

## American Minute with Bill Federer

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing" -Edmund Burke, and the French Revolution

**Edmund Burke** is considered the most influential orator in the **British House of Commons** in the 18th century.

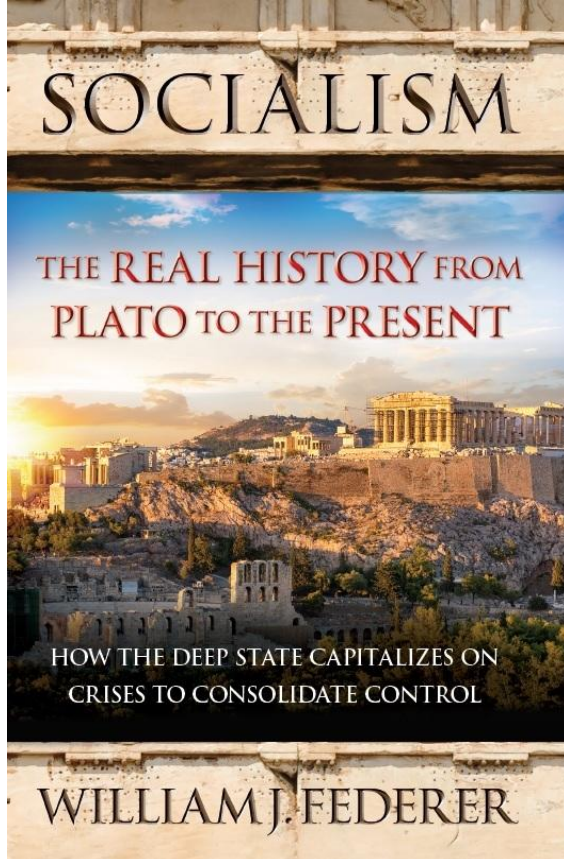
Born January 12, 1729, one of his first notable writings was an anonymous publication ***A Vindication of Natural Society, 1756***, which was a **satirical criticism** of the intolerant "woke" deism promoted by Lord Bolingbroke:



"Seeing **every mode of religion attacked** in a lively manner, and the **foundation of every virtue, and of all government, sapped** with great art and much ingenuity ... the same engines which were employed for the **destruction of religion**, might be employed with equal success for the **subversion of government.**"

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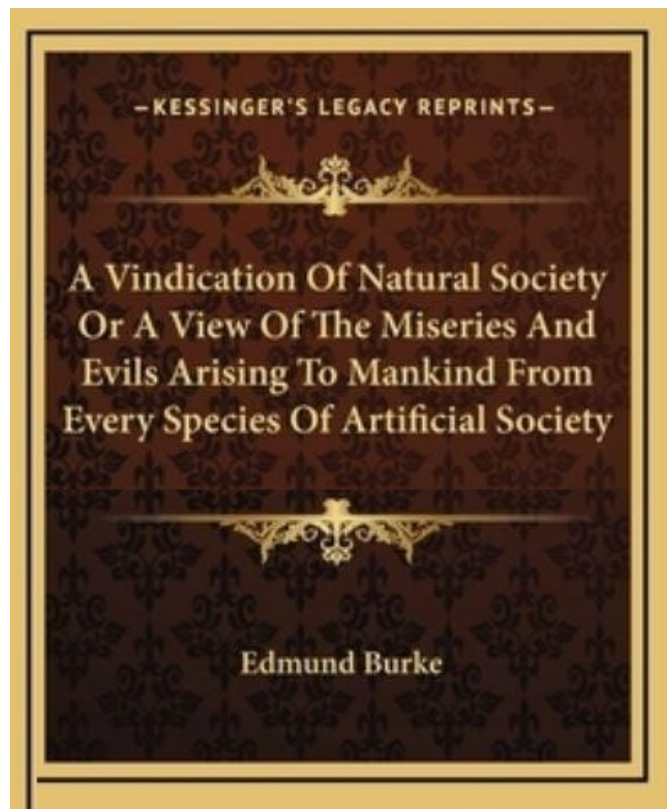


**Burke** criticized how in the deist "cancel-culture" of his time:

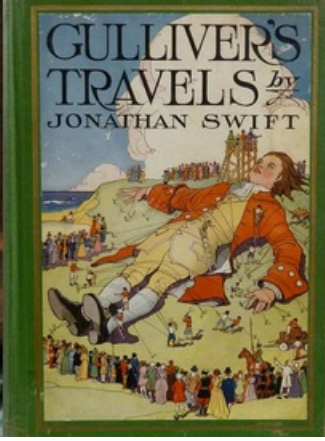
"... every day invents some new artificial rule."

He described his own belief that there were fixed:

"... unalterable **relations** which **Providence** has ordained that **every thing should bear to every other**. These relations, which are **truth itself**, the **foundation of virtue**, and consequently, the **only measures of happiness**."



**Burke** wrote in the tradition of **Jonathan Swift**,



author of the satire *Gulliver's Travels* (1726).

**Swift** had written in 1712, *An Argument Against Abolishing*

*Christianity*, in which he defended Christianity against deists, freethinkers, atheists, anti-trinitarians, and socinians (unitarians).

**Edmund Burke** stands out in history because as a member of the British Parliament, he strongly **opposed the slave trade.**

He also defended the **rights of the American colonies.**



**New York University Professor Emeritus Patricia U. Bonomi** wrote

in her article "Religious Pluralism in the Middle Colonies" that "... the colonists were about 98 percent **Protestant.**"

### Religious Pluralism in the Middle Colonies

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"... Given that the colonists were about 98 percent Protestant, students may view their struggles as rather quaint—not like today's real tensions among national groups and races, to say nothing of those among Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Here is your chance to introduce the concept of historical perspective, while at the same time drawing on young people's own experiences with multiculturalism.

