

American Minute with Bill Federer Ancient Hebrew Republic inspired Pastors & their "Covenant" Congregations in founding New England

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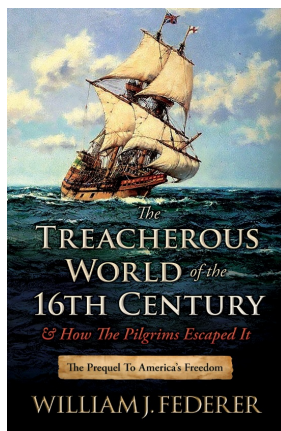
SEPTEMBER 16, 1620, according to the Gregorian Calendar, 102 passengers set sail on the Pilgrims' ship, *Mayflower*, with the blessings of their separatist pastor, John Robinson.



Their 66-day journey of 2,750 miles encountered storms so rough the beam supporting the main mast cracked and was propped back in place with "a great iron screw" ...

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One youth, **John Howland**, a servant of John Carver, was swept overboard by a freezing wave and barely rescued.

His descendants include: Signer of the U.S. Constitution Nathaniel Gorham, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Jane Austin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Bush, Sarah Palin, Humphrey Bogart, and Alec Baldwin.

Howland was described in colonial records as a "godly man and an ardent professor in the ways of Christ."

During the **Pilgrims' voyage**, a man died, William Butten, and a baby boy, Oceanus, was born to Elizabeth and **Stephen Hopkins**. **Stephen** had previously been part of the **Jamestown Colony**.



The *Mayflower* intended to land in Virginia but was blown off-course to Massachusetts.

With the weather too dangerous to sail any more so Captain Christopher Jones insisted the Pilgrims disembark.

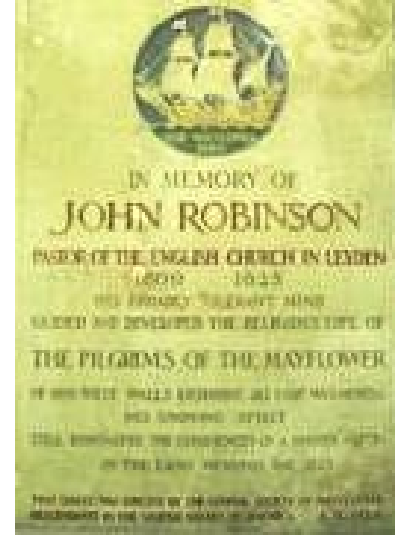
With **no "king-appointed" person on board** with authority to take charge, the Pilgrims had a question - **who would be in charge?**

They did something unique. They gave themselves authority and created their own "**covenant government**" -- ***The Mayflower Compact***.

Where did they get this idea?

From their separatist **Pastor John Robinson**, considered one of the

founders of the Congregational Church.



Pastor Robinson is prominently depicted kneeling in prayer in a painting in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda -- *The Embarkation of the Pilgrims*.



Of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts, **Governor William Bradford** wrote:

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the **God of Heaven** who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the **firm and stable earth**, their proper element."

Though half died that first bitter winter, Governor **William Bradford** wrote:

"Last and not least, they cherished a great hope and inward zeal of laying good foundations ... for the propagation and **advance of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in the remote parts of the world.**"

Franklin D. Roosevelt stated October 28, 1936,

regarding America's founding:

"Rulers ... increase their power over the common men. The seamen they sent to find gold **found instead the way of escape for the common man from those rulers ...**

What they found over the Western horizon was not the silk and jewels of Cathay but **MANKIND'S SECOND CHANCE** - a chance to create a new world after he had almost spoiled an old one ...

... **The Almighty** seems purposefully to have withheld that **SECOND CHANCE** until the time when men would most need and **appreciate liberty ...**

Those who came ... had courage ... to abandon language and relatives ... to start ... without influence, without money ...

Perhaps Providence did prepare this **American continent** to be a **place of the SECOND CHANCE.**"

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in his article "American Civilization, published in *The Atlantic Magazine*, April, 1862:

"America is another word for **Opportunity**. Our whole history appears like **a last effort of the Divine Providence in behalf of the human race.**"

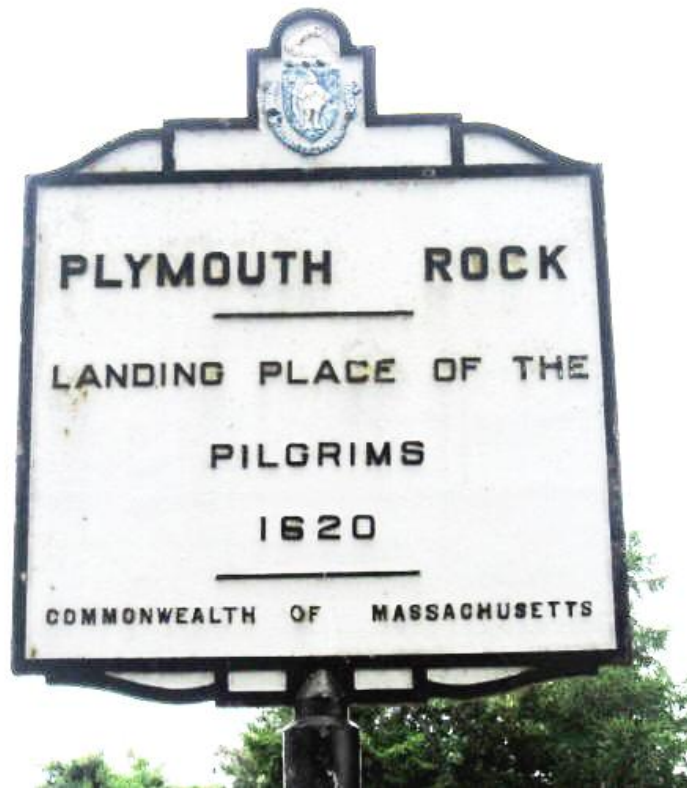
At the
Bicentennial
Celebration of the
landing of the
Pilgrims at
Plymouth Rock,
Secretary of State
Daniel Webster
stated December

22, 1820:

"There is a ... sort of genius of the place, which ... awes us.

We feel that we are on the spot where the first scene of our history was laid; where the hearths and altars of New England were first placed; **where**

Christianity, and civilization ... made their first lodgement, in a vast extent of country ...



'If God prosper us,' might have been the ... language of our fathers, when they landed upon this Rock, '... we shall here begin a work which shall last for ages ... **We shall fill** this region of the **great continent** ... with **civilization and Christianity** ..."

Webster continued:

"The morning that beamed ... saw the **Pilgrims** already at home ... a **government** and a country were to commence, with the very first foundations laid under the **divine light of the Christian religion** ...

Our ancestors established their **system of government** on **morality** and **religious sentiment** ... Whatever makes men **good Christians**, makes them **good citizens**.

Our fathers came here to enjoy their **religion free and unmolested**; and, at the end of two centuries, there is

nothing upon which we can pronounce more confidently ... than of the **inestimable importance of that religion to man ...**"

Webster added a rebuke to pastors who refuse to address politics:



"The African slave-trader is a pirate and a felon; and in the sight of Heaven, an offender far beyond the ordinary depth of human guilt ...

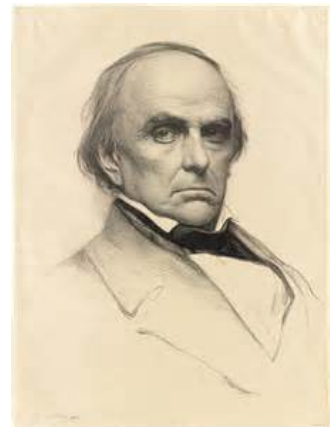
If there be ... any **participation in this traffic**, let us pledge ourselves here, upon the rock of Plymouth, to **extirpate and destroy it ...**

I invoke the ministers of our religion, that they proclaim its **denunciation of these crimes**, and add its solemn sanctions to the authority of human laws.

