

# The Founders understood the need for religion, morality

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It was President John Adams who wrote, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Last week, I wrote about the fact that America was founded as a Christian nation by Christians, and cited the evidence from a book written by Jerry Newcombe entitled *The Book That Made America – How the Bible Formed Our Nation*.

But real evidence is no obstacle to groups who are intent not only upon separating the church from the state, but to leading the American people to believe in their version of revisionist history.

One only needs to look at the character of those individuals in our governments, from local to federal, to understand how right Adams was. Many of the decisions that are being made on our behalf in the halls of government, and especially in Washington, are being made by men and women who have either lost their moral compass or who no longer fear God, or both. Amnesty, the (un)Affordable Care Act, and our open borders are fondly a few examples of that.

Adams was not just talking about the people who would be governed by the Constitution, but also about who would do the governing. The Framers of the Constitution created a document that was a one of a kind, a rare and valuable treasure that is fragile in the hands of those who can not or will not appreciate its astounding power to empower the individual.

Benjamin Franklin knew how fragile it was, because at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention he was asked, “well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?”, he replied, “A republic if you can keep it.”

It was Franklin who also said, “There is scarce a king in a hundred who would not, if he could, follow the example of Pharaoh, get first the people’s money, then all their lands, and then make them and their children servants forever.

James Madison also knew it well when he said, “All men having power ought to be distrusted” and “enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm.”

No one but a fool would entrust their treasure to someone who could not be trusted. When we place our money in a bank, we expect to have more than a reasonable expectation that our money will be safe. Why do we trust people with our Constitution that we know are not going to uphold it?

The American people have for decades been told by our government that our Constitution is a “living document,” one that can be shaped and molded, valued or devalued, or reinterpreted

according to our current culture. We have entrusted our treasure to people whose morals are relative to their own particular beliefs.

And so we have this treasure, the Constitution, that we have unwittingly placed in the hands of people who we cannot trust, and their rhetoric over the last hundred years has been so smooth, so logical, so enlightened, that even many Christians have been fooled.

But here is the difference. When honest people realize they have been fooled, they seek out and embrace the truth. That is what has happened to me and to countless other Americans who were never taught the truth about the Constitution in public school. In fact, the truth was deliberately withheld from us, mostly by well-meaning people who were just doing what they were told to do.

The Constitution was, in fact, written by Christians using Judeo-Christian values, and it is for that reason that all other faiths and beliefs are allowed in this country. Those who do not believe in Christ have no fear from Christians, because Christians are taught to not only be tolerant, but not to force their beliefs on others. It was Jesus himself who told his disciples that not all would accept him, and that they should shake the dust from their feet at the towns that rejected Him. Never did He teach them to harm those who rejected Him. That is what made Christians uniquely qualified to be entrusted with the task of writing the Constitution.

But what will happen to America if Christianity is completely rejected from government? That's a question that we can begin to answer with hindsight, since that is exactly what has been happening. We have already seen an appalling erosion of property rights and rights to religious expression by Christians, as well as revisionist history in our schools. Those violations have come at the hands of people who were neither moral or religious, proving Adams right.

And if Adams was indeed right, and the American people turn their back on the morality and religion of the day of our Founders, then we will eventually have to embrace another form of government. That's a frightening thought, given that any alternative leads to oppression.



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