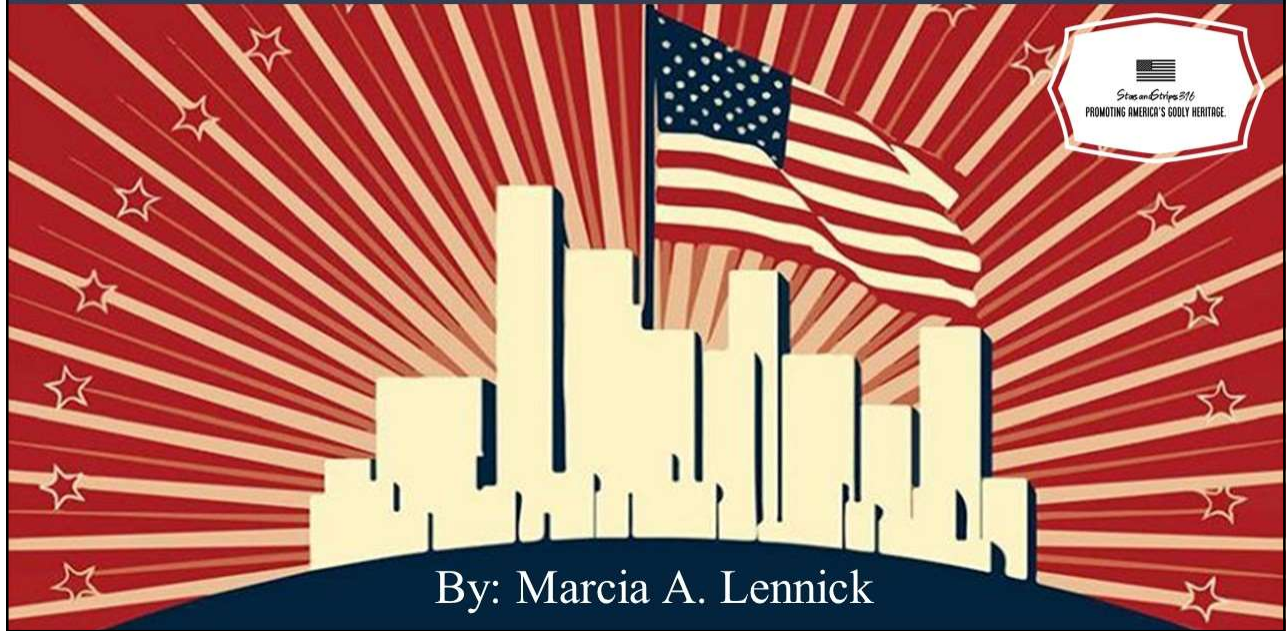
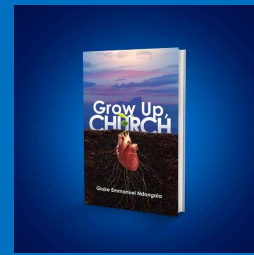


American Exceptionalism



What makes America beautiful?

- What other country are these three scenarios possible?
 - Anna – born and raised in the USA, now a missionary in Africa.
 - Monica – born and raised in socialist Romania and won the American lottery and came to America. Former dental assistant, now realtor, and her family has appeared on the television show: “The Righteous Gemstones.”
 - Gloire – a legal immigrant from Africa, whose book Grow Up Church was # 1 on Amazon in Church growth.



What makes America Beautiful?

- We get the beauty of choice. In Israel they have to join the military when the government says so.
- In WWII we actually let the folks of Hiroshima know we were going to bomb them before we bombed them. What other superpower would do that?
- What ever your idea of the American dream is if America ceases to exist so will your American dream.
- I never want America to turn socialist or communist. In fact, the Pilgrims tried socialism and did not work. When they used the Biblical mandate of “you don’t work, you don’t eat” that is when the Pilgrims started to succeed.

