

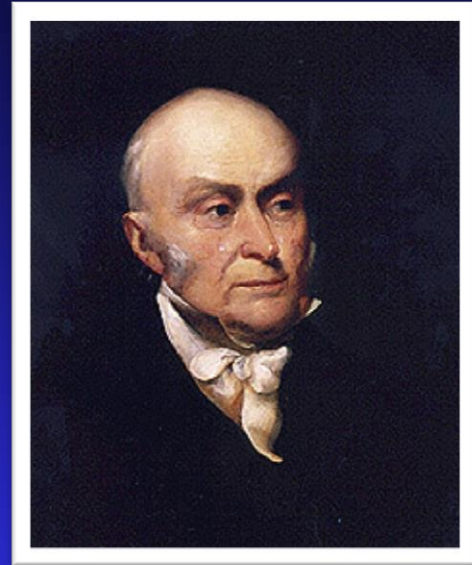
Christian Persecution in a Post-Christian America

By Dr. Andy Woods

John Quincy Adams

“The birth-day of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birth-day of the Saviour [and] forms a leading event in the progress of the gospel dispensation...the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer’s mission upon the earth [and] laid the corner stone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.”

John Quincy Adams, *An Oration Delivered before the Inhabitants of the Town of Newburyport at Their Request on the Sixty-First Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence* (Newburyport: Whipple, 1837), 5-6.



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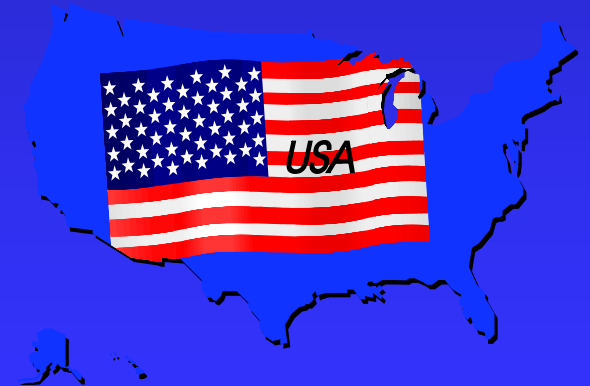


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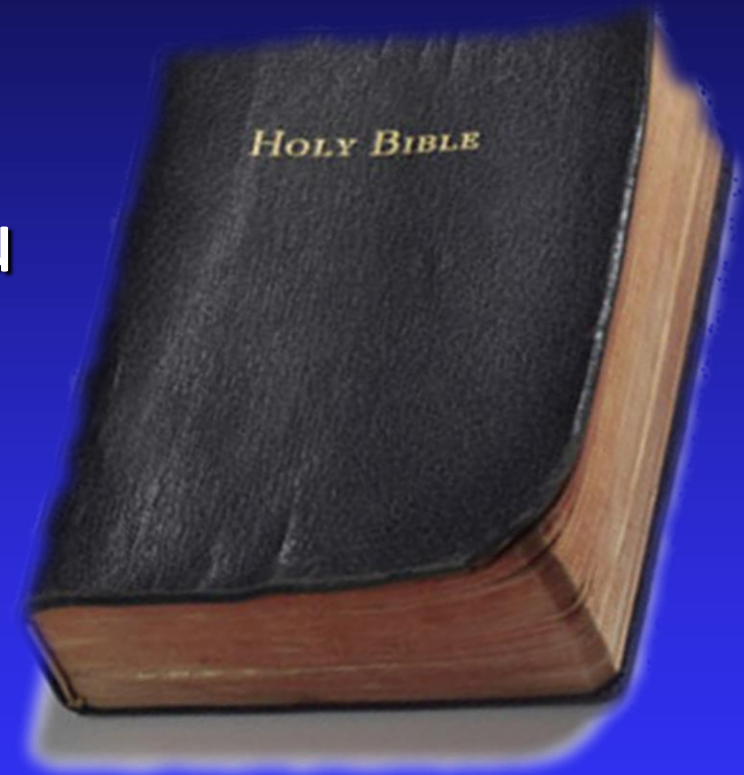
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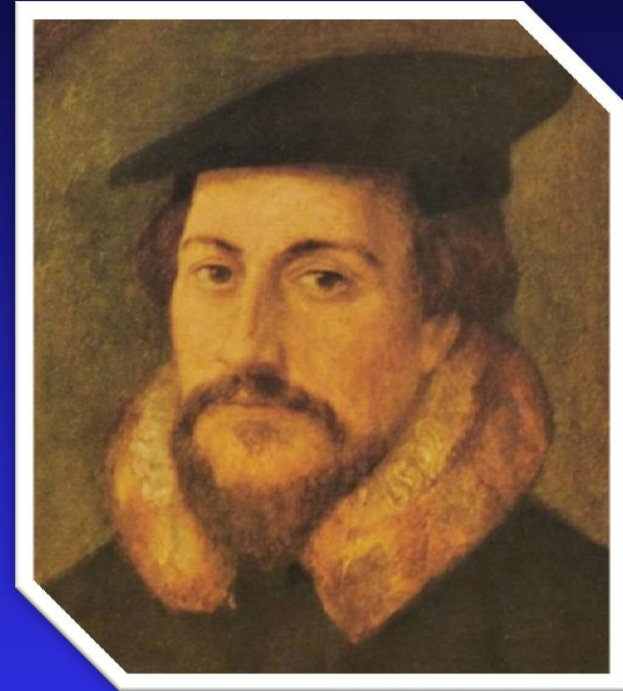


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John Calvin

Bancroft “...simply calls Calvin ‘the father of America’ and adds: ‘He who will not honor the memory and respect the influence of Calvin knows but little of the origin of American liberty.’”

Lorraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (Philipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1932), 398-90.



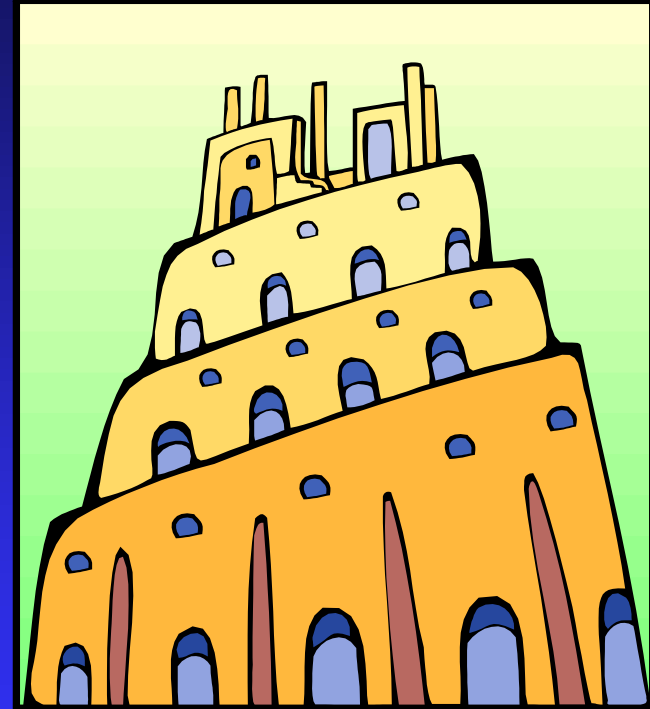
Genesis 8:21



The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. [emphasis mine].

Genesis 11:6

The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”



Lord Acton

“All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”



Federalist # 51



“But what is government but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”

Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, trans. Clinton Rossiter (New York, NY: Penguin, 1961), 322.

Declaration of Independence



“the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,”



“we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal,”



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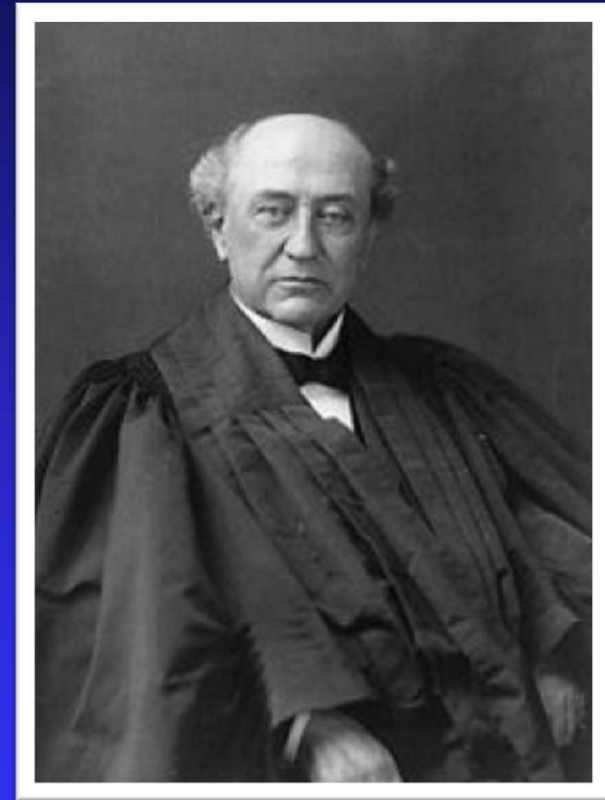


“with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.”

America is a “Christian Nation”

“This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation...These are not the sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people...These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation.”

Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 143 U.S. 457, 465, 470-71 (1892)



Preview



Early America's:



Settlements



Colonial motivations



Educational institutions



Support for the church



Requirement of Christian officeholders



Recognition of the Sabbath



Use of "God"

Preview



Early America's:



