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Testimony, 4011

- I. United States of America
 - A. Pandemic
 - B. Riots of 2020
 - C. Riot of January 6, 2021
 - D. Partisan Divide: Federal Congress
 - E. Social Media
 - F. Media
 - G. Federal Budget/Deficit
 - H. Race Issues: Bachelor
 - I. SCR 4004
- II. Purpose of SCR 4011
 - A. America's Founding
 - B. Remember Who We Are
- III. Constitutional Republic: Ben Franklin
- IV. History of America: Early English Settlements
 - A. "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"
 - B. Planting the Seeds of Freedom
 - 1. Charter of 1606
 - a. Virginia Company
 - 2. Preamble

We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their desires for the furtherance of so noble a work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of his Divine Majesty, in propagating of Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true knowledge and Worship of God,...DO, by these our letters, Patents, graciously accept of, and agree to, their humble and well-intended Desires.
 - 3. Crown v. Self Governance: Inalienable Rights
 - 4. London Company: May, 1607, Virginia
 - 5. Plymouth company, May, 1607, Return to England
 - 6. Pilgrims
 - a. Black Acts of 1584, King Head of Church
 - b. Act Against Purities, 1593
 - c. Flight to Holland, 1607
 - d. Mayflower: 1620

7. Mayflower compact: Rule of Law and Not of Men.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our Kin and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620.

8. Revocation of Charter, 1624, Crown Colony, Governing Appointed by King

V. TOO LATE

VI. Early Governance

- A. 1619: 1st Colonial Assembly (House of Burgesses)
- B. 1st Continental Congress: 1774
 - 1. Declaration of Rights
 - 2. Articles of Association
- C. Conflicts: Boston Massacre, Intolerable Acts, Taxation, Export of Goods
- D. 2nd Continental Congress: 1775
 - 1. Continental Army: 1775
 - 2. Declaration of Causes and Necessitation
 - 3. Olive Branch Reflection
 - 4. Declaration of Independence (56 signers) 1776
 - 5. Flag Resolution, 1777
 - 6. Articles of Confederation, 1778
- E. US Constitution
 - 1. Ratified 1787
 - 2. 39 signers
 - 3. Bill of Rights, 1789-1791

VII. Biblical Integration

Who...will call in question the assertion that this is a Bible nation? Who will charge the government with indifference to religion when the first Congress of the State assumed all the rights and performed all the duties of a Bible Society long before such an institution had an existence in the world! W.P. Strickland, Early Historian

The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments. Benjamin Rush, Signer of The Declaration

The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. History will also afford frequent opportunities of showing the necessity of a public religion, from its usefulness to the public; the advantage of a religious character among private persons; the mischiefs of superstition, &; and the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern. Benjamin Franklin

In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness....The mere politician equally with the pious man ought to respect and to cherish them.

One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law....There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. Joseph Story, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Appointed by President James Madison

It [the Bible] is the rock on which our Republic rests. President Andrew Jackson

The Christian religion-its general principles-must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society. Daniel Webster

It was for the love of the truths of the great book [the Bible] that our fathers abandoned their native shores for the wilderness. animated by its lofty principles, they toiled and suffered till the desert blossomed as the rose [Isaiah 35:1]....The Bible is the best of books and I wish it were in the hands of everyone. it is indispensable to the safety and permanence of our institutions; a free government cannot exist without religion and morals, and there cannot be morals without religion, nor religion without the Bible. Especially should the Bible be placed in the hands of the young. it is the best school book in the world....i would that all of our people were brought up under the influence of that holy book. President Zachary Taylor

President Abraham Lincoln: It is the duty of NATIONS as well...and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord [Psalm 33:12]....But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace-too proud to pray to the God that made us.

The teachings of the Bible are so interwoven and entwined with our whole civic and social life that it would be literally-I do not mean figurately, I mean literally-impossible for us to figure to ourselves that life would be if these teachings were removed. We would lose almost all the standards by which we now judge both public and private morals-all the standards toward which we, with more or less resolution, strive to raise ourselves. Almost every man who has by his life-work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud-of which our people are proud-almost every such man has based his life-work largely upon the teachings of the Bible. President Teddy Roosevelt

In the formative days of the republic, the directing influence the Bible exercised upon the fathers of the nation is conspicuously evident....this book continues to hold its unchallenged place as the most loved, the most quoted, and the most universally read and pondered of all the volumes which our libraries contain....We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the republic. I suggest a nationwide reading of the Holy Scriptures....For a renewed and strengthening contact with those eternal truths and majestic principles which have inspired such measure of true greatness as this nation has achieved. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Of the many influences that have shaped the united States of America into a distinctive Nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible....The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers' abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual-rights which they found implicit in the Bible's teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual. President Ronald Reagan

A people unschooled about the sovereignty of God, the Ten Commandments, and the ethics of Jesus could never have evolved the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution. There is not one solitary fundamental principle of our democratic policy that did not stem directly from the basic moral concepts as embodied in the Decalogue and the ethics of Jesus. 1950, Florida Supreme Court

To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoy. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation...in the same proportion will the people of the nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom...All efforts made to destroy the foundations of our Holy Religion ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness. Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government-and all the blessings which flow from them-must fall with them. Jedidiah Morse

VIII. Slavery

A. George Mason: Virginia

As much as I value a union of all the states, I would not admit the southern states into the Union unless they agree to the discontinuance of this disgraceful trade [slavery].

B. Article I, Section 9:1808

C. 1789: Northwest Territory

D. 1794: Export

E. 1807: Import (January 1, 1808)

F. Civil War

G. 13th Amendment (1965)

IX. 1619 Project

X. 1776 Commission

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The 1776 Commission Report Reinvigorates the American Mind


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Former President Trump's 1776 Commission has issued a report that summarizes "the principles of the American founding and how those principles have shaped our country." It will be the only such report – President Biden swiftly dissolved the Commission by executive order after being sworn into office on Wednesday.

Biden's decision is regrettable because "The 1776 report calls for a return to the unifying ideals stated in the Declaration of Independence," as Chairman Larry P. Arnn, Vice Chair Carol Swain, and Executive Director Matthew Spalding said in a statement. "It quotes the greatest Americans, black and white, men and women, in devotion to these ideals."

ort rejects the teachings of historians such as Howard Zinn, the New York Times's 1619 Project, and other efforts aimed at fundamentally transforming how Americans view their country's history. Neither hiding America's flaws nor offering a triumphal account of American history, the 1776 Commission aimed to recover "our shared identity rooted in our founding principles" – which, its report argues, is "the path to a renewed American unity and a confident American future."