

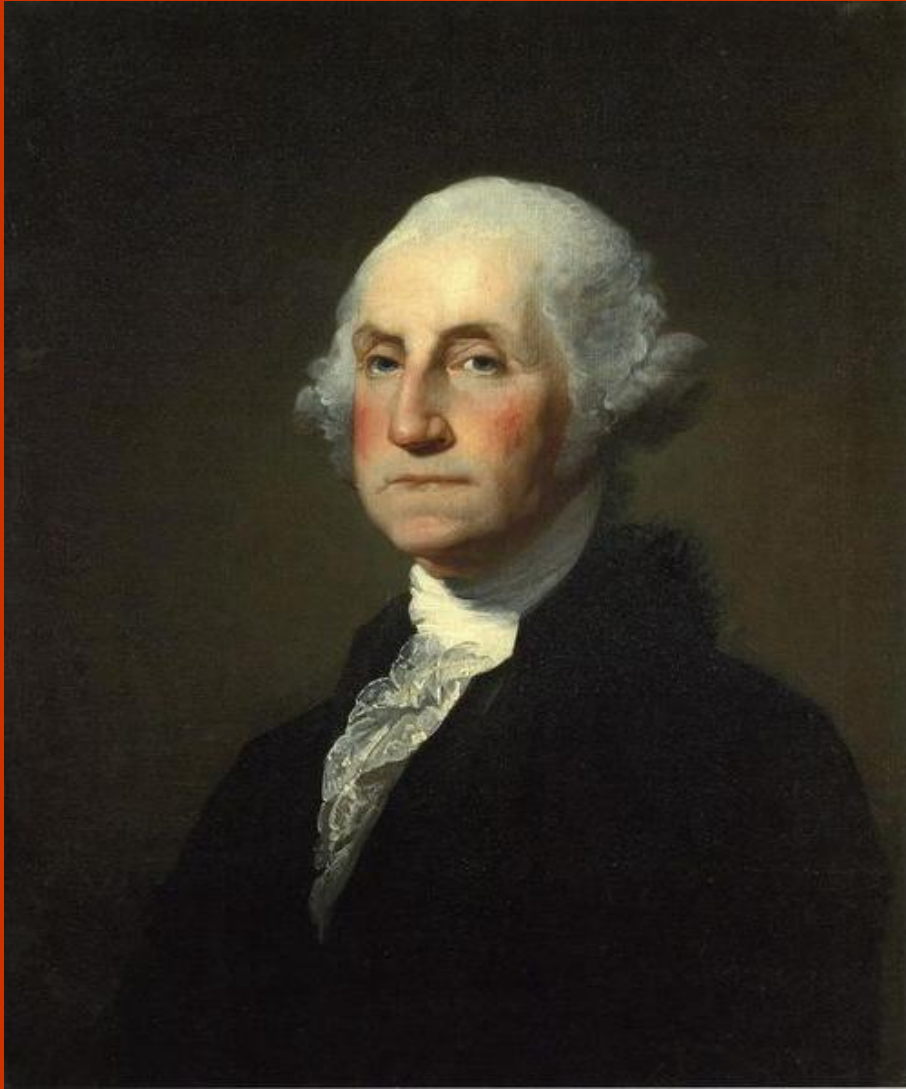


Not to man, but to God we give gratitude for our Independence

The Founders of Our Nation  
and  
Their Christian Heritage

## Client Nation Responsibilities

1. Custodianship of the Word of God
2. Base for Missionary Activity
3. Haven for the Jews, and
4. Restraint on evil in the world

