

# The DEFENDER - June 2014

“... defending the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)

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## From the Director's Desk: The Spirit of Antichrist

I always caution people to be discerning when listening to Christian radio or reading "Christian" books. You can add watching "Bible" movies to that list now, too. Just because something is advertised as being Christian doesn't make it so. We have to remember that Jesus warned us of wolves in sheep's clothing **Matthew 7:15**. Jude said that ungodly men would creep in unaware, denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ **Jude 4**. And of course, the Apostle Paul talked about it as much as anyone. He told Timothy to command certain men not to teach false doctrines **1 Timothy 1:3** and that in the latter days some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons **1 Timothy 4:1**. There's no question that much of today's Christian radio and television programs promote heresy, false teachers and ecumenism. We must seek godly wisdom and discernment when it comes to understanding the Word of God.

I remember when I first was saved I listened to every "Christian" radio show I could find. Being new in the faith and somewhat naive, I thought that everyone who said they were born again truly were. I wasn't aware that the "Prosperity Gospel" (aka Name it Claim it) was false teaching. I didn't know that so-called faith healers, such as Benny Hinn and Peter Popoff, were bogus. I thought that people who claimed to be channeling spirits from heaven were onto something and I needed to know what they knew. When you're new in the faith and not very well grounded in apologetics you're an inviting target for the devil. Add to that most new believer's enthusiasm for wanting to grow in the faith and you have a very vulnerable student. Baby Christians are embarking on an exciting journey but it's one filled with minefields. That's why the fundamentals of our faith are so important to learn. "Train up a child (or new believer) in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (**Proverbs 22:6**).

Now we have a new wave of false prophets and teachers to stand up against, to reprove and rebuke, lest young, immature in the faith believers be tossed to and fro, and carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men...whereby they lie in wait to deceive (**Ephesians 4:14**). Much of today's "Christian" radio and television programs promote heresy, false teachers, unbiblical authors, and ecumenism. I love Bill O'Reilly's political commentary on Fox News but he doesn't know much about the scriptures. His writing is heretical in his popular book, Killing Jesus. The movie "Son of God" that was co-produced by New Ager Roma Downey certainly doesn't represent the Jesus of the Bible, nor does it offer the true gospel. And now, we have Pope Francis meeting with Word of Faith charlatan Kenneth Copeland, calling for the Protestant Church and the Roman Catholic Church to become one. This is the kind of ecumenism that will ultimately lead to the one world church of the Great Tribulation.

I'll leave you with the warning which the Apostle John gave to us almost 2000 years ago. "And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world" **1 John 4:3**. My brethren in Christ, put on the full armor of God, stand in the gap, and occupy until He comes. I pray that you are well equipped in the Word of God, for the battle is upon us.

*Rev. David Lewis*

# **America's Debt to Christianity**

## **Part II – Providence and the Founders**

**By Robert Luthardt, Sr.**

Americans are taught that our Founders were those men and women who lived only in the day when the Declaration of Independence was written and signed (the 1770's) and were all only Americans. To the extent, however, that the English Colonies in the New World required the cooperation of the influential English elite, such as Queen Elizabeth and her successors, as well as wealthy merchants and ship owners; a strong motivation for such adventures needed to be in place first.

The Oxford educated Reverend Richard Hakluyt, who wrote and preached in the 1580's, was one of America's most important founders. Of all his speeches, discourses and writings, his most important contribution to the advancement of colonization was his "Discourse of Western Planting." Rev. Richard Hakluyt possessed a degree of prescience rarely found in mortals. He perceived that God had a unique providential purpose for wilderness America. He wrote in 1584, "We shall, by planting there, enlarge the glory of the gospel ... to receive people from all parts of the world that are forced to flee their homelands for the truth of God's word." His writings, replete with inspired ideas, persuaded Queen Elizabeth to finance colonies in America. Rev. Hakluyt's writings were widely circulated and contained not only his first love, the evangelization of the native tribes in America, but also thoughtfully constructed political and commercial agendas. He presented a wide range of promising financial rewards awaiting potential investors.

From Hakluyt's prolific writings, that made such an impact on the leaders in England, it is unmistakably clear that his primary motivation was the spread of the gospel he loved. He sagaciously pointed to French and Spanish writings that derided the English and their Protestant Church for their lack of foreign missions. This alone impelled the English hierarchy to initiate and sustain colonies for both the financial rewards and also to spread what they were convinced was truly Christ's gospel.

Rev. Richard Hakluyt knew from his Oxford studies in the scriptures that in God's grand plan for the ages, He would not only "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) but would also bring to pass all that was necessary and preparatory for Christ's return. He knew also that the Lord promised to bring into His family of every tribe and nation (Matt. 24:14, 28:19; Acts 26:17-18), and Rev. Hakluyt was able to exhort to action many from all classes in England to desire that Christ's gospel reach the heathen tribes in wilderness America.

The Rev. Hakluyt's influence as a chief founder of Christian endeavor in America can be observed in Virginia's First Charter (1606), "We may by the Providence of Almighty God ... in propagating the Christian religion to people ... in darkness ... bring the infidels and savages ... to human civility."

