962 violent crime in this country has risen dramatically—nearly 800 percent!

The First Amendment does not say anything about “separation of church and state;” rather it simply states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” This just meant that Congress could not pass a law establishing a national religious denomination (like the Church of England) and require all Americans to become Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, or members of any other denomination. But 1962, the Supreme Court decided that the word “church” would now mean any “religious activity in public,” so that the so-called “separation of church and state” was no longer a prohibition against establishing a national religious denomination but rather a prohibition against any religious activities in public.

In 1787, signer of the Constitution Benjamin Franklin spoke before the Constitutional Convention and said, “I move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.” Since even Mr. Franklin, one of the least religious of our Founding Fathers, wanted public prayers in government settings and in public arenas, what do you think Mr. Franklin would say about the Supreme Court decision of 1962!

America’s foundation of faith provided the religious freedom we have enjoyed in this country for hundreds of years, but those liberties are slowly slipping away. We must know the truth about our heritage and be willing to take a stand and acknowledge that Biblical principles are imperative to the success of our nation.

The condition of our government and of our nation is always going to be a reflection of how willing Christians are to get involved in our political system, and how seriously we take our responsibility to elect godly men and women.





Christians have handed the control of our nation over to leaders who have appointed Justices to the Supreme Court who have torn down, in a matter of only a few years, what our founding fathers sacrificed everything to give us.

The warning is plain: When a nation built on Godly principles is put into the hands of ungodly men and women, and its foundation of faith is removed, it will not continue to stand.

Abraham Lincoln said, "The truth announced in the Holy Scripture, and proven by all history is that, 'Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord' (Psalms 33:12)."

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