Absence of contrary declarations



Chaplains



Judicial opinions



Christian population



Acceptance of the Bible



Unofficial Christian declarations



Conclusion

God Blesses His Truth

Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

Ps 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

**Ps 138:2, “For You have magnified Your word above all Your name”
(NKJV)**



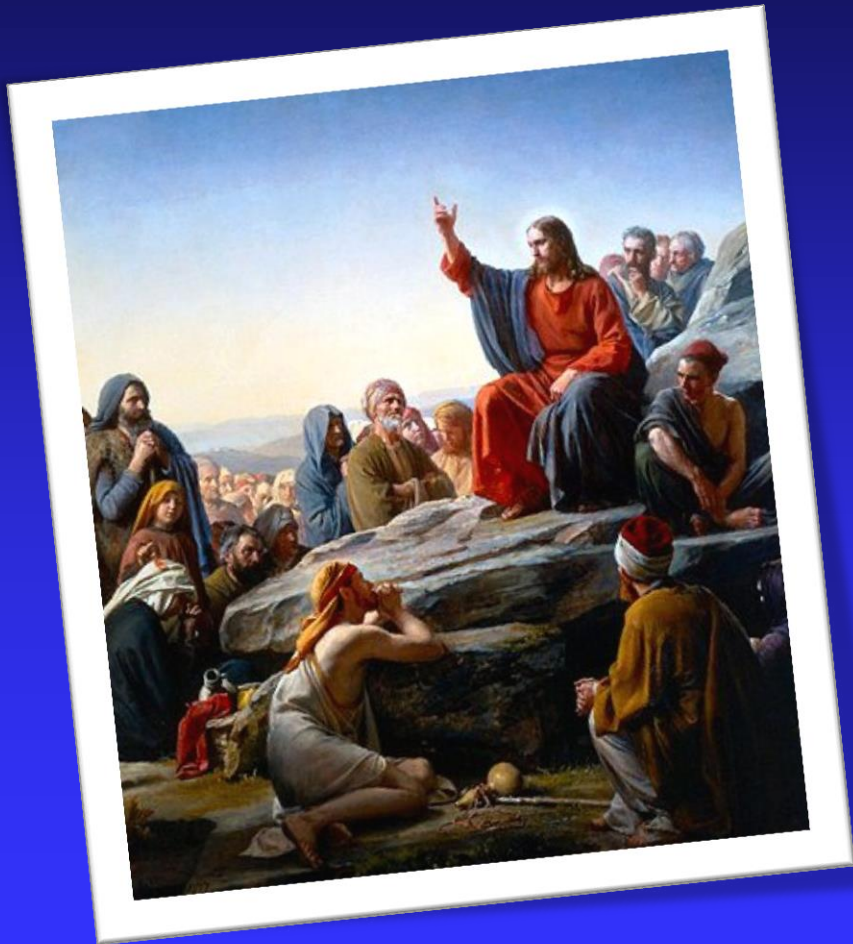
John Winthrop



“For we must consider that we shall be as a City set upon a Hill; the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be a story and a by-word through the world.”

John Winthrop, “A Model of Christian Charity,”
Winthrop Papers, 2:292-95.

A City Set Upon a Hill



Matt 5:13, 16:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

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Speech by Attorney General Janet Reno, Newark, New Jersey, May 5, 1995. Quoted in James Bovard, "Waco Must Get a Hearing," *Wall Street Journal*, May 15, 1995.

“You are part of a government that has given its people more freedom...than any other government in the history of the world.”

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Scripture and Psychological Damage

“But if portions of the New Testament were read without explanation, they could be, and in his specific experience with children Dr. Grayzel observed, had been, psychologically harmful to the child and had caused a divisive force within the social media of the school.”



School District of Abington Township v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203, 209 (1963).

Lack of Pre-1947 Precedent

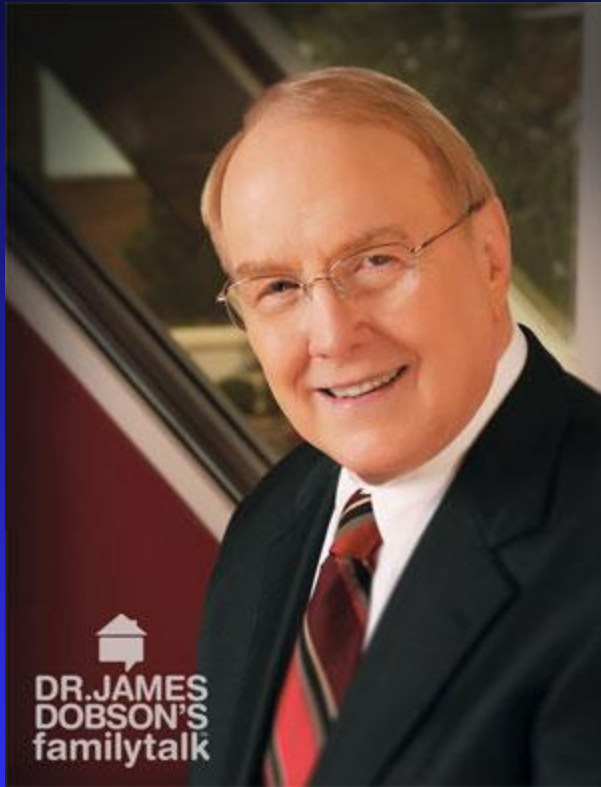
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Committee v. Nyquist	1973	1	99
<u>Stone v. Graham</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
Marsh v. Chambers	1982	1	32

Barton, *Myth of Separation*, 163-66.

