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*WHAT IF AMERICA WERE A CHRISTIAN NATION AGAIN? not only lays out the clear facts of history, but points the way to an America where our Christian essence is once again a matter of both public and private record.*

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## Chapter 2 : What if America Were a Christian Nation Again? by D. James Kennedy

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The lack of this distinction automatically assigns the potential evil of the denominational religion to the doctrinal religion as explained below. The pilgrims were ultimately forced to leave Europe and flee to the land we now know as America because of persecution and oppression. This persecution and oppression was a result of the Church of England, the Anglican Church, becoming the state church. It was an unholy alliance giving more power to both the church and the state to control the people. The Anglican Church was a denominational church that persecuted religious nonconformists like the Puritans that just wanted to believe in the Bible and worship accordingly. As such they were not really a denomination. They were more of a doctrinal religion. In this case the denominational religion was the evil and the doctrinal religious group was the victim. However, the denominational religion was not the only perpetrator of evil. The state was also a perpetrator. Neither states nor denominational religions are inherently evil. We are not always fearful of either a state or a denominational religion. It is the persecution and the oppression that are inherently evil. They can come from any organization that has power. However, the establishment clause was definitely added to the constitution to prevent a denominational religion from becoming the state religion not the doctrinal religion of Christian Theism. Deception The current implied meaning of the "Separation of Church and State" metaphor and its use is just the opposite of what was intended and what historical facts justify. Our framers feared a state denominational church based upon European history. The constitutional restrictions were targeted at our government to prevent it from making a denominational religion the state church. We actually embraced the Christian Theism doctrinal religion as the state religion. Now we are rejecting any expression or symbol of our doctrinal religion, which our framers embraced. We are treating the doctrinal religion of our heritage like a virus that must be expunged from the public square. We also have inverted the original intent of the "Separation of Church and State" metaphor. The oppression that the Christian Theism religion is now undergoing through the ACLU and activist judges is the same evil that the establishment clause in our constitution was intended to prevent. Our current state religion of humanism is using the full power of the government to oppress the nonconformists to its doctrine, which is exactly the opposite doctrine of Christian Theism. God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

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## Chapter 3 : Is America a Christian Nation? - WallBuilders

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Is the United States a Christian nation? Among issues debated in modern politics, few are more controversial than the role of religion. The United States, in particular, finds this subject provocative. The first issue is whether or not the U. In other words, do the history, culture, language, and lifestyle of the nation reflect Christianity, and to what extent? The vast majority of religious expression, terminology, and practice in the U. Of course, as a secular nation, the USA has allowed free expression of other faiths , to varying degrees. Yet the primary religious outlook of the American people has long been that of Judeo-Christianity. In other words, do the prevalent outlook, morals, lifestyle, and attitude of the nation reflect biblical, true-to-the-faith Christianity? This answer is occasionally divisive but has become less so over time. Many of the values Western culture finds indispensable, such as charity, altruism, respect, tolerance, mercy, peace, and so forth are historically rooted in a Christian worldview. These virtues were absent from or explicitly opposed to the pagan worldviews that Christianity replaced in the West. Insofar as the modern U. On the other hand, the modern United States not only tolerates ideas contrary to Christianity, but it openly embraces and celebrates them. Sexual immorality, including pornography, homosexuality, and premarital sex, are widely accepted as normal in the U. Vulgarity, drunkenness, drug use, promiscuity, and other abuses of freedom are also celebrated as forms of entertainment. Atrocities such as abortion are rampant, as are instances of violence, greed, and corruption. In fact, the United States has come to the point where some of these sins are not merely accepted but consecrated; those who do not endorse fashionable behaviors are vilified and ostracized see 1 Peter 4: Even worse, many in the U. Historians can debate at what point the U. In other words, are the structure and form of the U. Ironically, this particular angle is rarely controversial, only as it is seldom considered. It is both ignorant and bigoted to assume all faiths approach ethics and civil discourse the same way or that all religious views lead to the same conclusions. Not every religion is equally compatible with all forms of government. Gasoline engines are designed to run on gasoline. Diesel engines are designed to run on diesel fuel. These two liquids have many similarities, but are not identical. Where they differ, they do so drastically. Gasoline engines and diesel engines, likewise, are similar but diverge in critical ways. Putting diesel fuel in a gasoline engine renders it inoperative. Running gasoline through a diesel engine can destroy it. There is nothing prejudiced about pointing out the obvious: When fed with something else, they no longer function as intended. In much the same way, governments are designed with certain assumptions about the worldview of the population. Attempting to manage a nation using a government incompatible with a particular culture is like putting gasoline in the diesel engine or diesel fuel in the gas engine. Not all combinations of government and religion will work. The point is not that the Constitution of the United States requires citizens or elected officials to be Christian. Nor is it that the government must be an extension of the church. Logic and common sense, however, say the United States was structured to govern a particular worldview. One of the Founding Fathers, John Adams, explained this in emphasis added: Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. Given that such students are appropriately self-controlled, that structure enhances education. Applying the same structure to a classroom of kindergartners, however, would be a disaster; there are other systems of classroom seating and control better suited to young students. Vice versa, classroom rules that allow kindergartners to thrive would be toxic for college students. As compared to the U. In the same vein, George Washington wrote this prayer in a letter from This same worldview is reflected in other concepts fundamental to the U. Ideas such as personal responsibility, rule of law, protection of the innocent, personal property, and