EDMUND BURKE'S SPEECH  
ON CONCILIATION WITH  
THE AMERICAN COLONIES

DELIVERED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
MARCH 22, 1775

EDITED WITH NOTES AND A STUDY PLAN  
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When **America's Revolutionary War** began, **Burke** addressed Parliament with "A Second Speech on the Conciliation with America," March 22, 1775:

**"The people are Protestants;** and of that kind which is the most adverse to all implicit submission of mind and opinion.

This is a persuasion not only **favorable to liberty,** but **built upon it ..."**

**Burke** continued:

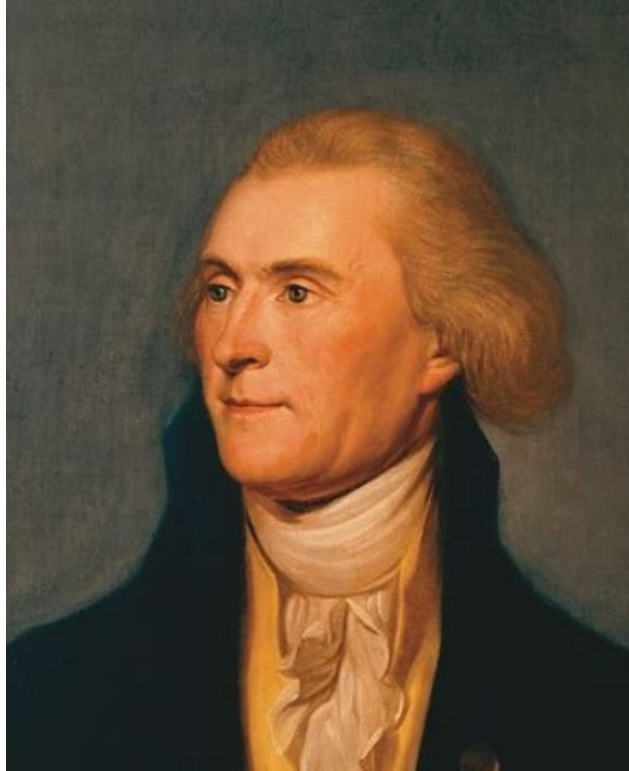
**"All Protestantism ... is a sort of dissent.**

But the **religion** most prevalent in our Northern Colonies is a **refinement on the principle of resistance;** it is the dissidence of dissent, and **the protestantism of the Protestant religion."**



**Jefferson** wrote to Abigail Adams in February of 1787:

**“The spirit of resistance to government** is so valuable on certain occasions, that **I wish it to be always kept alive.** It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere.”\*



**Edmund Burke** is quoted in *The Works and Correspondence of the Right Honorable Edmund Burke, Volume VI:*

"The **Scripture ...** is a most remarkable, but most multifarious, collection of the records of **the Divine economy;**



a collection of an infinite variety of **theology, history, prophecy, psalmody, morality, allegory, legislation,** carried through different books, by different authors, at different ages, for different ends and purposes."

Upon receiving news of the beginning of the French

Revolution, **Burke** wrote  
October 10, 1789:

"This day I heard ... the  
**portentous** state of **France** —  
where the elements which  
compose **human society** seem  
all to be **dissolved**, and a  
**world of monsters** to be  
produced in the place of it."

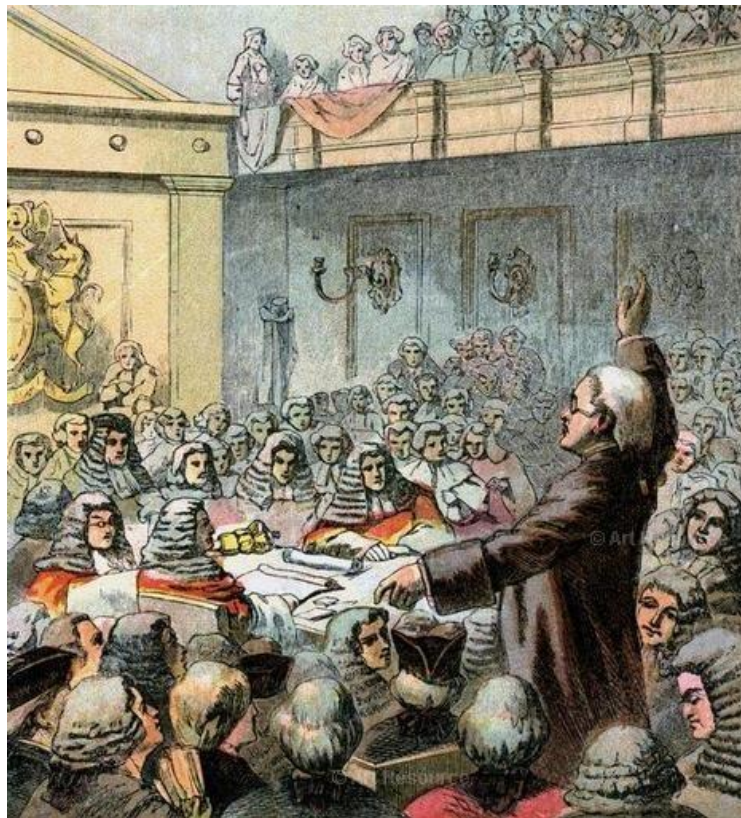
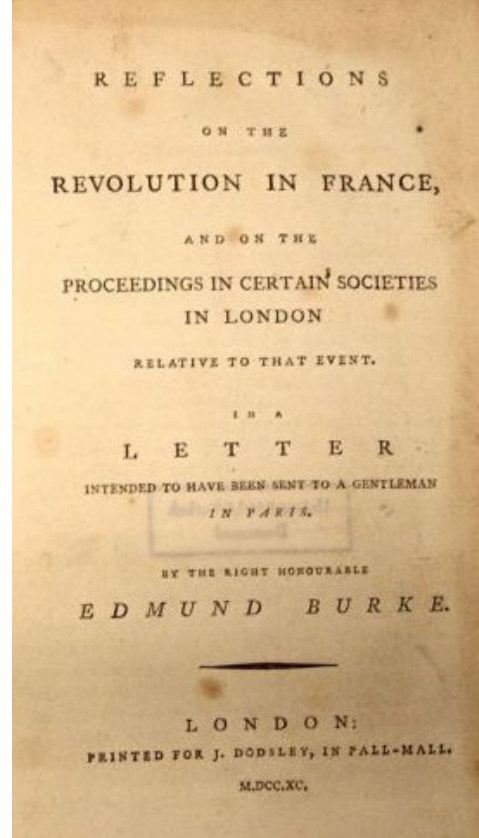
On November 4, 1789, **Burke**  
wrote to Charles-Jean-François  
Depont in France:

