

America's previous President made the remark that America is no longer a Christian Nation. There are various groups who also proclaim similar beliefs. However, the Knights of Columbus are a refutation of that claim just as all the Christians who regularly attend service. The fact that the United States was founded under Christian beliefs, purposes and direct proclamations support the primary reason that we are still a nation.

This presentation offers some of the statements and objectives of our early citizens.

In an article by Bill Federer in his byline on the American minute, he cites that the US Supreme Court in 1892 under Justice David Josiah Brewer stated "This is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation. The commission to Christopher Columbus...(recited) that 'it is hoped that by God's assistance some of the continents and islands in the ocean will be discovered.'

...The first colonial grant made to Sir Walter Raleigh in 1584... and the grant authorizing him to enact statutes for the government of the proposed colony provided 'that they be not against the true Christian faith.'

The celebrated compact made by the Pilgrims of the Mayflower, 1620, recites: "Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith... a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia".

The Declaration of Independence recognizes the presence of the Divine in human affairs in these words: "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...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions... And for the support of this Declaration, with the firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred honor.'... These declarations... reaffirm that this is a religious nation."

Justice David Josiah Brewer was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge by President Chester A. Arthur in 1884. In Brewer's work, "The United States- A Christian Nation" published in 1905, He wrote, "We classify nations in various ways. As for instance, by their form of government. One is a kingdom, another an empire, and still another a republic. Also by race. Great Britain is an Anglo-Saxon nation, France is a Gallic, Germany is a Teutonic, Russia a Slav. And still again by religion. One is a Mohammedan nation, others are heathen, and still others are Christian nations. This republic is classified among the Christian nations of the World. It was so formally declared by the Supreme Court of the United States...."

Justice Brewer continued: "We constantly speak of this republic as a Christian Nation in fact, as the leading Christian nation of the World. This popular use of the term certainly has significance... In no charter or constitution is there anything to suggest that any other than Christian is the religion of this country. In none of them is Mohammad, or Confucius, or Buddha in any manner noticed. In none of these is Judaism recognized other than by way of toleration of its special creed...."

In his book ***What I Saw In America***(1922), British writer **G.K. Chesterton** wrote in the chapter "**What is America**":

"America is the ONLY NATION IN THE WORLD that is founded on creed. That creed is set forth ... in the Declaration of Independence ... that all men are equal in their claim to justice."

Many antagonists that dispute our heritage and allegiance often forget or omit that each and every State within the union, also confirms that they are a Christian "State".

As an example, the Preamble of the State of Colorado affirms: "We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice; insure tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the "State of Colorado". Effective Aug. 1, 1876 (which is also the elapsed time since Christ's physical presence.)