If the pulpit be silent whenever or wherever there may be a sinner bloody with this guilt within the hearing of its voice, **the pulpit is false to its trust ...**"

Webster reflected further:

"Whoever shall hereafter write this part of our history ... will be able to record **no ... lawless and despotic acts**, or any successful **usurpation**. His page will contain **no exhibition** of ... **civil authority** habitually **trampled down** by military power, or of a community **crushed by the burden of taxation ...**



He will speak ... of that happy condition, in which the restraint and **coercion of government** are almost **invisible and imperceptible ...**"

Webster concluded his Plymouth Rock address:

"Finally, let us not forget the **religious character of our origin.**

Our fathers were brought hither by their **high veneration for the Christian religion.** They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope.

They sought to **incorporate its principles** with the elements of their society, and to diffuse its influence **through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary.**

Let us cherish these sentiments, and extend this influence still more widely; in the full conviction, that that is the happiest society which partakes in the highest degree of the **mild and peaceful spirit of Christianity."**

The Plymouth Rock Foundation was founded in 1970 with the mission:



"To make more widely known and understood the **Pilgrim principles and characteristics** - their **devotion to God and the Bible**, to **freedom** and to **tolerance**, and their embodiment of courage, brotherhood, and **individual moral character."**

Dr. Paul Jehle, Executive Director of the Plymouth Rock Foundation, whose ancestors were on the *Mayflower*, wrote "*Mayflower Compact Day*" (*Plymouth Rock Foundation's E-News*, November, 2011):

"We remember when the *Mayflower Compact* was signed on board the *Mayflower*, while it lay anchored in what is now Provincetown Harbor, November 11, 1620 ...

A **compact** is a **covenant** ... Since the Pilgrims were children of the Reformation, their view of **covenant** came from the **Bible**.

It was **God** that initiated the concept of **covenant**, first with Adam and Eve. (Genesis 2:15-17 and 2:24)

... **God** also made a **covenant** with **Noah** in Genesis 9 and of course the process of '**cutting**' **covenant** was depicted in visual form for **Abraham** in Genesis 15.

Throughout the **Bible covenants** were used both **vertically** (with God) and **horizontally** (with humans) to depict **God's process of bringing people into unity with Him and one another**.

Unity of purpose and harmony with **God set the highest ideals for good behavior ..."**

Dr. Jehle
continued:

"No wonder when **Pastor John Robinson** sent his farewell letter to the **Pilgrims** upon their departure in 1620, knowing that **they would need to form their own civil government**, he gave this sound advice:

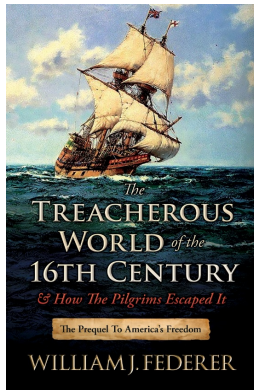


"Whereas **you are become a body politic**, using amongst yourselves **civil government**, and are not furnished with any persons of special eminency above

the rest, to be chosen by you into office of government;

let your wisdom and godliness appear, not only in choosing such persons as do entirely love and will promote the common good ...

not being like the foolish multitude who more honor the gay coat than either the virtuous mind of the man, or **glorious ordinance of the Lord.**"



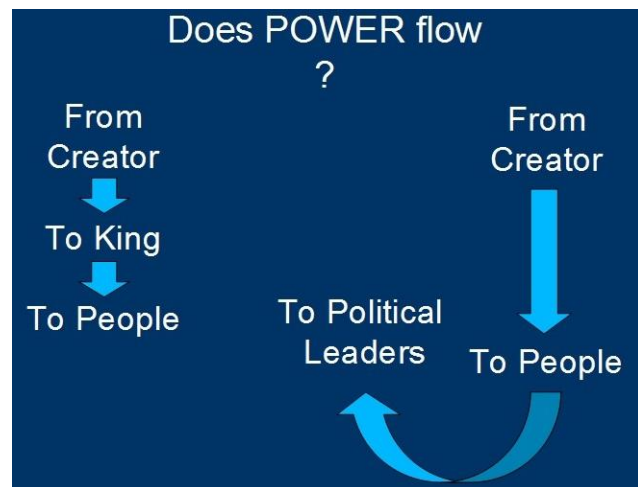
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The question the founders wrestled with was:

does **POWER** flow
> from the Creator
> to Political Leaders
> to the People;

or

does **POWER** flow
> from the Creator
> to the People
> to the Political Leaders?



At the time of America's founding, nearly the entire world was ruled by **kings who claimed to have a "divine right" to rule over people.**

England's King James I declared:



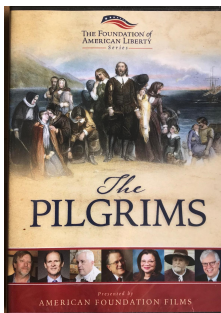
"Kings are ... God's lieutenants upon earth ... sit upon God's throne ... The king is **overlord of the whole land ... master over every person ... having power over the life & death of every one."**

France's Sun King, **Louis XIV**, who is credited with saying:

"L'État, c'est moi" -- meaning **"I am the State"**;

and

"C'est légal parce que je le veux" -- meaning **"It is legal because I wish it."**



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Dr. Marshall Foster of the World History Institute, co-produced with **Kirk Cameron** the 2012 film ***Monumental: In Search of America's***



National Treasure. He wrote in "A Shining City on a Hill," February 27, 2013:

"Four hundred years ago the conflict between tyranny and liberty was red hot ...

When King James died in 1625, his son **Charles the First** ascended to the throne with the **arrogance of a Roman emperor**. He was the quintessential '**divine right**' monarch. He declared **martial law** and **suspended the rights of the individual ...**



The king's inquisitors at his '**Star Chamber**' in the tower of London used **torture techniques** to 'discover the taxpayer's assets' ...

... **A turning point** in public opinion took place on January 30, 1637. **Three prisoners** were locked down in the pillory in London before a huge crowd ...



These men included a **Puritan minister**, a **Christian writer** and **Dr. John Bastwick**, a **physician**.

What was their crime?

They had written pamphlets **disagreeing with the king's religious views**. The sheriff began by **branding the men with red hot irons on the forehead** with an S.L. for seditious libel ..."

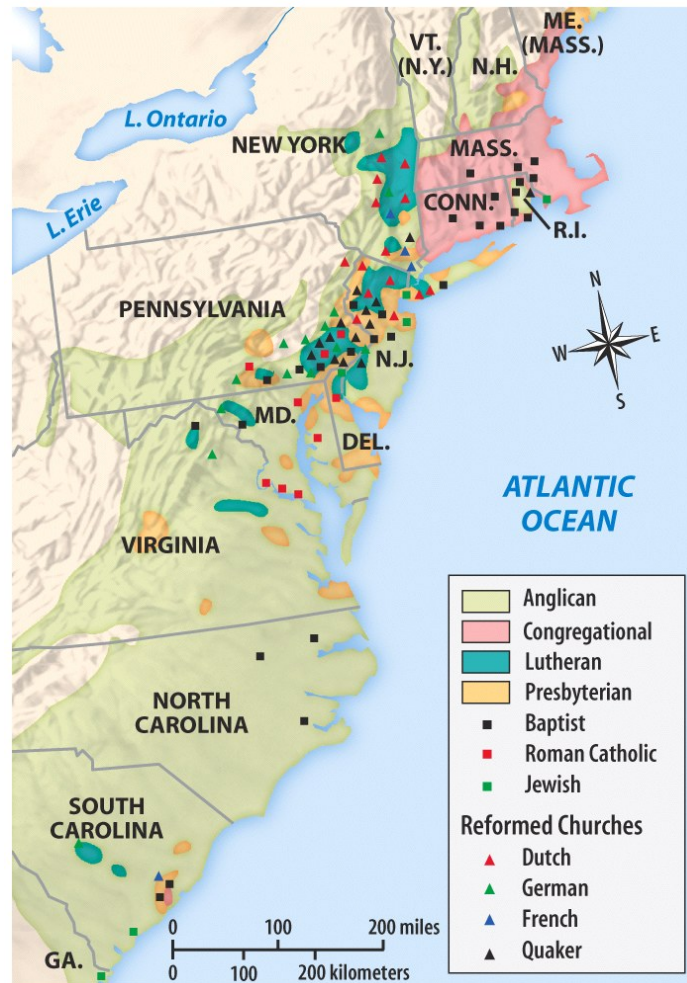
Dr. Foster continued:

"The tyranny of the king ... finally aroused the Christian sensibilities of the people. They would no longer tolerate burnings or mutilations for matters of conscience on religious views ...