"You may have **subverted**  
**Monarchy**, but **not recover'd**  
**freedom.**"

As the French  
Revolution  
descended its  
version of  
Antifa/BLM riots,  
**Burke** publicly  
condemned the  
chaos in his  
address to  
Parliament,  
February 9, 1790:

"The **French** had  
shewn themselves  
the ablest  
**architects of ruin**  
that had hitherto existed in the world.

In that very short space of time they had completely  
**pulled down** to the ground, **their monarchy; their**  
**church; their nobility; their law; their revenue; their**



**army; their navy; their commerce; their arts; and their manufactures ...**

There was a danger of an imitation of the excesses of an **irrational, unprincipled, proscribing, confiscating, plundering, ferocious, bloody and tyrannical democracy ...**

In **religion**, the danger of their example is no longer from **intolerance**, but from **Atheism; a foul, unnatural vice, foe** to all the dignity and consolation of mankind; which seems in **France**, for a long time, to have been embodied into a faction."

In 1789, the **French Revolution** began with idealistic motives and a vaunted motto "***Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.***"



**Robespierre** led the "**Committee of Public Safety**" -- France's version of the **Department of Homeland Security's Disinformation Governance Board.**

When citizens resisted the new secular order, **Robespierre** implemented violent government-

sponsored subversive terror tactics on French citizens.

He gave a **Speech to the National Convention**, February 5, 1794, titled "**Terror Justified**":

"Lead the people by means of reason and ... by **terror** ... Basis of popular government during a revolution is **terror**

... **Terror** is nothing else than swift, severe, indomitable justice."



Incredulously, the **government** actually **planned** and **carried out terrorist attacks** upon its **own people** in order to get them to **submit**.

**Robespierre's Reign of Terror** resulted in over 40,000 French citizens being **beheaded** in Paris, and over 300,000

**massacred** in the **Vendée**, a rural, very religious,





Catholic area of northwest France.

**French General Francois Joseph Westermann** reputedly wrote a report to the **Committee of Public Safety:**



"There is no more **Vendée, Republican citizens.**

It died beneath our free sword, with its **women and its children.** I have just **buried it in the swamps** and the woods of Savenay.

Following the orders that you gave to me, I **crushed the children** beneath the horses' hooves, **massacred the women** who, those at least, will bear no more brigands. I do not have a single prisoner to reproach myself with. I have **exterminated them all."**

During the CRT-type cancel-culture of **French Revolution:**



- churches were **closed** or used for **"immoral ... lurid ... licentious ... scandalous ... depravities."** The Cathedral of Our Lady of Strasbourg was made into a Temple of Reason;

- **crosses were forbidden** as being offensive;

- **Christian religious monuments and statues were destroyed;**
- **graves were vandalized, ransacked and desecrated, including those of Good King Henry IV, and Ste. Genevieve, who had called Paris to pray to avert an attack of Attila the Hun in 451AD;**



- **public and private worship, as well as Christian religious education, was outlawed;**
- **treaties were broken** resulting in the capture of 300 American ships headed to British ports.



**Talleyrand**, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, demanded the U.S. pay **millions in bribes** to stop France from raiding American



ships.

He was a politician skilled in the art of deception and obfuscation (intentionally obscuring the truth).

**Talleyrand** stated: "We were given speech to hide our thoughts."

A more recent example of **obfuscation** was at press conference, December 3, 2019, at a NATO summit.



With the backdrop of hundreds of cemeteries, churches, and cathedrals being vandalized or damaged, including the historic Notre Dame Cathedral, **President Trump** asked **French President Emmanuel Macron** if he wanted **more ISIS fighters in France**.

After **Marcon's** lengthy, evasive response, President Trump quipped:

"This is why he is a **great politician** because that was **one of the greatest non-answers I have ever heard.**"

Modern politicians who offer **non-answers** are

following the  
advice of **15th  
century**

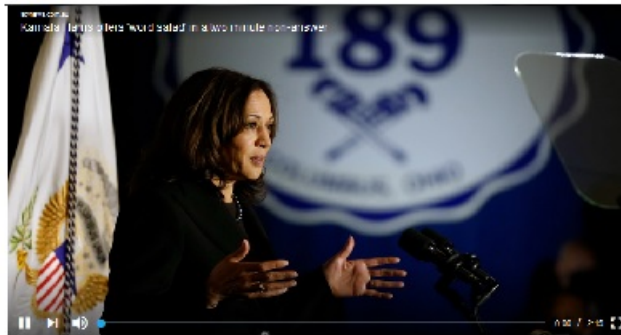
**Machiavelli**, who  
stated:

- “One who deceives will always find those who allow themselves to be deceived.”
- “No enterprise is more likely to succeed than one concealed from the enemy until it is ripe for execution.”
- “Politics have no relation to morals.”
- “Men are so simple and yield so readily to the desires of the moment that he who will trick will always find another who will suffer to be tricked.”
- “Men are so simple and so much inclined to obey immediate needs that a deceiver will never lack victims for his deceptions.”
- “It is double pleasure to deceive the deceiver.”

