LET'S MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

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1. THE SPIRITUAL BELIEFS OF

OUR FOUNDERS...

"I have lived a long time, sir, and the longer I live the more convincing truth – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured sir in the sacred writings, 'Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build it." B. Franklin

It is this historical fact caused Kent Woodward of Newsweek Magazine who wrote, "How The Bible Made America", in this article and I quote, "Now historians are discovering that the Bible, even perhaps more than the Constitution, is our founding document."

2. THE <u>WORDS</u> OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS...

"It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being, No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States." **GEORGE WASHINGTON**

"The general principles on which The Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow, that, as I then believed, and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God. And that those principles of liberty are as unofferable as human nature." **JOHN ADAMS**

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." JOHN ADAMS

"Providence [this is how they referred to God] has given our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege of our Christian nation to elect and prefer Christians as their rulers." JOHN JAY

"Why is it that next to the birthday of the Saviour of the world, your most joyous and venerated festival returns this day, that is July 4. Is it not that in the chain of human events that the birthday of the nation is undecidedly linked to the birthday of the Saviour? **JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the Social **Compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's Mission upon the earth. That** it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of **Christianity." JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

"The highest, the transcendent glory of the American Revolution was this – That it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government and the precepts of Christianity. If it has never been considered in that light, it is because its compass has not been perceived." **JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

3. THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE...

On January 1, 1802, President Jefferson wrote this letter to The Danbury Baptists: "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people, which declared that their legislature should [And he quotes the 1st Amendment] 'MAKE NO LAW **AFFECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF' [END OF QUOTE]** Thus, Building a wall of separation between the church and state."

THE CASE OF RUMPLE VS. WINEMILLER IN 1799: **Remember the timeline... this is 7 years after** the ratification of the 1st Amendment and the establishment of the no religion clause. In 1799 the Supreme Court of Maryland decided: "Our form of government supports the Christian Religion as the established religion."

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THE CASE OF NADALL VS. GERARD'S **EXECUTORS:** "Why may not the Bible, and especially the New testament without note or comment be read and taught as a Divine revelation in the college, its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained, and its glorious principles of morality inculcated."

So, the ruling continues... "It is unnecessary for us however to consider what the legal effect of such a device in Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a school or college, for the propagation of Judaism, or deism, or any other form of infidelity. Such a case is not presumed to be in a Christian country."

"The purpose of the founders in the 1st Amendment was to put all Christian denominations on the same level to keep one Christian denomination from being elevated above the other. But our founders never meant for Christianity to be subservient to other religions of the world." JOSEPH STORY

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