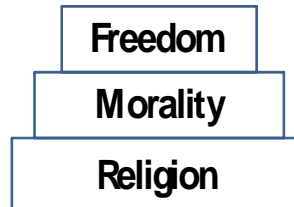


Points to Ponder

1. It is vitally important to remember the philosophical background of our nation's founders. Please recall that at the time of our nation's founding there had been no Charles Darwin, no Immanuel Kant, and no Jean Paul Sartre.
2. Please also recall that many of the peoples who came to America were immigrants who were escaping Europe for the primary purpose of religious freedom. The descendants of these immigrants were likely to have prized religious freedom in the same way as their ancestors who first came to America.
3. It is estimated that of the 250 individuals who played an active role in the founding of America, that fully _____ were individuals who had a firm commitment to Jesus Christ.
4. The nation's founders, because of their worldview being formed by the Bible, understood the sinfulness that was a part of the human condition. As such, they understood that the Bible was the foundation for morality, and that morality was the foundation for the government of the United States.



It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.
- George Washington

The general principles, on which the Fathers achieved independence, were the only Principles in which that beautiful Assembly of young Gentlemen could Unite.... And what were these general Principles? I answer, the general Principles of Christianity, in which all these Sects were United: And the general Principles of English and American Liberty, in which all those young Men United, and which had United all Parties in America, in Majorities sufficient to assert and maintain her Independence.

Now I will avow, that I then believe, and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity, are as eternal and immutable, as the Existence and Attributes of God.
- John Adams

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our constitution was made only for a moral and a religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.
- John Adams

The Christian Religion...is a religion of all others most friendly to liberty, science, and the freest expansion of the human mind.
- Thomas Jefferson

I consider the doctrines of Jesus as delivered by Himself to contain the outlines of the sublimest system of morality that has ever been taught but I hold in the most profound detestation and execration the corruptions of it which have been invented.
- Thomas Jefferson

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 of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; 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.
- James Madison