The **French Revolution**  
intentionally campaigned  
to **de-christianize**  
**French society**,  
replacing it with a  
**secular civic religion of**  
**state worship**.

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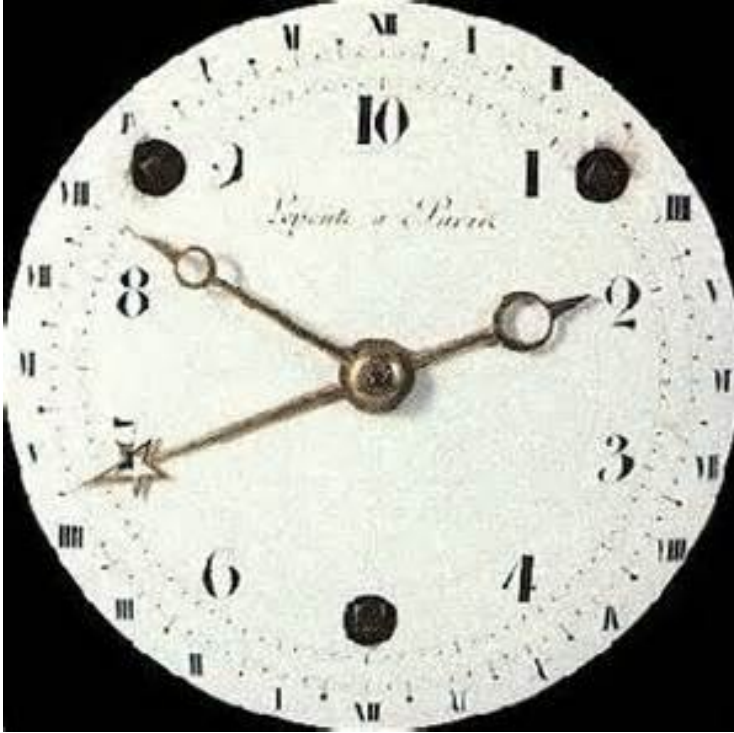


**Robespierre** placed a prostitute in Notre Dame Cathedral, clothed her with a sheet, and called her the "goddess of reason."

Not wanting a constitution "Done in the Year of the Lord" -- as America's was -- France made **1792 the new "Year One."**



Not wanting a



seven day week with a **Sabbath day of rest**, as that came from the **Bible**, they came up with a **ten day "decade" week**.

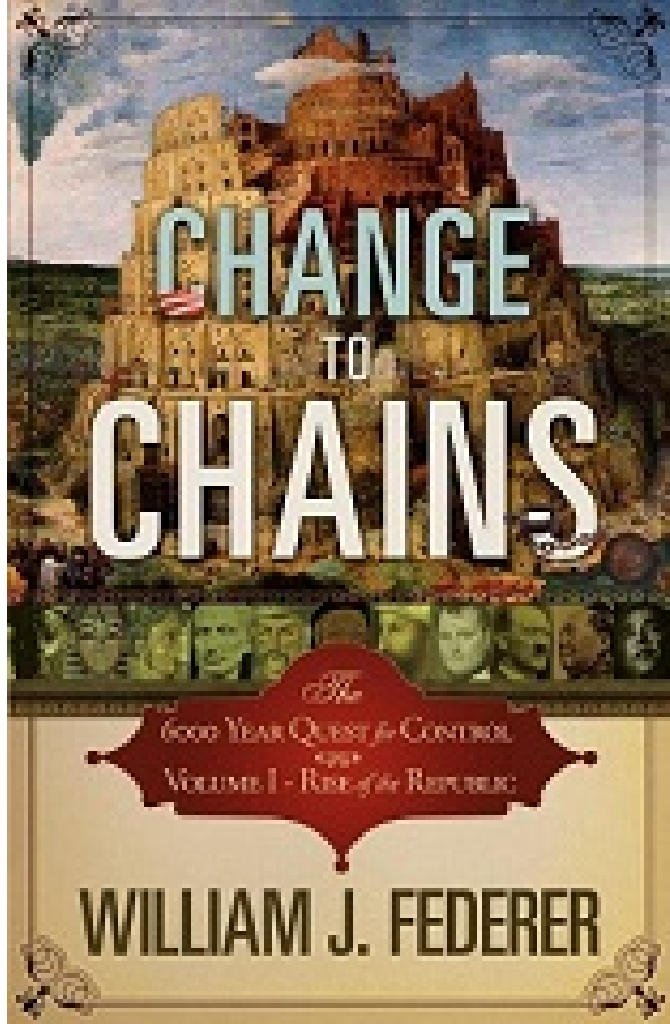
Each **day** was made up of **ten decimal hours**, each **hour** made up of **one hundred decimal**

**minutes**, and each **minute** was made up of **one hundred decimal seconds**.

Considering **"ten" the number of man** -- as man had ten fingers and ten toes -- they created a system where every measurement was divisible by ten, calling it the **"metric system."**



