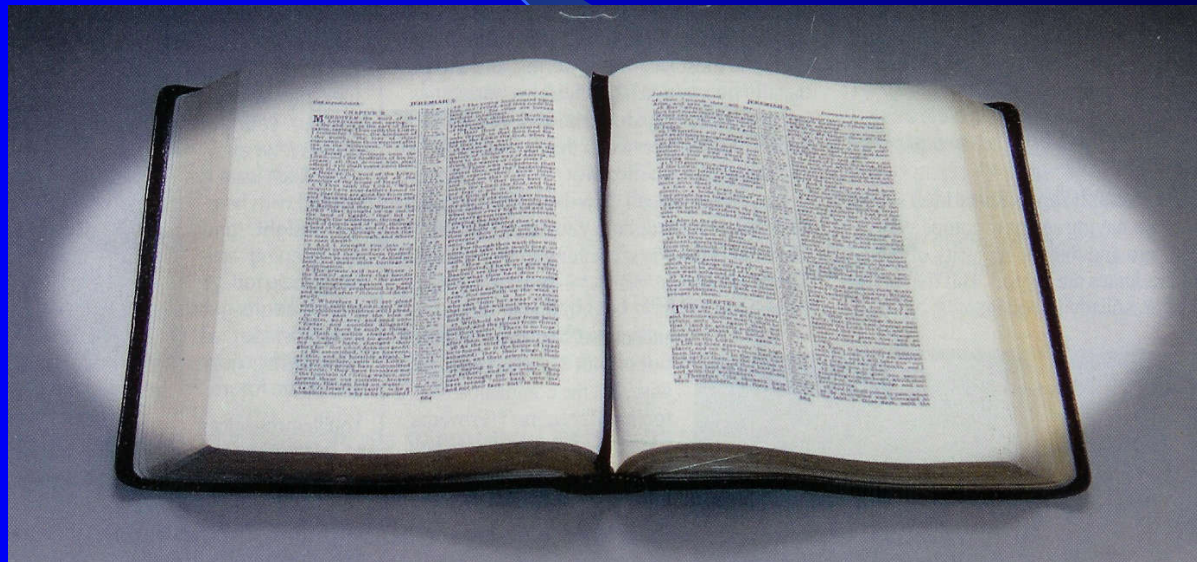


The
**Battle Over
the Bible**

What's Behind the
Trashing of the Bible?

*There are High Stakes in the
Battle over the Bible*



Is the Bible true? Is it what it claims to be—the Word of God?

- U.S. Court decisions increasingly reject longstanding laws rooted in the Bible
- Consider some of the issues touched—

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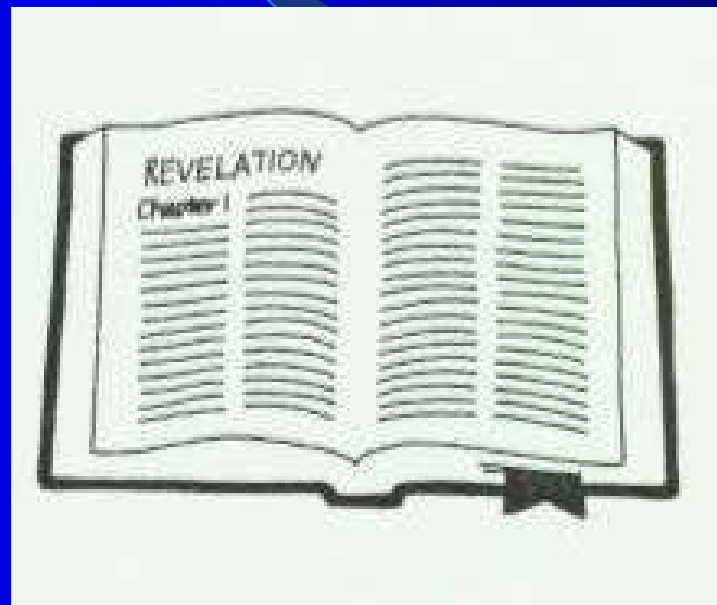
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NON-ISSUES

