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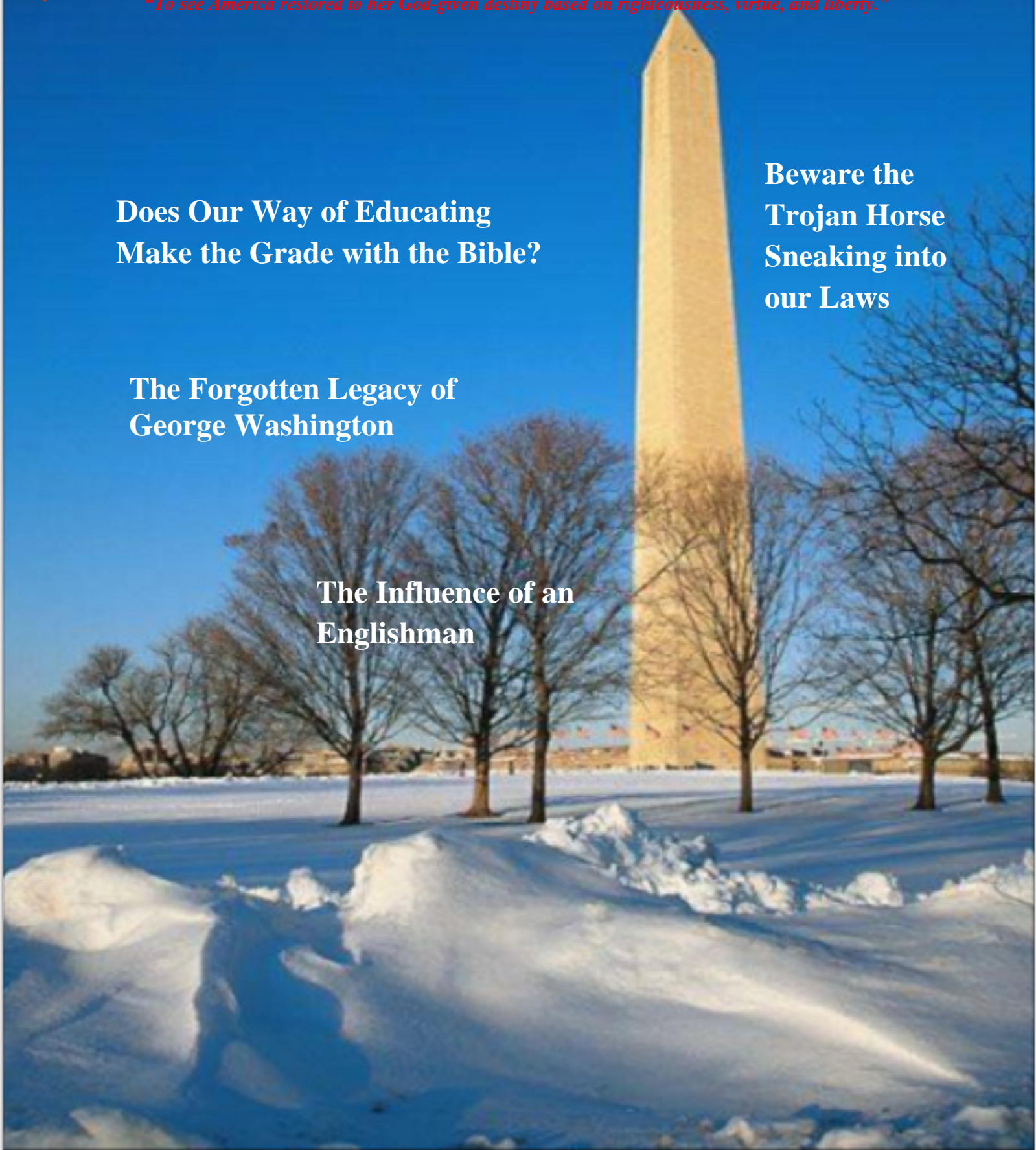
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers! It is with great anticipation that we at America Reclaimed Ministries and the Trumpet Call look to 2012. We are expecting great things this year and hope you will be enlightened by our upcoming articles.

In this issue you will see how Sharia Law is starting to affect our nation, you will learn of a great man of prayer and Doug Anderson's article will certainly make you think. Don't miss our "Did you Know" and "This Day in Providential History" articles as they contain little known facts that you will find interesting.

We appreciate your continued readership and support for the Trumpet Call. We will endeavor to provide information that will inform you and provoke you to examine our great nations' history.

Charlotte Findley
Editor in Chief

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In honor of George Washington's birthday we have on our front cover a winter picture of the Washington Monument and in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. day, the back cover is of his Monument with the last part of his famous "I have a dream" speech

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The Perils of Education (cont)

of only “religious” knowledge.” It doesn’t say that. **Every subject; every issue; every problem must be first addressed by what God has to say on the issue.** God created all of life. While we know that, we often act as if God has no answers for 90% of life’s issues and thus a secular education devoid of God and His perspective is not a big deal. Sadly, that Biblical pattern is impossible to have in public schools today.