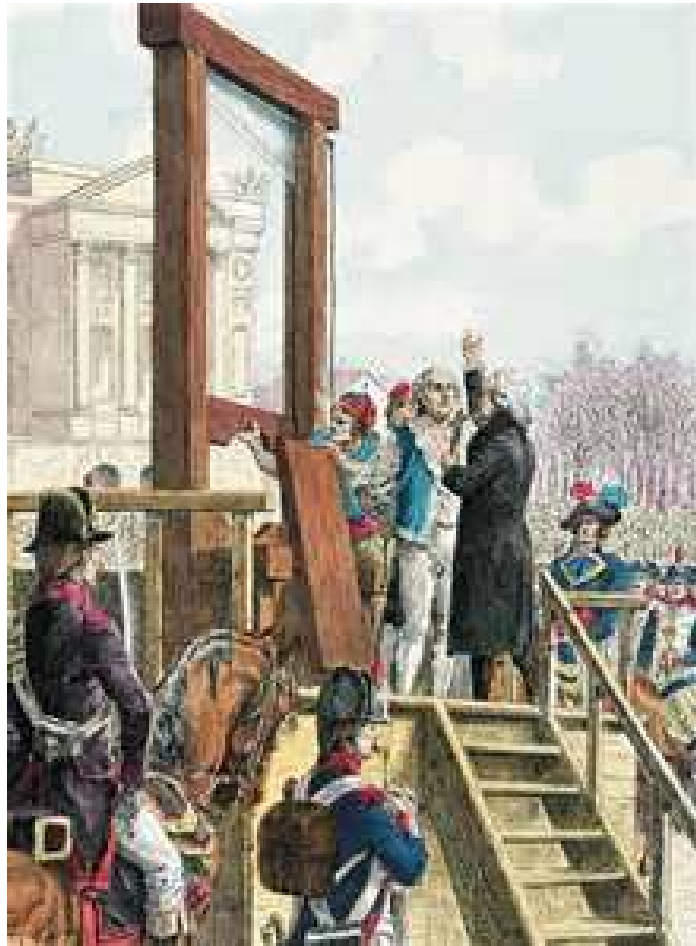
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The first to be beheaded was **King Louis XVI**, who had previously sent his navy to help America gain its independence.

Next to be beheaded was **Queen Marie Antoinette**.

When the country's situation did not improve, **Robespierre** accused the **royalty**, resulting in all of them being **beheaded**.



When the situation did not improve, the **wealthy** were **beheaded**, followed by **business owners, farmers** and those who **hoarded food**.



When the situation did not improve, the **religious clergy** were **beheaded**. Their speaking out against the immoral behavior was somehow considered as holding back the nation from achieving a secular utopia.

**Religious orders of nuns and lay sisters**, were sent to the **guillotine** for refusing to deny their faith and obey the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, such as the **Martyrs of Compiègne**, being buried in a mass grave.



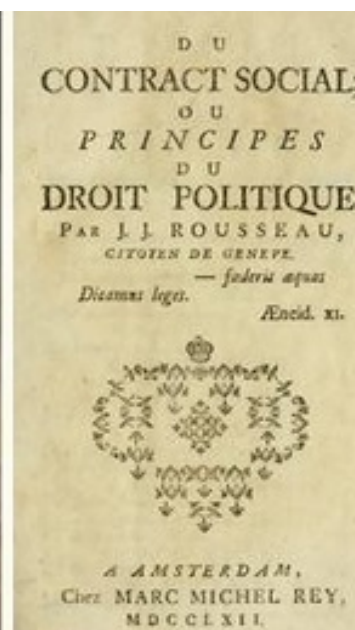
**Priests and ministers**, along with **those who harbored them**, were executed on sight, similar to what happened in **Mexico** in 1917.





**Jean-Jacques Rousseau**, considered the intellectual father of the French Revolution, wrote in *The Social Contract* (1762), that if the state says to a citizen:

"It is expedient for **the state** that you should die,' **he ought to die** ... because **his life** is no longer a mere bounty of nature, but a **gift** made conditionally **by the state**."



When **France's** situation did not improve, **Robespierre** turned on his own by



blaming the initial revolutionaries who were now calling for moderation.

They were accused of being disloyal and were **beheaded**.

Finally, **Robespierre** himself was accused, arrested and **beheaded**.

Esther 7:10: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he

had prepared for Mordecai."

Proverbs 26:27 "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him."

The seeds of this godless behavior planted a generation earlier by **Voltaire** and **Rousseau** had now come to full fruition.

Lawless street **mobs** cast off all moral restraint in unprecedented **debauchery and violence** to **overthrow** a corrupt old order **only to set up one that was**



worse.

The **French Revolution** became the **model for every socialist and communist revolution**, which inevitably cause mass deaths and end in totalitarian dictatorships.



**British Statesman Lord Acton** wrote:

"What the **French** took from the **Americans** was their **theory of revolution**, not their theory of government - their **cutting**, not their sewing."

Best-selling author **Os Guinness** stated in an interview with Dr. Albert Mohler, (*Thinking in Public*, June 5, 2017):

"The **culture war** now at its **deepest roots** is actually a clash between

1776, what was the **American Revolution**, and 1789 and heirs of the **French Revolution**."



