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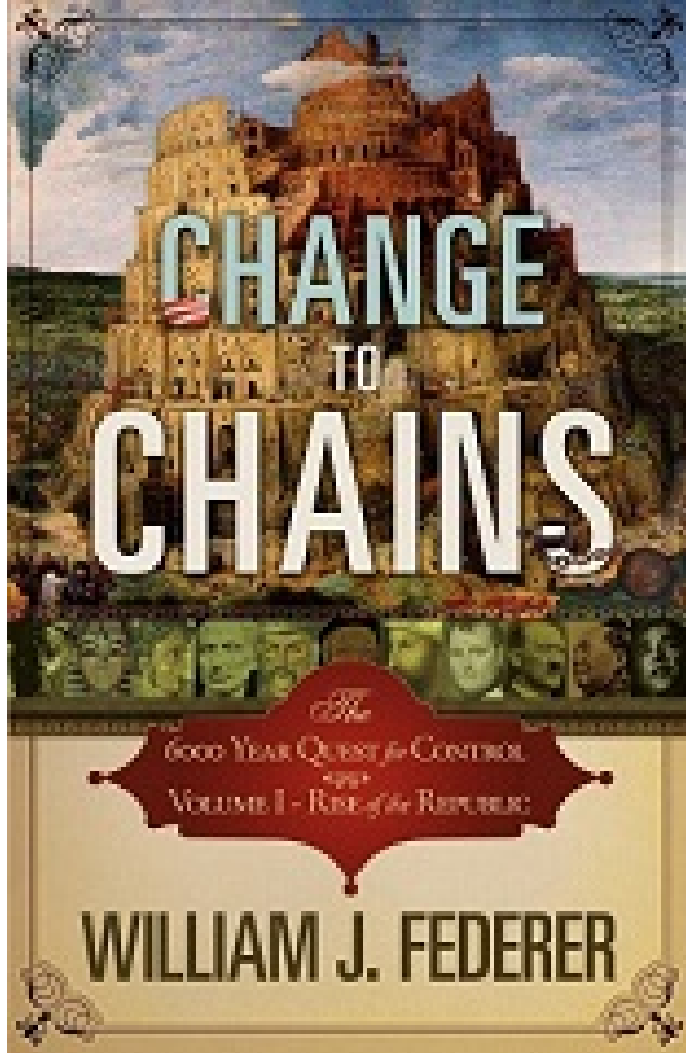
Shortest term, Longest Inaugural, Gravest Warning:  
9th President Wm. Harrison "and, like the false  
Christs whose coming was foretold by the Savior ...  
impose upon the true and most faithful disciples of  
liberty."

"Tippecanoe and  
Tyler too" was the  
campaign slogan  
of **9th President  
William Henry  
Harrison**, born  
February 9, 1773.

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Harrison was an aide-de-camp to **General "Mad Anthony" Wayne**, who defeated the British and Indians at the **Battle of Fallen Timbers**, 1794.



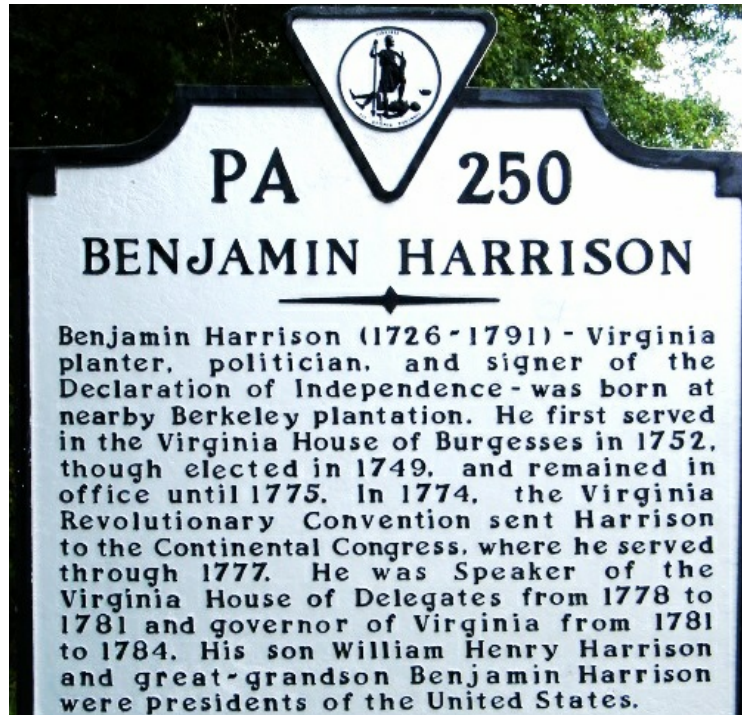
Harrison was the hero of the **Battle of Tippecanoe**, 1811.

He was victorious in the **Battle of the Thames**, 1813, recovering



**Detroit** from the British and defeating their Indian allies, led by **Shawnee Chief Tecumseh**.

**William Henry Harrison** was the son of **Benjamin Harrison**, a signer the Declaration of Independence, and he was the grandfather of **Benjamin Harrison**, the 23rd President.



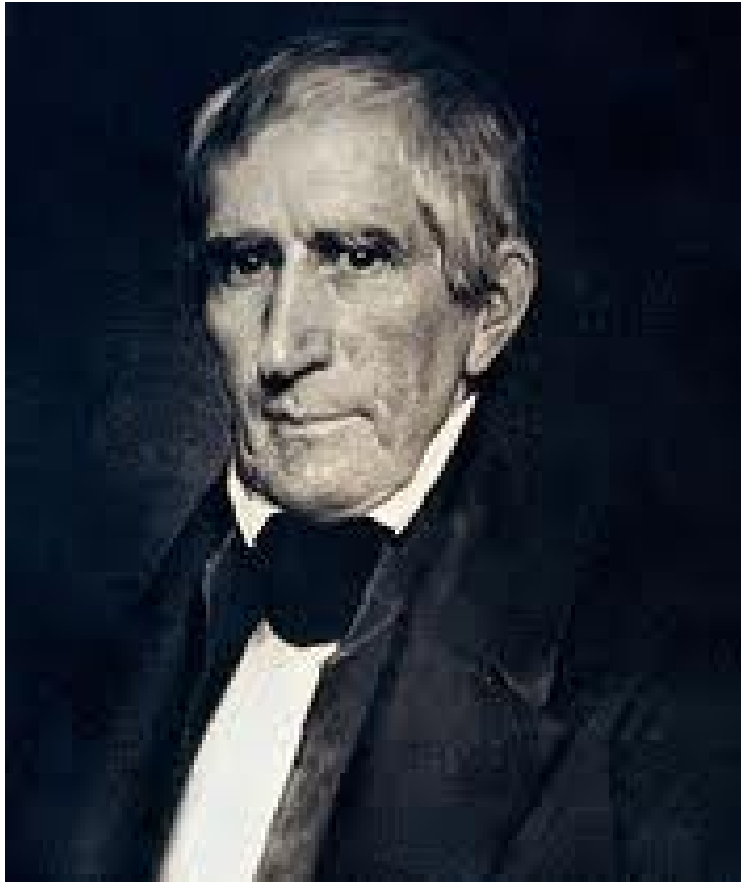
**Harrison** became Secretary of the **Northwest Territory**, consisting of 260,000 square miles from which were formed the States of **Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin** and **Minnesota**.



