

"The Musket"

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"Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birth-day of the Savior?" asked John Quincy Adams in a rhetorical manner. Then, our 6th President continued by saying, that it is our social compact, the Declaration of Independence, that is built on the "foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth." And further more, "that it (the Declaration of Independence) laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity."^{1,2} (parenthesis mine)

Christian Precepts of Human Government

The questions then follow, "What are the Christian precepts that are the cornerstone of human government, in this case, our republic, and why are they so important today?"

Importance

Much of the Mosaic code was written for the purposes of government. The law, called "the schoolmaster" in Galatians 3:24, is for the purposes of leading people to faith in Christ. The law, especially through the Ten Commandments, effectively brought to the awareness of all involved that an outside agency, God, is at work and has a desirable code of conduct for our benefit. As we better grasp Christian government, our form of government, we enrich our understanding of who God is and how He desires us to govern according to the Dominion Mandate found in Genesis 1:28.

Christian Precepts of Our Government

Two ladies, Verna M. Hall and Rosalie J. Slater, who have since gone to be with the Lord, have dedicated a good portion of their lives to researching our Christian History.

"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."²

President John Quincy Adams, July 4th, 1821

They have defined key Biblical precepts found in our Christian form of government into seven main principles. Incidentally, these principles of government can assist any type of organization, from the individual, family, up to the nation. For example, a business that follows these principles will operate in a more Biblical manner. Also, it should be said that this letter is not conclusive. (My hope is that this newsletter will serve as an introduction to the whole, and in the following months, Lord willing, I will elaborate on the parts.)

1st Principle

God's Principle of Individuality

2nd Principle

Christian Principle of Self-Government

3rd Principle

America's Heritage of Christian Character

4th Principle

"Conscience, Most Sacred of all Property"

5th Principle

The Christian Form of our Government

6th Principle

How the seed of Local Self-Government is Planted

7th Principle

The Christian Principle of American Political Union³

*By studying these principles, we are given the opportunity to better understand how God, and Christians, **live governmentally.***

¹ – John Quincy Adams, "An oration delivered before the inhabitants of the town of Newburyport, at their request, on the sixty-first anniversary of the Declaration of Independence," July 4, 1837, Newburyport, MA: Charles Whipple, 1837, 1.

² – <http://www.eadshome.com/JohnQuincyAdams.htm>

³ – Slater, R. Teaching and Learning America's Christian History, San Francisco, CA, 1965.