Americans should thank God for the Rev. Richard Hakluyt whom God inspired to promulgate and popularize an evangelical fervor that impacted the zeitgeist of the English nobility, the wealthy merchant class and, of course, the Puritans who were already thirsting for whatever would yield freedom of worship based upon God's Word. Meanwhile, England was still a land of religious persecution. Bible-honoring Christian theologians were silenced, imprisoned, or exiled so that they and their congregations were made ready to brave anything for freedom (Matt. 10:23a; Rom. 8:28). For these Bible-honoring Christians, first allegiance was to God's Word. In their Mayflower Compact, our nation's first legal contract, their emphasis was an initiation of man's individual and collective duty to God. It reads in part, "We ... by the Grace of God ... for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith ... in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic ...."

Any honest survey of all Colonial Charters and Constitutions leads undeniably to the conclusion that all were founded on the precepts of Christianity. All Colonial Compacts up to the Revolutionary era, were filled with concepts of man's complete dependence upon God. When some State Constitutions seemed not as missions oriented as their establishing Charters had been, this can easily be understood because by the Post-Revolutionary era, full-orbed evangelism and missionary efforts were well established. State Constitutions simply maintained the already well entrenched Christian ideals.

While the Federal Constitution makes only passing references to religious issues, the First Amendment forbids Congress from ever establishing a State sponsored Church, and prohibits Congress from interfering with the free exercise of religion. Article 1, Section 7 does, however, recognize Sunday as a day of rest. Also, the acknowledging date is given as, "... in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven." In the minutes of the First Session of the Continental Congress (1774), there is recorded Sam Adams' move to open with prayer. Several raised a protest citing religious diversity. Adams countered that it was unbecoming of Christians in dire need, not to as one man, bow the knee in prayer to God, seeking His aid. That carried the day, and Rev. Jacob Duche led in prayer without further protest, and a God-honoring precedent was established and maintained.

The Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer on several occasions. Also they drafted a Declaration of Independence that based their rights on theological grounds as in, "We are endowed by our CREATOR with certain unalienable rights ...."

The whole moral status of our nation is tied to that single phrase. God alone can make rights and freedoms a reality. The Continental Congress' records show that their minutes are filled with references to God and Jesus Christ and of the Christian religion as necessary and essential to good government. This assembly of leaders was neither secular nor neutral toward Christianity in their personal lives or in their governing roles.

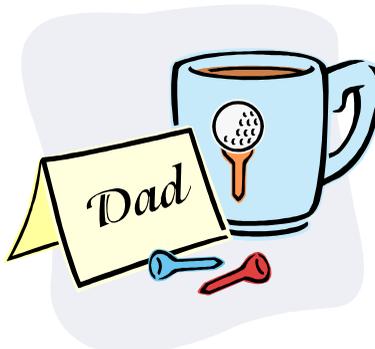
That Christianity was still America's mainstay was seen in the first order of business of Congress under the Federal Constitution which was to appoint chaplains. Also, on April 30, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office with his hand on the Bible and his inauguration was followed by "divine services" in St. Paul's Chapel. The first Congress requested that Washington petition the people to observe a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Christianity continued unfaded and strong from the first settlers to the Founding Fathers and beyond.

So, in spite of the deceptive practices of post-modern revisionist historians, the undeniable evidences abundantly and clearly prove what motivated America's founders, such as: Washington, Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, John and Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Nathan Hale, Hancock, Revere, Sherman, Franklin, Witherspoon, the Sons of Liberty, the Minutemen, and militias. Just as important were the Daughters of the Revolution, such as: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Catherine Moore Barry, Nancy Hart, Betsy Ross, Nancy Ward, Prudence Wright, Penelope Barker, Mercy Otis Warren, and Deborah Samson who disguised herself and took up arms against the "Red Coats."

Were it not for these exceptionally brave men and women following their Christian roots, we might be singing, "My Country Tis of Thee," with the original lyrics of "God Save the King." The Founders, like the first settlers, remembered the old cry, "NO KING BUT JESUS."

Pray for God's mercy on us and on the United States of America, and ... keep looking up.

**Happy Father's Day !**



# **Be Still ..... And Know That I Am God**

**By Nancy Long**

Psalm 46:10a -- *"Be still and know that I am God ....."*

Psalm 37:7a -- *"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him ....."*

Mark 1:35 -- *"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."*

Luke 5:15b-16 -- ..... *"and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed."*

The admonition to *"be still"* ..... Think about it ..... from the Word of God Himself, we are exhorted to ..... *"be still and know"*. Has any one of us ever been fully and completely, totally and perfectly still, other than, perhaps, when sleeping in bed at night for a half dozen hours or so?

How is it even attainable to *"be still"* in this age in which we live, when there are so many demands on our time ..... in this hectic environment where lives are just cluttered with things, people, deadlines ..... all important and needing immediate attention? It's impossible, though, to deny that we've been instructed from the highest of authorities, to do just that ..... *"be still"*. The Creator of the universe, the One who continues to sustain it ..... our Provider ..... He, who has known us so lovingly and intimately from before the foundation of the world, prior to our very shaping in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16) ..... from the very mouth of God, we hear, *"be still"*. We can't really ignore this charge, we can't explain it away, nor can we justify over activity with the truth we see here ..... *"be still and know"*.