He was the **Territory's first delegate** to Congress and

the **Governor of the Indiana Territory** in 1801.

Elected in 1840, **William Henry Harrison** served the **shortest term as President**, only 31 days, after having given the **longest Inaugural address**, consisting of 8,445 words.



Written with the help of **Daniel Webster**, this profound address took **Harrison**

nearly **two hours** to deliver in the cold, wet weather of Washington, D.C.

Catching a cold, and with little time to recuperate due to the demands of the office, he succumbed to pneumonia.

**Harrison** was the first President to die in office, April 4, 1841.

**Vice-President John Tyler**

succeeded him, declaring April 9, 1841:

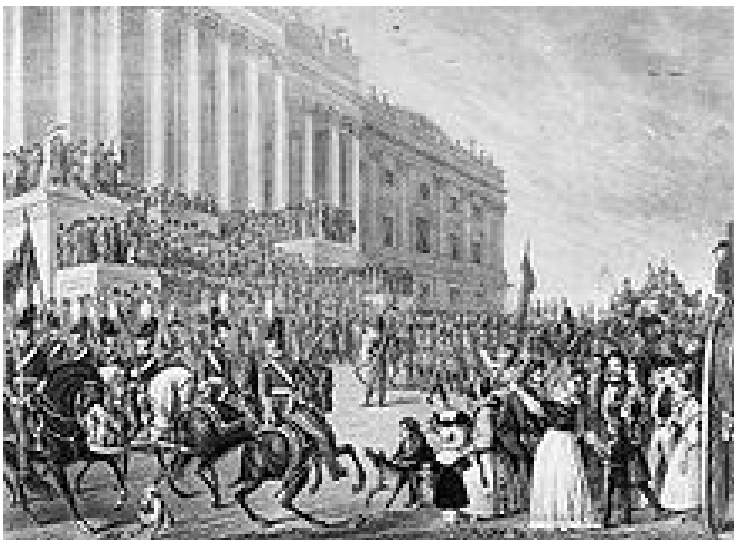
"When a **Christian people** feel themselves to be overtaken by a great public calamity, it

becomes them to **humble themselves** under the dispensation of **Divine Providence ...**

The death of **William Henry Harrison**, late President of the United States, so soon after his elevation to that high office, is a

bereavement ... to impress all minds with a sense of the **uncertainty of human things** and of the **dependence** of nations, as well as individuals, **upon our Heavenly Parent ...**

recommending, as I now do, to the people of the United States ... that ... they observe a **Day of Fasting and Prayer."**



**William Henry Harrison**, in his Inaugural Address, March 4, 1841, warned:

**"Limited as are the powers** which have been granted, still enough have been

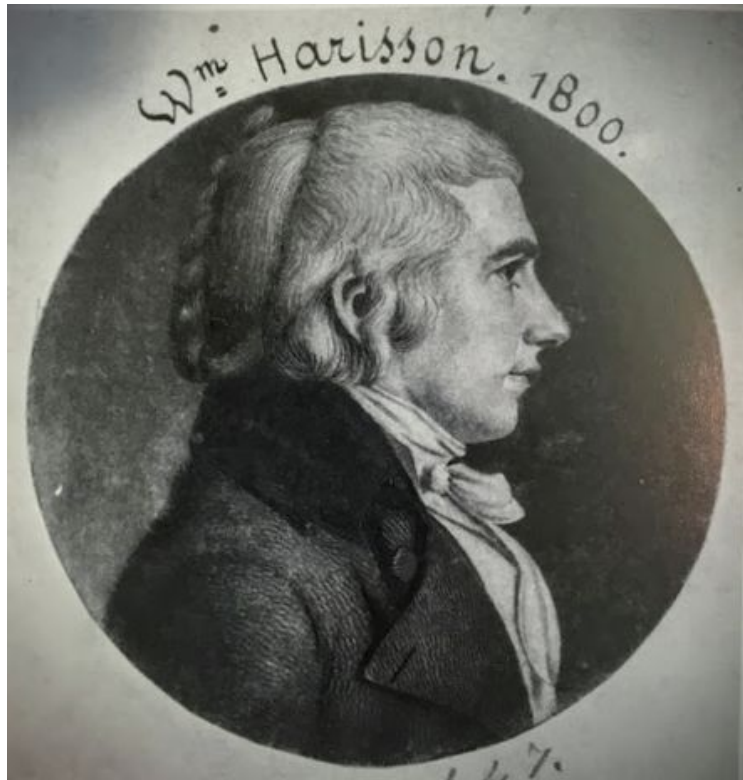
granted to constitute a **despotism if concentrated ...**

This state of things has been in part effected by ... the never-failing **tendency of political power to increase**

itself ..."

**Harrison**  
continued:

"Republics can commit no greater error than to ... continue any feature in their ... government which may ... **increase the love of power** in the bosoms of those to whom necessity obliges them to commit the management of their affairs ...



When this **corrupting passion** once takes possession of the human mind, like the love of gold it **becomes insatiable**. It is the **never-dying worm** in his bosom, grows with his growth and strengthens with the declining years of its victim."

**President Harry S Truman** wrote in a personal memorandum, April 16, 1950:

"There is a **lure in power**. It can get into a man's blood just as gambling and lust for money have been known to do."