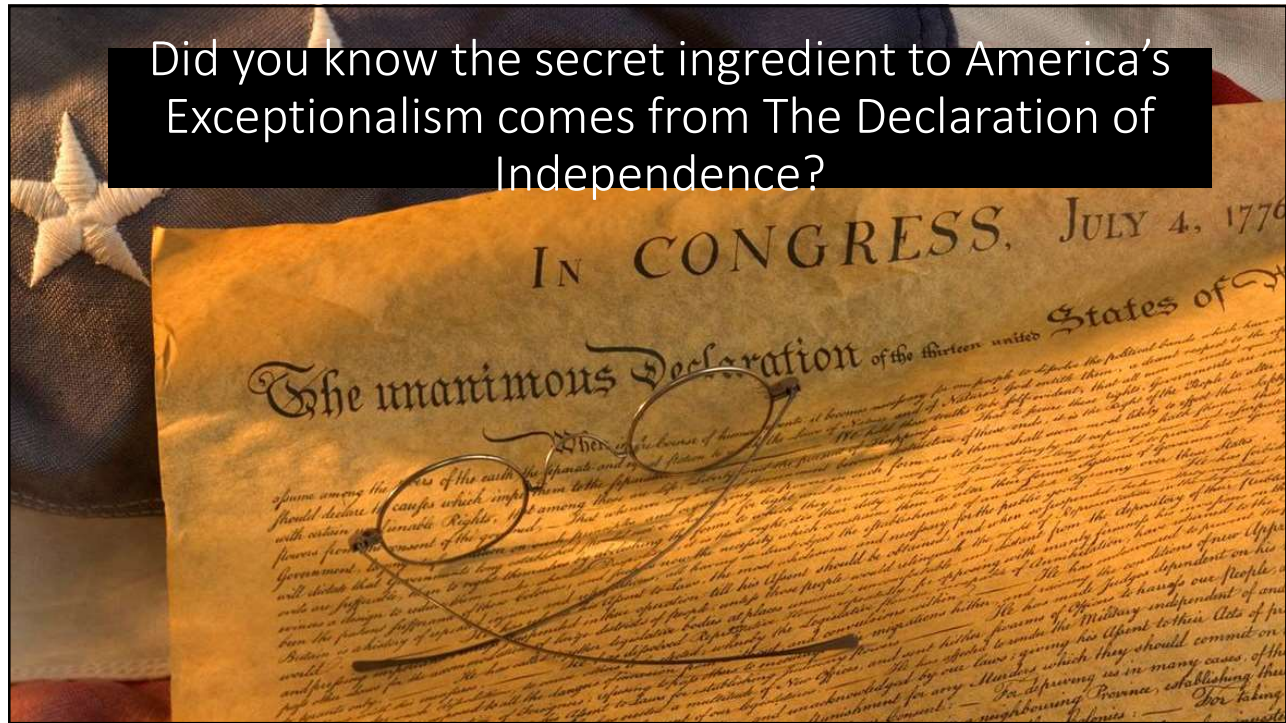


Alexis de Tocqueville



The position of the Americans is quite exceptional, and it may be believed that no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one.