The persecutions drove tens of thousands of liberty loving believers to **follow the Pilgrims to New England** where they laid the foundation for **the world's most biblically based nation."**

An experiment was attempted in New England, where **pastors and churches founded cities:**

- Plymouth, Massachusetts-
Pilgrims'
Reverend John Robinson &
Elder William Brewster;
- Providence, Rhode Island-
Reverend Roger Williams;
- Barnstable, Massachusetts-
Reverend John Lothrop;
- Exeter, New Hampshire-
Reverend John Wheelwright;
- Boston, Massachusetts-
Reverend John Cotton;
- Hartford, Connecticut-
Reverend Thomas Hooker.



Reverend Thomas Hooker had a conflict with Boston's Puritan Reverend John

Cotton over who was allowed to vote in elections: Cotton insisting only Puritans could vote; whereas Hooker said anyone who was a Christian should be allowed to vote..



This led **Hooker** to lead his "covenant" congregation in 1636 from Massachusetts, through the wilderness, to found the **city of Hartford, Connecticut.**

Settlers soon asked **Reverend Hooker** if he could preach a sermon on how they should set up their government.

Nearly a century before Europe's "Age of Enlightenment," **Reverend Thomas Hooker** preached a sermon, May 31, 1638, explaining: "The **foundation of authority** is laid in the free **consent of the people.**"

This phrase was later reflected in the Declaration of Independence: "... government from the **consent of the governed.**"

This was radically different from Europe where **kings did not ask the people for their consent.** They claimed to be "divinely appointed" and ruled through fear, having armies to force their subjects to obey.

Hooker explained further: "The privilege of **election** ... belongs to **the people** ... according to the blessed will and law of God." This is reflected in the U.S. Constitution: "**We, the People.**"

Hooker continued his sermon in 1638:

"Deuteronomy 1:13 **'Choose you wise men and understanding and known among your tribes** and I will make them heads over you captains over thousands, captains over hundreds, fifties, tens' ...



The **choice of public magistrates** belongs unto **the people** by Gods own allowance ... They who have power to **appoint officers and magistrates** it is in their power also to **set the bounds and limits of the power** and places unto which they call them."

Hooker's sermon was written down and became the constitution for the colony, called the **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut**, used for nearly two centuries, from 1639 up until 1818.



The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, stated:

"Where a people are gathered together the word of God requires that to maintain the peace ... there should be an **orderly ... government established according to God** ...

The people ... conjoin ourselves to be as **one public state or commonwealth** ... to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the **Gospel of our Lord Jesus** which we now profess."

Who were "the people"?" It was **Pastor Hooker** and his **"covenant" congregation**.

Here again was a **church group forming itself into a**

political group, similar to the Separatist Pilgrims with the *Mayflower Compact*: "**We ... covenant ... ourselves together into a civil body politic.**"

It is noteworthy that **they** picked the form of **government** which would best "**preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.**"

The ideas proposed in **Hooker's** sermon were revolutionary as for most of the world, the foundation of authority was the will of a divinely-appointed king, emperor, czar, sultan, maharaja, or chieftain.

Nowhere in **The Fundamental Orders** is any acknowledgement made to the **King** as in other charters, ie.: "our dread Sovereign"; "our gracious Lord the King."



Instead of the top-down government, like a pyramid, with a "divinely-appointed" king ruling through fear, it was a **bottom-up government**, like the **roots of a tree**, drawing nourishment from the virtuous involvement of **every citizen**.



Settlers had fled from Europe where kings would burn people at the stake for not believing the way they did.

New England

pastors

understood that since Jesus never forced anyone to follow him, they could not either.

The KINGDOM OF GOD was not to BE FORCED top-down by a theocratic king.

NEW ENGLAND experiment

Pastors realized the KINGDOM OF GOD could NEVER BE FORCED from

top-down



BUT if the PEOPLE held godly values & elected REPRESENTATIVES with their values, then LAWS would be passed reflecting

those values -

voluntarily from bottom-up



The only way for it to happen was if the majority of PEOPLE held godly values and willingly voted for REPRESENTATIVES holding their values, then LAWS would be passed reflecting those values, and the values of the KINGDOM OF GOD could come **voluntarily from the bottom-up**.

Psalm 110:3 "Thy people shall be WILLING in the day of thy power."

The Fundamental Orders were used in **Connecticut** till 1818, serving as a blueprint for other **New England** colonies and eventually the **United States Constitution**.

George Washington, who presided over the **Constitutional Convention**, later dictated a "talk" August 29, 1796:

"Beloved Cherokees, The wise men of the United States meet together once a year, to consider what will be for the good of all their people ... I have thought that a **meeting of your wise men once or twice a year** would be alike useful to you."

The Fundamental Orders were described by Historian John Fiske in his work *Beginnings of New England*,

Cambridge, 1889, as:

"The **first written constitution** known to history that created a government. It marked **the beginnings of American democracy**, of which **Thomas Hooker** deserves more than any other man to be called the father. The **government of the United States** today is in **lineal descent** more nearly related to that of **Connecticut** than to that of any of the other thirteen colonies."

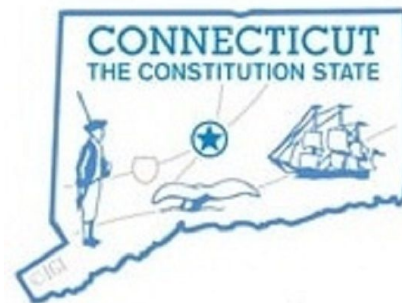


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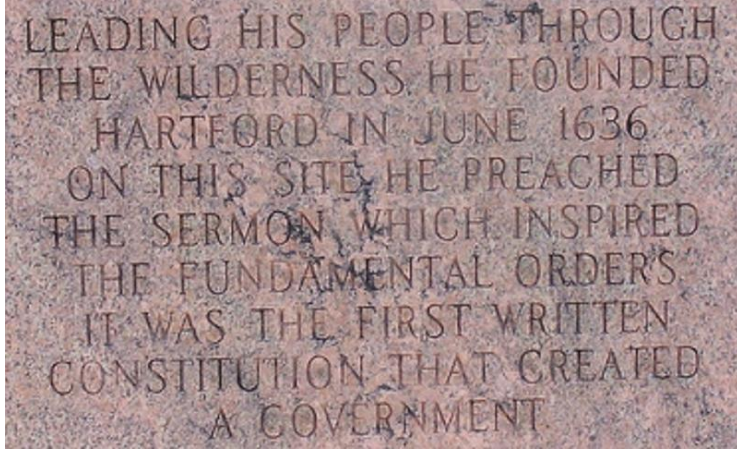
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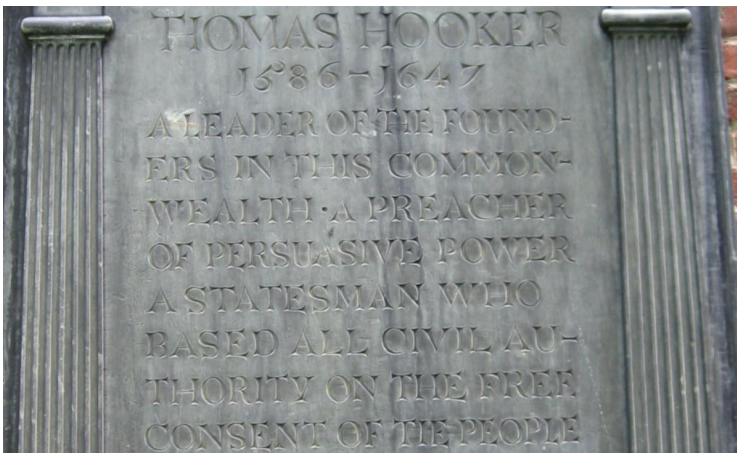
A statue of **Reverend Thomas Hooker** holding a Bible stands prominently at the Connecticut State Capitol, with the inscription on the base:

"Leading his people through

the wilderness, he founded **Hartford** in June of 1636. On this site he preached the **sermon** which inspired **The Fundamental Orders**. It was the first written Constitution that created a government."



A marker on the back of Center Church next to Hartford's Ancient Burial Grounds, reads:



"Thomas Hooker 1586-1657 • A

Leader of the Founders of this Commonwealth • A **Preacher** of Persuasive Power **who Based All Civil Authority on the Free Consent of the People** • This tablet is placed near the site of his burial by The Connecticut Society of The Colonial Dames of America. A.D. 1915."

A plaque erected in Hartford by the Daughters of the American Revolution reads:



"In 1636, The Church in Newtown, Massachusetts, **Thomas Hooker**, Minister, was transplanted to

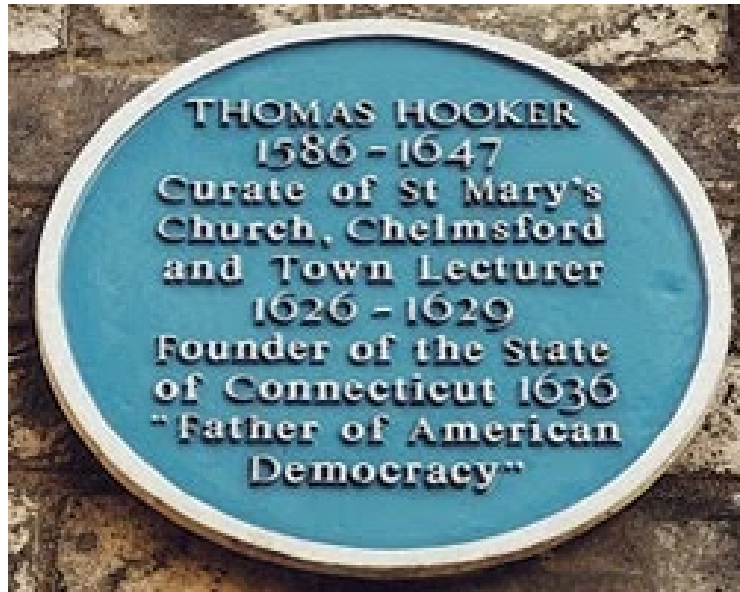
this locality, called Meeting House Yard, Old State House Square, City Hall Square.

Near this site on May 31, 1638, **Thomas Hooker** preached his Famous Sermon: **'The Foundation of Authority is Laid In the Free Consent of the People.'**

Near this site on January 14, 1639, representatives of the three river towns adopted **The Fundamental Orders Of Connecticut**, 'The first written constitution known to history that **created a government.**'"

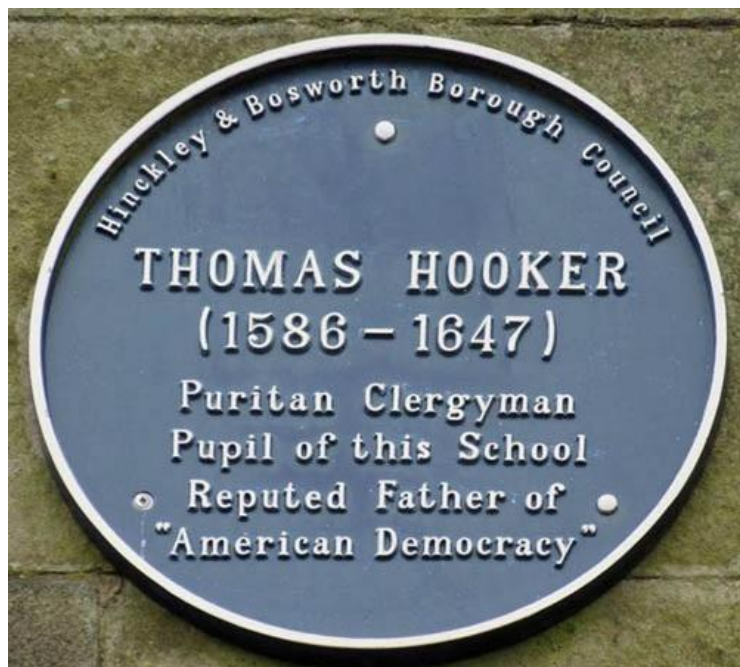
A historical marker in England reads:

"Thomas Hooker
1586-1647,
Curate of St.
Mary's Church,
Chelmsford and
Town Lecturer
1626-1629,
Founder of the
State of Connecticut 1636, **'Father of American
Democracy.'**"

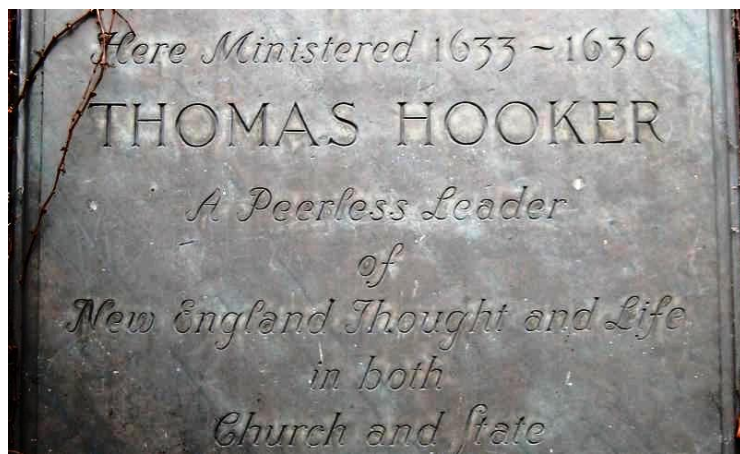


Another marker reads:

"Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, **Thomas Hooker**, (1586-1647), Puritan Clergyman, Pupil of this School, Reputed **Father of 'American Democracy.'**"



A plaque in
Cambridge,
Massachusetts,
reads:



"Here Stood The
Original Meeting
House of the First
Church in

Cambridge. Built in 1632 and the center of the Civic and
Religious Life of the Town. Here Ministered 1633-1636
**Thomas Hooker - A Peerless Leader of New England
Thought and Life in both Church and State."**

**Hartford's
Traveler's Square**
has a **bronze statue
of Connecticut's
first settlers** and a
plaque which reads:



"In June of 1635,
about one hundred
members of
Thomas Hooker's

congregation arrived safely in this vicinity with one
hundred and sixty cattle. They followed old Indian trails
from Massachusetts Bay Colony to the Connecticut River
to build a community. Here **they established the form
of government** upon which the present **Constitution of
the United States is modeled."**

This is a significant acknowledgment, that their
"covenant" congregational church government
became their **colonial government** became the **U.S.
Constitution.** The word **"federal"** is Latin for
"covenant."

In New England, instead of separation of church and

state, it was pastors and churches that created the state.