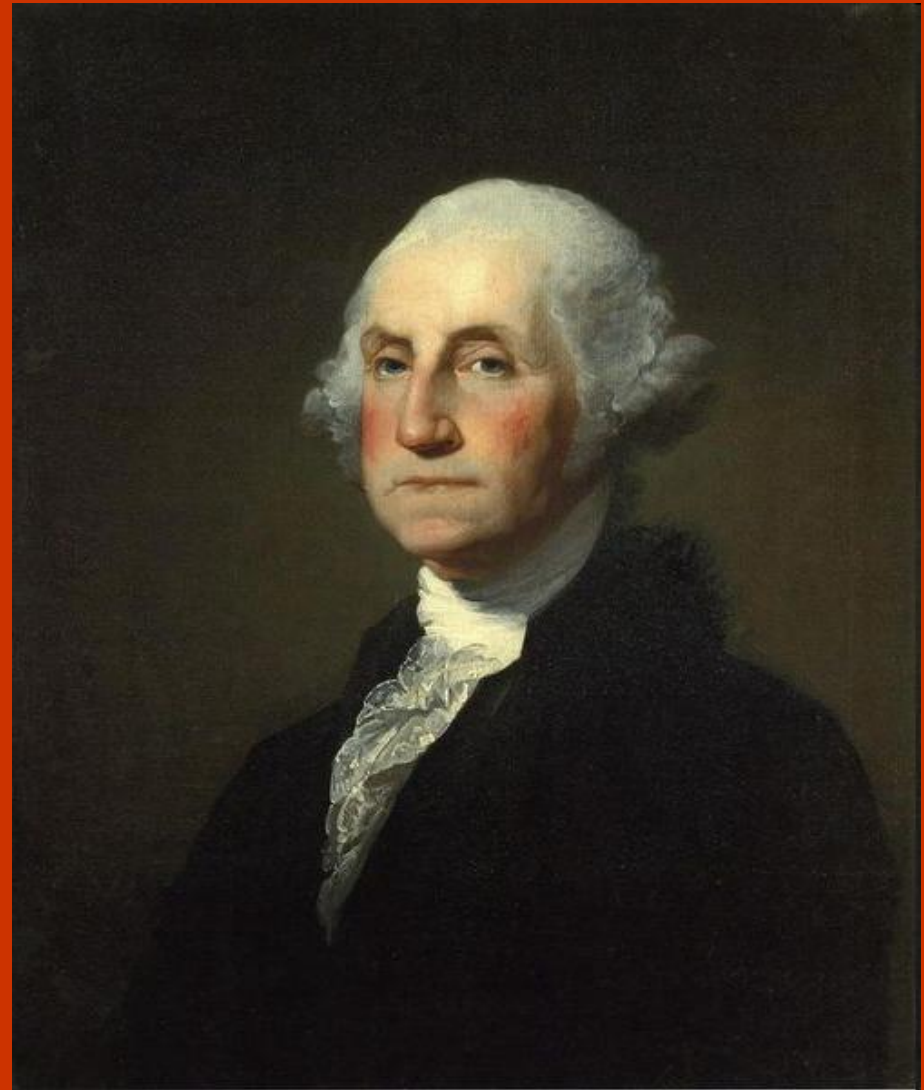


“You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are.”

George Washington to the Delaware Indian Chiefs on May 12, 1779

While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.

George Washington



"Philadelphia, July 5, 1777. My dear Daughter: Yesterday being the anniversary of American Independence, was celebrated here with a festivity and ceremony becoming the occasion . . . The thought of taking any notice of this day was not conceived until the second of this month, and it was not mentioned until the third. It was too late to have a sermon, as every one wished, so this must be deferred another year."

(John Adams, from *Adams Family Correspondence: June 1776-March 1778*, 274)