**Henry Adams**, the great-grandson of President John Adams, stated:

**"Power is poison."**



**Harrison** warned of



"class warfare":

"As long as **the love of power is a dominant passion of the human bosom**, and as long as the understanding of men can be warped and their affections changed by operations upon their passions and prejudices, so long will **the liberties of a people depend**

**on their constant attention to its preservation.**

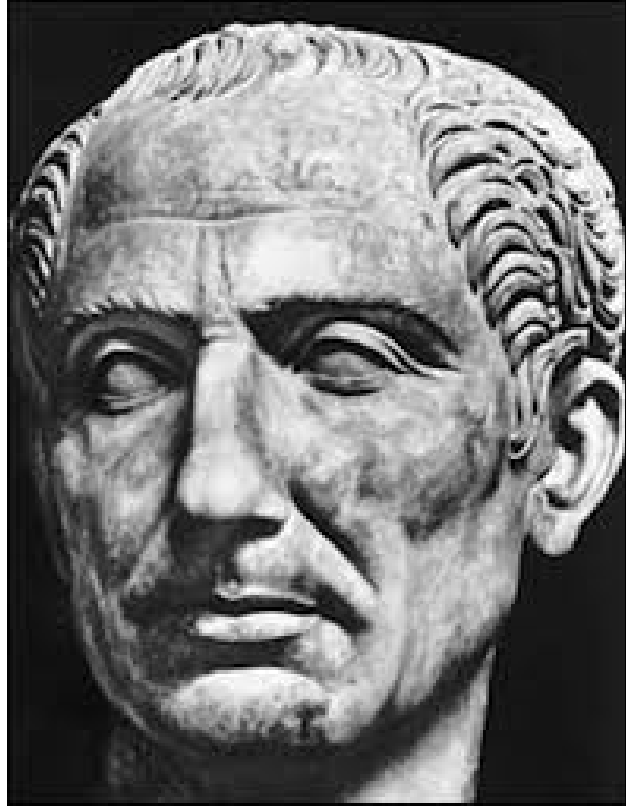
The danger to all well-established free governments arises from the **unwillingness of the people to believe in ... the influence of designing men ...**

This is the **old trick of those who would usurp the government of their country.** In the name of democracy they speak, **warning the people against the influence of wealth and the danger of aristocracy.**

History, ancient and modern, is full of such examples.

... **Caesar** became the master of the Roman people and the senate under the pretense of supporting the democratic claims of the former against the aristocracy of the latter;





... **Cromwell**, in the character of the protector of the liberties of the people, became the dictator of England,



... and **Bolivar** possessed himself of unlimited power with the title of his country's liberator ...

The tendencies of all such **governments in their decline** is to monarchy,

and the antagonist principle to liberty there is the spirit of faction -- a spirit which assumes the character and in times of great excitement imposes itself upon the people as the genuine spirit of freedom,



and, like the false **Christs** whose coming was **foretold by the Savior**, seeks to, and were it possible would, **impose upon** the true and most faithful disciples of liberty.

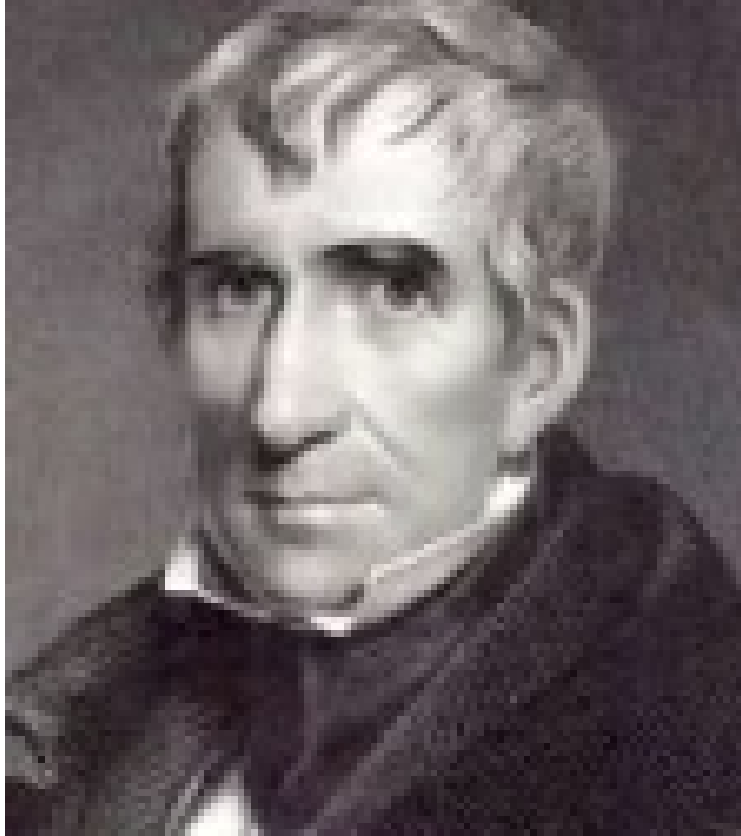


It is in periods like this that it behooves the people to **be most watchful of those to whom they have intrusted power."**

**Harrison** added:

**"The great dread** ... seems to have been that the

reserved powers  
of the **States**  
**would be**  
**absorbed by ...**  
**the Federal**  
**Government** and  
a **consolidated**  
**power**  
established,  
leaving to the  
States the shadow  
only of that  
independent  
action for which  
they had so  
zealously  
contended ...



There is still an **undercurrent at work** by which, if not seasonably checked, **the worst apprehensions of our anti-federal patriots will be realized ...**

Not only will the State authorities be overshadowed by the great increase of power in the Executive department ... but **the character of that Government, if not its designation, be essentially and radically changed."**

**President Eisenhower**  
addressed the  
Governors'  
Conference, June 24,  
1957:

"The **National Government** was itself  
the **creature of the States ...**

Yet today it is often made to appear that **the creature, Frankenstein-like, is determined to destroy the creators."**



**Ronald Reagan** stated in his Inaugural Address, January 20, 1981:

"In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; **government is the problem ...**

We've been tempted to believe ... that **government by an elite group** is superior to government for, by, and of the people ...

All of us together ... must bear the burden ...

We are a nation that has a government -- not the other way around. And this makes us special among the nations of the Earth.



Our government has no power except that granted it by the people. **It is time to check and reverse the growth of government**, which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed ...

Our present troubles ... are proportionate to the intervention and **intrusion in our lives** that result from unnecessary and **excessive growth of government.**"

**Reagan** added:

"It is my intention to **curb the size and influence of the Federal establishment** and to demand recognition of **the distinction between the powers** granted to the **Federal Government** and those **reserved to the States** or to the people.