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so forth are deeply ingrained in the Judeo-Christian worldview. At the very least, the U. Constitution reflects a heavy influence of biblical thinking, whether or not any part of that system is explicitly drawn from Scripture. The term happiness itself is more closely tied to religion than many people realize. The word happiness is derived from the idea of outcomes and occurrences. The same idea is present in words such as perhaps, mayhap, happening, happenstance, and so forth. In contrast, religious worldviews such as Islam, Hinduism, and atheism reject, directly or indirectly, principles that the U. Constitution takes for granted. The fundamental ideas on which the U. Constitution operates are either contradictory to or absent from the central ideas of other faith systems. That in no way implies that Muslims, Hindus, and atheists cannot be productive and integrated citizens in the U. There is no question that the government of the United States is structured to allow great personal freedom in matters of ethics, morality, and religion. It is especially designed to prevent government from interfering with individual rights to participate—or not to participate—according to personal religious faith. At the same time, there is no question that the entire function of the U. Constitution presumes a citizenry guided, as Adams noted, by morality and religion. History, once again, is unequivocal: Nor does it insist that the government always be run in accordance with overtly biblical ideas. The Christian religion is not the formal basis of the U. However, just as a gasoline engine is designed to process gasoline, not diesel fuel, the United States Constitution was designed to govern a predominantly Judeo-Christian people. The more the USA drifts away from this worldview, the less capable the government will be to properly function—a symptom that current events prove is the case. What does Christian nation mean? Various angles require different examinations and give a different conclusion. The United States is under no obligation to keep a particular worldview. Nor is it guaranteed to maintain any sort of connection with its Christian heritage. History cannot be changed, but the decision of whether or not the U.

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## Chapter 4 : Is the United States a Christian nation?