- If the Bible *is* true, then political, cultural and religious leaders are leading millions of unsuspecting followers to ultimate destruction

Built on a Biblical Foundation



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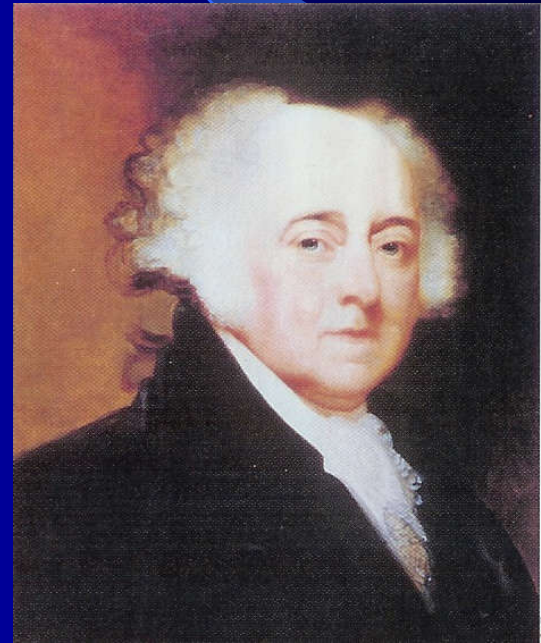
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(Farewell speech, Sep. 19, 1796)

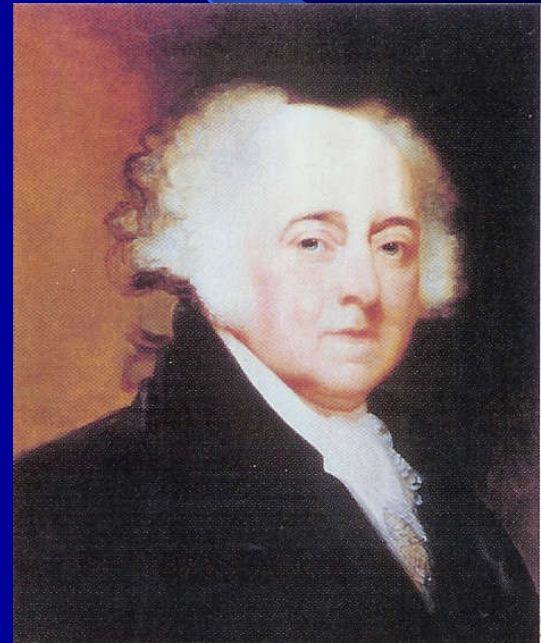


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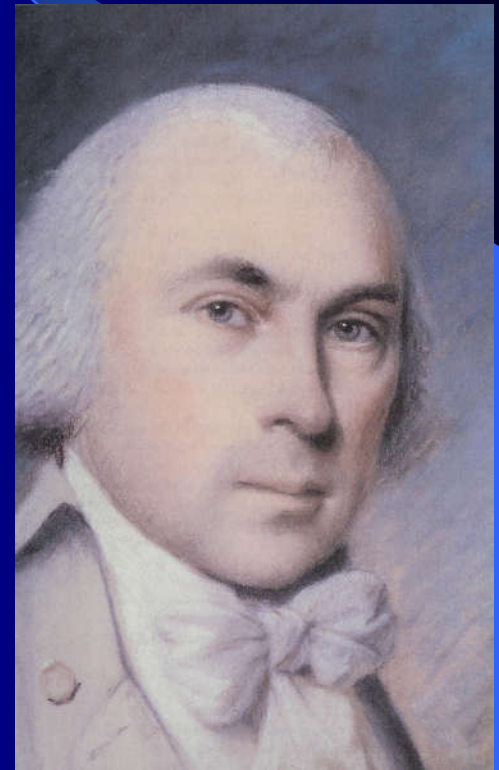


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- “We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and true religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