- “Jack Phillips is a baker who declined to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because his Christian belief is that marriage exists only between a man and woman. Now a Colorado judge has ordered him to bake cakes for same-sex marriages, and if Phillips refuses, he could go to jail.”

Ken Klukowski, “Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake,” online: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/12/Christian-Baker-Willing-to-Go-to-Jail-for-Declining-Gay-Wedding-Cake>, 12 December 2013, accessed 16 May 2014.

Dr. James Dobson



“I have to be honest. It’s a very scary time for our nation right now. We’re kind of at a watershed moment... We’re just trampling the Constitution. It’s bullying. It’s just a straight bully tactic. ... that’s not the country our forefathers foresaw.”

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/05/17/trampling-the-constitution-famed-christian-claims-irs-bullied-ministry-threatened-to-deny-tax-application-over-criticism-of-obama/>



Breitbart Texas Release



Andrew Cloward and Francis Piven

Cloward-Piven

A political strategy to OVERLOAD the American public welfare system to the point it creates a CRISIS and BANKRUPTS THE NATION, leaving the country no choice but to adopt a SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST AGENDA.

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OUR NATIONAL DEBT:

11 15,920,871,189.684

per family share 143,526

THE NATIONAL DEBT CLOCK

One Hundred Dollars



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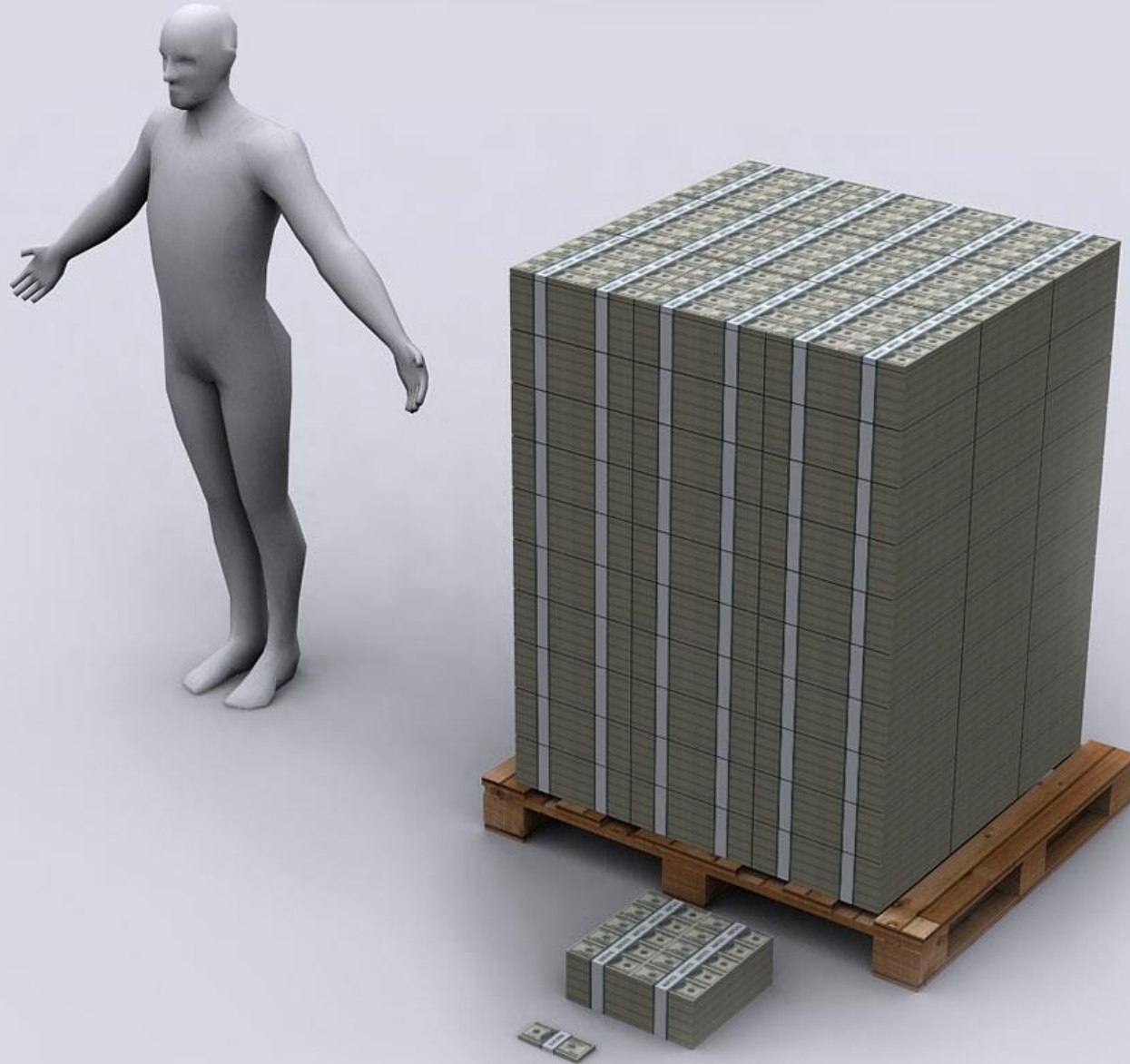
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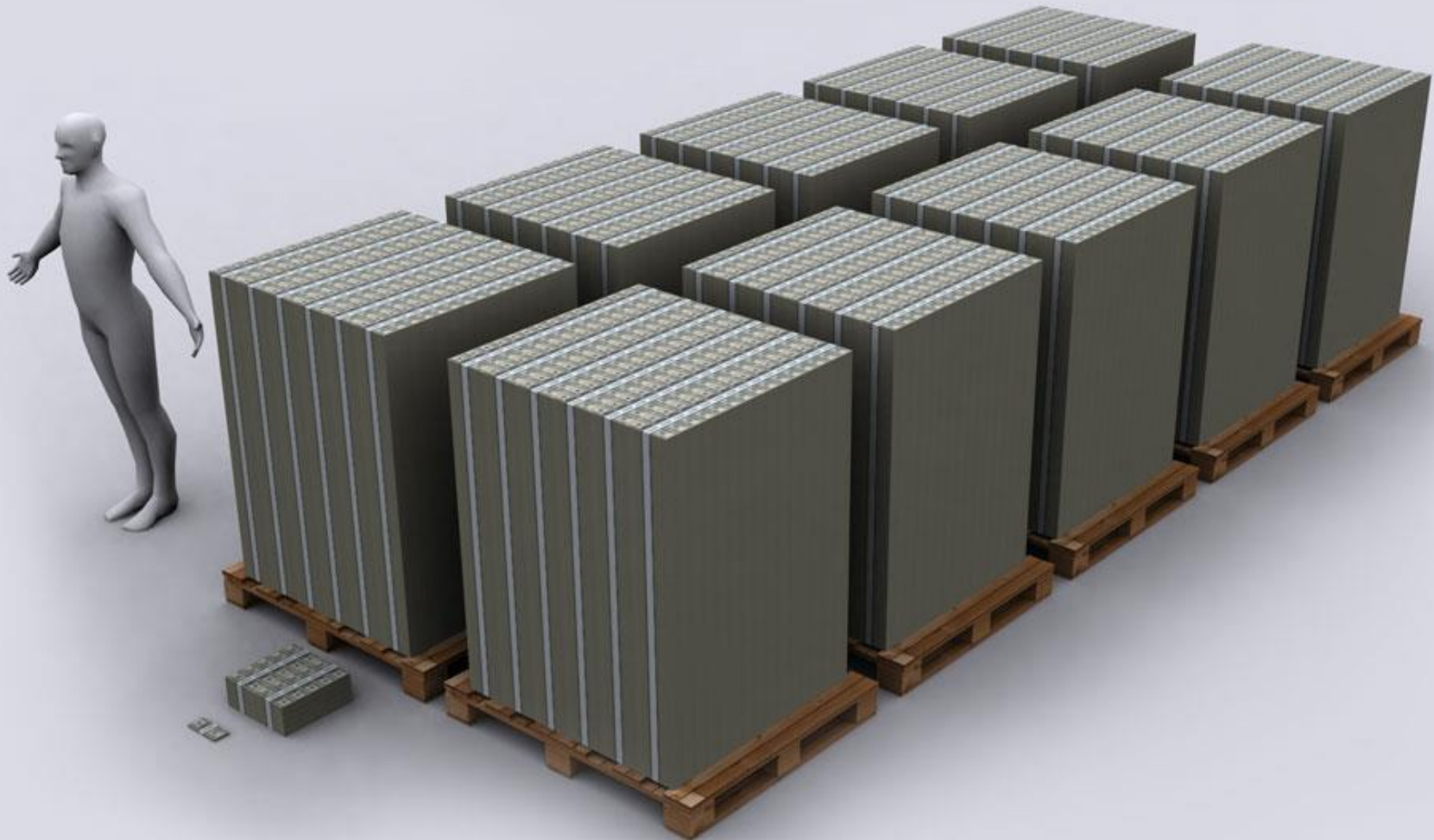
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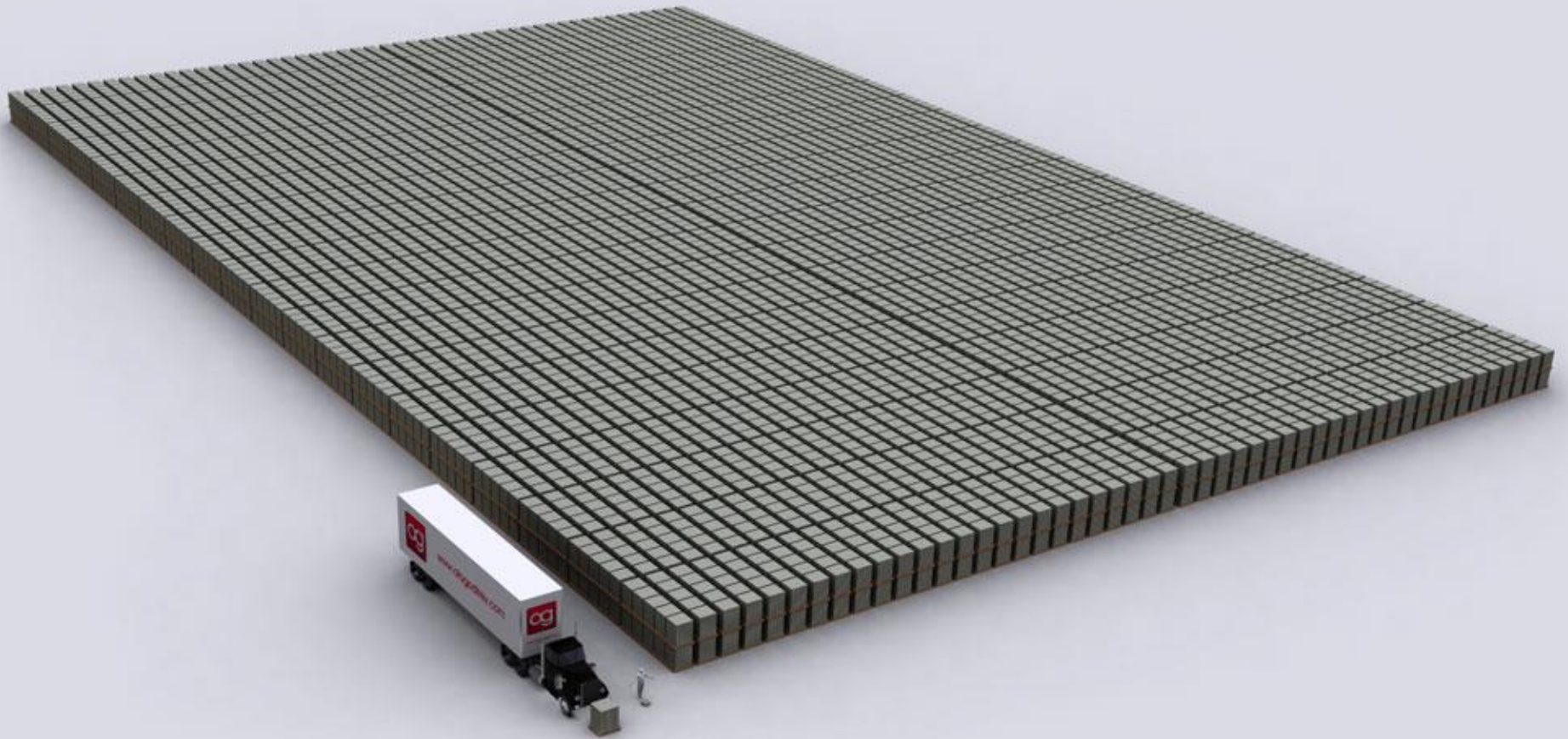
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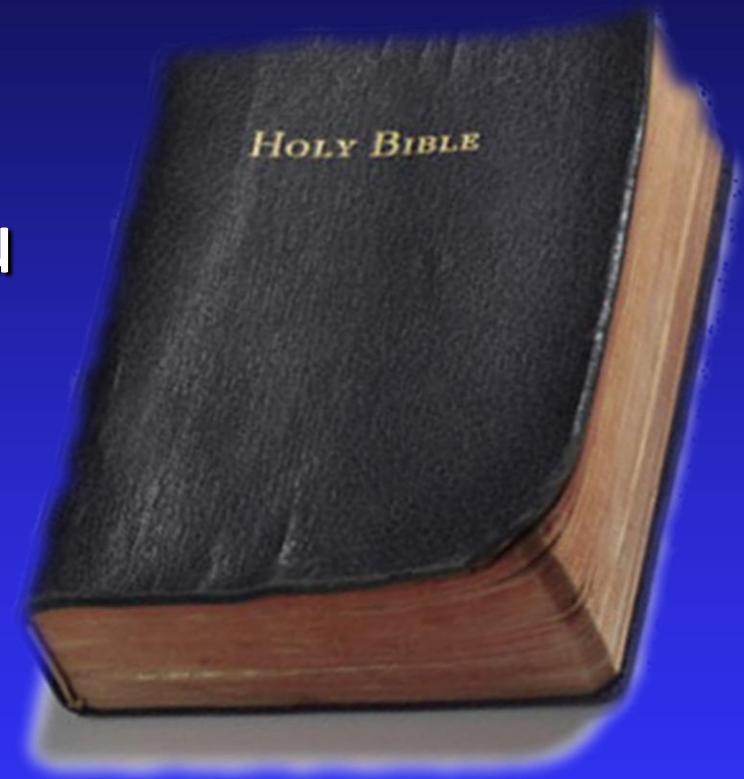
“I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change...But if Congress won't act soon to protect future generations, I will. I will direct my cabinet to come up with executive actions we can take, now and in the future, to reduce pollution, prepare our communities for the consequences of climate change, and speed the transition to more sustainable sources of energy.”.