All of us need to be reminded that the **Federal Government did not create the States; the States created the Federal Government.**"

**President Donald J. Trump** agreed, exposing the workings of the deep-state "establishment" in his Inaugural Address, January 20, 2017:



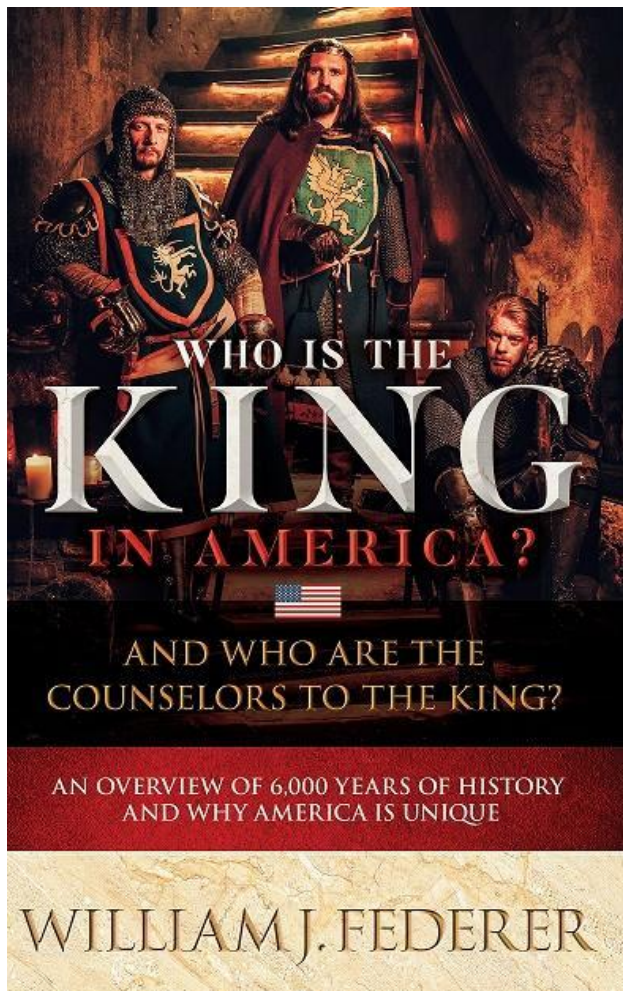
"For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has

reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost.

Washington flourished -- but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered -- but the jobs left, and the factories closed.

The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens ... That all changes - starting right here, and right now ...

The United States of America, is your country. What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by THE PEOPLE."



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**President Harrison**  
continued his  
Inaugural:

"It is the part of  
wisdom for a

republic to **limit the service of that officer ... to whom she has intrusted the management ...** to a period so short as to prevent his forgetting that he is the accountable agent, not the principle; the servant, not the master ..."



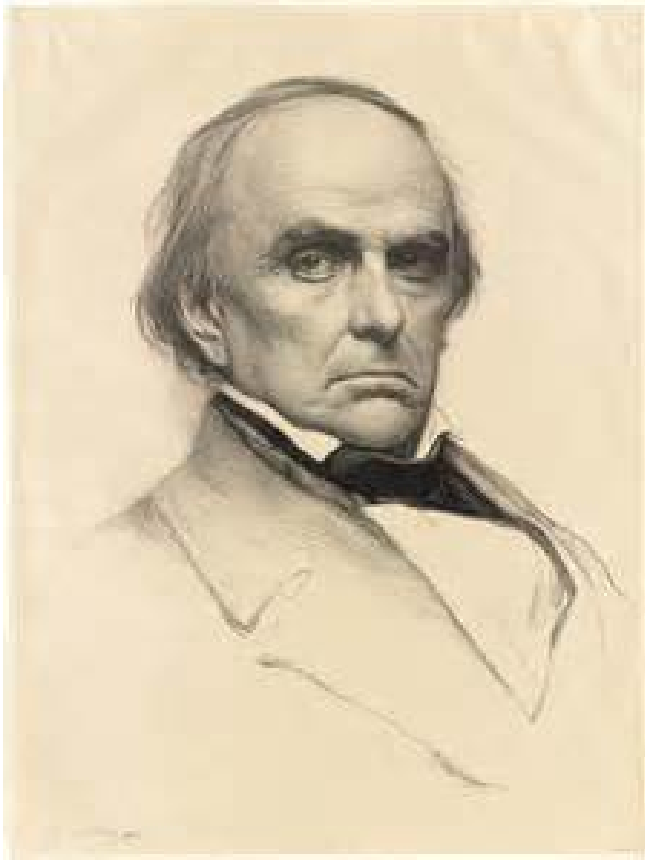
**Harrison** added:

"The great danger to our institutions does ... appear to me to be ... the **accumulation in one of the departments** of that which was assigned to others.



**Limited as are the powers** which have been granted, still enough have been granted to constitute **a despotism if concentrated** in one of the departments ... particularly ... the Executive ...

**The tendency of power to increase itself**, particularly when exercised by a single individual ... would terminate in virtual **monarchy.**"

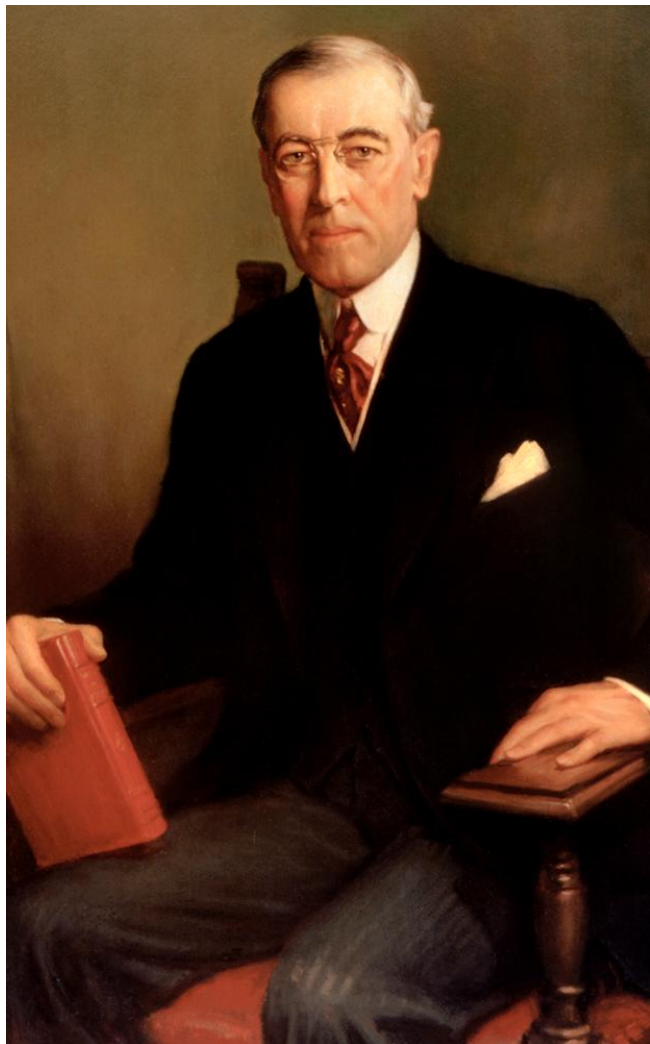


**Senator Daniel Webster** stated May 27, 1834:

"The contest, for ages, has been to rescue liberty from the grasp of **executive power.**"

**Woodrow Wilson** addressed the New York Press Club, September 9, 1912:

"The history of **liberty** is a history of the **limitation of governmental power**, not the increase of it."