The third and final Biblical principle related to education is that without God, all learning is foolishness and vanity. First Corinthians 3:19 tells us: *“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.”* Likewise, Colossians 2:8 says we are not to let others take us by their philosophy and vain deceit. Romans 12:2 says we are not to be conformed to this world, yet when we send our children to public school, learning the philosophy and world view of non-believers without counter Biblical teaching at home, we do exactly that!

Exposing our children to a constant barrage of secularism before they have had a chance to build a strong spiritual and Biblical foundation is a recipe for ship-wrecked faith and compromise. It virtually assures that our children will be conformed to this world in contrast to the warning God gives us in Romans 12:2, unless we take active steps to combat that result.

So What Should Christians Do?

For Christian families in the midst of the secular education conflict, there are no easy answers. Nor are there any options without heavy sacrifices. For some Christian families who can afford to, albeit it requires a great sacrifice as well, one parent can choose to stay home and home school their children with the other parent assisting in the evenings and weekends. Homeschooling is a huge time commitment and normally requires the loss of one full-time bread winner. But this option also provides the most opportunity to shape and mold

your children’s destiny completely consistent with your own faith and beliefs.



For other Christian families who have the financial resources, you can send your children to a local Christian private school that shares your values and will aid in teaching them a Biblical worldview that strengthens, rather than undermines their faith. Of course that requires diverting financial resources from other priorities to pay the higher cost of tuition.

Finally, for those Christian families who do not have the financial resources to even attempt the first two options, they likely have no choice but to leave their children in the public and secular school. For them, there is an opportunity for their children to be “salt and light” in the darkness. However, these parents must also make sacrifices, be realistic about the dangers and help their children to be prepared.

We must recognize this as spiritual warfare, and in warfare we do not send soldiers out to battle who are too young, inexperienced or untrained. We wouldn’t dare send children out to fight a physical war for those very reasons, so we shouldn’t send them out to fight a spiritual war before they are ready if avoidable. It is that reason parents don’t allow their children to cross busy streets by themselves until they are mature enough to understand and respond properly to the dangers. Public school is wrought with secular philosophies that seek to destroy the spiritual foundations and faith of our children.

Therefore, the key for these parents is to **stay very involved** and aware of what the schools are teaching and supplement the lessons by discussing with their children what the Bible says on each subject. Parents need to

make sure they talk to their children about what they are being taught – not just “how was school today” but, subject by subject, ask what was taught. A parent could even read through all their children’s text books at the beginning of each year in order to prepare themselves to counter what their children will be taught.



Then parents have the chance to undue any harm to their faith and remind their children what the Biblical truth is on that matter. This can be a rich and rewarding opportunity for parents to draw closer to their children and allow them to actively assist in building their children’s faith to remain strong in the midst of the assaults on that faith.

This article is not intended to be condemning of anyone who sends their child to public school but to help all parents understand what the secular schools are doing and provide ways of counter acting their influence and minimizing the dangers. But we must be aware that, as parents, we are ultimately responsible for our children’s education and the condition of their souls while under our care. To do so we must seek the Lord for His creative options and alternatives that we might not have considered.

It is time we recognize that public schools and secular private schools inherently teach our children non-Biblical perspectives in non-Biblical ways. As such, we should stop viewing any secular school as “prestigious” when all they teach are vain philosophies separated from the ultimate source of truth. Every Christian parent, given their responsibility over the education of their children, should carefully seek God on this issue to prevent them from unknowingly subjecting their children to a spiritual warfare they probably are not ready for.

“The Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus Christ are not only basic but plenary.”

– William Holmes McGuffey authored *The New England Primer* and *McGuffey’s Eclectic Reader*

On This Day in Providential History

Editor's Note: Each edition of the Trumpet Call will include a This Day in Providential History that will be a day within that quarterly issue's time frame

On March 15, 1781, one of the less known but nonetheless significant battles of the War for Independence took place at Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina. While the American troops, led by General Greene, greatly outnumbered the British troops led by General Cornwallis roughly 4,400 to 1,900, the British were much more experienced. Well over half of the American troops consisted of raw, inexperienced militia who had never been in battle. At stake was the entire southern region of the colonies which the British sought to control, having already secured most of Georgia and South Carolina.

On this day, the fighting was fierce, but in the end, the American's withdrew from the field leaving the British to claim a tactical victory. However, strategically, the victory belonged completely to the Americans. Battle casualties were more than the British could afford and were more than twice that of the Americans: 550 British casualties to 250 American. Moreover, as a result of that heavy loss of troops, the British were too weakened to continue their southern campaign and as a result, they failed to secure the region. Shortly thereafter, General Cornwallis' troops were forced to surrender at Yorktown, Virginia.

