## VI) Historical Revisionism of One Nation Under God

As covered in a previous lesson, the education in early America was Bible-based. The first educational laws, the first elementary schools, the first colleges and the first school books America were all founded in Christianity. We briefly identified the tool of Humanism that Satan is using to eradicate the moral structure. Now we will identify the means in which secularists are accomplishing the work of Satan.

### We are a Christian Nation!

- Harvard University became America's first chartered college in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the Scriptures: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies, is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."
- The very first act of the Continental Congress on September 7, 1774 was a prayer by an Episcopalian minister. In the prayer he quoted Psalm 35:1-3, "*Psalm 35:1–3 Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; Fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of buckler and shield And rise up for my help. Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."*
- Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of Scripture for the people of this nation.
- Around the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the front of his well-worn Bible: "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."
- In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "*The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools.*"
- On September 28, 1789, just before the yearly recess, the first Federal Congress passed a resolution asking that the President of the United States recommend a national proclamation of a day of thanksgiving to God. A few days later, President George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, 1789 as a day of public thanksgiving, setting the path to our first National holiday.
- Above the front entrance of the US Supreme Court sits a statue of Moses holding the Ten Commandments. This was placed there to remind us that we are a country of law.
- In the portico of the US Capitol are eight large oil paintings, four of which depict Christian themes. It is the same location where congress has opened up with a daily prayer since the very beginning of the nation.

It is clear from the study of American history that we are a Christian nation founded on the faith of the New Testament. One would have to be intellectually dishonest to come to a different conclusion otherwise. As Christians, we should be absolutely disgusted at how far we have fallen from our national position of "One Nation Under God". How could this happen?

#### There is a Re-Writing of Our History

Secular humanists are using a process called *Historical Revisionism* in an attempt to undermine the Christian values of the people. This is the same technique that Stalin used to manipulate the Russians into accepting Communism and the inclusive atrocities against the nation. By leaving out important information from the historical record, Stalin was able to instill ignorance in the nation to hold them in the curse of Communism for decades. The famous author of that era, George Orwell, wrote, *1 John 3:7-8* 

Prior to the historical revisionism of Russia, there were 4,214 clergy members in Leningrad. By 1963, there remained only 63. Before the revolution in 1917, there were 460 churches in Moscow. By 1933, that number was down to 100. The communists knew they had to silence religion to control the people. The result was over 50 million executed. (Noebel, David. *Understanding the Times*. Harvest House Publishers. 1994. ch 4)

Brothers and Sisters, our national legacy of faith has been under assault through that same mechanism. Historical Revisionism is the same strategy which is being used against us in our own nation today. The educational elite have positioned themselves to hijack our national origins.

### "There is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

We are told in 1 John 3:7–8 "Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."

Focusing on the word "beginning", we are exposed to one the devil's greatest weapons, the "part-truth". Other more common names for this is the white lie, the black lie, the exaggeration, the mistruth, the half-truth, the "spinned-truth" or just a plain old LIE! The devil has been lying since the beginning (John 8:44) and nothing has changed has not changed.

He started out "in the beginning" by telling the part-truth to Eve in the Garden of Eden. *Genesis 3:4–5 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."* This was a "part-truth", leaving it open for a "part lie", for they would not be physically dead, but spiritually dead upon entering sin. Those who use the same techniques as "their father", the devil, are in reality children of the same. It is through the same lying principles that we find historical revisionism at work in the hijacking of our national Christian roots. This is done through three ways.

## 1) The Rejection of Important Words.

### What the history books used to say:

Most of the primary textbooks in the school systems across America say this concerning the Mayflower Compact:

### Mayflower Compact

"We whose names are under-written...do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid." (Davis, Kenneth. <u>Don't Know Much About History.</u> Avon Books. NY, NY. 1990. pg21)



This is a very simple and concise statement attempting to capture the intentions of the pilgrims desiring to come to a new land. According to the quote, they simply wanted to start a new life in the new world. Would you like to know what is the "..." which was left out? Here is the entire quote.

"We whose names are under-written <u>having undertaken</u>, for the glory of God, and <u>advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colonie in the Northern parts of Virginia</u>, do by these present solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid." (McDonald, William. <u>Documentary Source Book of American History 1606-1898</u>. The MacMillan Company. NY, NY. 1909. pg.19)

When we have the entire quote, the full intent of the Pilgrims in the Mayflower Compact was to plant the Christian faith in the "Northern parts" of the new world. They were on a mission trip to spread Christ. By leaving this reality out through historical revisionism, it makes it possible to leave God completely out of our national holiday, Thanksgiving.

In the 1990 best seller *Don't Know Much About History*, author Kenneth Davis quoted Patrick Henry on page 61. Here is what he wrote:

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery?...I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death?"

