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Title: Do Not Remove the Ancient Landmarks

Text: Proverbs 22:28

**Proverbs 22:28** - Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your ancestors.

**John Adams** was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and our second President. In a speech to the military in 1798 he warned his fellow countrymen stating, *"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion . . . Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."*

**Benjamin Franklin**, signer of the Declaration of Independence said, *"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."*

*"Whereas true religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness . . . it is hereby earnestly recommended to the several States to take the most effectual measures for the encouragement thereof."* Continental Congress, 1778

## **FOUR LANDMARKS OF OUR NATION THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED**

### **I. THE BELIEF IN THE ONE TRUE GOD JESUS CHRIST**

**Congress, U. S. House Judiciary Committee, 1854**

*Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle... In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity...*

That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.

**Benjamin Rush** - signer of the declaration of independence; surgeon general of the continental army; ratifier of the u. S. Constitution; "father of American medicine"; Treasurer of the u. S. Mint; "father of public schools under the constitution."

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations! . . . 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 Acts 22:16. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly! Revelation 22:20*

## **II. THE BIBLE AS THE AUTHORITY FOR ALL THAT WE DO**

**Robert Winthrop**, Speaker of the U. S. House, *“Men, in a word, must necessarily be controlled either by a power within them or by a power without them; either by the Word of God or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible or by the bayonet.”*

### **Benjamin Rush**

*The Bible, when not read in schools, is seldom read in any subsequent period of life... The Bible... should be read in our schools in preference to all other books because it contains the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness.*

In our young nation, the Bible was used as a text book for the purpose of teaching children moral principles to live by. As time went on, the Bible was gradually replaced by other text books such as Noah Webster's Primer. Webster's Primer taught children to spell, but was also filled with moral Bible verses. In the front of his Primer was his picture with the inscription, "Who taught millions to read but not one to sin."

## **III. THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF A FAMILY**

**Matthew 19:4-6** - "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

## **IV. THE SANCTITY OF LIFE**

The foundation for the U.S. Constitution is the Declaration of Independence, which declares *all human beings are endowed by their Creator with an unalienable right to life*. Although these words were penned by Thomas Jefferson, they have their foundation in the writings of William Blackstone, an English jurist and the author of the Commentaries on the Laws of England. Blackstone's commentaries reveal the pro-life intent of Jefferson's words and the pro-life foundation of America.

**Psalms 33:12** - Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.