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/state-of-the-union-2013-the-presidents-remarks-on-energy>



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“Not too long ago, two friends of mine were talking to a Cuban refugee, a businessman who had escaped from Castro, and in the midst of his story one of my friends turned to the other and said, ‘We don't know how lucky we are.’ And the Cuban stopped and said, ‘How lucky you are? I had someplace to escape to.’ And in that sentence he told us the entire story. If we lose freedom here, there's no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth.”

A TIME FOR CHOOSING, Speech given on October 27, 1964.

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

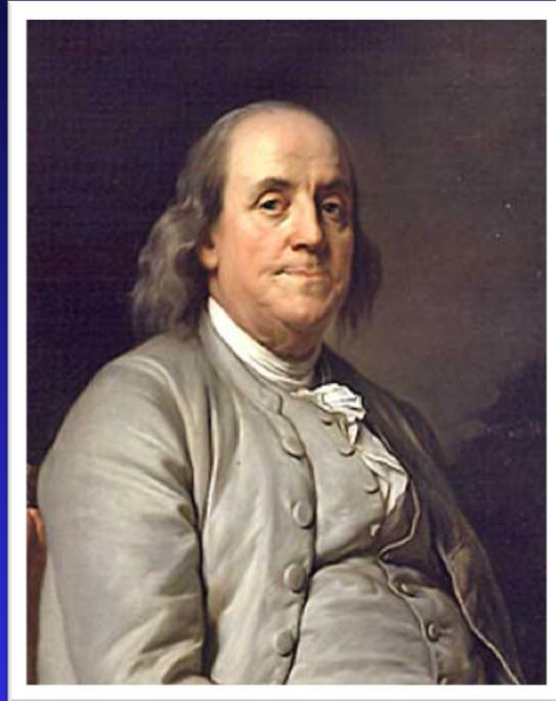


Address to the annual meeting of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
(30 March 1961)

Benjamin Franklin

At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when queried as he left Independence Hall on the final day of deliberation (in the notes of Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland's delegates to the Convention) a lady asked Dr. Benjamin Franklin, "Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic replied the Doctor **if you can keep it.**"

The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, ed. Max Farrand, vol. 3, appendix A, p. 85 (1911, reprinted 1934).



O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming, Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we
watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the
rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there; O say does that star-spangled banner
yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key, *Star Spangled Banner*

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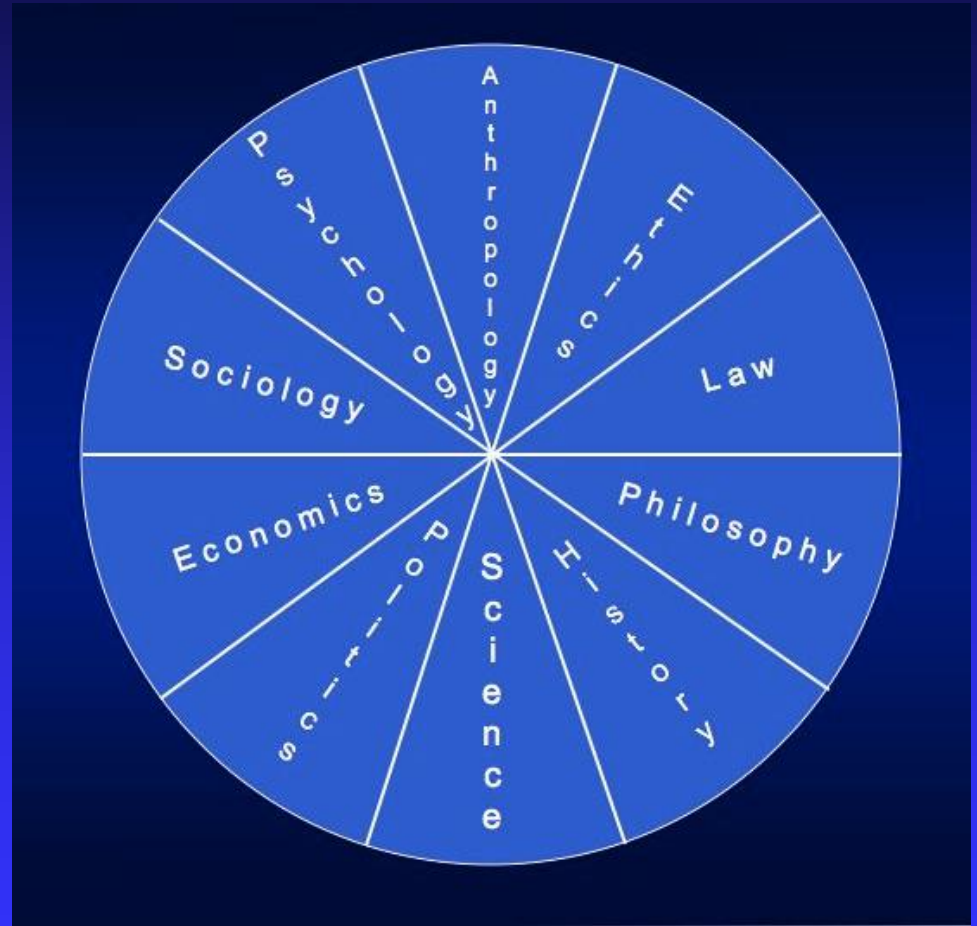


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Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

- Universe
- Life
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Morris, *Genesis Record*, 18-20

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Rev 2:5-

“Therefore remember
from where you have
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or else I am coming to you
and will remove your
lampstand out of its
place—unless you repent.”