What is even less well known, yet divinely inspired, was that on the same day, March 15, 1781, a large group of women gathered in prayer as the Americans engaged the British in battle. The incident is described by historian Benjamin F. Morris, in his classic 1864 book, "The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States," reprinted by American Vision Press (2007) as follows:

"In every trying hour of the Revolution, women would hold conferences for prayer, that God would be with the armies and give them the victory. During the battle at Guilford Court-House, North Carolina, March 15, 1781, two companies of Christian women were gathered from Dr. Caldwell's congregation, for prayer. Whilst the two armies met, the British under Cornwallis and the American under General Greene, these pious women were in prayer to Almighty God for his protection and aid. In many places the solitary voice of a pious woman went up to the Divine ear, with the earnest pleadings of faith, for the success of the Americans. The battling hosts were surrounded by a cordon of praying women during those dreadful hours of contest.' Mr. Caldwell, in reply to the taunts of a British officer, said, 'Wait and see what the Lord will do for us.' The results of the battle were 'highly beneficial to the cause of the patriots.'" pg. 493.

"I know there is an objection among many people to teaching children doctrines of any kind, because they are liable to be controverted. But let us not be wiser than our Maker"

**– Benjamin Rush,
Signer of the
Declaration of
Independence**



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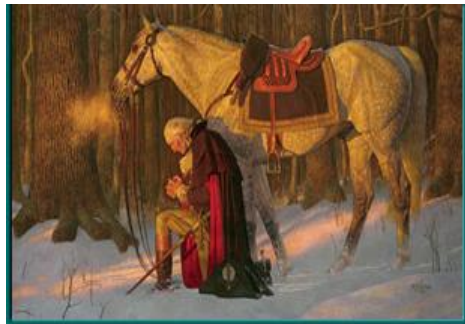
Prayer Focus

George Washington – A Man of Prayer

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Every President of our country has had a legacy that he is remembered by. Some Presidents have left legacies that have been good, some legacies that have been noble, some legacies that have been questionable and others have left legacies that have been bad. But we all would agree that the legacy of George Washington is, without doubt, one of the greatest of any president of our country.

Not only was George Washington a dedicated husband and father, a great general during the Revolutionary War, and an outstanding founding President, but he was also a man of prayer. When we speak of this great man in prayer the first image that comes to mind is the painting of him kneeling in prayer at Valley Forge during the Winter Encampment of 1777-78 by Arnold Friberg.



However, over the years there has been some controversy concerning the account related to the “Prayer of Valley Forge”. Isaac Potts was a resident of Valley Forge and as a Quaker was opposed to the war. The first appearance of his account was in 1816, the 17th Edition of the “Life of George Washington, with Curious Anecdotes” by the

Rev Mason L. Weems, formerly rector of Mount Vernon Parish. However, the fullest account of Mr. Potts testimony concerning what he witnessed at Valley Forge is in the “Diary and Remembrances” of Rev. Nathaniel Randolph Snowdon, a Presbyterian minister and a Princeton graduate. This account is related as:

“I was riding with him (Mr. Potts) near Valley Forge, where the army lay during the war of the Revolution. Mr. Potts was a Senator in our state and a Whig. I told him I was agreeable surprised to find him a friend to his country as the Quakers were mostly Tories. He said, “It was so and I was a rank Tory once, for I never believed that America could proceed against Great Britain whose fleets are armies covered the land and ocean. But something very extraordinary converted me to the good faith.”

“What was that?” I inquired. “Do you see that woods, and the plain?” It was about a quarter of a mile from the place we were riding. “There”, said he, “laid the army of Washington. It was

stressing time of ye war, and all were for giving up the ship but that one good man.

“In that woods,” pointing to a close in view, “I heard a plaintive sound, as of a man at prayer. I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to ye

astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis and the cause of the country, of humanity, and of the world.

“Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him

alone praying. I went home and told my wife, ‘I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before’, and just related to her what I had seen and heard and observed. We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God, and America could prevail.”

Some may say the instance of George Washington on his knees praying at Valley Forge may be legend or tradition but these reliable accounts seem to remove it from the realm of “mere” legend or tradition to the realm of fact. However, the image remains an accurate symbol of his faith and dedication to prayer.

President Ronald Reagan once said, “One of the most inspiring portrayals of American history is that of George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge. That moving image **personifies and testifies to our Founders dependence upon Divine Providence** during the darkest hours of our Revolutionary struggle”.

Yes, this image does indeed testify to Washington’s dependence on God (or as he is most often quoted as saying “Divine Providence”). Not only was he a man that looked to God for guidance but there are a number of occasions recorded where Washington offered the opportunity for those under his command to take time for thanksgiving and supplication throughout the entirety of the war. According to the George Washington Papers at the Library of Congress, Washington wrote, “The Hon. Continental Congress having been pleased to allow a Chaplain to each Regiment, the Colonels or commanding officers of each regiment are directed to procure Chaplains

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor...”

