

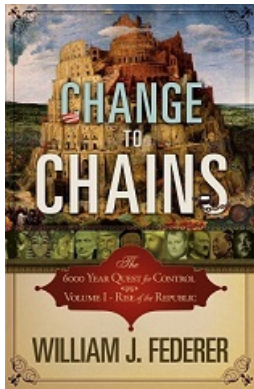
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A century after the **Kings of Assyria** carried away the **ten Northern Tribes of Israel** into **captivity**, far away across the Mediterranean, **Greeks** settled the **eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea** in the 7th century BC ... [continue reading American Minute here ...](#)



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One of their major cities was **Epidamnus (Dyrrhachium)**, founded in 625 BC, located in modern-day **Albania**.

It was there in 48 BC, that **Julius Caesar** defeated **Pompey** at the **Battle of Dyrrhachium**.

Augustus Caesar
began

incorporating the area, known as the **Balkan Peninsula**, into the **Roman Empire**.



The Roman road, **Via Egnatia**, stretched from **Dyrrhachium** on the **Adriatic Sea** to **Constantinople, Byzantium**, on the **Aegean Sea**.

The **Balkan Peninsula** today includes the countries of:

- **Albania,**
- **Macedonia,**
- **Bulgaria,**
- **Serbia,**
- **Slovenia,**
- **Montenegro,**
- **Croatia,**
- **Romania,**
- **Kosovo,**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina,** and
- **Greece,** to the borders of **Turkey**.



When the western **Roman Empire** fell to barbarians in 476 AD, the **Balkan Peninsula** survived, resisting the siege of **Ostrogoth king Theodoric the Great** in 481 AD.

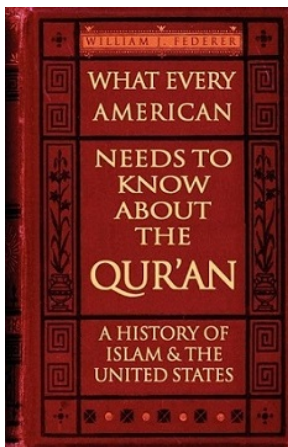


Structure of the First Bulgarian Empire during the IX-X century



In 840 AD, the northern **Balkan Peninsula** became part of the **Christian Bulgarian Empire**, which included the area of **Albania**.

In 1190, **Albania** became a province in the **Christian Byzantine Empire**, with its major city of **Dyrrhachion** on the Adriatic Sea.



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In the 1400s, the **Ottoman Turkish army** crossed the Bosphorus and invaded west.



Ottomans attacked:

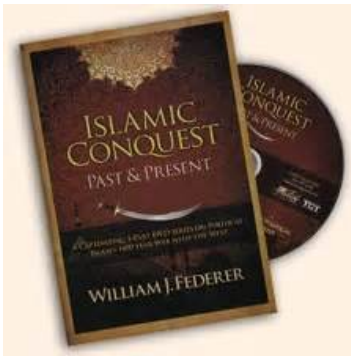
- **Constantinople,**
- **Serbia,**
- **Morea,**
- **Black Sea,**
- **Wallachia,**
- **Bosnia,**
- **Vienna,**
- **Karaman,**
- **Akkoyunlu,**
- **Moldavia,**
- **Crimea,** and
- the **Balkan Peninsula.**

Albania was conquered in 1431, with the local nobility being killed and replaced with Muslim landowners, who imposed exorbitant taxes on the Christian population.

This was followed by periodic **massacres of Albanians.**



Ottomans led crusades against the **Albanian people**, with stories of forced conversions and Christian boys taken and forcibly indoctrinated into being Islamic soldiers, or used for pederasty.



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Eastern European countries had brave leaders who resisted Islamic invasion:

- Hungary's **John Hunyadi** (1406-1456);



- Poland's **Wladyslaw III** (1424-1444);
- Moldova's **Stephen the Great** (1433-1504);
- Romania's **Vlad III** (1428-1477);
- Bulgaria's **Prince Fruzhin** (c.1393-1444).