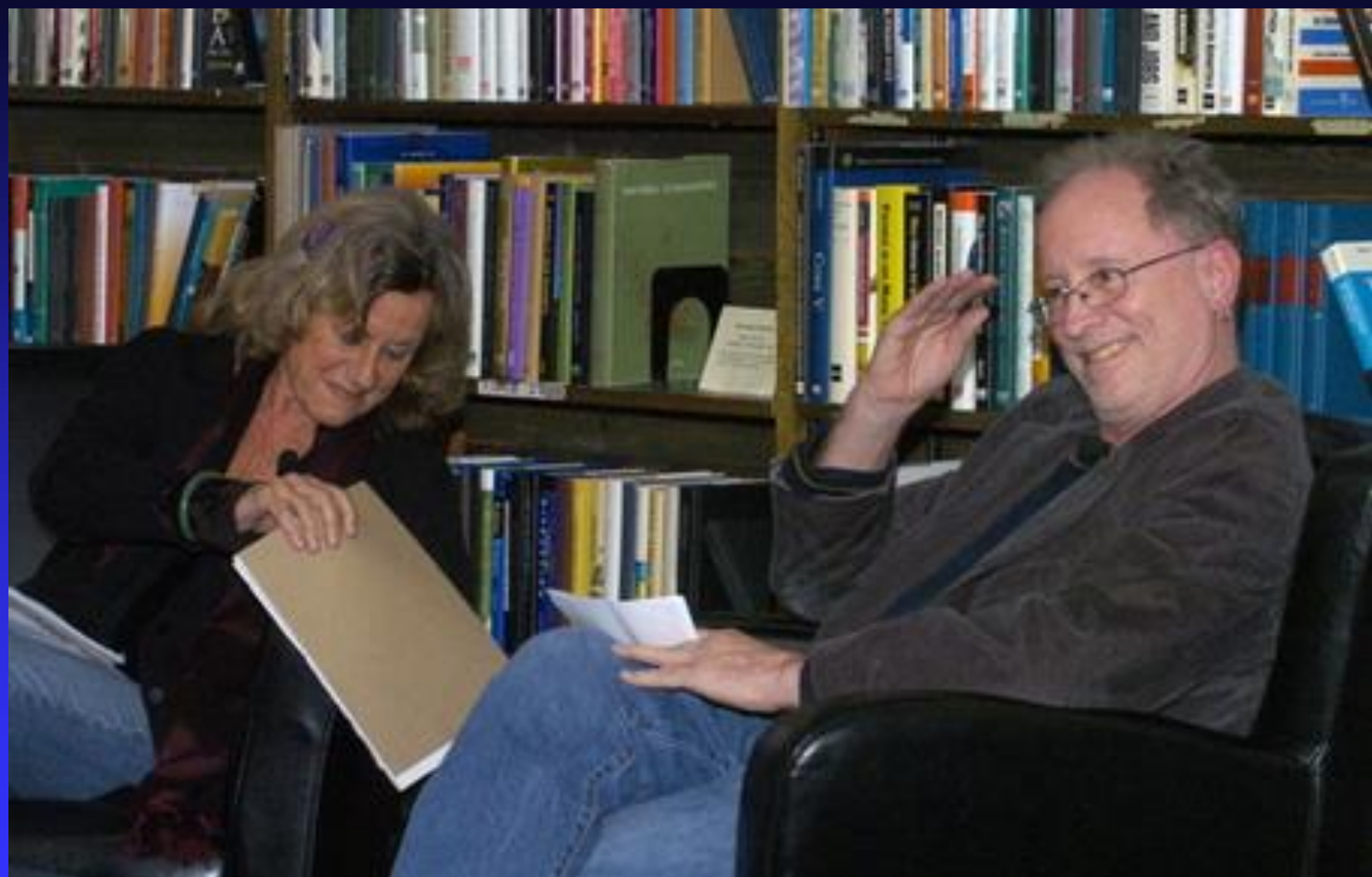


CENSORSHIP

EVIDENCE OF BIAS
IN OUR CHILDREN'S
TEXTBOOKS 



Paul C. Vitz





Cited in Mark A. Beliles and Stephen K. McDowell,
America's Providential History (Charlottesville, VA:
Providence, 1989), 95.

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- “The Church must take right ground in regard to politics. The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men and take consistent ground in politics. Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter, but the time has come when they must act differently. God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground. It seems sometimes as if the foundations of the nation are becoming rotten, and Christians seem to act as if they think God does not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it, and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics.”

Charles Finney, *Lectures on Revivals of Religion*, Lecture XV



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