– President George Washington, National Day of Thanksgiving

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accordingly... *The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger. The General hopes and trusts, that every officer and man, will endeavor so to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country*". In a general order dated May 2, 1778, General Washington said, "*The Commander in Chief directs that divine Service be performed every Sunday at 11 o'clock in those Brigades to which there are Chaplains...*". He knew the value of looking to Divine Providence for himself and made sure the same opportunity was provided for those who wished to seek God for themselves.

After the war was over Washington continued to be devoted to prayer. During the first prayer offered in Congress on September 7, 1774 in Philadelphia at Carpenters Hall, witnesses recorded that during the prayer Washington knelt along with Patrick Henry and the President of the Assembly, Peyton Randolph, and others as the Reverend Duche' offered up a prayer to Heaven. Our Constitution was written shortly thereafter, by men who earnestly sought God. In 1783, shortly before Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, financial problems swept the country as soldiers demanded their pay, which Congress was unable to provide. Anarchy and riots began and something had to be done to alleviate the distress and discontent. Washington wrote letters to the governors of each of the States urging that they all take some action to help relieve the distress and to restore confidence in the republic. He sent the same letter to each governor and in the closing paragraph of all the letters, Washington gave the governors "his prayer" for the new nation which read, "*I now make it my earnest prayer, that*

God would have you, and that state over which you preside, in His holy protection; that He would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field; and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose examples in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. I have the Honor to be, with much esteem and respect, Sir, your excellency's most obedient and most humble servant". Washington's Prayer for the United States of America appears on a plaque in St. Paul's chapel in New York City as well as at Pohick Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

There has also been some debate concerning Washington's Prayer for the Nation as it is almost identical to his Inaugural Prayer in 1789. The prayers have been discounted because Washington used the same prayer more than once. Washington either committed the 1783 prayer to the thirteen governors to memory, or kept a copy for future use. However, in those days it was not uncommon for prayers to be written down so it is most likely that he kept a copy of the original letter. Basically, the changes were at the beginning and the end. The changes at the beginning are, "We make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep these United States in [Thy] holy protection...". At the end of the prayer he says,

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord." But the issue is not if the prayer was written down and used twice but that George Washington's devotion to God was so apparent that he wanted to acknowledge Him on both of these significant occasions.

Washington rarely discussed or wrote about his religious and philosophical opinions in any great detail, yet in his personal letters and public speeches his respect



There are also eyewitness accounts of Washington engaging in devotions. Biographer Jared Sparks recorded the following account from Washington's nephew George W. Lewis: "Mr. Lewis said he had accidentally witnessed [Washington's] private devotions in his library both morning and evening; that on those occasions he had seen him in a kneeling position with a Bible open before him and that he believed such to have been his daily practice". During the Revolutionary War, General Robert Porterfield stated he "found him on his knees, engaged in his morning's devotions." Alexander Hamilton corroborated Porterfield's account, stating "such was his most constant habit.

Yes, George Washington was a great man and a man of great character but more importantly **he was a great man of prayer**. These qualities set him apart and these are the qualities that are so desperately needed in our

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– George Washington

Did You Know...

It is often asserted that America's founders were rebellious seekers of independence in the period leading up to our Declaration of Independence in 1776 with no interest in reaching agreement with the British King to remain under his authority. Those who know about the Olive Branch Petition are less likely to accept such assertions.

The Olive Branch Petition was the American colonies' last attempt to reconcile with King George and it occurred even after fighting had broken out and blood had been shed. When the Second Continental Congress met in May, 1775, after the battles of Lexington and Concord, a majority of that body still sought a peaceful resolution to their disagreements with England. In spite of previous appeals by the First Continental Congress as well as by many of the individual colonies to the King, all of which he ignored, it was hoped the King would still change his mind in an earnest effort to avoid further bloodshed.

Congress gave John Dickerson permission to tone down an earlier draft by Thomas Jefferson and on July 8th, Dickerson's draft was presented to Congress and approved. The letter was very respectful and affirmed the loyalty of the American colonists to the King and assured him they only wished for him to redress their grievances. The respectful tone can be seen throughout the document, including its closing salutation: *"That your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign, and that your descendants may govern your dominions with honor to themselves and happiness to their subjects is our sincere and fervent prayer."*

King George's response was to not only refuse to receive it, but to issue a proclamation declaring the colonies to be in full scale rebellion and making it an act of treason for any British subject to defend the American cause in any way. Thus, unlike the truly radical and rebellious French Revolution a few years later, the American Revolution commenced only after exhausting their legal and diplomatic efforts that left them with no other means to redress their grievances except by appealing to the *"Supreme Judge of the world"* as they did in their July 4th Declaration.