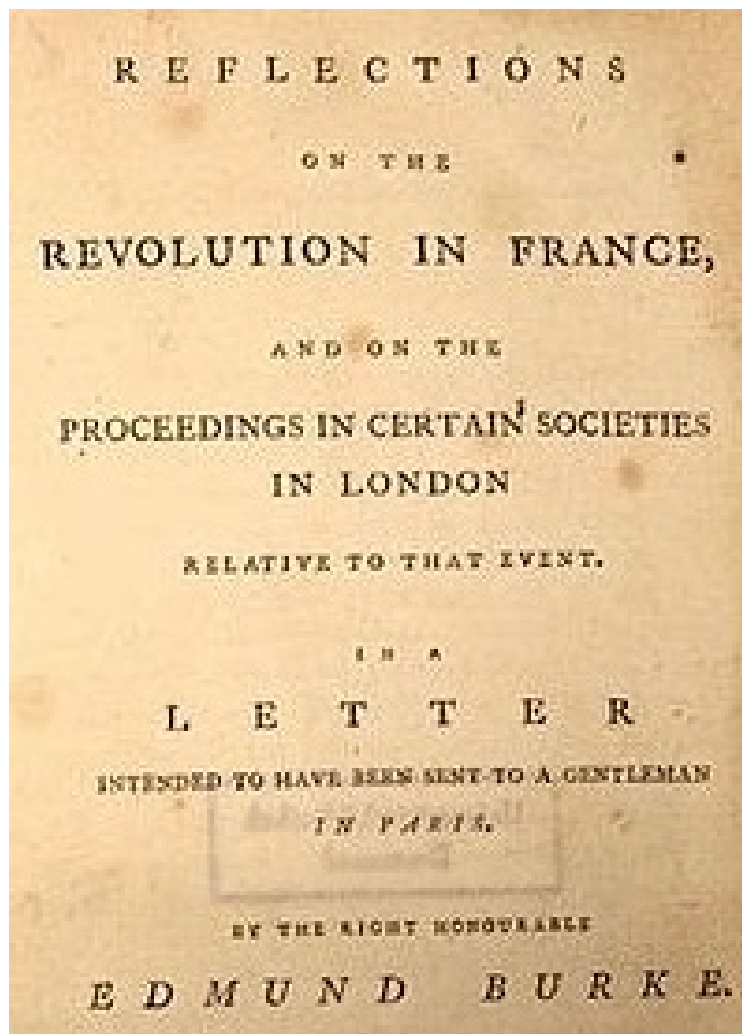


Amid **France's** social instability, **Napoleon** seized power to become a dictator.

Regarding the bloody **French Revolution**, **Edmund Burke** wrote in "A Letter to a Member of the National Assembly," 1791:

"What is **liberty** without wisdom and **without virtue?**

It is the greatest of all possible **evils**; for it is folly, vice, and **madness**, **without restraint.**



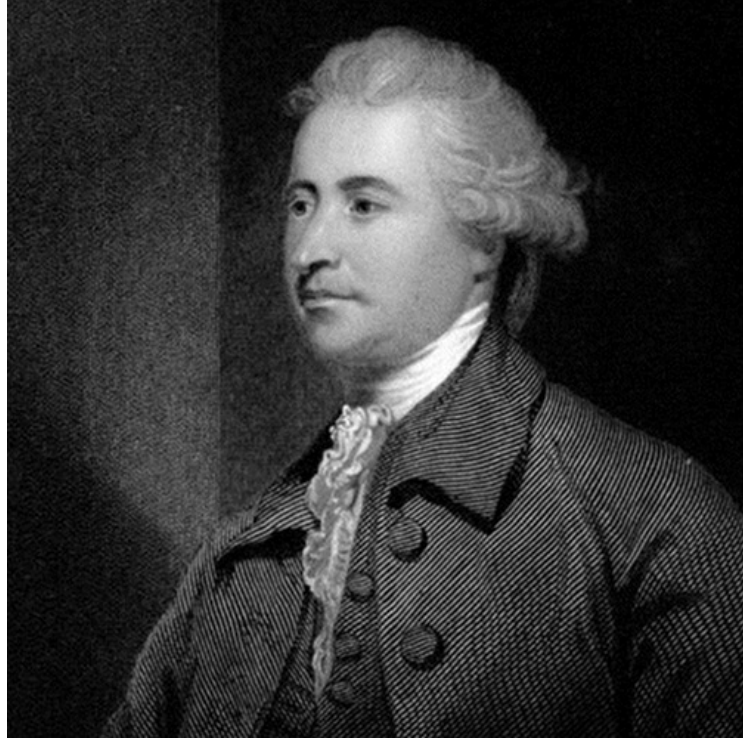
Men are **qualified** for **civil liberty** in exact proportion to

their disposition to put **moral chains upon their own appetites;**

in proportion as they are disposed to listen to the counsels of the wise and good in preference to the flattery of knaves ..."

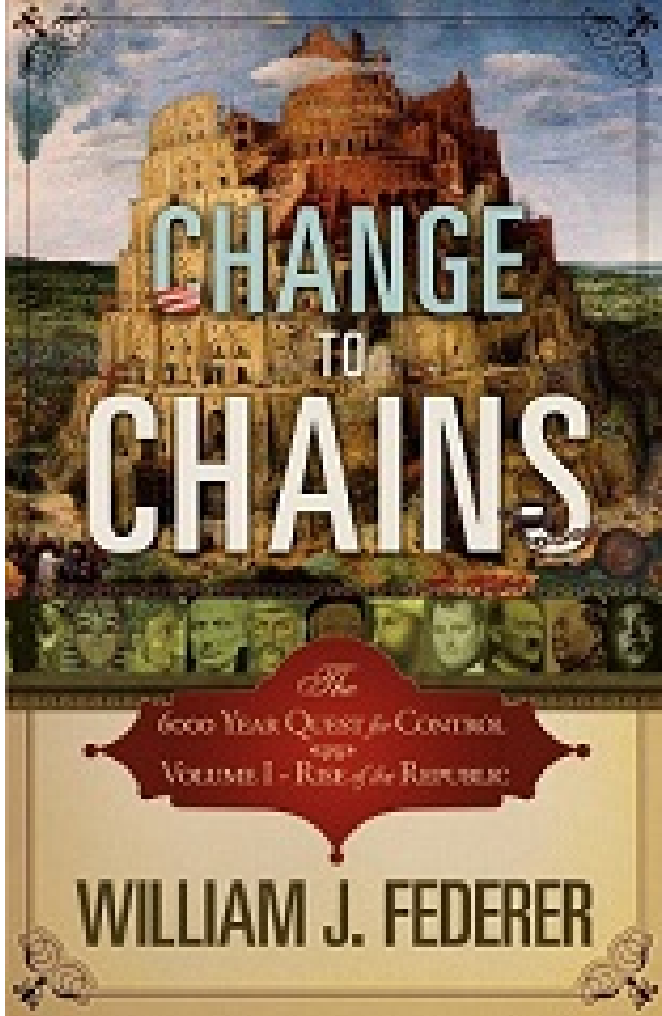
**Burke** continued:

"Society cannot exist, unless a **controlling power upon will and appetite** be placed somewhere; and the **less** of it there is **within**, the **more** there must be **without**.