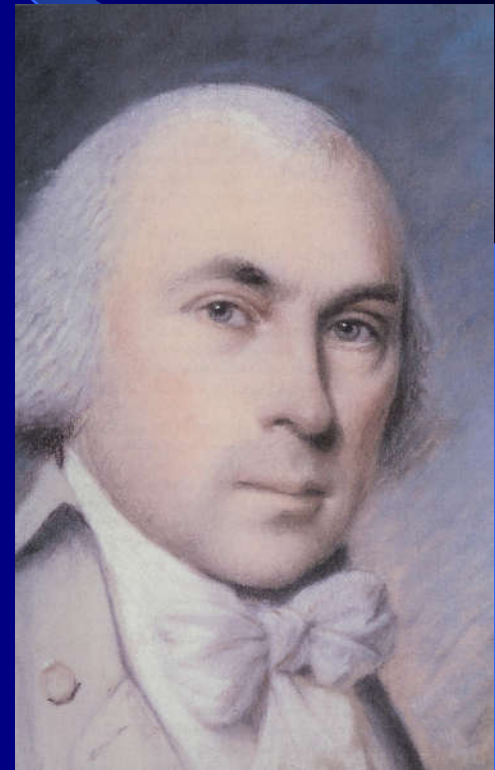


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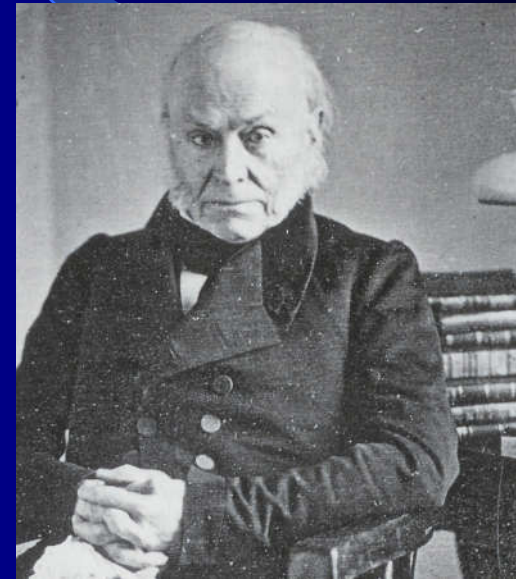


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- “We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

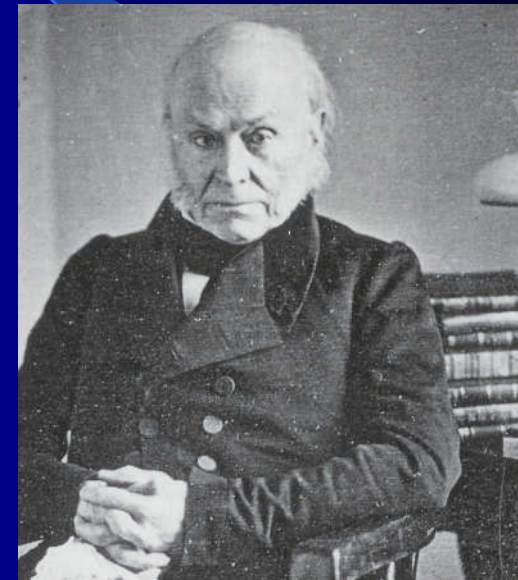


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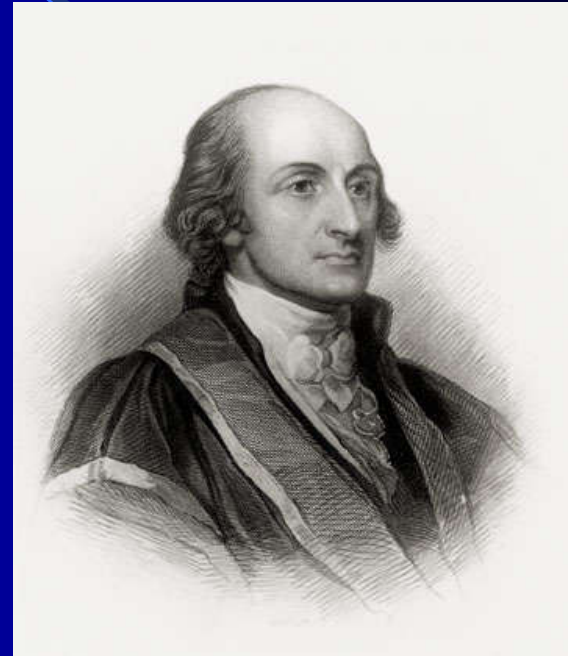