In 1443, the Christian **Albanian** hero was **George Castriot**, called "**Iskander**" or "**Scanderbeg**," who led a revolt against the Ottoman Muslims.

**American Poet
Henry
Wadsworth
Longfellow**
memorialized him
in the "**Poem of
Skanderberg**":



"... Anon (soon)
from the castle
walls

The crescent banner falls,
And the crowd beholds instead,
Like a portent in the sky,
Iskander's banner fly,

"The Black Eagle with
double head;
And a shout ascends on
high,
For men's souls are tired of
the Turks,
And their wicked ways and
works,

"That have made of Ak-
Hissar

A city of the plague;
And the loud, exultant cry
That echoes wide and far
Is: '**Long live
Skanderbeg!**'"



For 25 years, **Skanderbeg** struck fear into the heart of the Ottoman armies.

His 10,000 brave soldiers, often outnumbered in battle, consistently won against larger and better supplied Muslim armies.

Considered a model of Christian resistance, **Skanderbeg** fought in the **Venetian-Ottoman War**.

When **Skanderbeg** died in 1468, the **Ottoman Sultan, Mehmed the Conqueror**, exclaimed:

"At last Europe and Asia are mine! Woe to Christendom! It has lost its sword and its shield."



For the next five centuries,

Albania was under Ottoman rule.

This finally ended when **Sultan Abdul Hamid II** - the 99th caliph of Islam - was deposed in 1909.



There was enthusiasm that Turkey would set up a democratic form of government.

Unfortunately, the joy was short-lived as fundamentalist leaders, called the Young Turks, seized control.

They promoted the idea of re-establishing the caliphate through "**Ottomanization**" - creating a homogeneous Turkey of one race, one language, and one belief.

The brotherhood of the Young Turks began a genocidal expulsion and extermination of non-Muslim ethnic minorities, including millions of:

- Albanians,
- Armenians,
- Syrians,
- Greeks,
- Serbs, and
- Bulgarians.

In the upheaval of World War I, **Albania** briefly gained independence in 1912.

It had a few short-lived monarchies, then a republic.

During World War II, **Albania** was occupied by Fascist

Italy, followed by Germany's **National Socialist Workers Party** (Nazi).

Albania was a communist State, 1944-1992, during which time it became an officially atheist country.

In 1992, the **Republic of Albania** was founded.

Many ethnic **Albanians** lived in the nearby area of **Kosovo**, the historic center of **Christian Serbia** and **Montenegro**.

As Muslims immigrated in and increased in number, they took over neighborhoods, forcing the previous inhabitants out.

Immigrants decided to take over the whole region, erupting into the **Kosovo War, 1998-1999**.

At this same time, in the United States, the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal was breaking, and **President Bill Clinton** decided to support the **Muslim Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA)** which drove out over **one million ethnic Albanians** from Kosovo.

Clinton initiated **Operation**

Deliberate Force, in which **weapons** were funneled through **Iran and Islamic terrorists** to **Bosnia-Muslim fighters**, similar how the U.S. had supported Iraq against Iran, as Richard J Aldrich described in *The Guardian*:

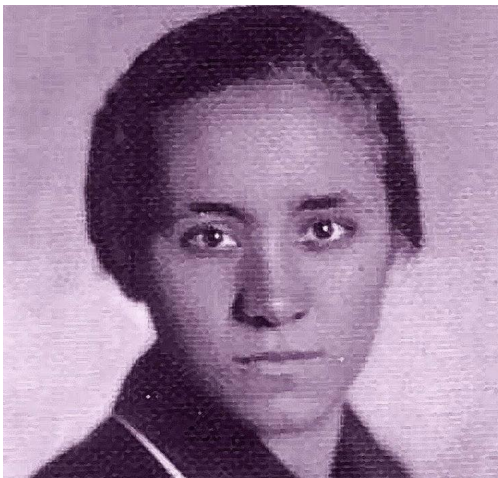
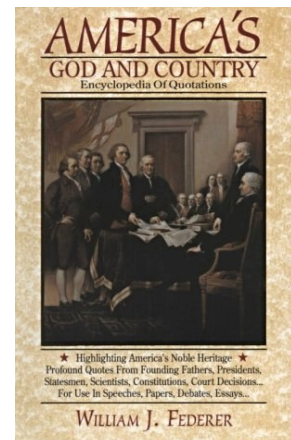
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"In the 1980s **Washington's secret services** had **assisted Saddam Hussein** in his war against **Iran.**"
(*The Guardian*, 4/21/02, "America used Islamists to arm the Bosnian Muslims")