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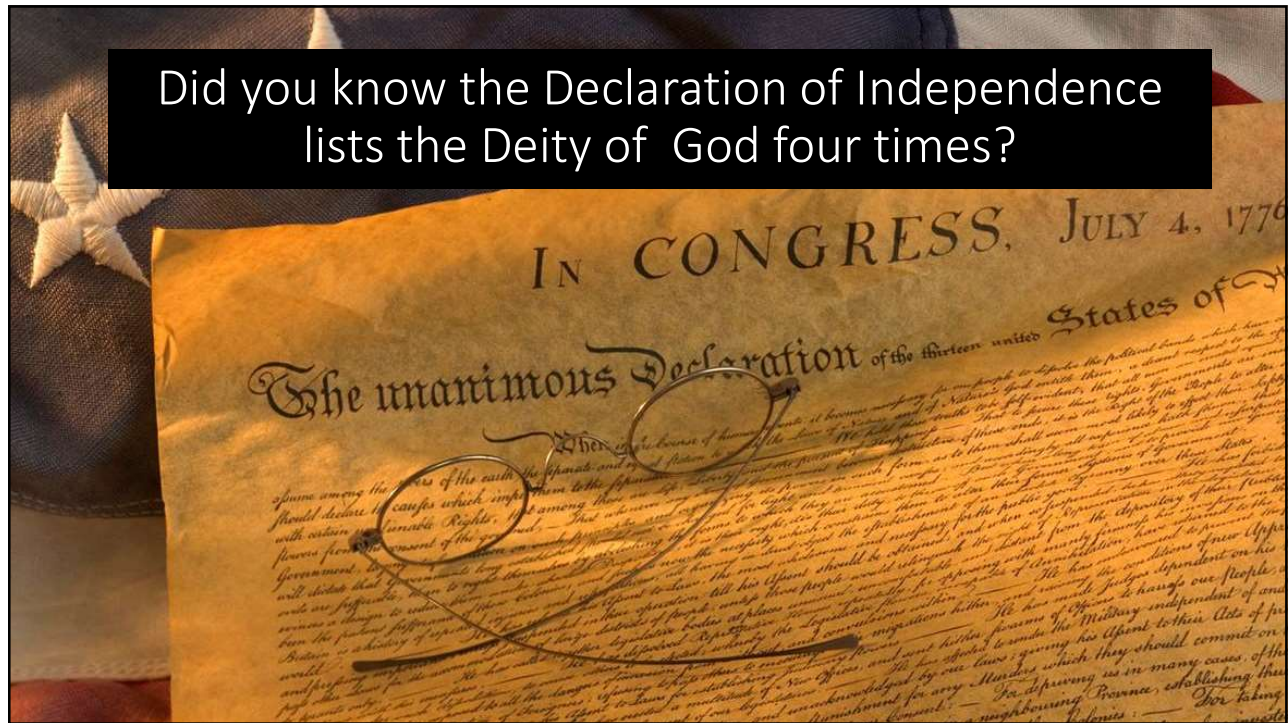
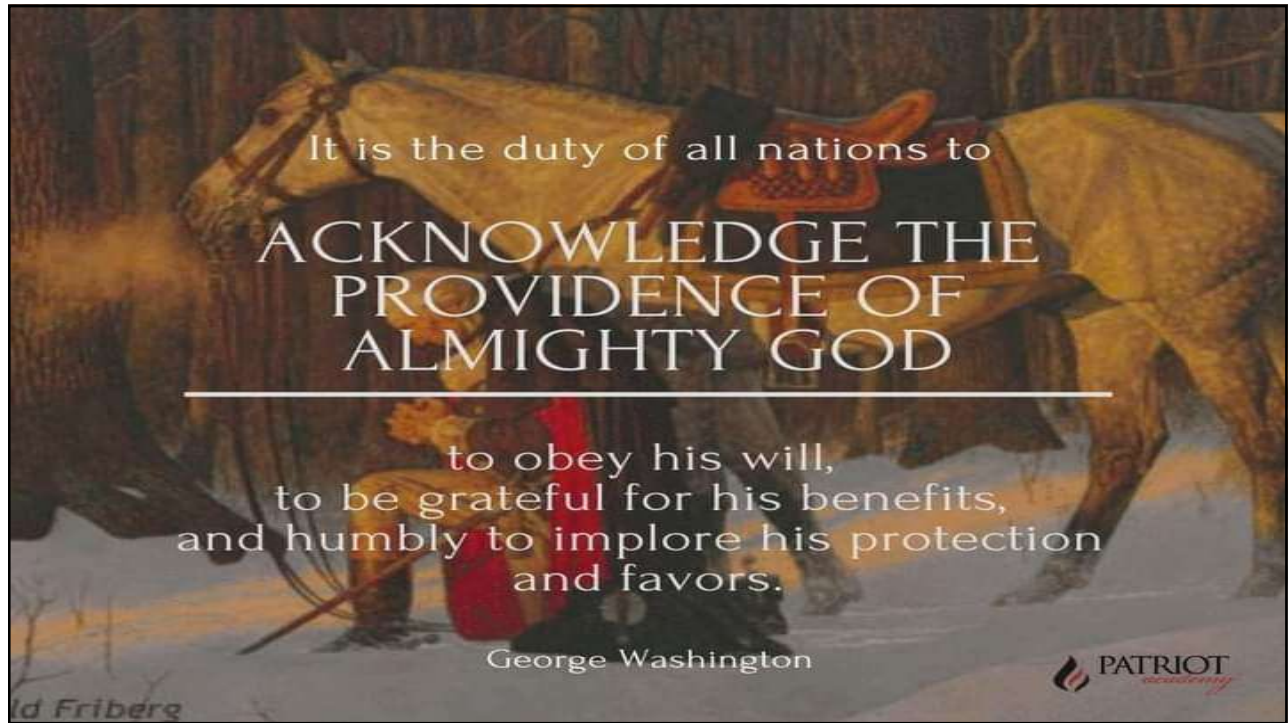