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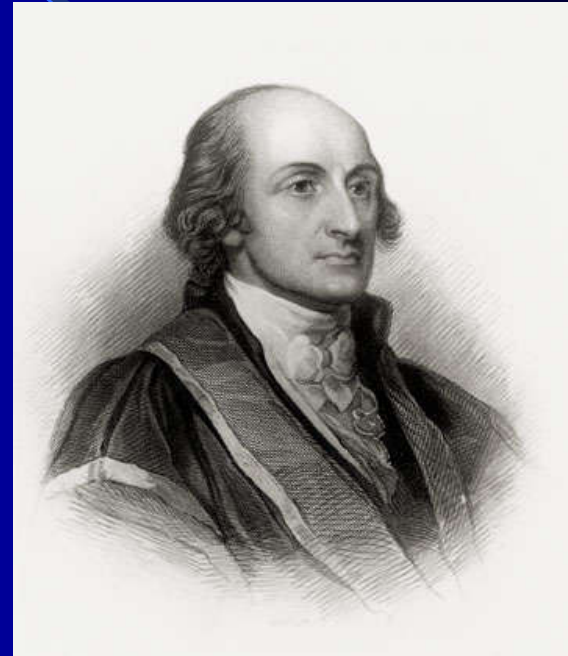


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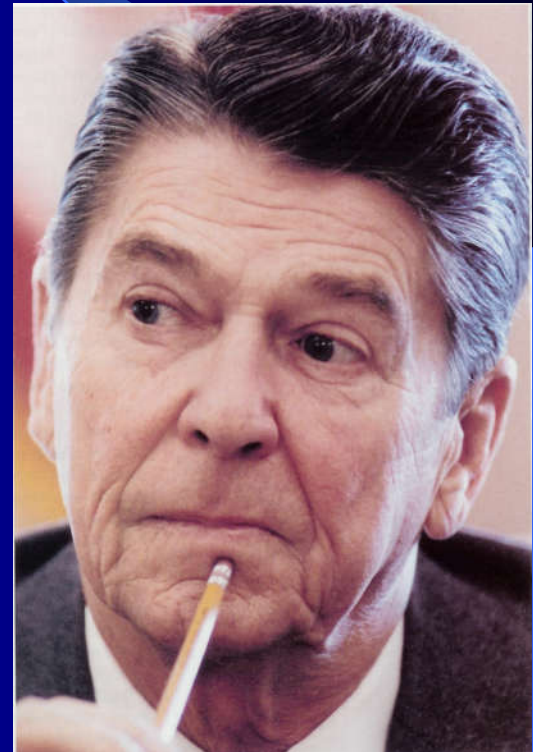
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- “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind.

It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.”