Through years of immigration and war, **Kosovo** went from being a **significant Christian area** to a tiny new country with a **96 percent Islamic population.**

Citizens of **Kosovo** were so appreciative of **Bill Clinton** that they erected a statue of him giving a raised arm salute on a street named **Bill Clinton Boulevard** in the capital of Pristina, Kosovo.

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One of the **most famous Albanians** was the humble daughter of an **Albanian grocer.**

Born in 1910, she joined a Catholic religious order at age 18 and began working in the **slums** of **Calcutta, India.**



She founded the **Missionaries of Charity**, and was awarded the **Nobel Prize** in 1979.

This was **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**.

Malcolm Muggeridge, a British Journalist who had converted to Christianity, wrote in "The Human Holocaust," (*Human Life Review*, 1980):



"Mother Teresa ... in Calcutta, goes to great trouble to have brought into her Home for Dying Derelicts, castaways left to die in the streets.

They may survive for no more than a quarter of an hour, but in that quarter of an hour, instead of feeling themselves rejected and abandoned, they meet with Christian love and care ...

... **Mother Teresa's** ... love and compassion reach out to the afflicted without any other consideration than their

immediate need, just as our Lord does when He tells us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked.

She gives all she has to give at once, and then finds she has more to give ... Something of God's love has rubbed off on **Mother Teresa.**"

Phyllis Schlafly wrote in *The Power of the Positive Woman* (NY: Arlington House Publishers, 1978):

"Few women in history have ever known the career fulfillment that **Mother Teresa** has known.

She is the **Albanian nun** who has made it her mission to minister to the poor and dying in Calcutta, India ...

She has become a living legend, acclaimed throughout the world—a career success and a happy woman by any standard. And **Mother Teresa** has said that men could never equal women in love and compassion."

Mother Teresa explained:

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

"God hasn't called me to be successful. He's called me to be faithful."

"If you want to pray better, you must pray more."

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

Ronald Reagan wrote in "Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation," (*Human Life Review*, 1983):

"The revered **Mother Teresa**, who works in the streets of Calcutta ministering to dying people in her world-famous

mission of mercy, has said that 'the greatest misery of our time is the generalized abortion of children' ...

We can echo the always-practical woman of faith, **Mother Teresa**, when she says, 'If you don't want the little child, that unborn child, give him to me.'

On February 3, 1994, frail 83-year-old **Mother Teresa** addressed the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., before an audience of 3,000, including **President and Mrs. Clinton** and **Vice-President Al Gore**:

"Jesus died on the Cross because that is what it took for Him to do good to us - to save us from our selfishness in sin ...

... The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself,

and if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

Urging America to repent, **Mother Teresa** stated:

"How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion?
...

We must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us.

So the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans or her free time, to respect the life of her child.

The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

... By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems.

And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble.

So abortion just leads to more abortion."

The Old Testament version of abortion was sacrificing innocent children to pagan gods.

Proverbs 6:16-17
"The Lord hates ... hands that shed innocent blood."



God is just. Though patient and long-suffering, He will eventually judge individuals and nations who shed innocent blood, unless they repent.

2 Kings 21: "King Manasseh did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites ... **He sacrificed his own son in the fire (to Moloch) ...**

The Lord said through his servants the prophets:

"Manasseh ... has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him ... Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle ...

