

America's Biblical Birth Certificate

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10 Things You Didn't Know About the Declaration of Independence



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Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

America's greatness and pride stem from God. With Him, America deserves the blessing and can remain as the mightiest nation. With God, you can preserve your dignity and the leadership of the world. If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline; it will be subjugated by satanic hands. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will become a living hell.

SMM, God Bless America, Yankee Stadium, June 1, 1976

Hello,

In his guest sermon at the Newfoundland Sanctuary Church, Rev. Peter Begley presented the Declaration of Independence as America’s “Biblical Birth Certificate,” arguing that its core principles originate in the God of the Bible rather than Enlightenment philosophy or secular government.

Opening with Job 7:16 and Job 12:7-10, Begley urged listeners to let creation itself testify: “But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you... Who among all these does not know That the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?”



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He then discussed “10 Things You Didn’t Know About The Declaration of Independence,” a surprising look at the “birth certificate of America.”



1. Rights come from God, not government

The document states: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Begley emphasized, “So far as I know America is the only country that says our Rights come from the God of the Bible, Jehovah.” He links this to Matthew 5:44-45, noting that God sends sun and rain on the just and unjust alike; inalienable rights are therefore universal gifts from the Creator, not grants from any government.

2. God is mentioned four times

The Declaration identifies God as “Nature’s God,” “Creator,” “Supreme Judge of the World,” and “Divine Providence.” Begley explained: “He, as a legislator, is called the maker of the Laws of Nature being Nature’s God, the Creator ie. the Founder, Supreme Judge of the World, the judicial branch and Divine Providence the executive branch.” These four references frame the entire document as dependent upon the biblical God.

3. Taxation is the 17th grievance of 27 listed in the Declaration

Of the 27 grievances against King George III, taxation without representation ranked only seventeenth. Begley asks why educators reduce the Declaration to “no taxation without representation” when the document’s opening and structure place far greater weight on God-given rights and the right of the people to alter or abolish destructive government.

4. Judges are mentioned five times



Five of the 27 grievances address judicial tyranny. Begley, speaking in Pennsylvania, notes ongoing

judicial overreach and cites Psalm 2:6-12: “Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth... You shall break them with a rod of iron.”

He concluded that roughly 18.5 percent of the document concerns abuses by the judicial branch.



5. The God of the Bible is identified in the State Constitutions

Skeptics claim the Declaration’s language refers to a generic or deist god. Begley counters that the same men immediately wrote state constitutions that explicitly identify the biblical God. The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 required officeholders to swear: “I do believe in one GOD, the Creator and Governor of the Universe, the Rewarder of the good and the Punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.” Similar requirements appeared in other states.

On slavery, Begley clarified that the Bible condemns “man stealing” (Exodus 21:16; 1 Timothy 1:10) and that the Founders opposed the African slave trade; the Constitution banned its importation after twenty years, and America was among the first nations to outlaw it.

He quoted former slave Frederick Douglass: “The declaration of independence is the ringbolt to the chain of your nation’s destiny... The principles contained in that instrument are saving principles.”

6. Article 7 of the US Constitution

The final sentence of the Constitution reads: “done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth.” Begley highlighted the deliberate phrasing “our Lord” and notes that the Declaration is legally referenced, not merely nostalgic.





7. Laws of Nature defined

The sermon's opening scripture (Job) calls believers to observe creation. Begley explains that the "Laws of Nature" are God's will revealed in nature, while "Nature's God" is His will revealed in Scripture.

He illustrated First Amendment rights from nature: birds sing freely (speech), monkeys warn one another from trees (press), wolves gather in packs without permission (assembly), and a dog complains when hungry (redress of grievances).

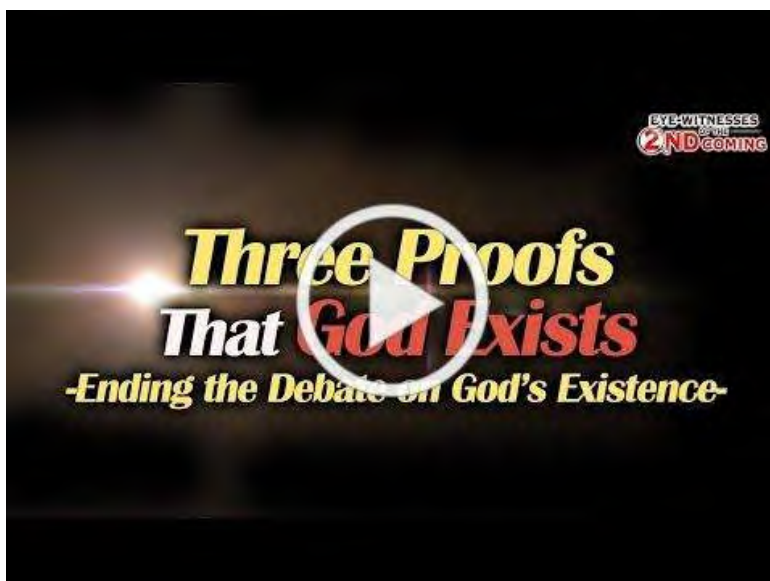
Joshua 24:15 supplies freedom of religion. The Second Amendment reflects universal self-defense; Jesus affirms the Castle Doctrine in Luke 11:21: "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed."