"I take a particular pleasure in acknowledging that the interposing Hand of Heaven, in the various instances of our extensive preparation for this operation [Yorktown Battle] has been most conspicuous and remarkable."

– General George Washington

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Culture in Conflict

Sharia Law : A Hidden Agenda

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(Editor's Note: There are many Muslims living in our country and not all of them are terrorists. They are not all radical trying to have Sharia law introduced into our court systems. They are ordinary people working to feed their families and raise their children. They do not hate America but came here with the same dream that other immigrants did – to make better lives for themselves. However, we must be vigilant to make sure those that are trying to have Sharia law introduced will not succeed because this is the law of another land and should not supersede the laws of this land. We must pray for the Muslim people still in slavery to Islam and Sharia law)

Over the past few years we have witnessed a change in our judicial system. United States judges, despite having taken an oath to uphold the laws of our nation, are now ignoring that oath and citing Sharia law, the laws of other nations, in our courts to determine the outcome of certain cases. This oath is required by Title 28 of the U.S. Code to be taken by each federal judge before performing the duties of office. It is entitled "Oaths of Justices and Judges," and it states: "I, name here, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God."



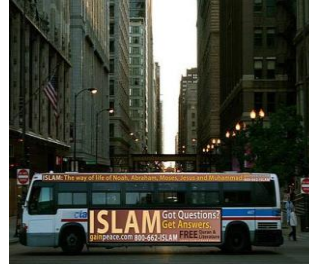
Nowhere in this oath does it allow the application of foreign laws, including Sharia law, to be a determining factor when ruling on cases in the United States. Any judge who takes this oath must be held accountable to uphold the standards of our constitution and the laws of **this land**, or be subject to impeachment. When a judge invokes Sharia law in an American courtroom, he is violating his judicial oath and he is basing his decision on his own personal agenda.

Not only have our judges started considering and citing Sharia law in court cases but the American Bar Association (ABA) has decided to undertake the fight FOR Sharia law. In a recent argument the ABA decided to organize a Task Force to review the legislation of fourteen states in which anti-Sharia legislation has been introduced. While that is bad enough, there are even greater consequences that arise when a judge or lawyer applies Sharia law in a U. S. court.

Of grave consequence is the undermining of a foundational Constitutional principle. While our first amendment rights give us the right to free exercise of religion, **those religious beliefs are still bound by the laws of the land!** For example, religions that call for animal sacrifice or encourage sex with minors are not permitted to act out such rituals. While some Mormons may believe in polygamy, they are not allowed to practice it. People of faith can use their constitutional freedoms to try to change laws they may find objectionable due to conflicts with their faith, however no one is excused from obeying the law **as it stands**. Citizens, as well as visitors in America, are required to obey all U.S. laws, regardless of any conflict with their individual beliefs or form of worship.

We need to understand what Sharia law is and why its agenda is so dangerous to Americans. The term Sharia refers to the application of Islamic law. In the Islamic states, it governs both the

public and private lives of those living under its laws, such as politics, economics, banking, business law, and social issues.



It is a complete and totalitarian way of life that is one sided and fueled by hate and death to those that do not follow the laws and ways of Islam.

There are numerous instances in which Sharia law runs contrary to the laws and traditions of this nation. Family law matters is a prime example, where under Sharia law, fathers receive sole and automatic custody in parental disputes over their own children, regardless of circumstances, when children reach seven years of age. This is exactly how *Hosain v. Malik* was decided in 1996 when an American court in Maryland awarded full custody of a daughter to her father, enforcing a court order from Pakistan, an Islamic country that follows Sharia law. Although the mother in the custody battle was never deemed unfit and the laughter was actually afraid of her father, an alleged substance abuser and batterer, the U.S. court enforced Sharia requirements, whereas American law would require the best interest of the child to be the key factor. Moreover, simple due process was denied the child whose attorney was not present at the custody decision to advocate for the child, and no input was sought from the daughter as is standard in U.S. custody cases.

In *Hosain v. Malik* case, the husband's attorney twisted the "best interest of the child" requirement and argued that in Pakistani culture, the well-being of the child is facilitated by

*"Hold on, my friends,
to the Constitution
and to the Republic
for which it stands.*

*Miracles do not
cluster, and what has
happened once in
6000 years, may not
happen again. Hold
on to the
Constitution, for if
the American
Constitution should
fail, there will be
anarchy throughout
the world."*

– Daniel Webster

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adherence to Islamic teaching, which mandates custody to the father. In this case, the child was sent back to Pakistan with the father, violating the child's human rights to enjoy a relationship with her mother and violating the mother's rights as a woman. Further, the father accused his ex-wife of adultery, which meant that if she returned to Pakistan she could face imprisonment, lashing, or even death by stoning under Sharia law.