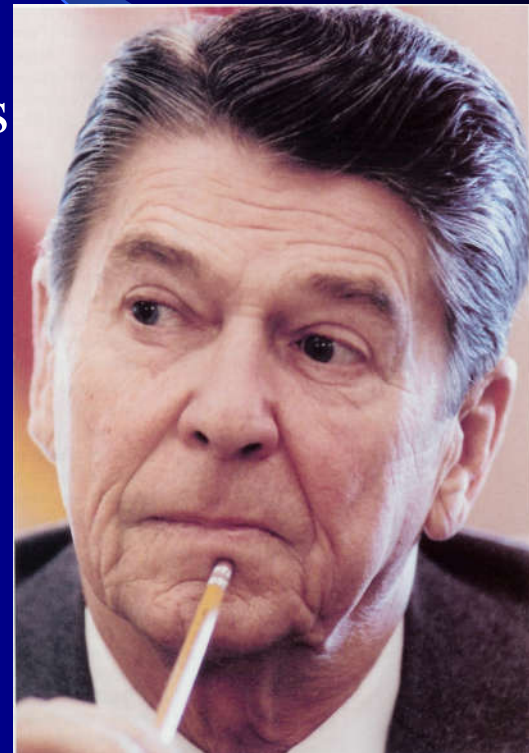


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- “Those who created our country—the Founding Fathers and Mothers—understood that this is a divine order which transcends the human order. They saw the state, in fact, as a form of moral order and felt that the bedrock of moral order is religion...The Mayflower Compact began with the words, ‘In the name of God, amen.’ The Declaration of Independence appeals to ‘Nature’s God’ and the ‘Creator’ and ‘the Supreme Judge of the world.’”



- **Contrast these statements with the Politically Correct Police who are seeking to erase our nation's acknowledgement of God**

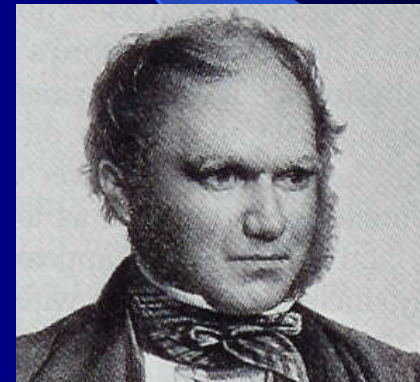


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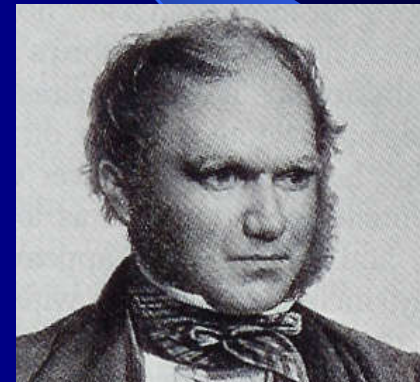
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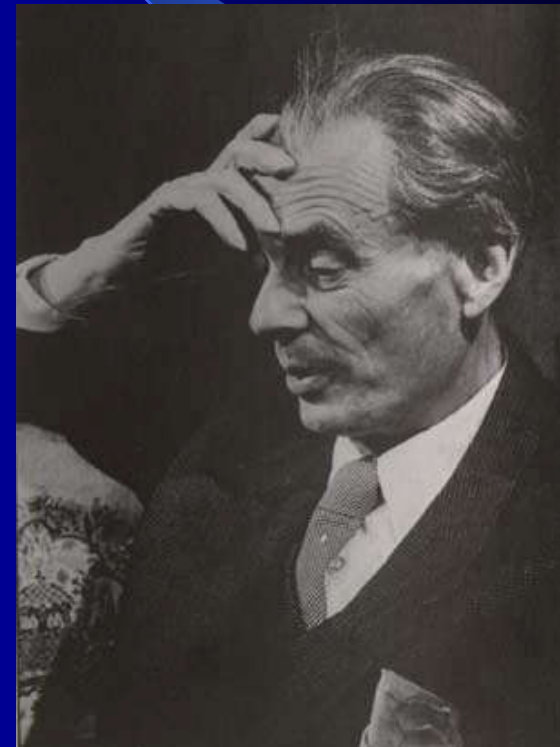
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- In the 20th Century, leading intellectuals stated why they accepted evolution and rejected Biblical standards



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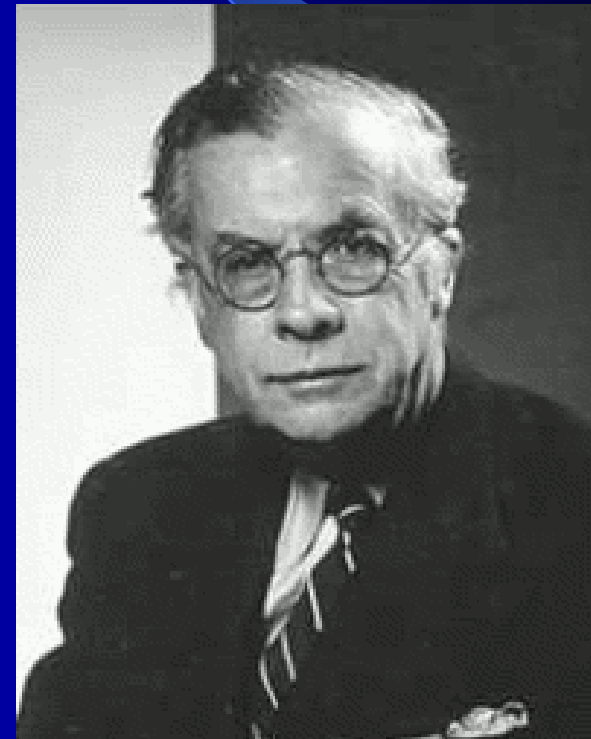
- “I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning...The liberation we desired was... From a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom”
(Ends and Means, p. 270)



