

**“In God We Trust”**  
**(Psalm 20:7; 56:4; 62:8)**

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**1. America began by Christians seeking to live and worship in freedom.**

- The First Charter of Virginia (1607):  
“[For] the propagation of the Christian religion.”
- The Mayflower Compact (1620): “For the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.”
- The New England Confederation (1643):  
“To advance the kingdom of God.”
- New York Royal Grants (1664 & 1667):  
The church of England became the established church.
- Each of the 13 original state constitutions established Christianity as the state-protected religion, and all 50 states’ original constitutions expressed dependence on God for their preservation.

**2. America’s founders proudly and publically spoke about God in our national documents and monuments.**

- The Constitution (1787): “In the year of our Lord...”
- George Washington (1796): “It is impossible to govern without God and the Bible.”
- John Adams (1798): “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.”
- Our national monuments & buildings are engraved with references to God and the Bible.
- On our currency are the words: “In God we trust”.

**3. What about “separation of church and state”?**

- America’s founders endorsed public and political use of religion, but excluded only a **national** church denomination.
- England’s national church is The Church of England. Denmark’s national church is The Danish Lutheran Church.
- 9 out of the first 11 colonies had established churches: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and New York.
- The First Amendment only says: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”  
- This was to prevent the national “Congress” from establishing one particular church so that the states could do just that.

- There is no mention of “Separation of church and state” in the First Amendment.
- There is no mention of freedom *from religion*.
  - The first order of business for the first United States Congress in 1785 was to appoint Christian chaplains of the Senate and House.
  - The same day the First Amendment was approved (Sep 24, 1789), Congress called on President Washington to proclaim a national day of prayer and Thanksgiving.

#### 4. The Key to America’s Independence: **“In God We Trust”**

- Christianity is not in decline - it is the fastest growing religion in the world.
- Conservative Christian churches in America are not in decline - they are growing; only liberal Christian churches are declining.
- America is too powerful to be destroyed from without; but it can be destroyed from within.
- What is the solution? It’s found in our National Motto.
- “In God We Trust” on our money is the ultimate irony, because it is money that Americans really trust in.
  - American Christians spend more on their cell phones than they give to church!
  - American Christians spend more on cable TV than they give to the poor!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>When will America return to Christianity?</b> When American Christians return to “In God We Trust” instead of “In Money We Trust”</p>
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