Presidential





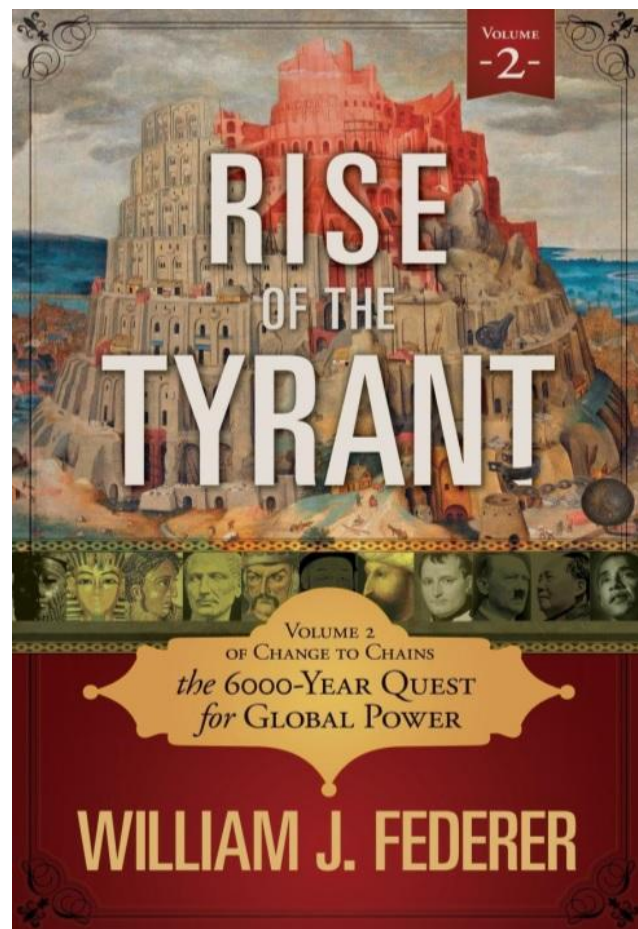
candidate **Barack Obama** enthusiastically declared at a campaign rally, October 30, 2008:

**"We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America."**

He later expressed intentions **not to have his executive power be limited** by the Constitution, stating January 14, 2014:

**"We are not just going to be waiting for legislation ... I've got a pen, and I've got a phone. And I can use that pen to sign executive orders."**

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As well-intended

**I'M FROM THE  
GOVERNMENT,  
I'M HERE  
TO HELP**



as government programs are, those that run them have an inherent conflict of interests.

In addition to running the program, they do not want the

program to end as they would lose their job.

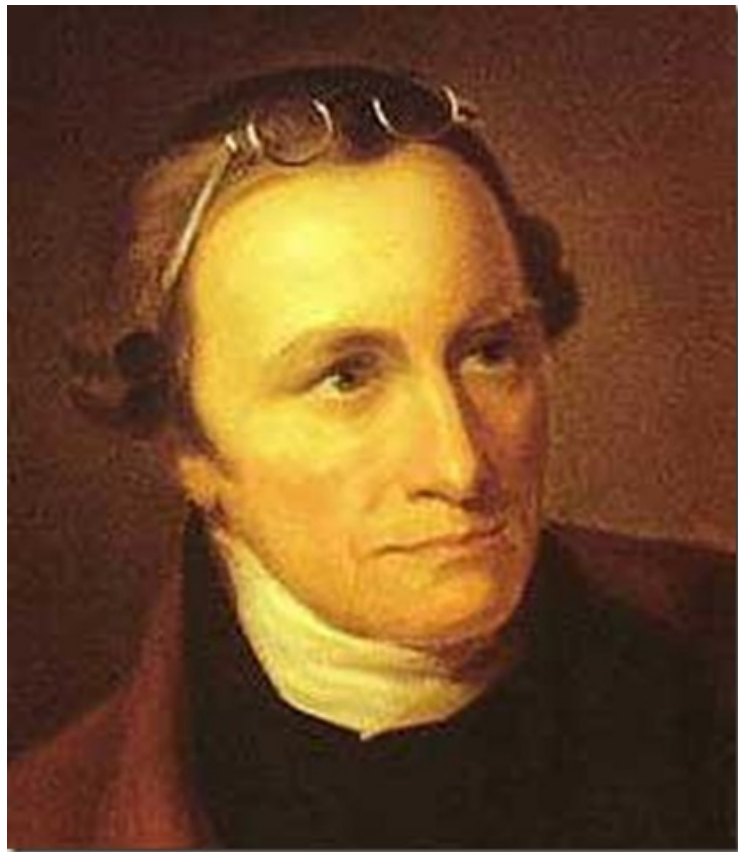
**Patrick Henry** stated Virginia's Ratifying Convention, June 5, 1788:

"Can the annals of mankind exhibit one single example, where rulers overcharged with power willingly let go ...

A willing relinquishment of power is one of those things which human nature never was, nor ever will be capable of ...

But now, Sir, the American spirit, assisted by **the ropes and chains of consolidation**, is about to convert this country to a powerful and mighty empire ...

If you make the citizens of this country agree to become the subjects of one great consolidated empire of America



... there will be no checks, no real balances, in this government ...

My great objection to the Constitution ... that the **preservation of our liberty depends on the single chance of men being virtuous enough to make laws to punish themselves.**"

**Can the  
Government  
Police  
Itself?**

Over time, some of those running government programs have been tempted to use their positions to perpetuate these programs as job security.

This creates an **enormous bureaucratic machinery** run by career government employees who have a **vested interest in increasing the size of government.**



A public dependency is fostered, for if recipients become independent and no longer need entitlements, the government employees would no longer have a job.

Government may also be tempted use programs to advance radical social agendas by requiring recipients to adopt anti-Biblical beliefs as a condition to receiving the entitlement.

But is the way it is supposed to be?

An often overlooked Biblical teaching is, that



**God gives commands to five major entities:**

- **individuals;**
- **families;**
- **employers & employees;**
- **church;**
- **government.**

Biblical commands are given to:

- **Individuals**, who, among other things, are commanded to be forgiving, be charitable to the poor, visit the sick, and care for those in prison.



- **Families** are given mostly relational commands, such as husbands love your wives, children submit to your parents, etc.



- **Employees** are told to give an honest

day's work and **employers** are told not to hold back pay.



