

# The Bible And The Declaration Of Independence

By Van Yandell

2 Corinthians 3: 17  
"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

The word "Creator" in the Declaration of Independence indicates a God/Bible believing people. The parallels to Bible teachings, concepts and people connect the Bible to the Declaration.

King George III ruled Britain in from 1760 until 1820. Many of the early settlers in America from Britain thought of George as the Antichrist. The tyranny and excessive taxation levied against them led those first Americans to rebel against the King and Britain.

When unalienable (sometimes spelled inalienable) rights are held for ransom, people can be expected to rebel. Those rights are those explicitly given by God to every human He has created.

Those rights are considered by many to be "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The statement in the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson clearly defines the American perspective.

"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 those are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

God created man "In His own Image" (Genesis 1: 27) to be free; to have freedom of choice and freedom to pursue the lifestyle he desires. He did of course, in the Holy Bible give mankind guidelines to live by but within those limitations/commandments, He made man free.

God gave Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden freedom. One of those freedoms was the freedom to sin just as He has given mankind the freedom to sin and He knew we would. He then planted the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God had a plan.

Isaiah 5: 20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

God destroyed all life on earth (Genesis 7) and Sodom (Genesis 19) for the same actions/sins that America is not only approving but promoting in today's society.

The Declaration of Independence; adopt-

ed July 4th, 1776 and signed August 2, 1776, set a course for America for these last 250 years. That course has been perverted but we do have a future.

While the Declaration does not specifically mention the Holy Bible, it does refer to "The Creator," This appears to be a monotheistic attitude and a reference to the ensuing freedom of religion and basic other human rights.

People leaving Ireland, England and other European countries has been compared with the exodus from Egypt in the Book of Exodus. To escape the oppressive Egyptian Pharaoh, God sent Moses and his brother Aaron to lead the Hebrews from Egypt.

Certain American revolutionaries led the occupants of this new land to freedom from King George just as Joshua led the Israelites to victory over the Canaanites.

The oppression by the King could not be tolerated. At times, war is the only and final solution. Freedom is precious and sacred. It must be protected and at times that means it must be fought for.

King Saul in 1 Samuel was an evil king. 1 Samuel 15: 11 God said

"It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments."

King George did not regard those that had left Europe for the new world as worthy of anything but his scorn. That included oppression, intimidation and taxation. Comparing him to Saul seems to be a fair comparison.

A statement from Leviticus 25: 11 is "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Those words are emblazoned on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Those words and the bell are symbols of our free land and our determination to keep America free.

Galatians 3: 28

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Freedom and oppor-

tunity are rights of any American. Discrimination must not exist because of wealth (or lack of), race or gender. Our differences can be our strength or our demise. If we allow ourselves to be separated over our differences, perhaps we deserve to perish.

Proverbs 22: 2 "The rich and the poor meet together" the Lord is the maker of them all." Our Declaration of Independence does not provide for any differences in the governing of the people.

Acts 10: 34 "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." The founding fathers honored God in the document; the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration and the Bible share concepts, philosophies, human rights and divine justice. All in all, we can trace our way of life, our freedoms and liberties to the Holy Bible.

If we consider the

teachings of God and the history of the world, specifically America, we can clearly see America exists for a divine purpose. The only way to accomplish that purpose is to return to our Creator in confession and repentance.

John 3: 16 is also a declaration and a statement of freedom from sin. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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## Kentucky State Police Release Proactive Patrol Reminder

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Post 2 district, to check motorists for compliance with motor vehicle laws including driving under the influence statutes. KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traf-

fic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safety service, focusing on vehicular equipment deficiencies, confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles, and the valid licensing of drivers. Violations of law or other public safety issues that arise shall also be addressed.

Traffic safety checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky

traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth. Drivers encountering a traffic safety checkpoint are requested to have their operator's license, vehicle registration receipt, and proof of insurance readily accessible. Drivers with this information in hand, those with no violations of law and minimal roadway congestion can reasonably expect to be delayed for only a brief time period.

## Madisonville Community College Offering Express Enrollment

Madisonville Community College is offering a one-stop express enrollment opportunity on Thursday, July 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Students can begin the process at the college's Enrollment Center on the North Campus in Madisonville or the Muhlenberg Campus in Central City.

The goal is to make the enrollment process as simple and fast as possible. Most students should be able to complete the process during their advising session and can expect fast service.

"We know many of our prospective students are anxious about college, but we want to relieve that anxiety and make enrolling as easy as possible," said Aimee Wilkerson, dean of enrollment management. "We believe if we

can simplify this first important step, more students are likely to take advantage of the affordable opportunities Madisonville Community College has to offer. Registering now will make the start of the semester so much easier for students."

The enrollment Center, financial aid, and student records will be ready to assist students. Applicants can be admitted to the college on the spot and meet with an academic advisor to schedule classes. No appointment is necessary. For students interested in transferring to Murray State - Madisonville, advisors will be on hand to help plan your courses to ensure a seamless transfer.

To learn more, please visit or contact the MCC Enrollment Center at (270) 824-8657.



## God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Without Repentance, Judgment Awaits

Q: I work in payroll at the plant. I saw an avenue where I could skim some extra cash into my personal account. If I confess what I have done, I'm afraid I will lose my good paying job. I'm feeling guilty about what I have done. What should I do?

A: It's good you're feeling guilty about stealing from your employer. I encourage you to let your feelings of guilt lead you to repentance and confession.

God is loving, but He is also a God of justice and righteousness. "God is a righteous judge and God shows his wrath every day. If anyone does not repent, he will sharpen his sword" (Ps. 7:11, 12).

Without repentance, judgment awaits.

But when we repent and turn to God. He "is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins" (1 Jn. 1:9). The place to start straightening out the error of your ways is to confess your stealing to God and turn from it. Ask for His forgiveness and you'll receive His forgiveness and cleansing. When you do, you can be confident the eternal consequences of your sins have been blotted out.

Next, you need to confess your stealing to your employer and repay what you stole. Even though you confess your wrong to God, there are earthly consequences for your actions. Your employer may fire you from your job. He may change you out of your payroll job to a position of less pay. Even when eternal

consequences are blotted out, earthly consequences for our sin may take a toil on your life for some time to come.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-9007, Renewal 4

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513, has applied for renewal of a permit affecting 416.10 acres.

(2) The operation is located 3.2 miles northwest of Onton in Webster County. The operation is approximately 0.5 miles northeast from KY Route 370's junction with Steamport Landing Road and located 0.8 miles southwest of the Green River. The operation is located on the Sebree and Beach Grove U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

(3) The operation will include a refuse disposal area. The surface area is owned by Penn Virginia Operating Co., LLC, and ARP Sebree South, LLC.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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The Webster County Board of Health will meet July 23, 2026 at the Webster County Extension Office in Dixon. Board members are asked to arrive at 5:30 pm. The meeting will begin at approximately 7:00 P.M. The meeting is open to the public. 7/15c

**AUCTION**  
Saturday, July 11  
9:00 A.M.  
Location: 439 Date Miller Road  
Between Sullivan and Wheatcroft

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