It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of **intemperate minds cannot be free**. Their **passions** forge their **fetters**."

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Noah Webster wrote "Political Fanaticism, No. III," published in *The American Minerva*, September 21, 1796:

"The reason why **severe laws** are necessary in **France**, is, that the people have **not been educated republicans** - they **do not know how to govern themselves** (and so) must be **governed by severe laws** and penalties, and a most rigid administration."

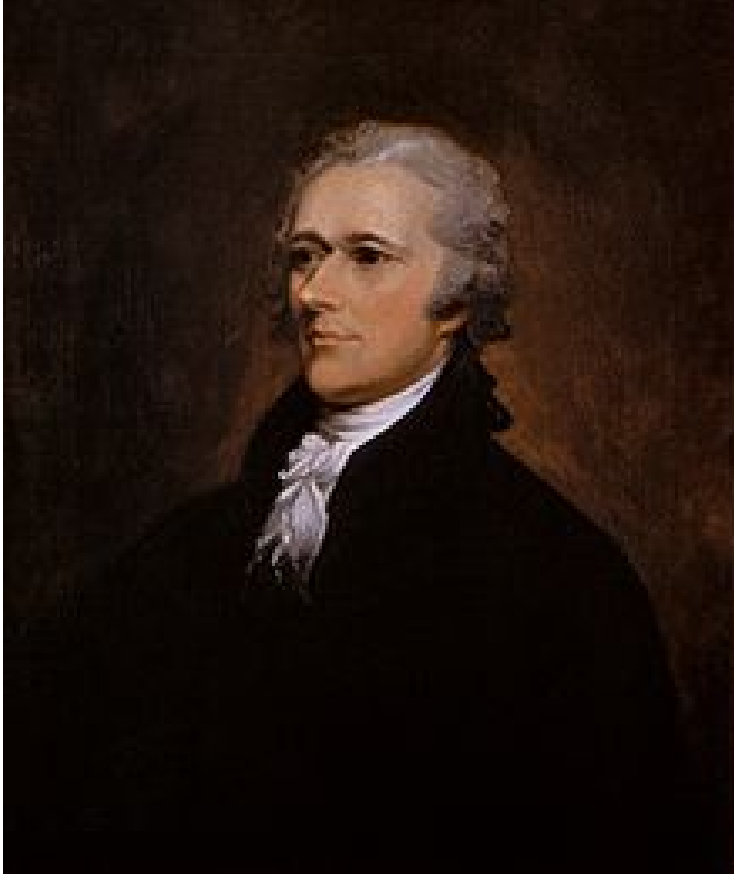
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In 1799,  
**Alexander Hamilton**  
 condemned the  
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## Revolution's attack on Christianity as:

"... (depriving) mankind of its best consolations and most animating hopes, and to make a gloomy desert of the universe ...

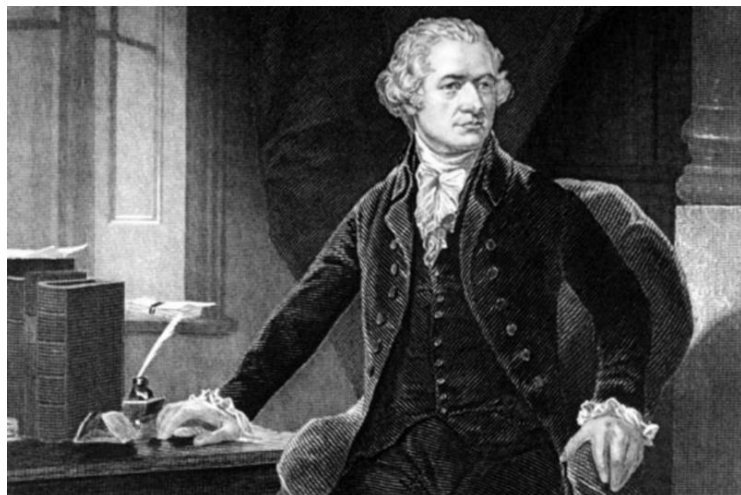
The praise of a **civilized world is justly due to Christianity**; -

war, by the influence of the humane principles of that religion, has been stripped of half its horrors.

**The French renounce Christianity, and they relapse into barbarism**; - war resumes the same **hideous and savage** form which it wore in the ages of **Gothic and Roman violence**."

**Hamilton** wrote further on France:

"Opinions ... have been gradually gaining ground, which threaten the **foundations of religion, morality, and society**."



An **attack** was first made upon the **Christian revelation**, for which **natural religion** was offered as the **substitute**.

**The Gospel was to be discarded** as a gross imposture, but the being and attributes of God, the obligations of piety, even the doctrine of a future state of rewards and punishments, were to be retained and cherished."

On the eve of the **French Revolution**, the first U.S. Minister to France, **Gouverneur Morris**, wrote April 29, 1789:



"The materials for a revolution in **France** are very indifferent ...

Everybody agrees that there is an **utter prostration of morals**; but this general proposition can never convey to an American mind the degree of **depravity**.

It is not by any figure of rhetoric, or force of language, that the idea can be communicated. A hundred anecdotes, and a hundred thousand examples, are required to show the **extreme rottenness of every member**.

There are men and women who are greatly and eminently virtuous. I have the pleasure to number many in my acquaintance; but they stand forward from a **background deeply shaded** ...

... The great masses of the **common people have no religion** but their priests, no law but



their superiors, no morals but their interest.