- **Churches**, among other things, are to take care of the poor, infirm, widows and orphans. Most hospitals, as well as schools and universities, historically, have



been started by religious orders or denominations. Churches still carry out these responsibilities on the mission field.

- **Government** has the simplest command, namely, protect the innocent and punish the guilty. There is no Biblical command for government to provide jobs, healthcare, education, or other entitlements.



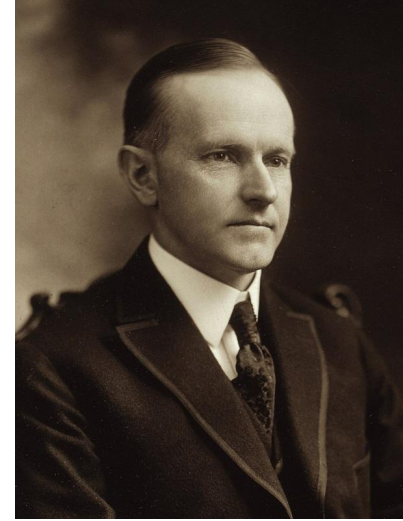
Naive voters and politicians get these commands mixed up.



President Calvin Coolidge stated

May 15, 1926:

"It does not follow that because something ought to be done the National Government ought to do it."



Early church believers sold their land and **laid the money at the feet of the apostles** for the church to distribute.

They **did not lay their money at the feet of Pilate** for the **Roman government** to redistribute.



When the government takes money from



individuals for entitlement programs, **it robs the individuals of the opportunity to be charitable**, and it **usurps the role of the church** to be responsible.

In a short time, **individuals and churches shirk Biblical responsibilities**, and politicians and government employees become **discretionary** in the distribution of benefits, or enforcement of regulations, so as to best stay in power.

It is a small step for some to mentally justify using their decision-making authority to **"resist"** those attempting to eliminate their jobs.

This is the loose definition of the **"deep-state establishment."** Those in power want to stay in power, and will use any means at their disposal to do so.

**Britain's Lord Acton** wrote:

"Self-preservation ... everybody likes to get as much power as circumstances allow, and nobody will vote for a self-denying ordinance."



In contrast, when church members help people, there develops a **personal accountability**, as well as a God-given **motivation**

**to see the recipient's condition improve** so as to no longer be dependent.

The **person's self-esteem rises** in an atmosphere of **caring friendship**, rather than interacting with an **impersonal bureaucracy**.

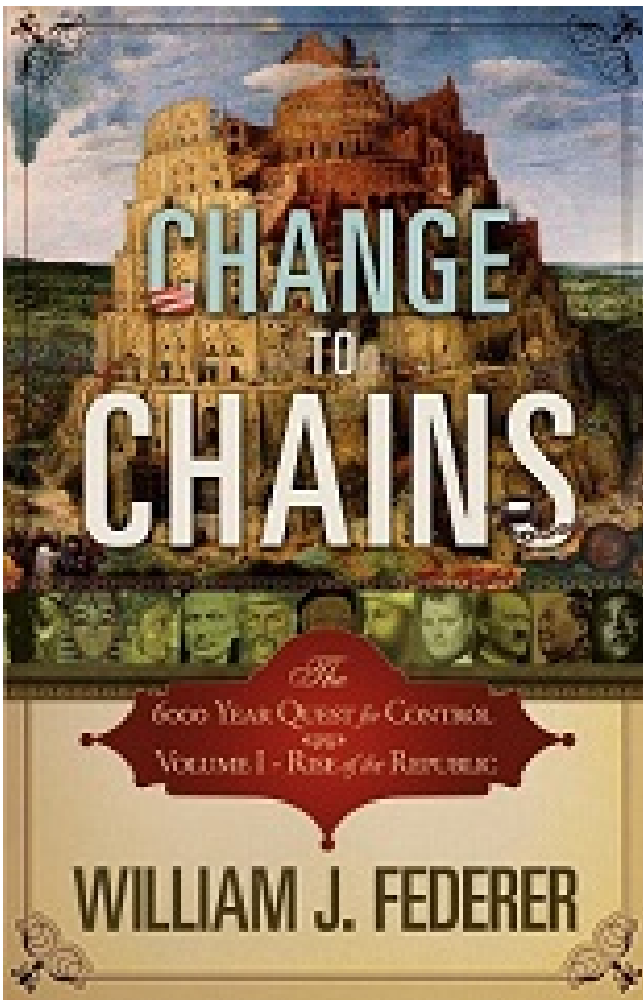
**President Trump** expressed:

"Today we are not merely transferring power from one Administration to another, or from one party to another -- but we

are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ...



January 20th 2017, will be remembered as the day THE PEOPLE became the rulers of this nation again."



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**William Henry Harrison** continued his warning, giving historical examples:



"It is not by the extent of its patronage alone that the Executive department has become dangerous, but by the use which it appears may be made of the **appointing power** to bring under **its control the whole revenues of the country ...**



There was wanting no other addition to the powers of our Chief Magistrate to stamp monarchical character on our Government but the **control of the public finances ...**

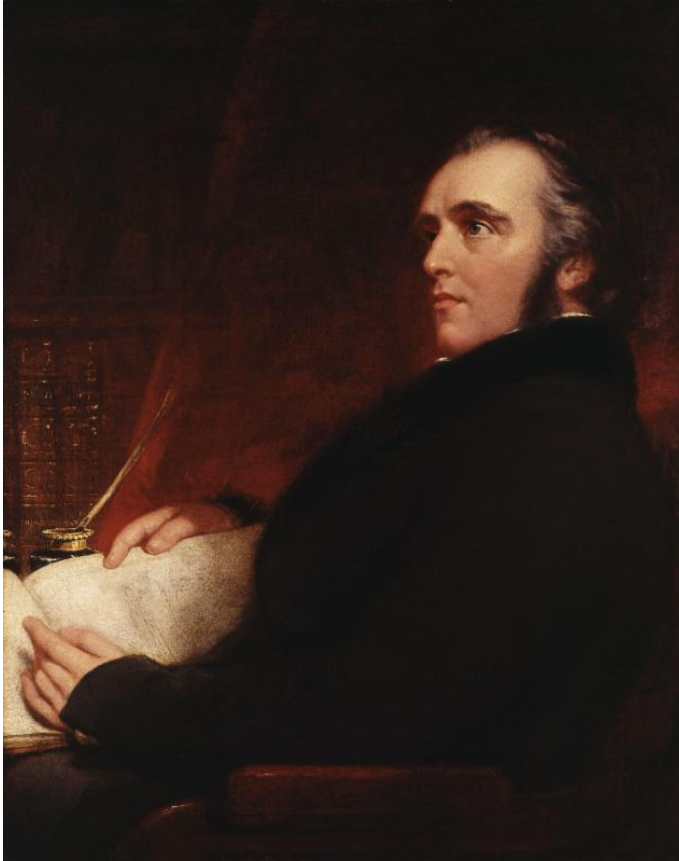
**... The first Roman Emperor (Julius Caesar), in his attempt to seize the sacred treasure (in the temple of Saturn), silenced the opposition of the officer to whose charge it had been committed by a significant allusion to his sword ...**