How could someone say, "Pastor, do not preach on politics" when it is the pastor sermon that is their constitution? How could someone say "Church members should not be involved in politics" when all there was in Hartford was the church members? There were like no non-church members there to be lazy and let them run everything.

A commentary on this was written by **Dr. Charles Hull Wolfe**, who had been a Marxist till he changed his views after conducting an independent study of American economics. He helped found and was the first executive director of **The Plymouth Rock Foundation**.



Dr. Wolfe, together with **Dr. D. James Kennedy**, wrote "Restoring the Real Meaning of Thanksgiving," 1989, stating:

"When the brilliant **Rev. Thomas Hooker** left Boston and settled in Hartford, he promptly called for three Connecticut towns to join together in forming a colony. **Hooker followed the Pilgrim pattern** and led the people of Connecticut in framing a **written compact for civil self-government** rooted in Mosaic tradition.

He used as his text, 'Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.' Deuteronomy 1:13.

Hooker preached a scholarly sermon that guided the men of **Connecticut** in framing the **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut** in 1639, commonly called 'the world's first complete written constitution,' though, in fact, Plymouth had framed a complete constitutional charter,

the **Pilgrim Code of Law**, three years before."

The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut added:
"According to the truth of the said Gospel ... our civil affairs to be **guided and governed** according to such Laws, Rules, Orders and Decrees as shall be made ...

The Governor ... shall have the power to administer justice according to the Laws here established, and **for want thereof, according to the Rule of the Word of God.**"

In **New England**, instead of separation of church and state, it was the **pastors and churches that created the state!**

President Calvin Coolidge stated at the 150th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Philadelphia, July 5, 1926:

"The principles ... which went into the Declaration of Independence ... are found in ... **the sermons ... of the early colonial clergy** who were earnestly undertaking to instruct their congregations in the great mystery of how to live.

They preached equality because they believed in the **fatherhood of God** and the **brotherhood of man.**

They justified freedom by the text that **we are all created in the divine image ...**

Placing every man on a plane where **he acknowledged no superiors**, where no one possessed any right to rule over him, he must inevitably **choose his own rulers** through a **system of self-government ...**

In order that they might have freedom to express these thoughts and opportunity to put them into action,
WHOLE CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR PASTORS

"MIGRATED TO THE COLONIES."

Romans 13:1 states:

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is **NO AUTHORITY EXCEPT** that which **GOD HAS ESTABLISHED.**"

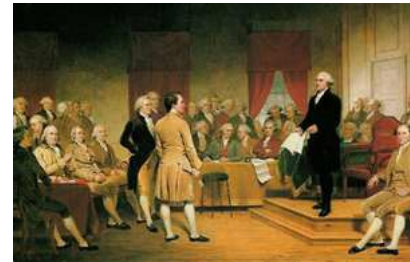


In other countries the authority was the king.



A "KING," as defined in *Webster's 1828 Dictionary*, is: "The chief or **SOVEREIGN** of a nation; a man invested with supreme **AUTHORITY** over a nation, tribe or country; a monarch. Kings are absolute."

In America, God allowed the founders to establish a **government** where, instead of a single man being the supreme authority, **THE PEOPLE are the SUPREME AUTHORITY.**

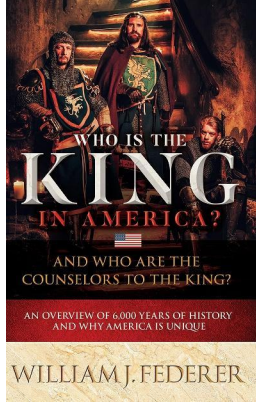


The King of England looked the **King Saul and on part of the Bible** for his authority - the "divine right" of kings, but in contrast, the colonial founders of America looked to the **pre-King Saul part of the Bible**, the four hundred year period of the Hebrew Republic, where millions of people were taught the law and were personally accountable to God to follow it.

In essence, the **U.S Constitution** was a way for the **PEOPLE** to **prevent** one person, whether a King or a **President**, from ruling through **mandates** and **executive orders**. It was a way to **prevent one-person-rule**.

[Who is the King in America? - An Overview of 6,000 years of History and](#)

Why America is Unique



Signer of the Constitution
Gouverneur Morris wrote:

"This magistrate is not the king.
THE PEOPLE are THE KING."



John Jay, the First Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court,
wrote in *Chisholm versus
Georgia*, 1793:

"THE PEOPLE are the
SOVEREIGN of this country."



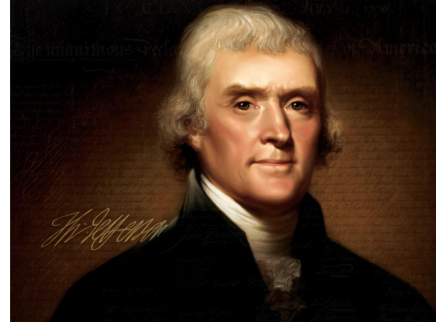
Signer of Constitution **James
Wilson** stated at the
Pennsylvania Convention to ratify
the U.S. Constitution:

"SOVEREIGNTY resides in THE
PEOPLE; they have not parted
with it."



Thomas Jefferson wrote to
William Johnson, 1823:

"But the Chief Justice says, 'There must be an ULTIMATE ARBITER somewhere.' True, there must ... The ULTIMATE ARBITER is THE PEOPLE."



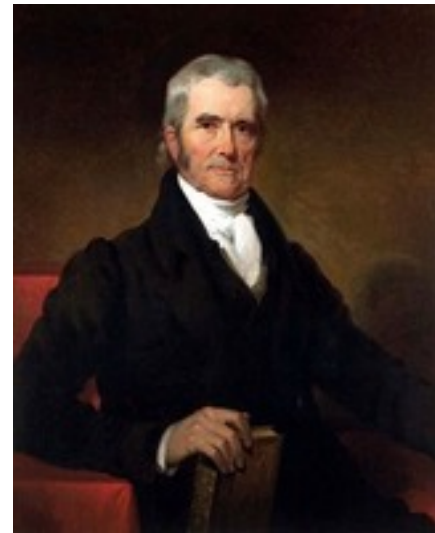
James Madison wrote in *Federalist No. 46*, 1788:

"The ULTIMATE AUTHORITY ... resides in THE PEOPLE ALONE."



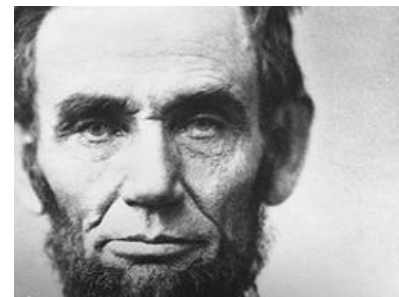
Chief Justice John Marshall wrote in the case of *Cohens v. Virginia*, 1821:

"THE PEOPLE made the Constitution, and THE PEOPLE can unmake it. It is the creature of their own will, and lives only by their will."



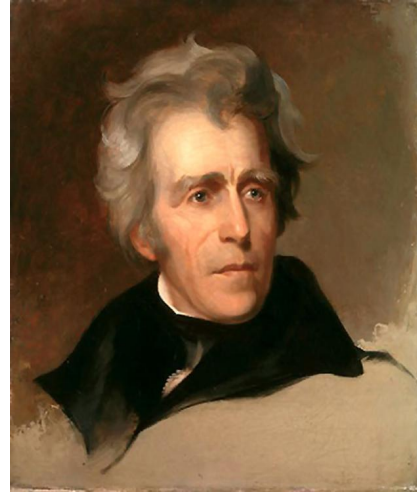
Abraham Lincoln said in a debate with Stephen Douglas:

"THE PEOPLE of these United States are the rightful MASTERS of both Congresses and Courts."



