

The Declaration of Independence And God The Creator

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When celebrating the Fourth of July one must take note of the Declaration of Independence. This foundational document for American existence and the American Way of Life justifies the actions of our forefathers to fight for freedom. Interestingly, it also specifically references God as Creator. With deep consideration for the course of action they were taking and with much thought for the consequences and reasons, the founding fathers wrote: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The forefathers took an antithetical approach to list their grievances. They stressed the rights given to all men by their Creator, and then listed the offenses upon these rights by the powers that ruled them. Great Britain assaulted the people of the Colonies thereby forcing the need for separation. The very establishment of our government and the Constitution that followed was built upon the Declaration, and this foundational document specifically references God as Creator and ruler of Nature’s Law.

Considering today’s American movement to eliminate any trace of God in government, and to minimize the acknowledgement of the Creator, when will this document be changed to appease the anti-God movement? How will this be handled to appeal to those who would rather ignore God and walk in the deception that there is no God is government? Foolishness!

We are celebrating a declaration that was founded on the worldview that there is a Creator and there is a God that rules nature and the laws of nature. This opposes the prevailing notion that religion must be totally separate from our government; and this exposes the works of foolishness which seeks to keep God on the perimeter. A place where He can be viewed when times of consolation are needed, but ignored when government of self is desired, thereby allowing men to serve their own appetites and affections and ignore the affects of a godly conscience. Many today exalt the Constitution’s “We the People” claiming the people’s government is absent of God, willfully forgetting the Declaration of Independence.

Parade Magazine’s cover quoted, “We Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident.” What Truths? “That all men are created equal” and “that they are endowed by their Creator.” Can’t get away from it; it is right there! Many can attempt to minimize God’s significance to our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but the eventual effect will be a nation of promiscuity, disloyalty, rage, and perversions of all kinds. The signs are already quite evident! Our only hope is to once again align ourselves with the wisdom of our forefathers who recognized and reputed God Almighty as known in the Christian faith.

May the Lord grant all wisdom and grace to receive this message and live out its purpose!