Abraham Lincoln observed that nothing in nature enslaves its own kind, and nothing in nature aborts its offspring—both slavery and abortion therefore violate the Laws of Nature.

Begley credits Christian ministers such as Rev. John Wise, whose 1717 work *The Law of Nature in Government* was reprinted in 1772 and influenced the Founders directly. The British called these pulpit patriots the "Black Robed Regiment."

8. It is tied to the Adamic and Noahic Covenants of the Bible

Begley states that the three rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (property)—originate in Genesis 1:28: "God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"





“Be fruitful and multiply” establishes the right to life; “fill the earth” (through invention and technology) requires liberty; “subdue... and rule” grants the right to private property. The Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:4-6) supplies the due-process bylaw: if life is taken, the murderer’s life is required. The Ten Commandments function as the moral constitution protecting these rights.

Begley concludes: “America was not born in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia. America was born in Eden.”

9. The Christian denominations of the 56 signers

Public church records reveal the religious affiliations of the signers: 28 Episcopalians, 8 Presbyterians, 7 Congregationalists, 2 Lutherans, 2 Dutch Reformed, 2 Methodists, 2 Roman Catholics, 1 unknown, and only 3 deists. “A full 93 percent of its members were members of Christian churches.”

10. The cost in loss of lives, family, health and property

Nineteen signers served in uniform; two died at British hands, seven more during the war, five were captured and imprisoned, seventeen lost estates or fortunes, and many lost wives or children. Francis Lewis’s home was destroyed and his wife brutally treated; she died from the abuse. William Floyd’s family became refugees. John Adams warned posterity: “You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it!”

The signers closed with the famous pledge: “And for the support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” Begley closes by urging every American to read the 1,335-word Declaration each July 4th. He invokes the Liberty Bell inscription from Leviticus 25:10—“Proclaim Liberty throughout the land”—and ends with Psalm 33:4-12: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

Through these ten points, the sermon presented the Declaration of Independence not as a secular political manifesto but as a covenantal document grounded in the biblical Creator who endows every human being with unalienable rights, holds governments accountable, and calls nations to align with His Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.



Today’s David: To Those Who Declare War on Communism

by Ethan King

The Church declines, democracy fades;
Communism advances step by step.

The Church dares to criticize its own divisions,
Yet fears to challenge the lies of totalitarianism.

Today's America faces Goliath's daily taunts:
"O God-fearing America!
Is there anyone who dares to come out and fight?"

Alas, the crowds flee in competition, filled with fear,
And no one is willing to take up the challenge.

Everyone is asking:
"Where is David?
Who can stand up against Goliath?"

Yet, God has not forgotten His people.

When the fox reveals its tail,
When Goliath struts with arrogance,
God's time has come.

He did not choose those in the royal palaces,
Nor did He choose the famous pastors of the religious establishment.

He chose a shepherd—
A political outsider.

Despised, mocked, slandered, attacked, and put on trial,
Yet time and again, he stands at the center of the storm.

When everyone said:
"It is impossible for him,"

God said: "He is the one."

(read rest of [Ethan King's poem](#))

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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For God does not see as man sees.

Man looks at the outward appearance,
But the Lord looks at the heart.

He has slain the lion,
And he has struck down the bear.

Now, he stands before Goliath, declaring without fear:

"Let no man's heart fail because of this Philistine!
Your servant will go and fight with him!"

Goliath relies on the sword, the spear, and the javelin—
And relies on power, money, media, lies, and intimidation.

But he comes in the name of the Lord of Hosts,
The living God whom Communism despises, and the nations look down upon.

Today's battlefield is not the Valley of Elah,
But the minds of men;

The enemy is not the Philistines,
But Communism—which denies God, opposes the truth, and enslaves the human heart.

Today,
May God Himself deliver Goliath into the hands of His people;

May totalitarianism be struck down,
May the truth be exalted,
May freedom rise again.

May all the earth know:
There is still a Lord over the nations, who rules history and judges the earth.