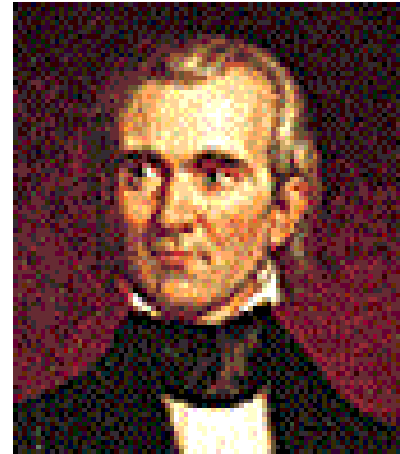
President Andrew Jackson wrote to William B. Lewis, Aug. 19, 1841:

"THE PEOPLE are the government, administering it by their agents; they are the government, the SOVEREIGN POWER."



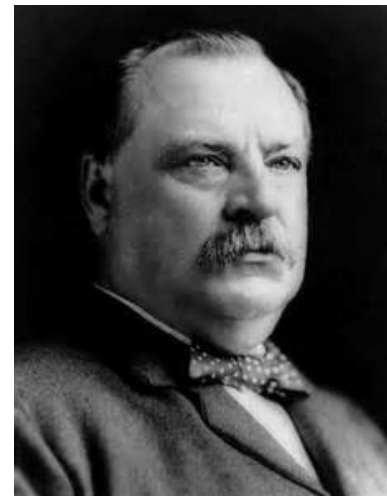
President James K. Polk stated Dec. 7, 1847:

"The PEOPLE are the only SOVEREIGNS recognized by our Constitution ... The success of our admirable system is a conclusive refutation of the theories of those in other countries who maintain that a 'favored few' are born to rule and that the mass of mankind must be governed by force."



President Grover Cleveland stated, July 13, 1887:

"The SOVEREIGNTY OF 60 MILLIONS OF FREE PEOPLE, is ... the working out ... of the divine right of man to govern himself and a manifestation of God's plan concerning the human race."



President Gerald Ford stated at Southern Methodist University, Sept. 13, 1975:

"Never forget that in America our SOVEREIGN is THE CITIZEN ... The state is a servant of the individual. It must never become an anonymous monstrosity that masters everyone."

President Ronald Reagan opened the John Ashbrook Center in 1983, stating of America's founders:

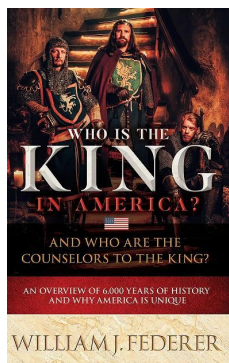
"The Founding Fathers understood that only by making government the servant, not the master, only by positing SOVEREIGNTY in THE PEOPLE and not the state can we hope to protect freedom."

President Donald J. Trump stated January 20, 2017:

"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."

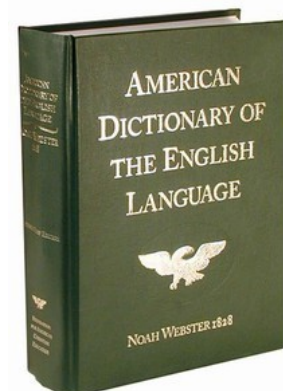
General Omar Bradley stated in his Armistice Day Address, Nov. 10, 1948:

"In the United States it is THE PEOPLE who are SOVEREIGN ... The Government is THEIRS - to speak THEIR voice and to voice THEIR will."



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Webster's 1828 Dictionary defined "**REPUBLIC**": "exercise of the SOVEREIGN POWER is lodged in representatives elected by THE PEOPLE."



The Pledge of Allegiance is to the Flag "and to the **REPUBLIC** for which it stands."

In a **REPUBLIC**, the **PEOPLE** are **KING**, ruling through individuals they chose to represent them.

James Wilson wrote in his *Lectures on Law*, 1790-91:

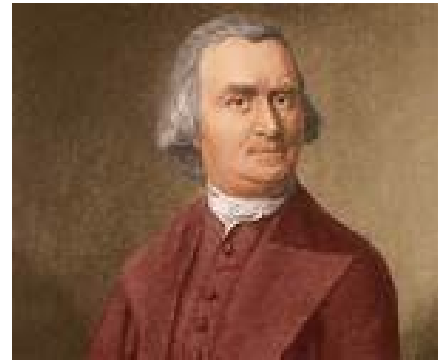
"In a free country, EVERY CITIZEN forms a part of the SOVEREIGN POWER: he possesses a vote."

Voting is not just a right, but a responsibility for which every citizen will be held accountable to God.

Not to vote is to abdicate the throne.

Sam Adams stated in 1781:

"Let EACH CITIZEN remember at the moment he is offering his VOTE ... that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.



When individuals dishonor the flag, what they are saying is, they no longer want to be the king--they want someone else to rule over them.

Socialism is a creative sales campaign for dictatorship.

People will not knowingly surrender control of their lives, so

those selling dictatorship have two methods to take power from the PEOPLE:

1. **FEAR** – Trade Freedom for Security

2. **FREE STUFF** – Trade Freedom for Dependency

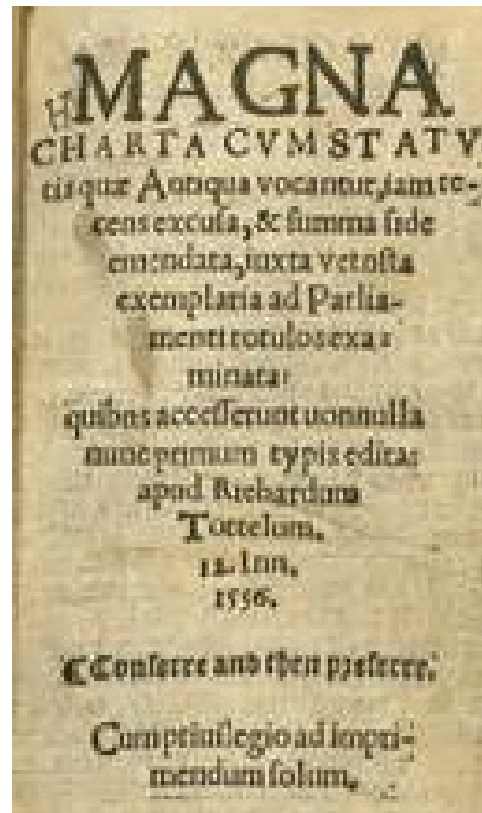
1) **FEAR**: When PEOPLE are in fear they will trade

freedom for security;

2) **FREE STUFF:** In exchange for entitlements, PEOPLE will **incrementally trade freedom for dependency.**

Where did America's founders get these idea of people ruling themselves?

They did draw some ideas from **English Common Law** and the **Magna Carta**, which limited the arbitrary power of a king.



They did draw some ideas from the **Roman Republic** and the **Athenian Democracy.**



Ultimately, though, America's New England founders looked back to **Ancient Israel.**

It took **nine states** to ratify the **United States Constitution**, eight had, and **New Hampshire** was in line to be the 9th, but its ratifying convention stalled.



Harvard President Samuel Langdon then gave an address, June 5, 1788, titled **"The Republic of the Israelites an Example to the American States,"** stating:

"Instead of the twelve tribes of ISRAEL, we may substitute the thirteen states of the American union, and see this application plainly ...



The ISRAELITES may be considered as a pattern to the world in all ages ... Government ... on republican principles, required laws; without which it must have degenerated immediately into ... absolute monarchy ...

How unexampled was this quick progress of the ISRAELITES, from abject slavery, ignorance, and almost total want of order, to a national establishment perfected in all its parts far beyond all other kingdoms and states!

From a mere mob, to a well regulated nation, under a government and laws far superior to what any other nation could boast!"