- **Julian Huxley**

- “...the sense of spiritual relief which comes from rejecting the idea of God as a super-human being is enormous”

- (Essays of a Humanist,
p. 223)*



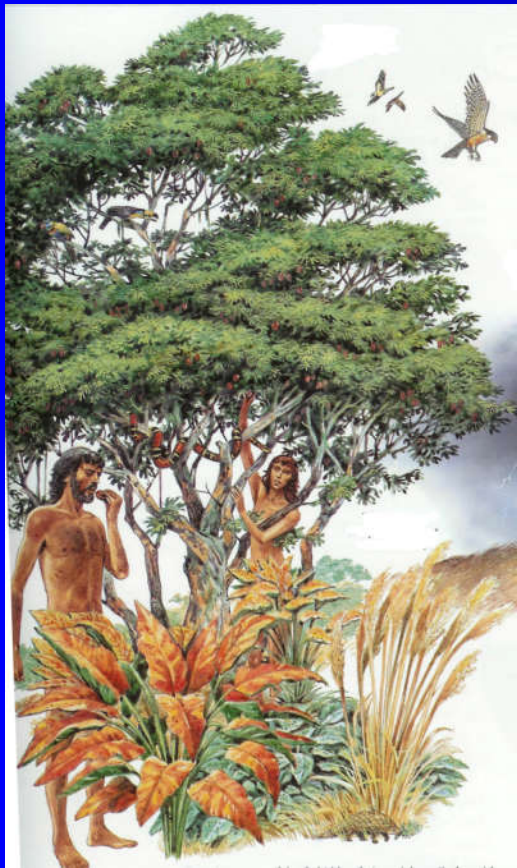
Little did they know they were echoing Paul's statement

- **(Rom. 8:6-7)** “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so”



*Humanity's Hostility
to God*

Man's relationship to God has never been very good



- **(Jer. 17:9)** “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

Christ commented on this early in his ministry

- **(Mark 7:21-23)** “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

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The Conflict Continues

What are the results of this battle?

- From 1991 to 2004, those who don't attend church went from 39 to 75 million
- 60% believe it is OK to live together before marriage, and that sexual fantasies about others and gambling are “morally acceptable”
- 40% believe that abortion and adultery are acceptable
- 33% accept profanity, pornography, drunkenness and homosexuality

2008 Barna Group Survey

In *one week* those aged 18-24

33% sought pornography

25% got drunk

38% committed fornication

37% admitted to lying

- Portland, ME Board of Ed. mandates giving birth control pills and condoms to middle school children—ages 11-13
- Alaska's Supreme Court rules that 11-year-olds can obtain an abortion without parental notification
- Another school system's SexEd books suggest students might feel more comfortable testing their sexuality with those of their own sex, and they might have to go against their parents' values

- The N.E.A. passes a resolution promoting the teaching of gay marriage approval
 - *“The Association... **believes in the importance of observances, programs and curricula that accurately portray and recognize the roles, contributions, cultures, and history of these diverse groups and individuals.**”*
 - *“The Association believes that legal rights and responsibilities with regard to medical decisions, taxes, inheritance, adoption, legal immigration, domestic partnerships, and **civil unions and/or marriage** belong to all these diverse groups and individuals.”*

- “An abstinence-until-marriage program is not only irresponsible, it’s really inhuman.” (**U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, D. Calif.**)



- “Planned Parenthood has asked South Dakota Library Board to remove *Campus Life* magazines from school libraries because it promotes abstinence
- The A.C.L.U. and over 100 other groups have asked the Health and Human Services Dept. to remove its *4Parents.gov* website because it says “Abstinence is the healthiest choice for teens.”