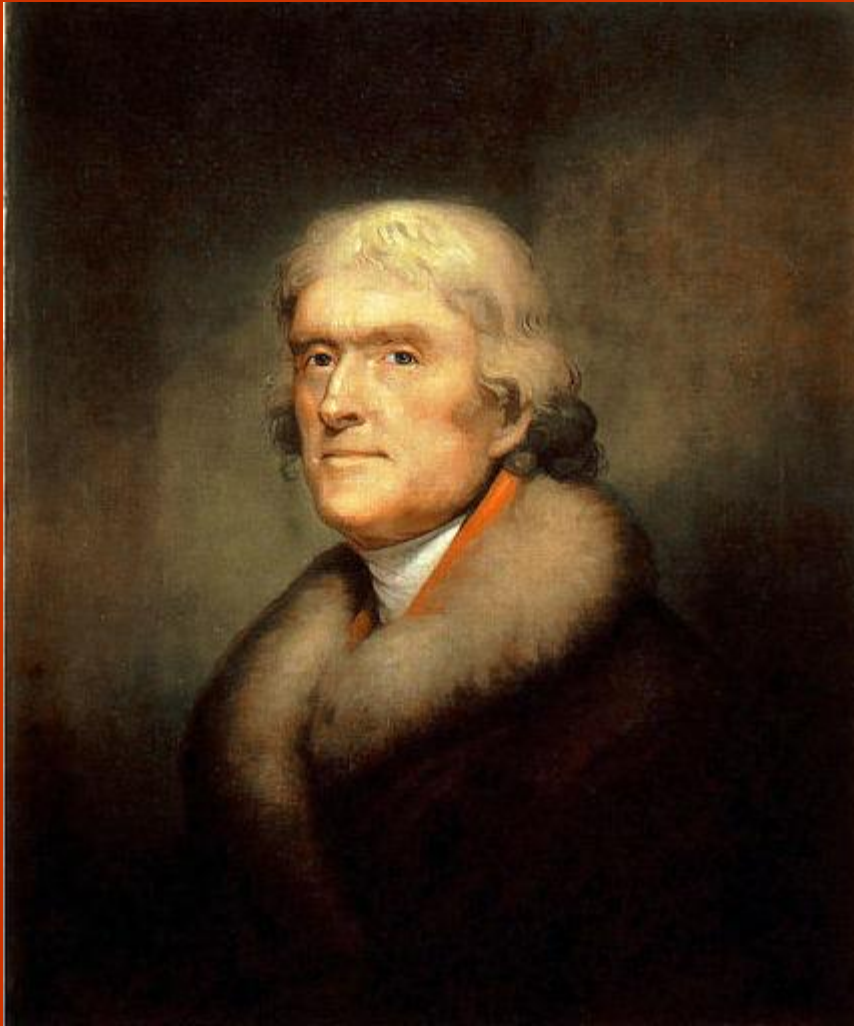




**“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. Now I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”**



**John Adams**



Thomas Jefferson

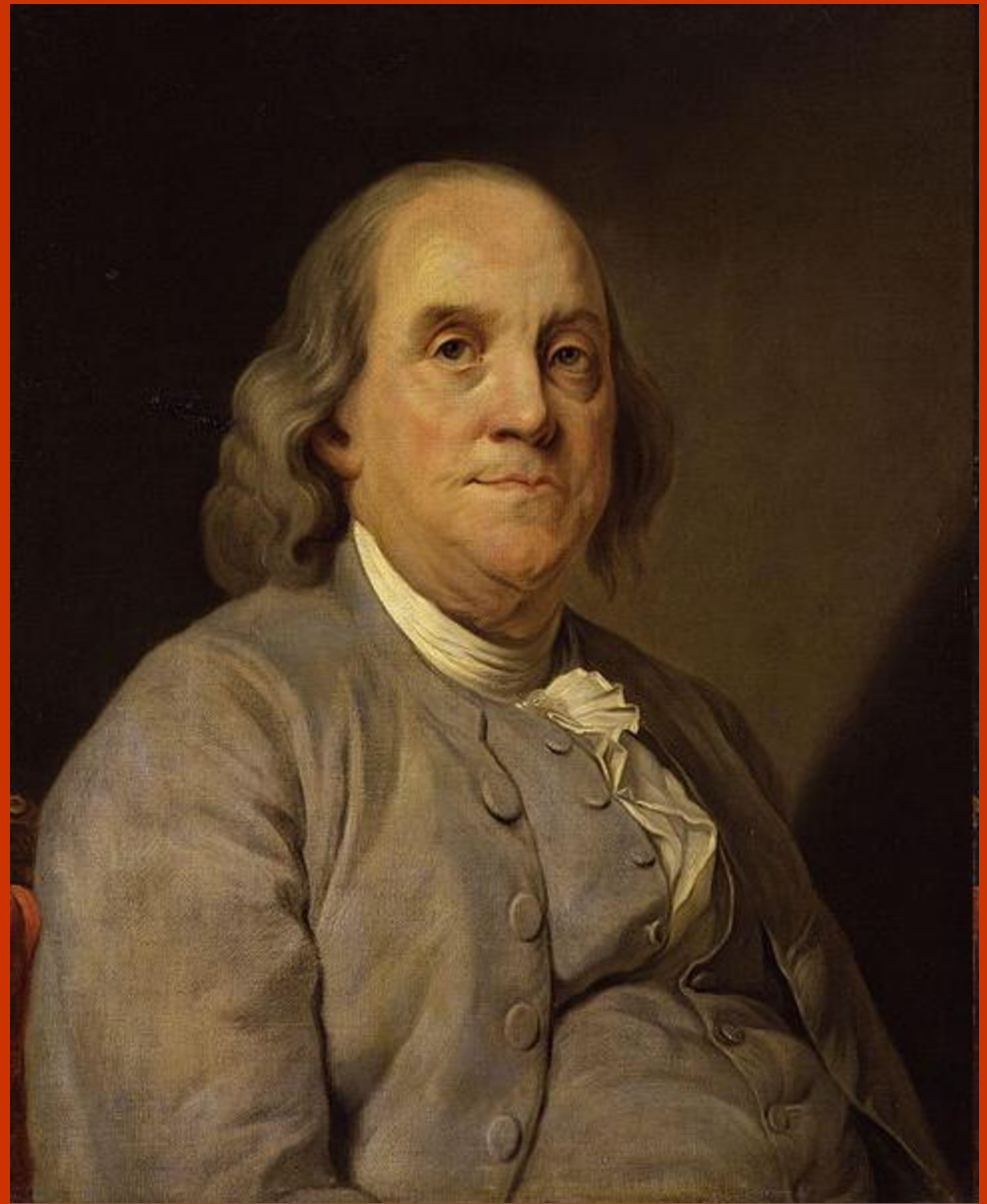
I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished anyone to be: sincerely attached to His doctrines in preference to all others.

Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Benjamin Rush, April 1803

I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.



"I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire cannot rise without His aid? We have been assured in the sacred writings that, 'except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it.'"



Benjamin Franklin during the Constitutional Convention 1787

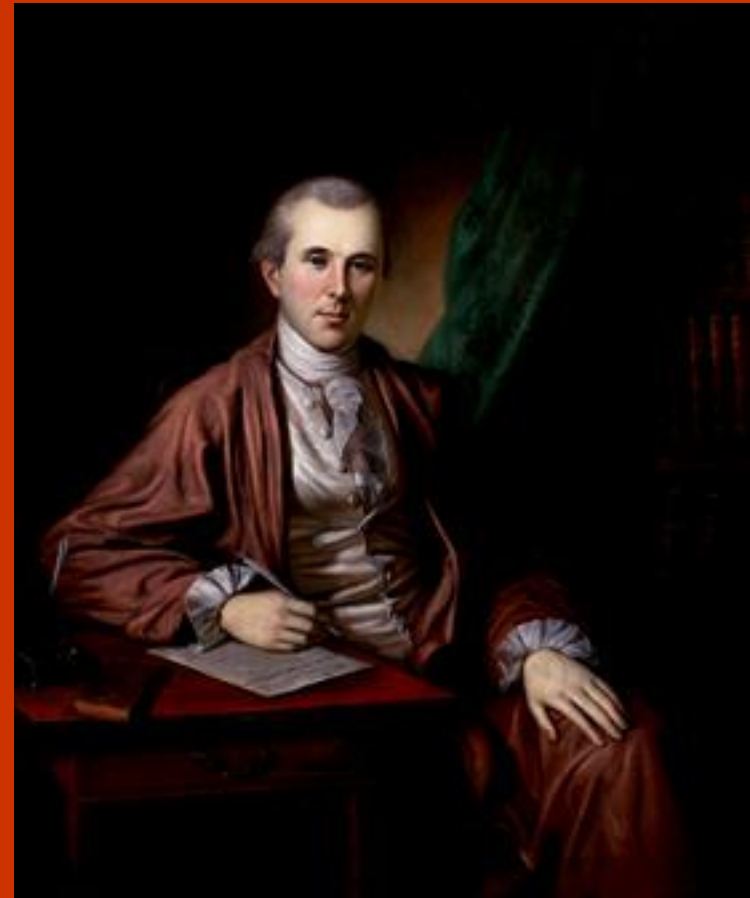
“I . . . recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”