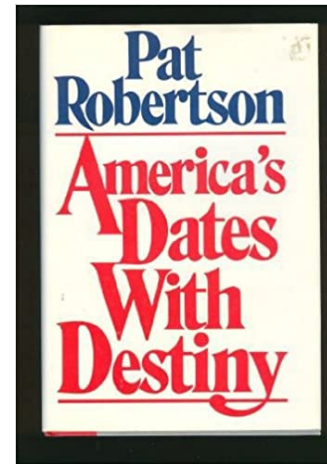
Langdon concluded:

"It was a long time after the **law of Moses** was given before the rest of the world knew any thing of government by law ...

It was six hundred years after **Moses** before... Grecian republics received a very imperfect ... code of laws from Lycurgus. It was about five hundred years from the first founding of the celebrated Roman empire ... before the first laws of that empire."

After Langdon's address, **New Hampshire** ratified the U.S. Constitution, thus putting it into effect.

Dr. Pat Robertson wrote in *America's Dates with Destiny*, 1986:



"What was happening in America had no real precedent, even as far back as the city-states of Greece. The only real precedent was established thousands of years before by **THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL** in the **covenant** with **God** and with **each other**."

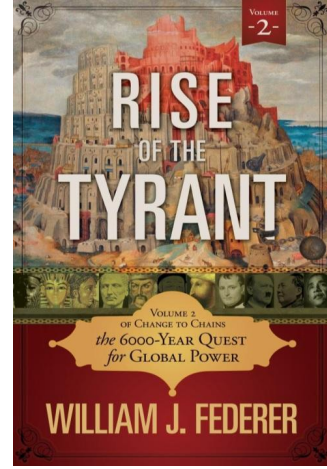
What was the **Republic of the Israelites**?

Around 1,400 BC, the Children of Israel left Egypt and entered the Promised Land.



As explained in detail in the book **"Rise of the Tyrant: Volume Two of Change to Chains-The 6,000 Year Quest for Global Control"**:

***Ancient Israel** was the first well-recorded instance of an entire nation ruled without a king, that first 400 year period in the Promised Land.



***Ancient Israel** taught that **everyone, male and females**, was made in the image of the Creator who was not a respecter of persons, commanding judges to **treat everyone equally before the law**. This was the beginning of the **concept of equality** on planet earth. There was no royal family to curry favor with for the 400 year period prior to King Saul.

***Ancient Israel** had a system of honesty, as God hates unjust weights and measures. This provided a basis for commerce.

***Ancient Israel** had the land divided up and permanently titled to each individual family. This prevented a dictator from gathering up the land and putting the people back into slavery. If someone owned land, they could accumulate possessions: the Bible called this being blessed. And you could give away some of your possessions: the Bible called this "charity." Karl Marx wanted the exact opposite, as he wrote in his Communist Manifesto, 1848: "The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property."

***Ancient Israel** had a bureaucracy-free welfare system. When someone harvested their field, they left the gleanings for the poor.

***Ancient Israel** was the first nation where everyone was taught to read.

***Ancient Israel** had no police, as the people were not

only taught the Law, they were accountable to enforce it.

Albert Einstein stated:

"The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if **every single citizen** feels duty bound to do his share in this defense are constitutional rights secure."

***Ancient Israel** had no prisons, as the Law required swift justice at the city gates and a "city of refuge" where fugitives could flee to await a trial.

***Ancient Israel** had no standing army, as every man was in the militia, armed, and ready at a moment's notice to defend his community.

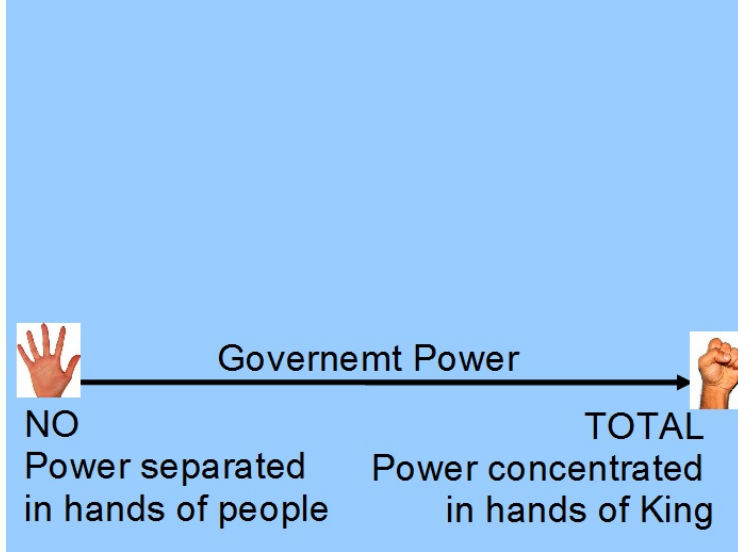
***Ancient Israel** had the people of every town gather in the meeting house -- synagogue -- where they were taught the Law and where they **chose their elders** who would sit in the gates:

- Deuteronomy 1:3-13: "How can I myself alone bear ... your burden? ... TAKE YOU wise men, and understanding, and KNOWN AMONG YOUR TRIBES, and I will make them rulers over you."
- Deuteronomy 16:18–19 "Judges and officers SHALT THOU MAKE THEE IN ALL THY GATES which the Lord thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes."
- Exodus 18:21 "Moreover thou shalt provide OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."

There is a spectrum of power, with

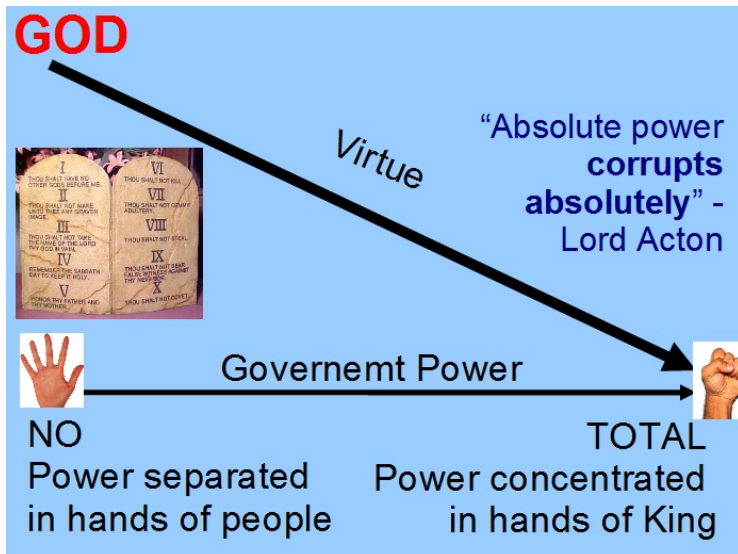
TOTAL government on one side and NO government on the other.

On the TOTAL government side, power is concentrated into the hands of a king who rules through fear.



On the NO government side, there is anarchy, unless the people have internal morals.

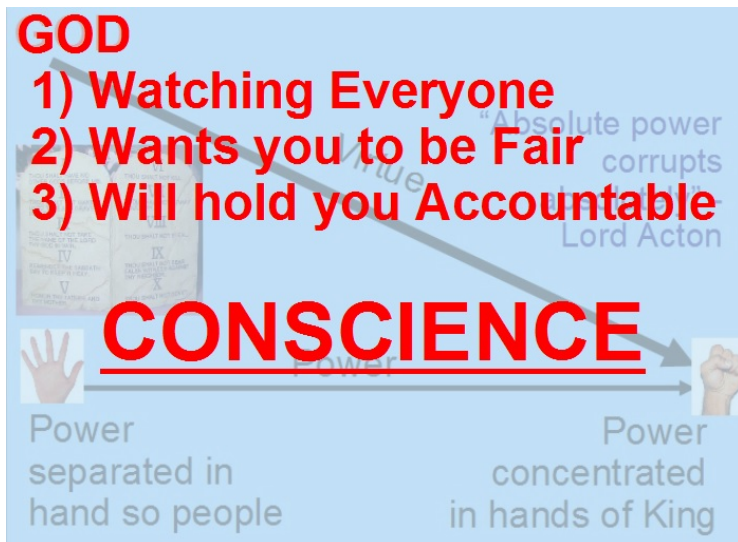
But why would a person obey internal morals?



