

AN OPEN LETTER TO FELLOW AMERICANS

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Celebrating America's independence is always an exciting time for me. Now, as I sit down to pen a few words to all of you I can't help but reflect on the changes rapidly occurring in our great land. From a historic point of view, when we look back on the years of old they seem quaint and distant. But, if we examine them in light of the current system of virtues in place, the values cherished by the early pioneers were ideal. Our history is rich and replete with glorious examples of nobility. In all fairness to my ancestors I must say that that the land of the free hasn't always lived up to her name but, today she nourishes a heritage of which few nations are able to boast. Early immigrants arrived upon American soil with goals of liberty and freedom. Wanting nothing more than the opportunity to prove their merit they endured untold hardships for their family's betterment. Men & women packed their bags and boarded boats, ships and old steamers for a world that in many cases was not always hospitable to them. Early on, Protestants had disagreements with Catholics, there were many who were suspicious of one another as Jews, Irish, Bohemian, German, British, Italians and others entered this new American culture. One thing is certain though, all of them came to become full citizens and participants in the building of a nation that would house multitudes of diverse people while promoting the "common good." Christ was exalted in many different ways, but still, He was given priority from Main Street to Wall Street.

The influx of so many people automatically calls for change and as groups multiplied, there arose the need to address issues related to those groups. But even then the solutions were in some way or another, tied to the Christian ethos of charitable conduct and responsibility. No free rides or lunches were offered but helping hands were extended as masses came in abundance. Unity amid diversity, along with honor and integrity, in these we discovered that old fashioned patriotism exhibited itself from the corn fields of the Heartland to the coal mines of Virginia and a land once unknown became the envy of the world. Maintaining this legacy has been a challenge. Whereas, Christianity has, historically, been the underground spring that supplied much of the fruit of industry and technology, we find that alternate worldviews are now proffered as a more excellent way. We, as Americans, understand that culture exists to preserve habits and customs of old; even now we see this as little children learn in school of the histories of various American citizens. But our current predicament is now related to culturalism. There are those today who enjoy the benefits of American services who indifferently

oppose her 'history.' In some cases, groups of people seek to celebrate holidays of their own ethnic group while bitterly denouncing the traditional dates that remind us of America's beautiful, albeit, turbulent past.

It seems that the "melting pot," with all of its homemade oddities, is beginning to boil and I'm not sure that America wants to hear the reasons for or how the fire was ignited in the first place: Anti-American sentiment, raging sodomites with an extremist agenda and intolerant Islamists who use US tolerance as a cloak for their own mischievousness are a few of the reasons for an America being consumed by perverted fires. The Supreme Court of California's recent overturning of a marriage amendment, voted for by the populace, is proof that we need to; once again, permit Holy Scripture to be our moral compass, since our present wanderings resemble that of a sea going vessel driven by the winds. Furthermore, wouldn't you agree, as a fellow American, that our eyes must open up to the factionalism presently taking place as Jesus is displaced in society for broader views of tolerance, specifically, Islamism. However the issue is presented, Muhammadan ideology has not produced our greatness nor has an agnostic pluralism in which all religions are the same.

The greatness of the United States of America lies in her attachment to the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone!

"It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all the dispositions and habits that lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are the indispensable supporters. Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that our national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

– George Washington –

*Spoke these words
in his farewell speech
September 19, 1796.*