Sharia law also authorized so-called "honor" killings. For any family member who leaves Islam, becomes an apostate and converts to another religion, the Qur'an specifically calls for that family member to be killed. The most recent case was of a young girl named Rifqa Bary from Columbus, Ohio who left her home after she became a Christian because her Muslim father threatened to kill her. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case when a Muslim converts to Christianity. In another case, in October 2009, a Muslim father, ran over and killed his daughter, 20 year old Noor Almaleki, because she was becoming too westernized. He also ran over the mother of Noor's boyfriend. Fortunately, Sharia law was not followed in this case, but it certainly was the cause of the murders. Any form of westernization, such as using a cell phone, wearing modern fashions or dating a boy is yet another cause for Sharia to be enforced according to their law.

Sharia law also allows Muslim men to beat their wives for rejecting sexual advances; it becomes obvious that American values are in direct conflict with what Islamic law requires of its followers. This conflict was seen in a court case where Judge Joseph Charles of the New Jersey family court denied a restraining order to a Muslim woman whose husband had serially raped and beat her, because the judge determined that the Muslim man was acting under his beliefs (Sharia law) and not with criminal intent. Fortunately, this 2009 decision was overruled by an appellate court.

Sharia Law has already been considered in 17 court cases in 11 states. It is creeping into our society

just as it has in many European countries, a trend that runs contrary to our own Constitution. The Constitution of the United States in Article VI declares itself "*the supreme law of the land.*" No foreign laws can supersede our own Constitution and laws, nor can they be considered in the resolutions of courts **at any level** in America.

Not only has Sharia attacked our laws and courtrooms in the United States, it has also attacked our freedom of speech. On Friday, November 11, 2011 the Preserving Freedom Conference - Stop Sharia in America, was supposed to be held at the Hutton Hotel in Nashville. Steve Eckley, Senior Vice-President of Hutton Hotel, told conference organizers on the Monday before the conference that he had been getting threatening letters and calls, and that consequently the hotel would not honor its contract for the conference. Eckley said that if conference organizers and attendees showed up at the hotel, they would not be let in. As a result of this intimidation, the Conference has moved. The Hutton Hotel refuses to honor its contract because they want to be "**sensitive**" to Islamists who had **intimidated** them into suppressing the free speech rights of the conference attendees. This is not the first time this kind of suppression of free speech has occurred. A hotel in Sugar Land, TX cancelling an event where Pamela Geller of Atlas Shrugs, and AFDI/SIOA (American Freedom Defense Initiative /Stop Islamization of America) was to be the keynote speaker. Ms. Geller noted that Hyatt Hotel caved in to intimidation and cancelled the event.

Sharia law is utterly inconsistent with American values, as it enslaves those under it and encourages or commands acts of violence. Sharia demands the death of those who renounce Islam. Honor killings, marital rape, female genital mutilation, and severing of hands and feet are but a few of the other

components of Sharia law. How can a law that clearly promotes death to all who do not follow its religion be allowed to be used in place of our own Constitution?



It is evident the goal of those promoting Sharia law is to destroy American laws from within. It is eerily similar to the Trojan Horse strategy of the Trojans used by the Greeks to sneak in their soldiers into an otherwise impenetrable fortress of their enemy in the City of Troy. We must not allow our nation to fall to the deceit of Sharia law. We can no longer sit by and watch – we must stand up and fight for our Constitution and the laws of our land.

We the people elect state senator, congressmen, and the President of the United States in the hope that they will uphold the laws to their fullest intent. We have to stay focused on what our leaders are doing to this nation.

Our Founding Fathers founded this nation on Christian principles and values and wrote documents (like the Constitution) which became law, and our judges have taken an oath to uphold the standards set forth by those laws. Islam must never be allowed to impose its Sharia system of "justice" anywhere in the United States. No Sharia courts should be permitted outside of the Islamic world. It is our hope that America will wake up as to what is really going on in our country. Our laws are under attack from within and our leaders cannot continue to ignore the tactics being used. Let us pray that this nation does not succumb to fear. Stand up for what is right and Godly. Our constitutional freedoms depend upon it.

"No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it."

—President Theodore Roosevelt

Biographical Sketch

How an Englishman helped draft the U.S Constitution

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If you are student of the law you may have heard of William Blackstone but if not, his name is most likely unknown to you.

He was born into a middle class family in Cheapside, England. His father died four months before his birth and he was raised by his mother until her death when William was twelve years old. He attended Charterhouse school and after his mother's death remained at school as a "poor" scholar. After leaving Charterhouse he set out to obtain a Bachelor of Civil Law degree, civil law being the only legal area recognized by his university. He attended Oxford as both a student and teacher. He held several positions at the University of Oxford, held the first Vinerian Professor of English Law position, was a preeminent lecturer on English law, and was knighted and accepted an appointment Justice of the Common as Pleas.