Ancient Israel had the key ingredients:

- 1) God is watching everyone;
- 2) God wants you to be fair; and

- 3) God will hold you accountable in the future.



If you had the opportunity to steal and not get caught, you might considered it.

But if you remember God is watching, that He wants you to be fair, and that He will hold you accountable in the future, you would hesitate.

This is called having a "**conscience.**"

If everybody in the nation believes this, there would be complete order with no police following everyone around.



Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan stated in 1908:

"There is a powerful restraining influence in the belief that an All-seeing eye scrutinizes every thought and word and act of the individual."

This only works, though, with the God of the Bible.

An Islamic Allah permits lying, stealing, and raping infidel kafir non-Muslims.

Only the God of the Bible declares that all men and women are equal, made in the image of the Creator, and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Claude Fleury wrote in *The Manners of the Ancient Israelites*, 1681:

"The **Israelites** were perfectly free. They enjoyed the liberty cherished by Greece and Rome. Such was the purpose of God."

E.C. Wines wrote in *Commentaries on the Laws of the Ancient Hebrews, with an Introductory Essay on Civil Society & Government* (NY: Geo. P. Putnam & Co.,

1853):

"Another of those great ideas, which constituted the basis of the **Hebrew state**, was liberty ...

The **Hebrew people** enjoyed as great a degree of personal liberty, as can ever be combined with an efficient and stable government."

Ancient Israel's unique system was dependent upon the **Levites** and priests teaching the Law.



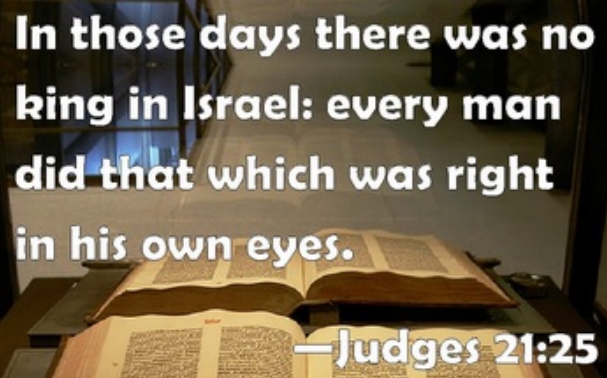
Pilgrim Governor William Bradford wrote in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, 1650, how he wished he could read the scriptures in the original Hebrew language:

"I have had a longing desire, to see with my own eyes, something of **the most ancient language, and holy tongue**, in which **the Law, and oracles of God were writ**; and in which God, and angels, spoke to the holy patriarchs, of old time; and what names were given to things, from the creation.

And though I cannot attain to much herein, yet I am refreshed, to have seen some glimpse hereof; -- as Moses say the Land of Canaan afar off -- my aim and desire is, to see how the words, and phrases lie in the holy text; and to discern somewhat of the same for my own content."

When the **Levites** and priests neglected

teaching the **Law** "every man did what was right in their own eyes," immorality and domestic chaos resulted, and the people begged for a king to restore order.



The prophet **Samuel** cried, and the Lord told him, "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."



Israel got King Saul, who shortly thereafter killed most of the priests.

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Harvard President Samuel Langdon, in his address

"Government Corrupted by Vice," May 31, 1775, referred to ancient Israel:

"The only form of government which had a proper claim to a divine establishment, was so far from including the idea of a king, that it was a high crime for **Israel** to ask to be in this respect like other nations; and when they were thus gratified, it was rather as a **just punishment.**"

This is a warning to republics, that if the consciousness of God is removed and people yield to their unrestrained selfish passions and lusts, there will be domestic chaos, random violence, mobs smashing windows and looting in the streets.

In this crisis, people will beg for a strong leader to restore order.

This leader will send militarized police down the street, who will go house to house collecting all the weapons.

Order will indeed be restored, but when the dust settles, the people will have given up ruling themselves and will have returned to being ruled by a king.

Could various state and national leaders in America, in times of crises, usurp power and fundamentally transform the country into a dictatorship?

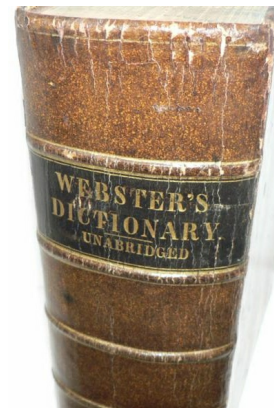
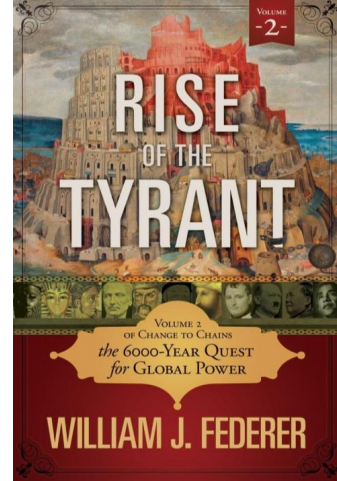
For the American Republic to last, citizens must learn from the early New England pastors, from **ancient Israel**, and return to the God of the Bible.

Noah Webster wrote in the preface of his 1828 *Webster's Dictionary*:

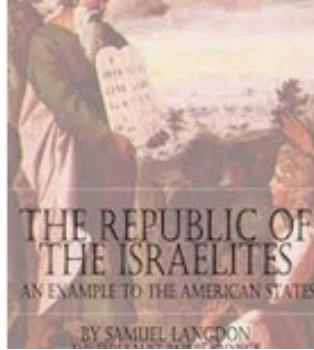
"The Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed ...

No truth is more evident to my mind than that the **Christian religion** must be the **basis of any government** intended to secure the **rights and privileges of a free people."**

**Harvard
President
Samuel Langdon**
ended his
address:



"**God** in the course of his kind providence hath given you **an excellent Constitution of government,**



*Sam
Langdon*

founded on the most rational, equitable, and liberal principles, by which all that liberty is secured ... and you are empowered to make righteous laws for promoting public order and good morals;

and as he has moreover given you by his Son Jesus Christ ... a complete revelation of his will ... it will be your wisdom ... to ... **adhere faithfully to the doctrines and commands of the gospel, and practice every public and private virtue.**"

Daniel Webster concluded his Plymouth Rock address, December 22, 1820, with a warning:

"Ye **future generations!** We would hail you, as you rise in your long succession, to fill the places which we now fill ...

We welcome you to the blessings of good government and **religious liberty** ...

We welcome you to the immeasurable blessings of rational existence, **the immortal hope of Christianity,** and the light of everlasting truth! ...

We are bound ... to convince the world that **order and law, religion and morality,** the **rights of conscience,** the **rights of persons,** and the **rights of property,** may all be preserved and secured, in the most perfect manner, by a government entirely and purely elective.

If we fail in this, our disaster will be signal --

(monumental) --, and will furnish an argument ... in support of those opinions which maintain that government can rest safely on nothing but power and coercion."

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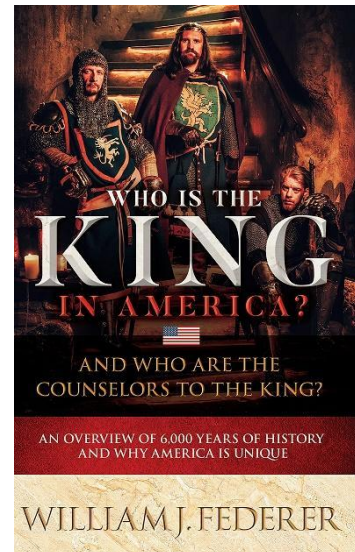
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