Ingredient # 1 to American Exceptionalism

-We understand there is a creator

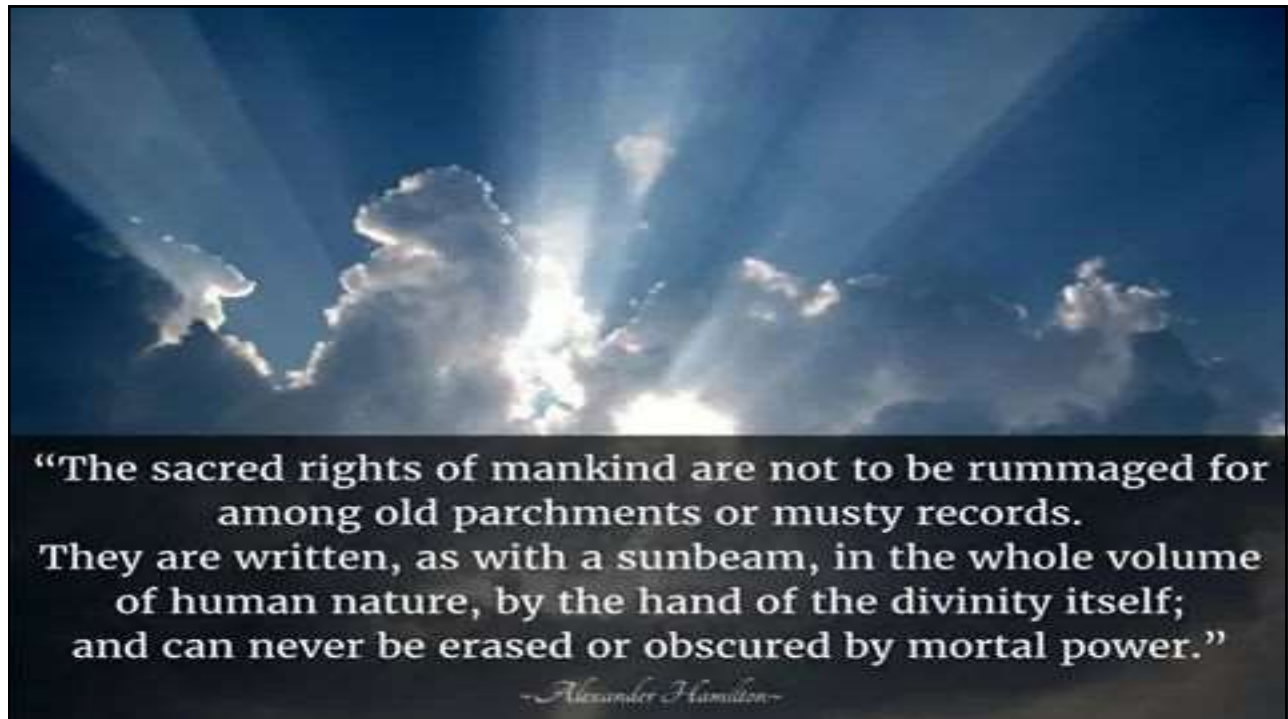
-We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.





Ingredient # 2 to American Exceptionalism
-We understand there are unalienable rights

-We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain **unalienable Rights**, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.



“The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records. They are written, as with a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.”

-Alexander Hamilton-

Ingredient # 3 to American Exceptionalism
-Government is to protect Unalienable Rights

-That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men....



GOVERNMENT, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION,
SHOULD BE FORMED TO
SECURE AND TO ENLARGE
THE EXERCISE OF THE NATURAL RIGHTS
OF ITS MEMBERS;
AND EVERY GOVERNMENT,
WHICH HAS NOT THIS IN VIEW,
AS ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECT,
IS NOT A GOVERNMENT OF THE
LEGITIMATE KIND.

James Wilson



Ingredient # 4 to American Exceptionalism

-There is a Fixed Moral Law

-When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and **to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them**, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.



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“With consistency, beautiful, and undeviating, human life, from its commencement to its close, is protected by the common law. In the contemplations of law, life begins when the infant is first able to stir in the womb. By the law that life is protected.”

