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## **Remember Your True History America (#1): Who Were the Spiritual & Moral Founding Fathers of the USA?**

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As we who are citizens of the United States prepare for the May 17 Celebration and Rededication as “one nation under God,” and the July 4 celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, may we put our focus on remembering The LORD and how He guided our forefathers and gave them wisdom in forming a great nation.

Where did the political Founding Fathers who signed the *Declaration of Independence* gain extraordinary wisdom and courage to create a new nation with unprecedented civil and religious liberty, guarded by government with limited and just powers? Where did they get the idea that “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” entitled them to separate from Great Britain and form their own nation? Where did they get the ideas that certain “Truths” are “self-evident, that all Men are created equal,” that God “their Creator” had endowed them “with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness,” and “That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed” (*Declaration of Independence*, 4 July 1776)? Where did these ideas come from? Who taught them these Truths?

I found the answer while doing research at the U.S. Library of Congress years ago. Yes, I found writings and speeches of the political Founding Fathers. But I was surprised that most of the writings, speeches and sermons I found on these public policy matters were from pastors. As I continued to research, I discovered that the same Biblical and Judeo-Christian truths and principles they taught their congregations were being advocated by the political leaders (who were taught by them), yet usually without quoting the Biblical source. Further, the political leaders then formed the *Declaration*, constitutions and laws based on those Biblical truths and principles, based on “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,” without necessarily directly referencing these as their foundation.

Thus I came to realize that the spiritual and moral Founding Fathers of our nation were the clergy! Whatever was right, good, and just that became the foundations of our society, nation and governments were first preached on by the clergy.

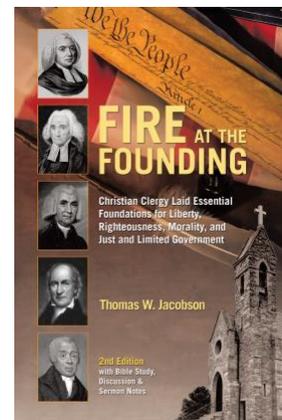
During the first 200 years of our history, the clergy were held in high esteem, like good fathers, shepherds and guardians of the church, community and nation. For the last 200 years, both clergy and the Church gradually withdrew from their good and noble place of prominent

influence – or were pushed out – and other spiritual forces, leaders, and sectors increased to dominate. That’s where we are today. Yet a remnant of the clergy and the Church are still shining the light of Truth and increasing in influence. There is hope for America’s future.

That hope comes from GOD. But how does He bring it. He brings it by His Spirit through His shepherds and members of Christ’s Body, the Church. So to begin with, let us restore our understanding of the good, wise, and essential influence of pastors (and Christians), and their authority to teach us and speak publicly about public matters. In 1750, Rev. Jonathan Mayhew gave a sermon declaring that clergy have authority and responsibility to speak up:

“It is hoped that but few will think the subject . . . improper . . . to be discoursed on in the pulpit, under a notion that this is *preaching politics*, instead of Christ. However, to remove all prejudices of this sort, I beg it may be remembered that ‘all Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness’ (2 Timothy 3:16). Why, then, should not those parts of Scripture which relate to *civil government* be examined and explained from the desk, as well as others? Obedience to the civil magistrate is a Christian duty; and if so, why should not the nature, grounds, and extent of it be considered in a Christian assembly? Besides, if it be said that it is out of character for a Christian minister to meddle with such a subject, this censure will at last fall upon the holy apostles. They write upon it in their epistles to Christian churches; and surely it cannot be deemed either criminal or impertinent to attempt an explanation of their doctrine” (*Fire At The Founding*, chap. 1, pg. 6-7).

From the research, I wrote a book built around such great quotes from the clergy of the 1700s. The book is titled: ***Fire At The Founding: Christian Clergy Laid Essential Foundations for Liberty, Righteousness, Morality, and Just and Limited Government***. It is available through [GLC Publications](#), [Westbow Press](#), Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc. The audiobook will be available soon.



**PRAY** that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to read and rediscover the truth about the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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