These are the creatures who, led by drunken curates, are now in the high road a la liberté, and the first use they make of it is to form **insurrections** everywhere for the want of bread."



**Morris** wrote to Thomas Jefferson, December 3, 1792:

"The **open contempt of religion**, also cannot but be **offensive** to all sober minded men."

**Gouverneur Morris** wrote *Observation on Government, Applicable to the Political State of*

**France, 1792:**

**"Religion** is the only solid basis of **good morals**; therefore education should teach the **precepts of religion**, and the **duties of man toward God**.



These duties are, internally, love and adoration; externally, devotion and obedience; therefore provision should be made for maintaining **divine worship** as well as **education**.

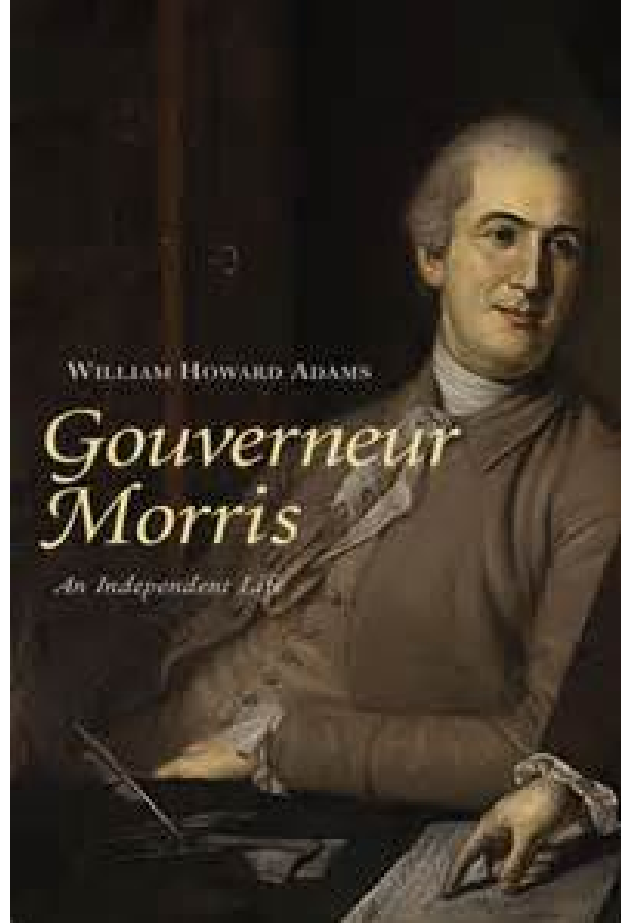
But each one has a right to entire liberty as to **religious opinions**, for **religion is the relation between God and man**; therefore it is not within the reach of human authority."

**Morris**, who died November 6, 1816, had spoken 173 times during the Constitutional Convention, more than any other delegate.

As head of the Committee on Style, it was **Morris** who penned the final draft of the Constitution and originated the phrase:

"We the people of the United States."

He helped write New York's Constitution, was elected U.S. Senator and pioneered the Erie Canal.



In the same spirit as Edmund Burke, **Gouverneur Morris** addressed the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1785, regarding the Bank of North America:

"How can we hope for public peace and national prosperity, if the faith of governments so solemnly pledged can be so lightly infringed? ...



**This hour of distress will come.**

It comes to all, and the moment of affliction is known to

**Him** alone, whose **Divine Providence** exalts or depresses states and kingdoms.

Not by the blind dictates of arbitrary will. Not by a tyrannous and despotic mandate. But in proportion to their **obedience or disobedience of His just and holy laws.**

It is **He** who commands us that we **abstain from wrong.** It is **He** who tells you, '**do unto others as ye would that they would do unto you.**'"



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"People will not look **forward to posterity** who never look **backward** to their **ancestors.**"

A man of principle, **Burke** wrote in his Will:

"First, according to the ancient, good, and laudable custom, of which my heart and understanding recognize the

propriety, I bequeath  
**my soul to God,**  
hoping for **His mercy**  
through the **only**  
**merits of our Lord**  
**and Saviour Jesus**  
**Christ."**



On January 9,  
1795, in a letter to  
William Smith,  
**Edmund Burke**  
wrote:



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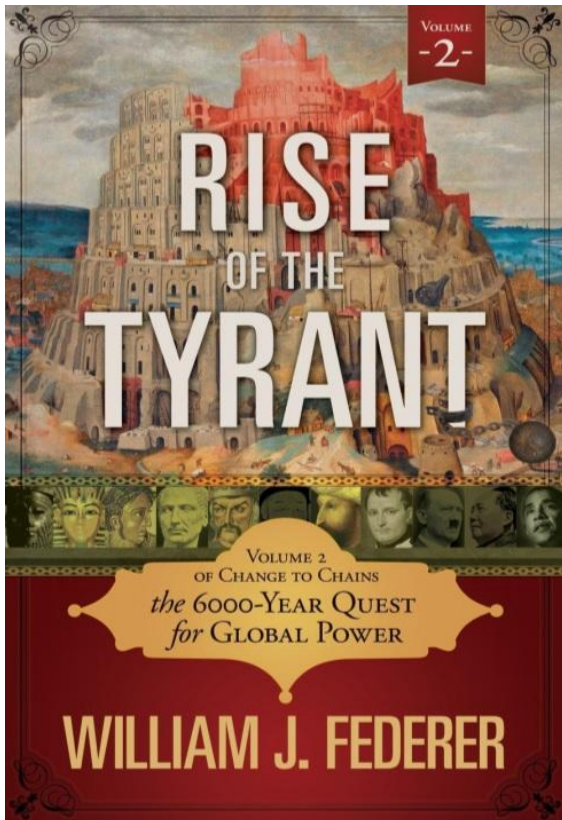
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