JAMES WILSON
SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE DECLARATION
AN ORIGINAL JUSTICE OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

**"OUR RULERS CAN HAVE
AUTHORITY OVER SUCH
NATURAL RIGHTS
ONLY AS WE HAVE
SUBMITTED TO THEM.
THE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE
WE NEVER SUBMITTED,
WE COULD NOT SUBMIT.
WE ARE ANSWERABLE FOR
THEM TO OUR GOD."**

THOMAS JEFFERSON



**...TO DISARM
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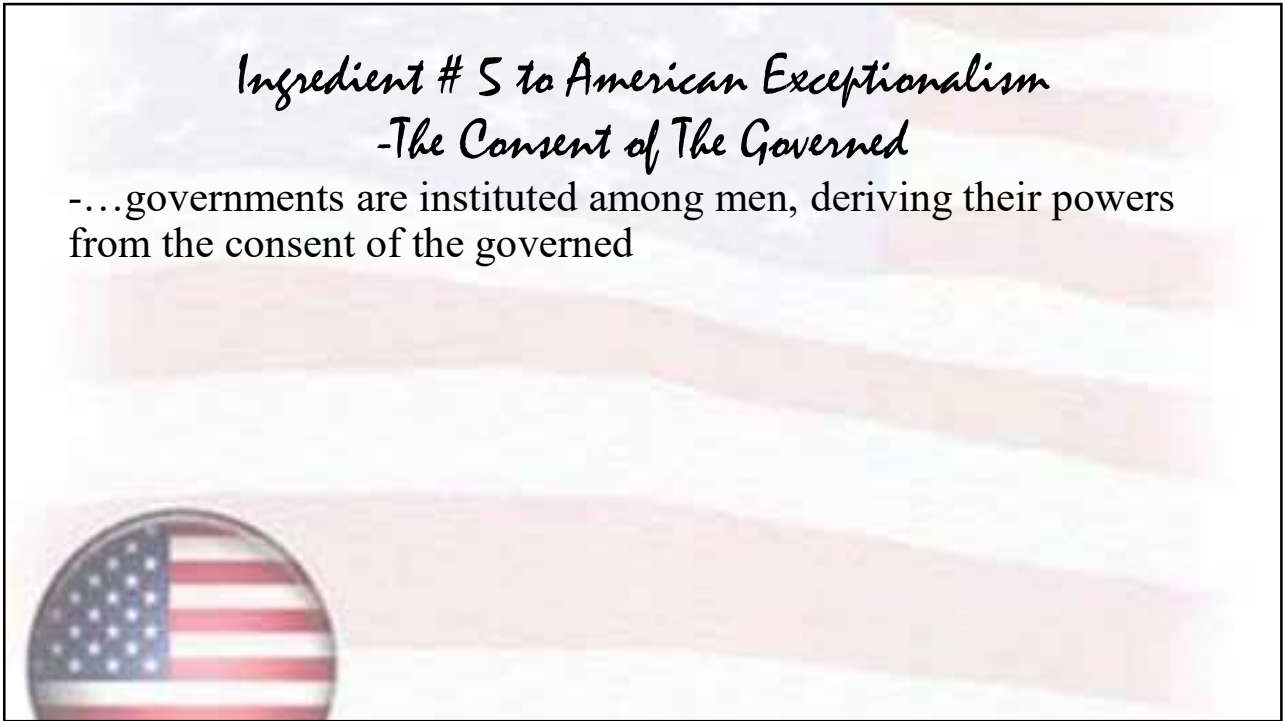
George Mason
Father of the Bill of Rights



Ingredient # 5 to American Exceptionalism

-The Consent of The Governed

-...governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed



RENDER
UNTO
CAESAR

We hear this famous Bible Scripture quoted all the time: "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's". My question, should we be rendering unto Caesar what belongs to God? This is how our nation keeps getting messed up. We are of alignment with the boundaries God has ordained.

Ingredient # 5 to American Exceptionalism
-The Consent of The Governed

-America is Republican form of Government:

Article 4, Section 4, of the US Constitution: The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

-We got this idea from Exodus 18:21



Ingredient # 6 to American Exceptionalism
-Alter, Abolish, or create a New Government

-That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish and to institute a new government.



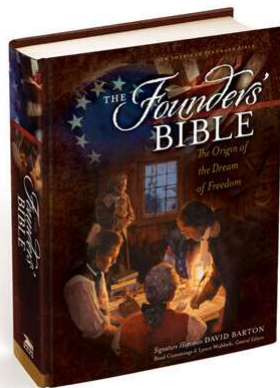


How can we preserve American Exceptionalism?

- 1. Read and understand your Bible. The Bible has been proven as a Founding Document by Political Scientists. By reading your Bible you will become better citizens, and you will understand our Founding Documents.*



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2. Read the Documents of Freedom.

“Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country, and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them.”

John Jay, First Chief of the Supreme Court of the United State of America



How can we preserve American Exceptionalism?

3. Live out Your Freedoms



**Public Education:
Religious Rights and Values in
Montana Schools**

Pacific Justice Institute
PROTECTING FAITH, FAMILY, AND FREEDOM



How can we preserve American Exceptionalism?

4. Pray for your representatives

I URGE YOU, FIRST OF ALL, TO PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE. ASK GOD TO HELP THEM; INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF, AND GIVE THANKS FOR THEM. PRAY THIS WAY FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY SO THAT WE CAN LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES MARKED BY GODLINESS AND DIGNITY. THIS IS GOOD AND PLEASURES GOD OUR SAVIOR, WHO WANTS EVERYONE TO BE SAVED AND TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH.

I TIMOTHY 2:1-7



How can we preserve American Exceptionalism?

5. Confront Evil

God raises up His people in every generation to confront evil.

-Confession of Madgeburg

-Pastors of the American Revolution and Protestant Resistant Theory

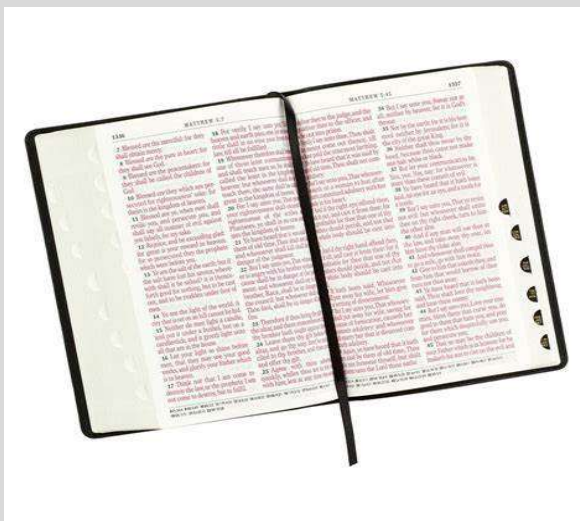
-Spurgeon and Karl Marx were alive at the same time and in fact lived in the same city.

-Whitefield, Harry Hoosier

-Bonhoeffer and Hitler

-Eric Metaxes, Rob McCoy and others confronting evil today

What does the Bible have to say about Biblical Confrontation?





*Biblical Confrontation
From Wallbuilders Article*

And just as history does not demand the exclusion of ministers, neither does the Bible. Consider how often God sent His ministers to publicly confront civil leaders or expose their wicked policies:

- Elijah confronted civil leaders Ahab and Queen Jezebel over issues such as their unjust use of eminent domain, religious persecution, and subornation of perjury (1 Kings 21:1-24, 1 Kings 18:18).
- Isaiah confronted civil ruler Hezekiah over national security failures and issues related to the treasury (1 Chronicles 32:27-31, 2 Kings 20:12-19)



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- Nathan confronted civil leader David over his wicked moral policies and practices (2 Samuel 12),
- Eliezer and Jehu confronted King Jehoshaphat over his blunders in foreign relations and ill-advised foreign alliances (2 Chronicles 19:1-2, 2 Chronicles 20:35-37)



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- John the Baptist confronted civil leaders for their hypocrisy (Matthew 3:7)
- Jeremiah confronted King Zedekiah over numerous of his wicked public policies (Jeremiah 34)
- John the Baptist confronted King Herod over his divorce and marriage practices (Luke 13:32. Matthew 12:23, 23:33, 23:27)



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- Samuel confronted King Saul over not fulfilling his assigned responsibilities (1 Samuel 13:1-14, I Samuel 15)
- Micaiah regularly confronted King Ahab over his wicked public policies (1 Kings 22:7-18)



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- Gad confronted King David over wrong-headed public policies stemming from his own pride and arrogance (2 Samuel 24)
- Jesus refused to be intimidated by Herod (Luke 13:31-32) and confronted the teachers of the law (Matthew 23)
- Daniel confronted Nebuchadnezzar over his pride and arrogance (Daniel 4:1-27), and Belshazzar over his moral debauchery (Daniel 5:17-28)

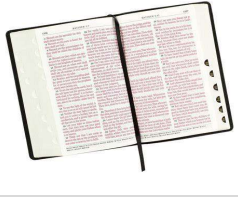


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- Azariah (along with eighty other priests) confronted King Uzziah for usurping religious practices through an improper expansion of government powers (2 Chronicles 26:16-21)

