The Declaration of Independence

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America became a nation on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution became law and together are the moral and political foundation of the United States. It is because of our moral and political foundation that we became different from all other nations in the world, the freest and most powerful one with a leadership which listened to God and applied His commandments. This freedom fostered envy especially from immoral socialists around the world. God is the difference between them and us. I grew up under the Nazis and know that it was godlessness which brought Nazi Germany down – the absence of God which produced the atrocities of their government. This nation must not take the same road. Every Socialist in the world is closer to Hitler than to our Founding Fathers.

In his 1923 Memorial address, President Calvin Coolidge stated: "There can be no peace with the forces of evil. Peace comes only through the establishment of the supremacy of good." We as a nation must chose to maintain this "supremacy of good".

At the beginning of the Declaration of Independence it states:

"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..."

It defines that the task of government is to protect these rights of the people and receive their powers from the consent with the governed, who have the right to replace the present government "whenever any form of government becomes destructive to this Ends..."

This means, that Almighty God and His commandments were at the heart of the American nation building. According to the American Political Science Review the Bible contributed 34 percent of all direct quotes made by the founders. John Witherspoon was, the only clergyman to sign the Declaration and served on 120 Congressional committees. He was President of Princeton, leader of a New Jersey committee to abolish slavery and taught 9 of the writers of the U.S. Constitution, including James Madison. John Adams described him as "A true son of liberty... but first, he was a son of the Cross" He told his students, "He is the best friend to American liberty...who is most...active in promotion true and undefiled religion...to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind. Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy of this country.

"The First Amendment was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values" Ronald Reagan told the Alabama Legislature on March 15, 1982, "it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny."

America with its Constitution and history has the answer for the longing of humanity, it is our strength and our future and has to be taught and discussed in our schools. We must decide to vote for and fight

for our freedom, realizing it is the task of all Americans to return God to the center of this nation, or we lose our freedom forever. Witherspoon concluded: "God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable." That is the challenge today for America.