Manasseh also shed so much **innocent blood** that he filled Jerusalem from end to end."

2 Kings 24:2-4: "The LORD sent Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite and Ammonite raiders ... to destroy Judah ... because of the **sins of Manasseh** and all he had done, including the **shedding of innocent blood**. For he filled Jerusalem with **innocent blood**, and the LORD was not willing to forgive."

Mother Teresa continued:

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want.

That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

Many people are very, very concerned with the children of India, with the children of Africa where quite a few die of hunger, and so on.

Many people are also concerned about all the violence in this great country of the United States. These concerns are very good.

... But often these same people are not concerned with the millions who are being killed by the deliberate decision of their own mothers ...

We have sent word to the clinics, to the hospitals and police stations: 'Please don't destroy the child; we will take the child.'

So we always have someone tell the mothers in trouble: 'Come, we will take care of you, we will get a home for your child.'"

Mother Teresa spoke further:

"And we have a tremendous demand from couples who cannot have a child ...

Jesus said, 'Anyone who receives a child in my name, receives me.'

By adopting a child, these couples receive Jesus but by aborting a child, a couple refuses to receive Jesus.

Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child.

... I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child.

From our children's home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over 3,000 children from abortion ..."

Mother Teresa concluded:

"If we remember that God loves us, and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world.

From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak - the unborn child - must go out to the world.

... If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for. God bless you!"

Declaring January 22, 2018, National Sanctity of Human Life Day, **President Trump** stated:

"We focus our attention on the love and protection each person, born and unborn, deserves ... **Reverence for every human life**, one of the values for which our Founding Fathers fought, defines the character of our Nation.

Today, it moves us to promote the health of pregnant mothers and their unborn children ... It dispels the notion that our worth depends on the extent to which we are planned for or wanted.

... Science continues to support and build the case for life. Medical technologies allow us to see images of the unborn children moving their newly formed fingers and toes, yawning, and even smiling.

Those images present us with irrefutable evidence that babies are growing within their mothers' wombs - precious, unique lives, each deserving a future filled with promise and hope."

President Donald J. Trump remarked at the 47th Annual March for Life, January 24, 2020:

"Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God ...

When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation.

When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family.

When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world ...

And as the Bible tells us, each person is 'wonderfully made ...'"

He continued:

"We are protecting pro-life students' right to free speech on college campuses.

And if universities want federal taxpayer dollars, then

they must uphold your First Amendment right to speak your mind ...

Sadly, the far-left is actively working to erase our God-given rights ... and silence Americans who believe in the sanctity of life ...

Last year, lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb right up until delivery ...

Then, we had the case of the Democrat governor in the state of Virginia ... The Governor stated that he would execute a baby after birth ..."

President Trump concluded:

"The tens of thousands of Americans gathered today not only stand for life ... to help spread God's grace.

And to all of the moms here today: We celebrate you, and we declare that mothers are heroes ...

Because of you, our country has been blessed with amazing souls who have changed the course of human history.

We cannot know what our citizens yet unborn will achieve, the dreams they will imagine, the masterpieces they will create, the discoveries they will make.

But we know this: Every life brings love into this world. Every child brings joy to a family. Every person is worth protecting.

And above all, we know that every human soul is divine, and every human life — born and unborn — is made in the holy image of Almighty God."

On September 5, 1997, just five days after Princess Diana was killed, **Mother Teresa** died.

On September 4, 2016, Pope Francis recognized this **humble daughter of an Albanian grocer** as a Saint in the Catholic Church.

Albanian Mother Teresa shared what motivated her:

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him.

This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him.

I serve because I love Jesus."

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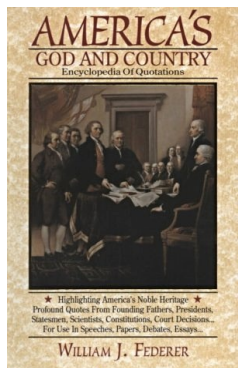
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