Will of Samuel Adams

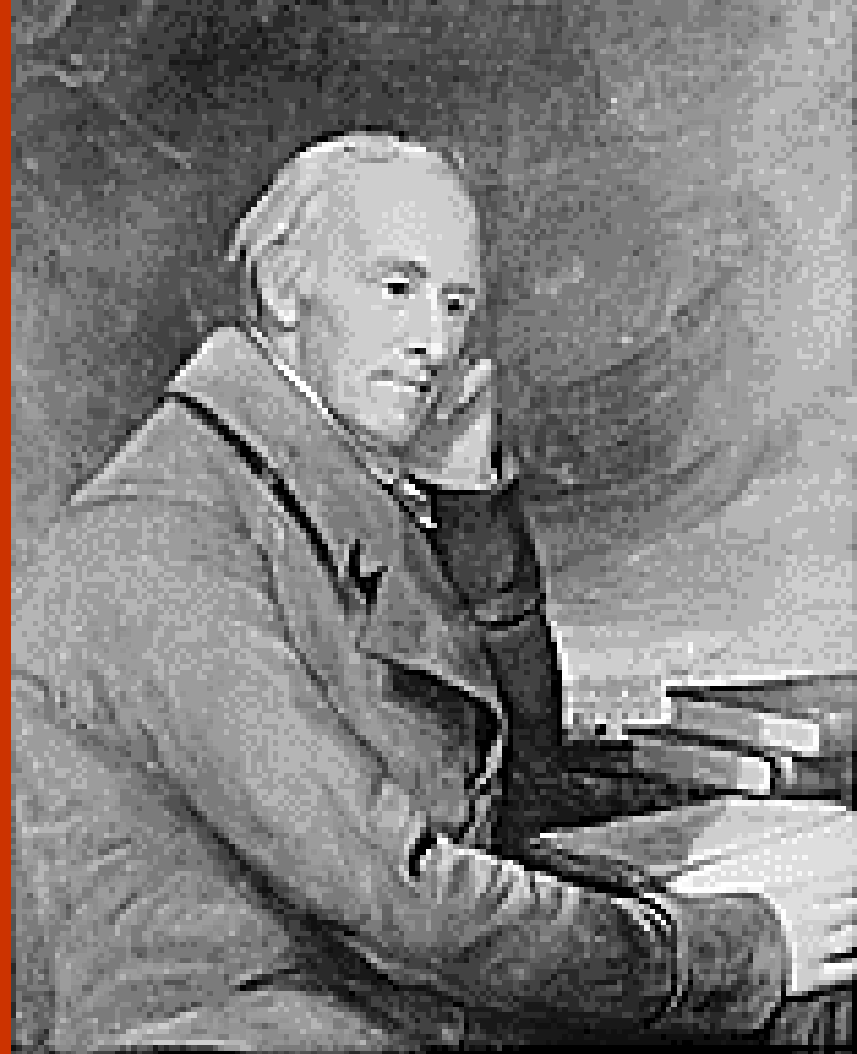
“My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!”

Benjamin Rush,  
*The Autobiography  
of Benjamin Rush,*



“I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as satisfied that it is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament”

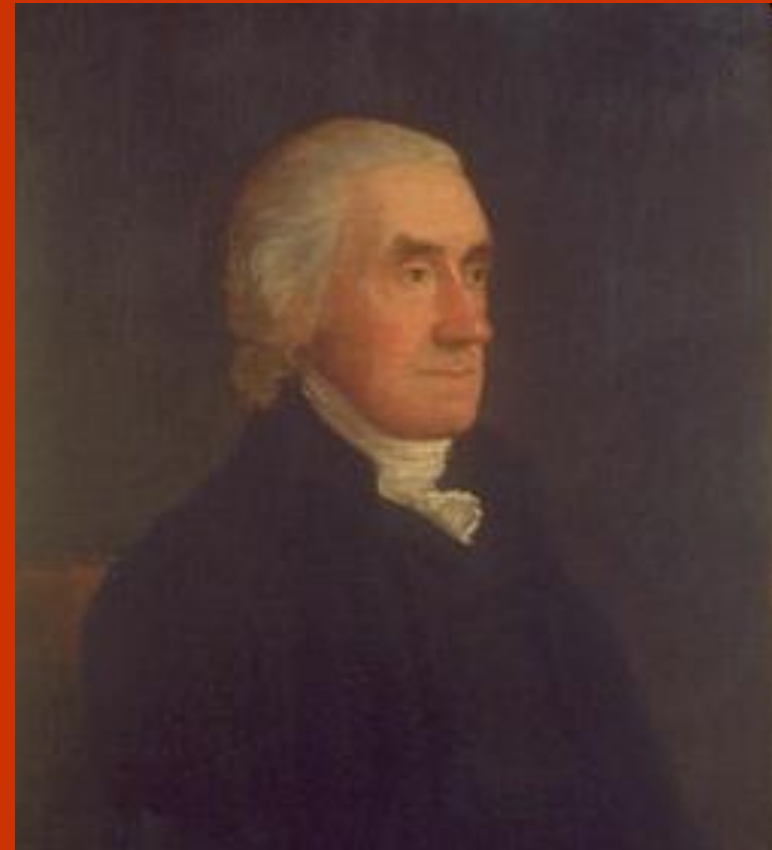
“[T]he only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible.”