Whenever you see the "...", it is supposed to refer to something that does not change the flow of the text. Davis led the readers into believing there was nothing religious about Patrick Henry's statement. Let me read the "..." for you.



"Is life so dear or peace so sweet to be purchased at the price of chains or slavery? <u>Forbid it Almighty God!</u> I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death?"

Why would a best-selling author want to leave such an important phrase out of Patrick Henry's quote? This is the action of a politically-correct humanistic media. They publish most of the history books of today and are attempting to eliminate our history.

This is just a couple of the many thousands of historical revisions found in our textbooks today. By leaving out important information, it is their movements attempt to cause others to come to incomplete, ungodly conclusions.

# 2) The Removal of Important Symbols

The Washington Monument

- 555 feet atop the Washington Monument in our nation's capital is a metal cap with the Latin inscription "Praise be to God."
- There are 898 steps inside the monument which leads to the top. Inscribed on many of the steps are verses from the Bible. Some of these are "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for such is the Kingdom of God (Luke 18:16)," "Search the Scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11)," and "Holiness unto the Lord" (Exodus 28:36).



- There are 50 landings on these stairs. At each of these landings is a memorial stone, many which have Christian themes. On the twelfth landing is an inscribed prayer from the city of Baltimore. On the twentieth landing is a memorial placed by some Chinese Christians. On the twenty-fourth is a presentation from Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia.
- When the cornerstone was laid on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848, there was a Holy Bible placed by the Bible Society.

The monument itself is a tribute to the Christian spirit which enveloped the nation of the past. If you were to make the trip to the top of the monument today, one would have to take the elevator. On the way up you can see the inner structure through a special window. The problem is whenever you come to some of these images of Christian heritage, the window is darkened, making it impossible to see anything related to Christ or the Bible.

This is all about removing important symbols our Christian past, lest we see them and are reminded of the truth. What is going on at the Washington monument is just one example of hundreds as a coordinated effort to strip the nation of our Christian heritage.

#### Courtrooms, Classrooms and Coins

As of 2015, atheist led groups have filed numerous lawsuits against school districts to ban the display of the Declaration of Independence, the Mayflower Compact and the Pledge of Allegiance from classrooms because they all mention God. The same group have successfully removed Ten Command monuments from our courtrooms, removed religious plaques from our schools and are attempting to remove "In God We Trust" from our coins. This is all being done in an attempt to remove important symbols of our nation.

### 3) The Replacement of Important Institutions

We have many institutions which has served the nation well concerning a Christian legacy. These core institutions are key to a nation's heritage and without them, we will stray far from the truth.

### A) The Institution of Education

For the first 180 years of our country, schools opened that day with prayer unto God, seeking his blessings for the classroom and the nation. The institution of prayer was destroyed when the "Supreme" court ruled it unconstitutional in 1962. In 1963 the same court removed the Bible. Every child in the public schools in America from that moment in time have been deprived of that experience and the cost has been great.

### B) The Institution of the Family

Through the welfare system we have assaulted the family by government encouragement to not keep them together. Laws against parental discipline and structure have done evil contrary to what the Bible teaches. Government supported Planned Parenthood defines family planning as killing unborn children and then selling their body parts for profit. They do it in secret, carrying the torch of lies for the devil. The institution of the family is only a shell of what it used to be.

### C) The Institution of Marriage

The institution of marriage was always perceived as a wonderful symbol of Christ and his church for our nation. The nation respected what the Bible had to say in *Ephesians 5:31–32*, "*FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.*" Through government attacks on the institution of marriage like no-fault divorce laws and gay-marriage has stripped us of this great model to society.

All three of these great institutions of our society have fallen victim to the lies of the devil and the deceits of his followers. Is there nothing sacred in our nation anymore? There is an all-out effort by the ungodly to take God out of our public square and replace with humanism.

### What can we do to stop it?

We are told in Ephesians 5:11, "Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them." When we see a lie, expose the lie! We have an obligation to rebuke these acts of darkness which threaten to take hostage our next generation. We are in a war and must fight like Christian soldiers. As Ephesians 6:10 states, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." We have a God of truth whom is pure light, for which there is no darkness at all. We must fight the good fight of faith, taking hold of eternal life. We must don the armor of God and go to war with the lies and replace it with the truth. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

What is the first piece of the armor of God? Ephesians 6:13, "*Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...*" Our battles ALWAYS begin with the truth! We must learn the truth to recognize and confront a lie. It is with the truth that we can successfully fight the lies and the back our national Christian legacy of the country. We can expose the conspiracy of lies which the devil has used to lead people astray. Most importantly we can free one soul at a time from the grips of the devil through the gospel. Learn the truth and fight your battles with the truth!