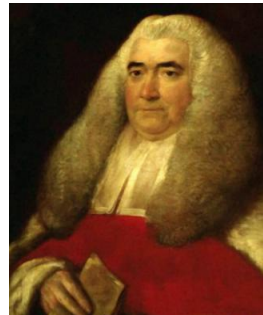
Blackstone's primary legacy is his written work the *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. At the time of publication, the common law of England was in its infancy,

with people uncertain as to what the law was. The Commentaries helped to solidify legal thinking.

The first copies of the Commentaries in America were published in Philadelphia between 1771 and 1772. American lawyers in the early republic relied on Blackstone as the primary, if not only source of the common law. Men such as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Wilson (signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution), James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and many other signers of the Constitution were students of the Commentaries. In his 1941 book *The Mysterious Science of the Law*, Daniel Boorstin wrote "*The Founders of this country found their philosophy in John Locke and their passion in Thomas Paine, but they found the blueprint for a new nation in Blackstone. To be sure, they did not construct the government as Blackstone would have designed it; they added and subtracted from it as they went along but the foundation was built on Blackstone.*" In his 1985 book *Novus Ordo Seclorum* Forrest McDonald stated, "*The Commentaries were cited if not by name then by inference many times during the constitutional convention.*"

Blackstone, a Christian, believed that the fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom. Thus he opened his Commentaries with a careful analysis of the law of God as revealed in the Bible. He took it as self-evident that God is the source of all laws.

Robert Ferguson notes that "all our formative documents – the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Federalist Papers – were drafted by attorneys steeped in Sir William Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England*." So much was this the case that the Commentaries rank second only to the Bible as a literary and intellectual influence on the history of American institutions.



All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this Book [the Bible]; but for the Book we could not know right from wrong. All the things desirable to man are contained in it.

– President Abraham Lincoln



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THE CONNECTION

The background of the page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. A red rectangular box with a white border is centered on the page, containing the title and a list of days.

OFFICIAL FLAG-FLYING DAYS

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Presidents' Day
George Washington's Birthday
Mother's Day
Armed Forces Day
Memorial Day
Flag Day
Father's Day
Independence Day (4th of July)
Labor Day
Patriot Day
Columbus Day
Election Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Pearl Harbor Day
Christmas Day

Holiday Observations this Quarter:

January 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

This is a day set aside as a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around the time of King's birthday, January 15. Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed on January 20, 1986.

February 12th – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Lincoln's Birthday is a legal holiday in some states and is observed on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809. The day is marked by traditional wreath-laying ceremonies at Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville, Kentucky, and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

February 20th – President's Day

Presidents' Day, originally known as Washington's Birthday, falls on the third Monday of February.

February 22nd – George Washington's Birthday

A federal holiday honoring George Washington was originally implemented by an Act of Congress in 1880 for government offices in the District of Columbia and expanded in 1885 to include all federal offices. As the first federal holiday to honor an American citizen, the holiday was celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. On January 1, 1971, the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This date places it between February 15 and 21, which makes the name "Washington's Birthday" in some sense a misnomer, since it never lands on Washington's actual birthday, February 22.

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is a religious holiday celebrated internationally. It commemorates Saint Patrick, the most commonly recognized of the patron saints of Ireland, and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. It is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church and Lutheran Church. Saint Patrick's Day was made an official feast day in the early 17th century, and has gradually become a secular celebration of Irish culture in general.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Welcome to our first Children's Corner. It is our desire that through these fun activities we can encourage and inspire our children to want to further learn about America's wonderful history. This is geared for ages 7-12. Good luck kids.

How Well Do You Know our US Presidents?

Ten fun trivia questions on little known presidential facts.

- Who was the only bachelor President?
A. James Buchanan C. Andrew Jackson
B. James Monroe D. James Polk
- Who was the heaviest President?
A. Grover Cleveland C. James Madison
B. Ulysses S. Grant D. William Taft
- Who was the oldest elected President?
A. George Washington C. Ronald Reagan
B. Thomas Jefferson D. Woodrow Wilson
- Which President was NOT born or did NOT die on the 4th of July?
A. John Adams C. Thomas Jefferson
B. Calvin Coolidge D. Benjamin Harrison
- Which President was related by either blood or marriage to eleven other Presidents?
A. John Quincy Adams C. Benjamin Harrison
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt D. John Kennedy
- Which President was the youngest person to become President?
A. John F. Kennedy C. Theodore Roosevelt
C. Franklin Pierce D. William Clinton
- Which President did not die in office?
A. Millard Fillmore C. Warren Harding
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt D. Zachary Taylor
- Who was the only person to become President without having been elected?
A. Benjamin Harrison C. Ulysses S. Grant
B. Gerald Ford D. Lyndon B. Johnson
- Which President's face is not part of Mt. Rushmore?
A. Thomas Jefferson C. George Washington
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt D. Theodore Roosevelt
- Which President served the longest in office?
A. George Washington C. Dwight D. Eisenhower
B. Thomas Jefferson D. Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Answers can be found at the bottom of the following page