Benjamin Rush

“I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing me my birth in a land of Gospel Light where the glorious tidings of a Savior and of pardon and salvation through Him have been continually sounding in mine ears.”

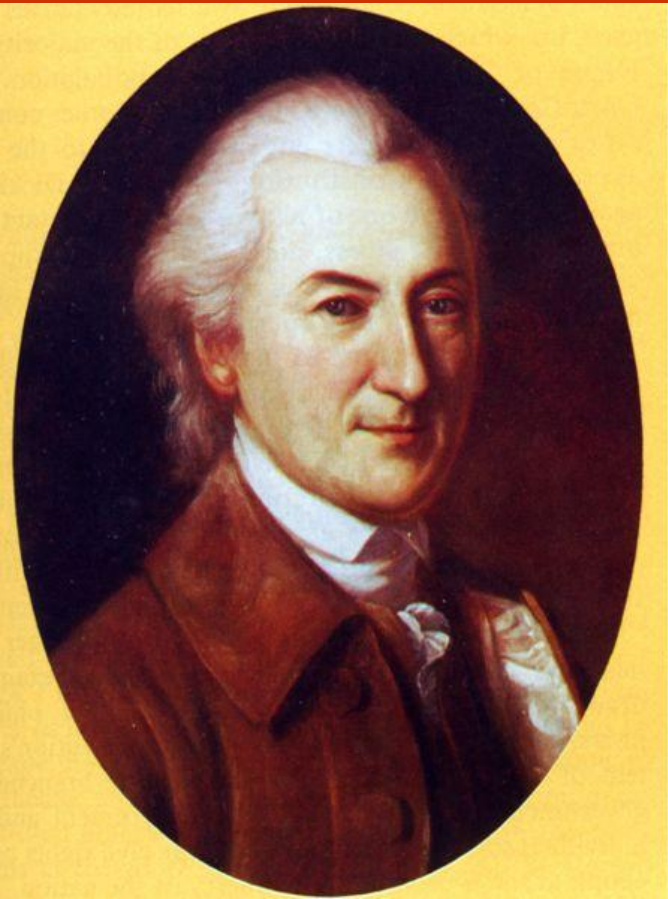
Robert Treat Paine,  
*The Papers of  
Robert Treat Paine*



“[W]hen I consider that this instrument contemplates my departure from this life and all earthly enjoyments and my entrance on another state of existence, I am constrained to express my adoration of the Supreme Being, the Author of my existence, in full belief of his providential goodness and his forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state, acknowledging with grateful remembrance the happiness I have enjoyed in my passage through a long life. . . .”