- “I hear all this talk about family values and all this stuff...I resent it. I think it’s immoral. I think it’s unethical.” (**Bill Clinton, speech at Univ. Minn.**)



- Those who uphold Biblical standards are labeled as bigoted, ignorant, judgmental, homophobic

ConSERvatives!

God warns us about this kind of perverted thinking

- **(Isa. 5:20)** “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”
- **(v. 25)** “On this account the anger of Jehovah has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down. And the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this His anger is not spent, But His hand is still stretched out.”



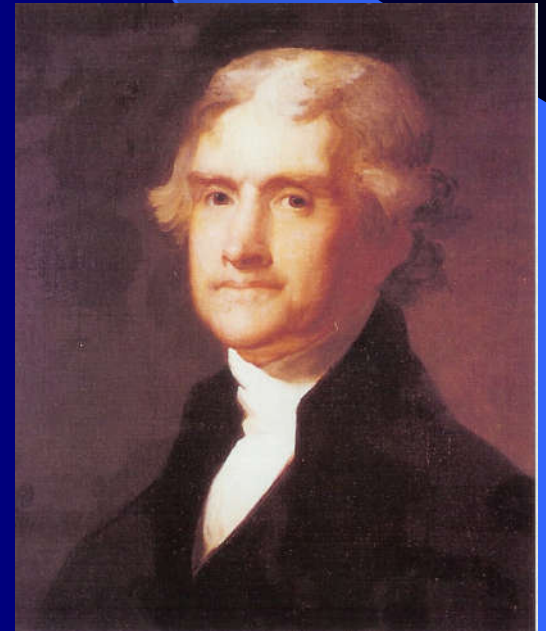
*How We Can Be
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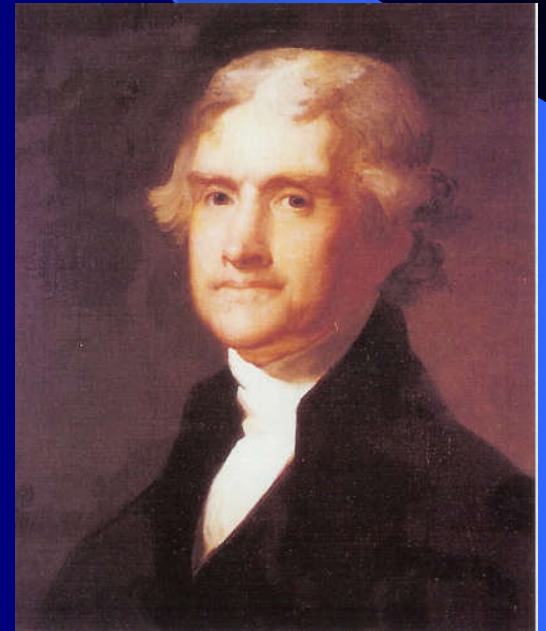
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- “God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of people that these liberties are of the gift of God?...indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”



We may not be able to change our
country, but we can allow
God to change us

- **(Isa. 55:6-7)** “Seek Jehovah while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to Jehovah, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”

We can also work for the betterment of our country

- **(I Tim. 2:1-3)** “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior”

Let us, by our lives, reflect the glory of God

- **(Matt. 5:13-16)** “**You are the salt of the earth;** but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. **You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all you are in the house. **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.**”

- **(Phil. 2:14-16)** “Do all things without murmurings and questionings: that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you are seen as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life**; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain.”



Let us be sure our children are well grounded in the faith

- **(Eph. 6:4)** “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”
- **(Col. 1:23)** “if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard...”

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- **(I Tim. 6:20-21)** “O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge" --which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.”

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- *“He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that does not believe shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16)*