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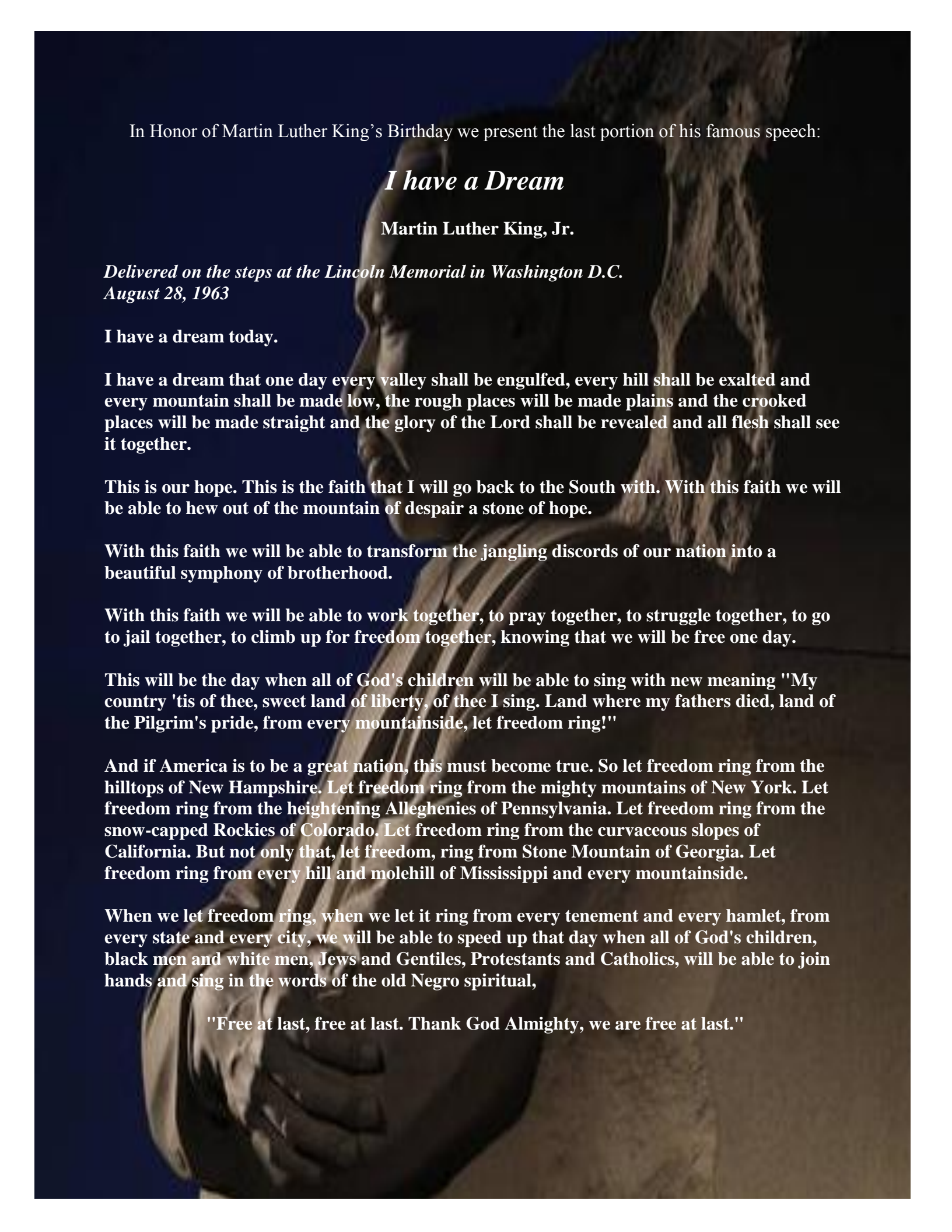
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ANSWERS: 1. A. James Buchanan: 2. D. William Taft, weighing in at 300-340 lbs.: 3. C. Ronald Reagan, at age 69. : 4. D. Benjamin Harris, died on March 13, 1901. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4th 1826, and Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4th, 1872. : 5. B. Franklin D. Roosevelt was related by blood or marriage to eleven other Presidents – John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Ulysses S. Grant, William Henry Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, James Madison, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Zachary Taylor, Martin Van Buren and George Washington. : 6. C. Theodore Roosevelt, who as Vice-President, took over office when William McKinley was assassinated. He was 42 years of age. John F. Kennedy was the youngest elected President, but not the youngest to become President. : 7. A. Millard Fillmore. He served from 1850 - 1854, and died in 1874. : 8. B. Gerald Ford. He took office when President Nixon resigned. : 9: B. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mt. Rushmore has four Presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. : 10. D. Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was elected 4 consecutive terms, and served slightly more than 12 years before dying in office.



In Honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday we present the last portion of his famous speech:

I have a Dream

Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.
August 28, 1963*

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom, ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi and every mountainside.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual,

"Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."