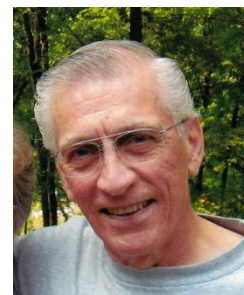




“The Bible and Our American Form of Government”

Rev. Darwyn Hassert

Christianity and the Bible have fallen upon hard times today, as our government insists on a separation of church and state in public classrooms and courtrooms across America. Churches have been restricted from using the pulpit for political purposes since 1954. Rev. Darwyn Hassert reminds us of the biblical principles influencing our Forefathers:



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This July 4th we celebrate America’s 250th birthday. We easily remember this date, but many Americans do not understand that our Constitutional Republic was one founded on Biblical principles. What our Founding Fathers thought, wrote, and did was based in a large measure, on principles found in the Bible.

Historical research has brought to light that even though our Founding Fathers knew history, literature and the thinking of the world in which they lived, the Bible was the major influence upon their thinking. This was proven by the research of Drs. Donald S. Lutz and Charles S. Hyneman, when they studied sources that our Forefathers read and cited. These researchers reviewed approximately 15,000 items, closely examined 2,200 books, pamphlets, newspaper articles and monographs with political content, published between 1760 and 1805. They reduced this information to 916 writings and identified 3,154 references cited by the Founding Fathers. The reference cited far more than any other source was the Bible, amounting to 34 percent of all Constitutional quotations. The Book of Deuteronomy was quoted more often than other Bible books because of its strong emphasis on biblical law. Therefore, we know that what our Founders thought and wrote was for the most part based on principles found in the Bible.

The study by Lutz and Hyneman also revealed the political thinkers that influenced the minds of the Founders. The three most quoted thinkers were Charles Montesquieu (8.3 percent), Sir William Blackstone (7.9 percent), and John Locke (2.9 percent). All three of them professed to be Christians. Montesquieu (1689-1755) was Catholic, Blackstone (1723-1780) was Anglican, and Locke (1632-1704) would be considered a Christian, though his views were less orthodox because he placed a higher value on human reason. Locke was a British philosopher and political thinker, but had a high view of Scripture and frequently quoted the Bible in his political writings. His thoughts about independence and the rights of men were a great inspiration to the Colonists.

Sir William Blackstone, an English lawyer published his *Commentaries on*

the Laws of England in the 1760’s. These *Commentaries* were widely used in America throughout the later part of the 1700’s and studied by all American law students into the 1870’s. Blackstone quoted the Bible so often because he believed that the Word of God was the basis of all good laws. When Rev. Charles Finney began the study of law, in the early 1800’s, he found so many references to the Bible in Blackstone’s *Commentaries*, that he became interested in Bible study. As a result, Finney trusted Christ as Savior, went into the ministry and became a famous evangelist.

The major contribution of the Frenchman Charles Montesquieu to the thinking of the Founders is the concept of the separation of powers, seen in our three branches of government. The sinful nature of man was the motivation for Montesquieu’s contribution which is the philosophical explanation for what we read in *Isaiah 33:22*: “*For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.*” Reflecting on this, our Constitution creates the three branches of the Federal Government: The Judicial, Legislative, and Executive. This remarkable practical application of *Isaiah 33:22* to our form of government has brought untold blessing to generations of Americans.

The key to perpetuating our Republic is for Christians to live like we really believe the Lord is our Lawgiver, King, and Judge. Then we must remember the stirring words of President Lincoln, “Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our Fathers made it inviolate [unpolluted]. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.” (Hassert, *Patriotism from an American Pulpit*, (pp. 152-155)

Rev. Darwyn Hassert, retired Pastor

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RECIPES

Grandma’s Orange Bread

Ethelyn Pell

Rind of 3 oranges, cut fine or minced in a food processor

2 cups of water

2 cups sugar

1 cup milk

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt

1 egg slightly beaten

2 tbsp melted butter

4 tsp baking powder

4 cups flour

In a saucepan, bring the orange rind to a boil in 2 cups of water, cover, and let simmer until tender, about 20 minutes. Then add 2 cups of sugar and simmer until the syrup is quite thick, about 30 minutes longer. Let cool (Can be frozen for future use).

Preheat oven to 375°. Add the milk, egg, salt, and melted butter to the syrup mixture. Combine the flour and baking powder, then add to the wet ingredients and mix well.

Divide the batter equally into 2 well-greased bread pans. Let stand for 25 minutes, then bake 1 hour. Brush with butter.

Serve warm or toasted with butter.

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"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork...There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." –Psalm 19:1, 3

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The Lighter Side –

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room, and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up and unplugged the TV.

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A ten-year-old, under her grandmother's tutelage, was quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

BRM Field Report #7

We are grateful to a BRM friend and retired Pastor for providing pulpit supply in a church in northern Indiana. BRM is always ready with godly men to fill the pulpit when needed!

We received an encouraging report in June from Pastor Brian and Kim Kelly from Mendota Bible Church. They've had a few new couples attending regularly, and five people finishing the membership class. They are currently running a Basic Doctrines class during Sunday School with great questions and discussion.

One of our area churches, Roberts Road Bible Church, was damaged by a storm on June 9th, with its steeple blown off, and was still without power on Sunday, the 14th. Pray for many in the area who suffered damage from the storm.

This month's lead article is by BRM Associate Darwyn Hassert. Darwyn, former pastor of Smyrna Bible Church, is BRM's longest-serving Associate. Darwin is currently living in Belding, MI, and still does pulpit supply at area churches.

We've also included an article with our Dolores letter, titled "The Hippie Turned Faithful Servant," marking the anniversary of Rev. David Bauer's homegoing.

BRM is here for you! As we wait on God to provide BRM with a new Executive Director, Fernando Garza (BRM Interim Director), along with Dolores and the BRM Associates, are working together to fulfill BRM's mission. The phone lines are open and manned. Don't hesitate to call with any questions, needs, concerns, or issues.

Please continue to pray for BRM:

1. For God to provide a new Executive Director
2. For God's wisdom and guidance for the BRM Board