Will of Robert Treat Paine, signer, Declaration



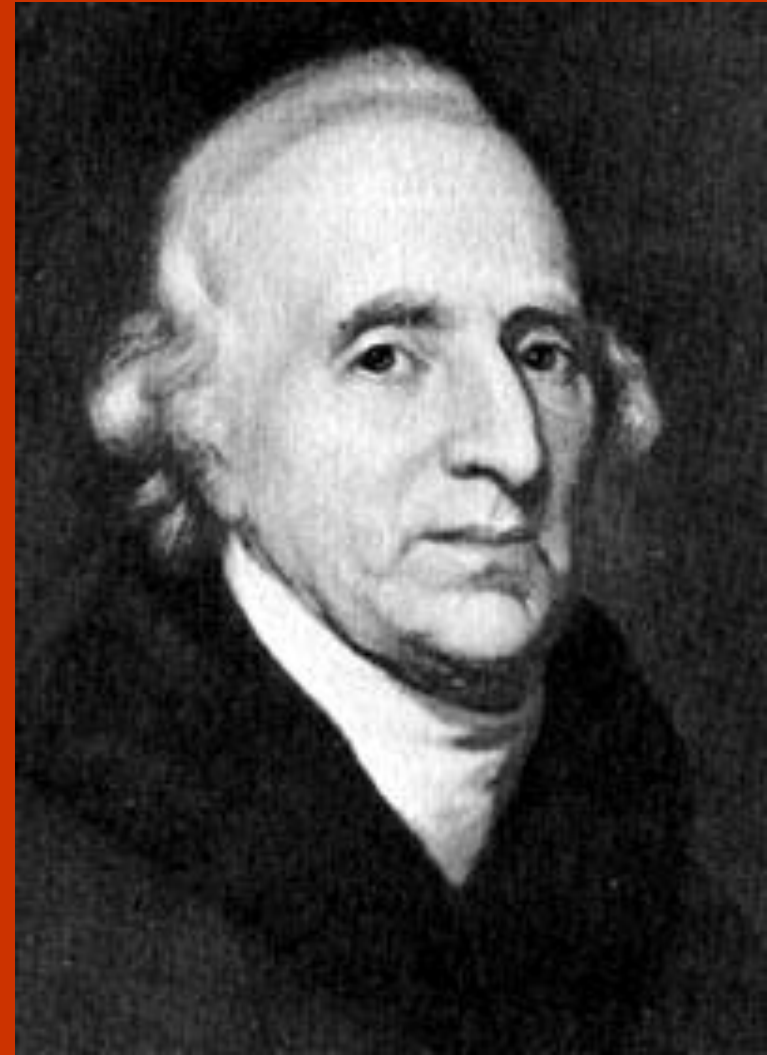


“Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.”

Will of John Dickinson, Signer of the Constitution

“On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.”

Charles Carroll to  
Charles W. Wharton, Esq.,  
September 27, 1825



“ Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

John Jay (1745-1829),  
a president of the Continental  
Congress, first Chief Justice,  
cont. *The Federalist Papers*

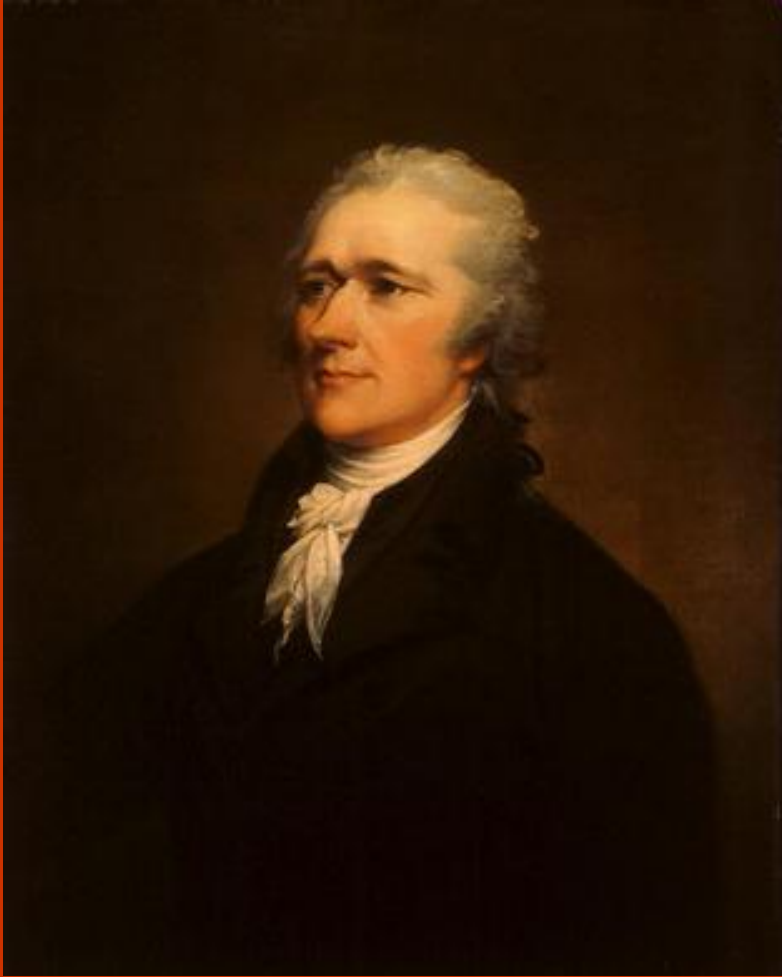




"Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son.... Blessed be His holy name."