And God's ministers not only called out bad civil leaders and pointed out unbiblical public policies, they also frequently partnered with civil leaders in constructing good public policies and offering sound guidance. For example:

- Elisha provided the King of Israel counsel and advice regarding military intelligence and policy (2 Kings 6)



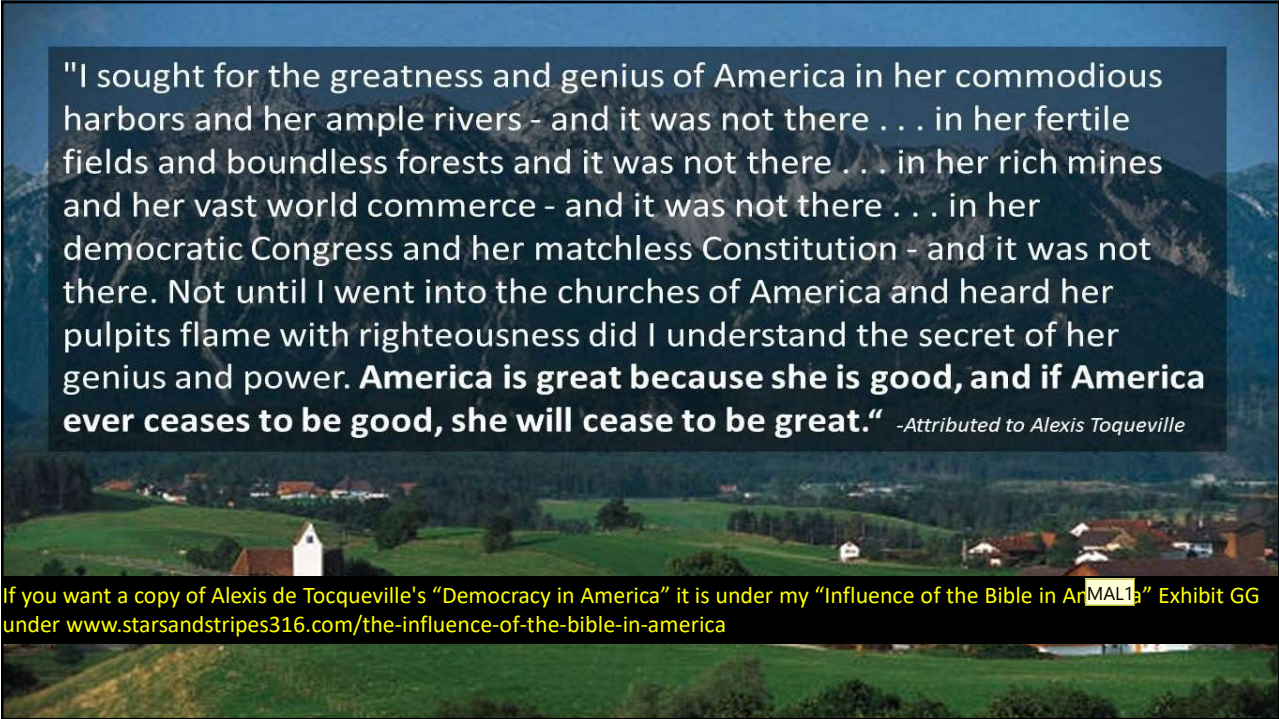
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- Nathan provided guidance to David on architectural issues (2 Samuel 7:1-13)
- Ezra gave strong counsel on marriage policy (Ezra 9-10), and Governor Nehemiah implemented that counsel into public policy (Nehemiah 8:1-6, 13:23-27)
- Paul provided civil leaders with guidance during times of impending disaster and natural calamity (Acts 27:9-12)



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- Jeremiah provided military guidance to King Zedekiah (Jeremiah 21:1-10)
- King Joash pursued good policies as long as the priest Jehoiada provided him counsel, but when Joash lost that Godly input, his policies became wicked (2 Chronicles 24:1-2, 15-19)
- Isaiah provided guidance on national security issues and foreign policy to King Hezekiah (Isaiah 37)



"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers - and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce - and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution - and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. **America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.**" *-Attributed to Alexis Toqueville*

If you want a copy of Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" it is under my "Influence of the Bible in America" Exhibit GG under www.starsandstripes316.com/the-influence-of-the-bible-in-america