There was a time, not that many decades ago, when life moved at a much slower pace. Families sat around the dinner table, and shared the happenings of their day. Neighbors talked with each other over the back fence, and did the same. More than a few perhaps, even took some free moments to sit on the porch, to just revel, and delight, in the quietness of a summer evening, gazing at the sunset ..... contemplating the awesomeness of God and the beauty of His nature. Quietness, stillness, tranquility ..... just *"was"*.

Today, stillness needs to be created. Quietness of heart and spirit must purposely be brought into existence. *"Be still and know that I am God" ..... "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him"* (Psalms 45:10a and 37:7a). In Mark, chapter 1, verse 35, we

are told that Jesus went out before the day began, sought a quiet place ..... and communed with His Father. In the 5th chapter of Luke, we read that Jesus "withdrew Himself" from the rest, went into the wilderness ..... and "prayed". There's no more perfect example than this!!

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).*

*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).*

*"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2).*

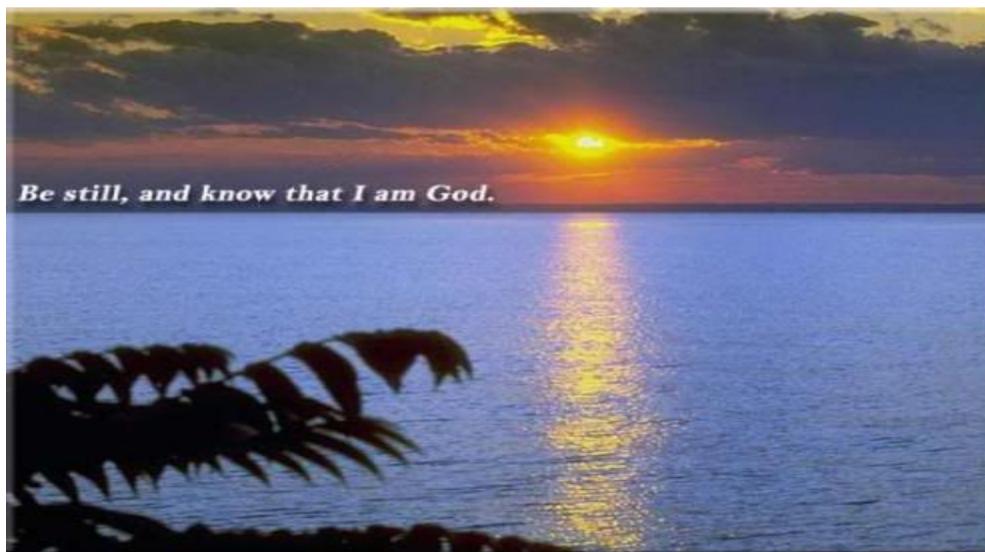
*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on Thee" (Isaiah 26:3).*

Knowing God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, is more important ..... more crucial, than anything!! There's nothing more valuable than one's relationship with Jesus Christ, for without Him, we have nothing!! *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).*

*"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" (Psalm 57:7).*

I thank you, Lord, for who You are. I thank you for your grace sufficient.. I ask you to help us to take the time to be holy, to keep our hearts and minds fixed and focused on You, to purposefully be still, and quiet, and silent before You.

Blessings to you, my Defender friends.



## From Our Mailbag:

### Jesus My Jesus

Once I loved the world and sin  
And I was hellward bound,  
But then my Saviour entered in  
And now in Him I'm found.

Worldly pleasures were my love  
His word I did not heed,  
But grace was given from above  
And now I see my need.

I was lost and did not care  
And did not love the Lord,  
But my lost soul He did spare  
And now I love His word.

Now I praise the Lord above  
Who gave His live for me.  
He loves me with a perfect love  
Throughout eternity

Linda Tyson

### A Lost America

America has taken God out of school  
And put the devil in.  
Now they are preparing  
For the man of sin.

The Web seems to be their Bible  
And drugs the thing to do.  
They don't seem to realize  
That God is not through.

They want to do as they please  
But God is still on His throne.  
Man wants to rule the world  
They want to do it on their own.

The time is growing short  
Jesus will soon appear.  
To take His children home  
Before the tribulation is here.

It will not be long now  
Until all freedom is gone.  
America will be judged  
And it will affect every home.

Lawrence Hill

### Quotes to Ponder

*"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence—it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."*

**George Washington**

*"Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety."*

**Benjamin Franklin**

*"God grants liberty only to those who live it, and are ready to guard and defend it."*

**Daniel Webster**

Submitted by Ray Edwards

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**Upcoming Events!**

If you are in or around the Baltimore area, we'd love to have you join us for these upcoming events!

**Friend Day—Sunday, June 8th**

10:30—"Meet & Greet" with light refreshments

11:00—Pastor Lewis' Message followed by a complimentary lunch

**Outdoor Movie Night—Friday, June 13th at 8:00 PM**

"Grace Unplugged" (Will Grace take fame and fortune or faith and family?)