I know the importance ... to the **divorce ... the Treasury from the banking institutions ...** It was certainly a great error in

the framers of the Constitution not to have made ... the head of the **Treasury Department entirely independent of the Executive ...**

A decent and manly **examination of the acts of the Government should be** not only tolerated, but **encouraged."**



**Britain's Lord Thomas Babington MacCauley** predicted the dependency election strategy in a letter to New York's Democrat Secretary of State, Henry S. Randall, May 23, 1857:

"Institutions purely **democratic** must, sooner or later, **destroy liberty**, or civilization ... a ruinous load of

**taxation laid on the rich** for the purpose of **supporting the poor in idleness ...**

You may think that your country enjoys an exemption from these evils ... I am of a very different opinion. **Your fate I believe to be certain**, though it is deferred ..."

**MacCauley**  
continued:

"The time will come when ... **distress everywhere makes the**

**laborer mutinous and discontented,** and inclines him to listen with eagerness to **agitators** who tell him that it is a monstrous iniquity that one man should have a million while another cannot get a full meal.



In bad years there is plenty of grumbling ... and sometimes a little rioting ...

Your Government will never be able to restrain a distressed and discontented majority ...

The day will come when, in the State of New York, a **multitude of people**, none of whom has had more than half a breakfast, or expects to have more than half a dinner, will choose a Legislature ...

On one side is a **statesman preaching patience, respect for vested rights, strict observance of public faith.**

On the other is a **demagogue ranting about the tyranny of capitalists and usurers**, and asking why anybody should be permitted to drink champagne and to ride in a carriage, while thousands of honest folks are in want of necessaries ..."

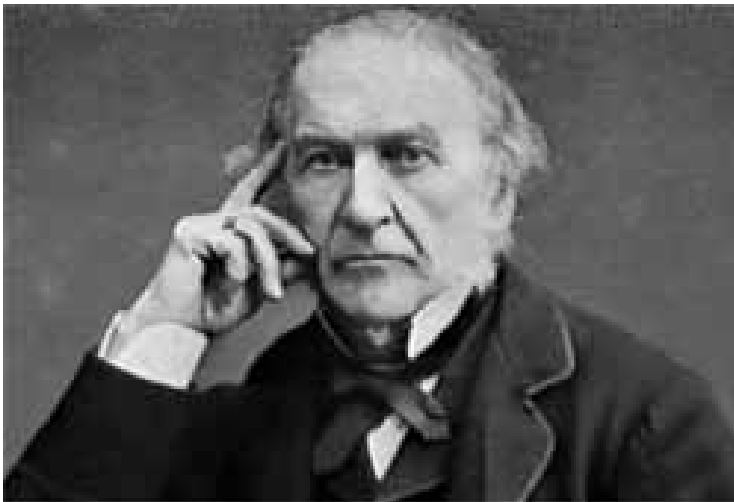
**Lord MacCauley**  
concluded:

**"Which of the two candidates is likely to be preferred by a working man who hears his children cry for more bread?"**

I seriously apprehend that you will, in some such season of adversity ... devour all the seed-corn, and thus make the next year, a year not of scarcity, but of absolute famine ...



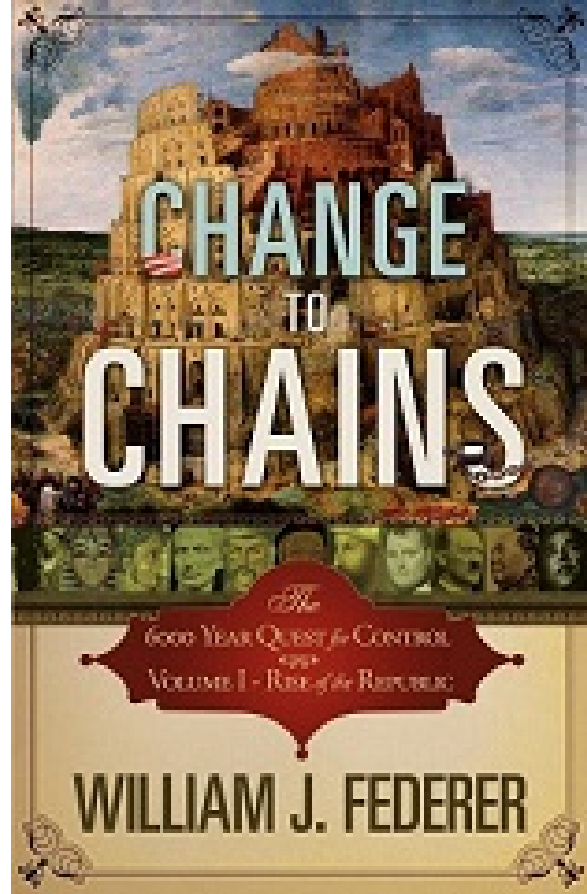
When a **society** has entered on this **downward progress**, either civilization or liberty must perish ... Some **Caesar** or **Napoleon** will seize the reins of government with a strong hand."



**British Prime Minister William Gladstone** wrote:

"Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race."

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**President Harrison** contrasted the "spirit of liberty" with the "spirit of party":

"There is at times much difficulty in **distinguishing the false from the true** spirit, a calm investigation will detect the counterfeit ...

The true spirit of liberty ... is mild and tolerant and scrupulous ...

whilst the spirit of party, assuming to be

that of liberty, is harsh, vindictive, and intolerant, and totally reckless as to the character of the allies which it brings to the aid of its cause ...

The reign of **an intolerant spirit of party** amongst a free people seldom fails to result in a **dangerous accession** to the Executive power introduced and established **amidst unusual professions of devotion to democracy."**

Similarly, **Washington**, warned in his **Farewell Address**, 1796, that politicians may betray their country to foreign nations in order to advance their political careers, while misleading public opinion to attack real patriots:

"Passionate attachment of one Nation for another produces a variety of evils ...

It gives to **ambitious, corrupted, or deluded citizens** ... facility to **betray, or sacrifice** the interests of **their own country** ... sometimes even **with popularity** ...

Such attachments are particularly alarming to the truly enlightened and independent Patriot.