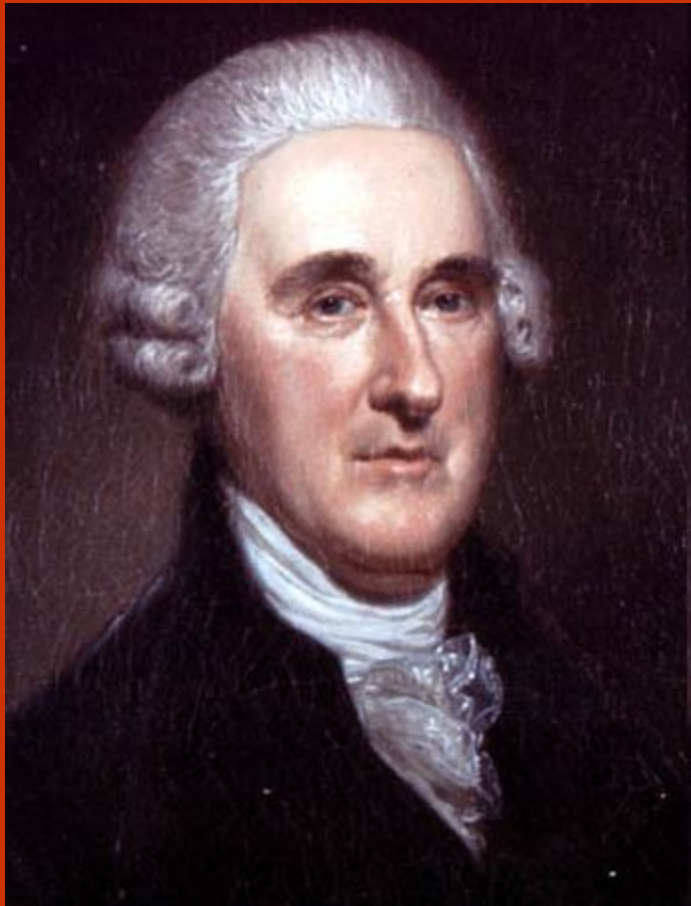
**John Jay (1745-1829),**





“I have a tender reliance on the mercy of the Almighty, through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Alexander Hamilton following the duel with Aaron Burr and just prior to his death.



Thomas Mckean

"John Roberts, with this sentence, this means that you have very few days left to you upon this earth. It behooves you therefore, in this period of time, to make peace with your maker. You need to find a remission of your sins through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You need to call for someone who can lead you to that relationship with Jesus, whether it be a minister or a friend or just the sacred Word of God. You are about to launch out into eternity and you are not prepared to meet God. So let's work on that right now."



“In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.”

John Quincy Adams



"You this day...have...received a public education, the purpose whereof hath been to qualify you the better to serve your Creator and your Country..."

"Your first great duties, you are sensible, are those you owe to heaven, to your Creator, and Redeemer. Let these be ever present to your minds and exemplified in your lives and conduct."

And for the rest of his speech, he went through specific Bible verses. In –part he said, "Students, we are told in Acts 17:28, that in Him we live and move and have our being. I want you to remember that apart from Jesus Christ you can do nothing in your life."



William Samuel Johnson

**Everyone elected and appointed to office shall make and subscribe the following declaration, to wit:**

**“I do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed forever more, and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.”**

**Delaware State Constitution**



**“Each member [of the legislature], before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, viz: I do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and the punisher of the wicked, and I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.”**

**Pennsylvania State Constitution**

**[All persons elected must]**

**“make and subscribe the following declaration,  
viz:**

**“I do declare that I believe the Christian religion  
and have firm persuasion of its truth.”**

**Massachusetts State Constitution**



**“No person who shall deny the being of God, or the truth of the Christian religion, or the divine authority either of the Old or New Testaments or who shall hold religious principles incompatible with the freedom and safety of the state, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department, within the state.”**

**North Carolina State Constitution**