How many opportunities do they afford to tamper with **domestic factions**, to practice the **arts of seduction**, to



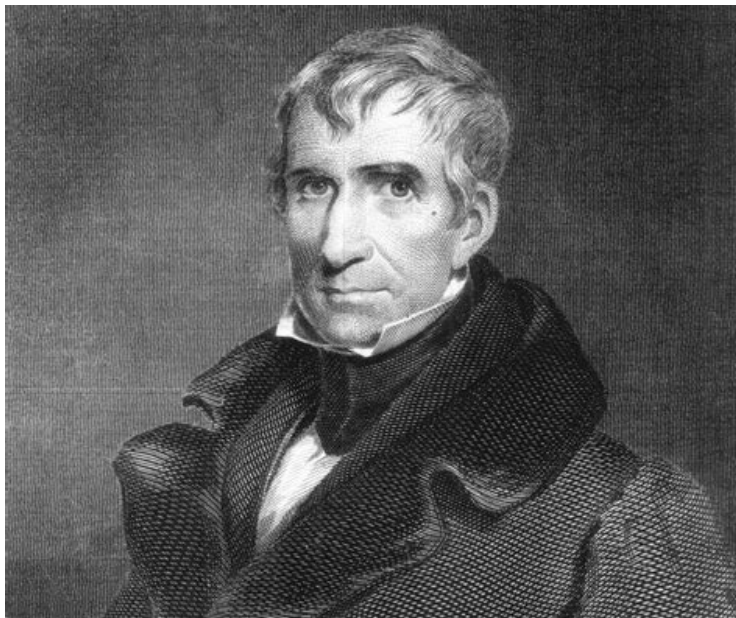
**mislead public opinion**, to influence or awe the public Councils! ...

Against the **insidious wiles** of foreign influence, (I conjure you to believe me fellow citizens) the **jealously of a free people to be constantly awake ..."**

**Washington**  
continued:

"Real Patriots, who may resist the **intrigues (secret plans)** of the favorite (foreign nations), are liable to become suspected and odious;

while its tools and **dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people**, to surrender their interests ..."



In closing his Inaugural Address, **President William Henry Harrison** stated:

"I deem the present occasion sufficiently important and solemn to justify me in expressing

to my fellow citizens **a profound reverence for the Christian religion,**

and a thorough conviction that sound morals, religious liberty, and a just sense of religious responsibility are essentially connected with all true and lasting happiness."

**Washington** reiterated the importance of religion:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to **political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports ...**

Morality is a necessary spring of popular government

...Who that is a sincere friend to it can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation?"



A similar sentiment of faith was expressed by **President Trump** at the National Prayer Breakfast, February 8, 2018:

"Our founders invoked our Creator four times in the Declaration





of Independence.  
Our currency  
declares, 'In God  
We Trust.'

And we place our  
hands on our  
hearts as we recite  
the Pledge of  
Allegiance and  
proclaim we are  
'One Nation Under  
God.'

Our rights are not  
given to us by  
man; our rights  
come from our  
Creator. No matter  
what, no Earthly  
force can take  
those rights away

..."

**Trump** added:

"We love God. As  
the Bible tells us,  
for we are God's  
handiwork, created  
in Jesus Christ to  
do good works ...



As long as we  
open our eyes to  
God's grace and open our hearts to God's love, then  
America will forever be the land of the free, the home of  
the brave, and a light unto all nations."

**President**



**Harrison**  
concluded his  
Inaugural:

"And to **that good Being** who has blessed us by the **gifts of civil and**

**religious freedom** ... let us unite in fervently commending every interest of our beloved country in all future time."

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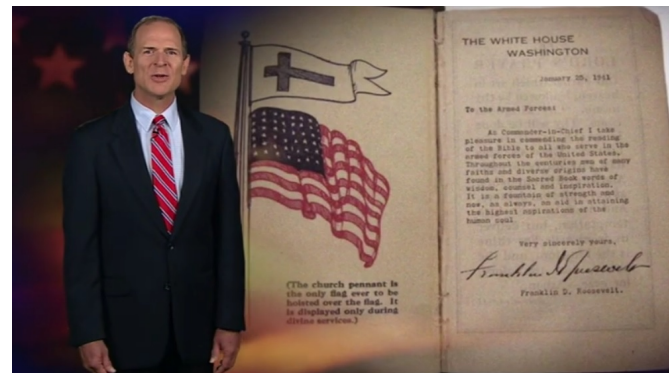
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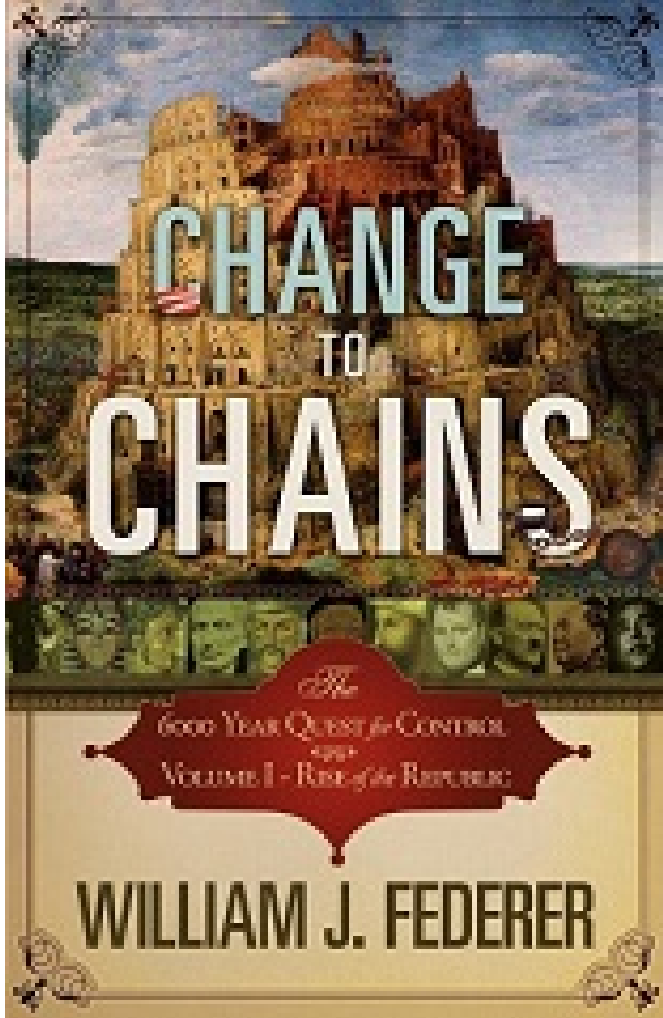
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