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Christian reconstructionism An example of dominionism in reformed theology is Christian reconstructionism , which originated with the teachings of R. Rushdoony in the s and s. His system is strongly Calvinistic , emphasizing the sovereignty of God over human freedom and action, and denying the operation of charismatic gifts in the present day cessationism ; both of these aspects are in direct opposition to Kingdom Now Theology. Full adherents to reconstructionism are few and marginalized among most Christians. Ligon Duncan , [11] Sherman Isbell, [12] Vern Poythress , [13] Robert Godfrey , [14] and Sinclair Ferguson [15] analyze reconstructionism as conservative Calvinists, primarily giving a theological critique of its theocratic elements. McVicar has noted that many leading Christian reconstructionists are also leading writers in paleolibertarian circles. McElwee stated that Catholic Integralists, along with their Protestant counterparts, wish to achieve the goal of establishing a "theocratic type of state". It attracted attention in the late s. Peter Wagner , the founder of the New Apostolic Reformation , writes: Its history can be traced back through R. Rushdoony and Abraham Kuyper to John Calvin. Dominionism and the Christian right[ edit ] In the late s sociologist Sara Diamond [31] [32] began writing about the intersection of dominion theology with the political activists of the Christian right. While acknowledging the small number of actual adherents, authors such as Diamond and Frederick Clarkson have argued that postmillennial Christian reconstructionism played a major role in pushing the primarily premillennial Christian right to adopt a more aggressive dominionist stance. In his study of dominion theology and its influence on the Christian right, Bruce Barron writes, In the context of American evangelical efforts to penetrate and transform public life, the distinguishing mark of a dominionist is a commitment to defining and carrying out an approach to building society that is self-consciously defined as exclusively Christian, and dependent specifically on the work of Christians, rather than based on a broader consensus. In this way, they deny the Enlightenment roots of American democracy. Dominionists promote religious supremacy, insofar as they generally do not respect the equality of other religions, or even other versions of Christianity. Dominionists endorse theocratic visions, insofar as they believe that the Ten Commandments, or "biblical law," should be the foundation of American law, and that the U. Constitution should be seen as a vehicle for implementing Biblical principles. Sarah Posner in Salon argues that there are various "iterations of dominionism that call on Christians to enter According to Posner, "Christian right figures promoted dominionism Biblical Principles for Political Action: Christians have an obligation, a mandate, a commission, a holy responsibility to reclaim the land for Jesus Christâ€”to have dominion in civil structures, just as in every other aspect of life and godliness. But it is dominion we are after. Not just a voice. Christian politics has as its primary intent the conquest of the landâ€”of men, families, institutions, bureaucracies, courts, and governments for the Kingdom of Christ. A spectrum of dominionism[ edit ] Writers including Chip Berlet [58] and Frederick Clarkson [40] distinguish between what they term "hard" and "soft" dominionism. Such commentators define "soft" dominionism as the belief that "America is a Christian nation" and opposition to separation of church and state , while "hard" dominionism refers to dominion theology and Christian reconstructionism. Michelle Goldberg uses the terms Christian nationalism and dominionism for the former view. In many ways, Dominionism is more a political phenomenon than a theological one. It cuts across Christian denominations, from stern, austere sects to the signs-and-wonders culture of modern megachurches. Think of it like political Islamism, which shapes the activism of a number of antagonistic fundamentalist movements, from Sunni Wahabis in the Arab world to Shiite fundamentalists in Iran. Proponents of this idea such as David Barton and D. James Kennedy argue that the Founding Fathers of the United States were overwhelmingly Christian, that founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are based on Christian principles, and that a Christian character is

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fundamental to American culture. Kennedy answered, "We have people who are secular and humanist and unbelievers who are constantly supporting in every way possible other people who share those views. And I think that Christians should be allowed the same privilege to vote for people whom they believe share their views about life and government. No reputable scholars use the term for it is a meaningless neologism that Diamond concocted for her dissertation. Nevertheless, Diamond did originate the idea that Dominion Theology is the "central unifying ideology for the Christian Right". Its strangeness scares people. Berlet wrote that "just because some critics of the Christian Right have stretched the term dominionism past its breaking point does not mean we should abandon the term", [75] and argued that, rather than labeling conservatives as extremists, it would be better to "talk to these people" and "engage them".

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## Chapter 5 : Dominion theology - Wikipedia

*What If America Were a Christian Nation Again?* by D. James Kennedy Some people would gnash their teeth at the idea that America was - and can be again - a Christian nation. They will not be satisfied until they have removed every vestige of our Christian heritage from our minds and from our surroundings.

After all, some of the Founders were Deists and devotees of the Enlightenment, which in its extreme form in France tried to replace God with Reason. Still more argue that America is not a Christian nation now. Barack Obama said on June 28, We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers. It would not be a place like C. You could also sing Jewish songs or secular songs or Muslim songs are there any? You could not sing rap songs with lewd or violent lyrics in places where children might hear. Children would not be thrown out of school, and teachers would not be fired for saying, "Bless you," or praying, or reading the Bible. But they would not be allowed to use profanity or obscene language. Nor would they be forced to endure graphic "comprehensive sex education" starting in kindergarten. The nation would not be saturated with pornography. You could turn on the television without seeing programming that treats promiscuity as normal. Boys would be taught to respect women, and girls would demand respect from men. Women would not be for using, then dumping, or for enslaving. Faithful marriage would be the ideal and the norm. One-third or more of the young women would not have a sexually transmitted disease, or endure the heartbreak of abortion and abandonment by the father of their child. Men would be working to support and protect their families and their communities, not out seeking thrills. Of course there would be still be some crime, which would be punished swiftly and justly. But drive-by shootings, gang rape, rioting, and looting would be virtually unheard of. Children could safely play outside and walk to school. No need for SWAT teams if children have fathers. Everybody would know what a crime was: Having a dissenting opinion or violating an obscure rule would not qualify. Government would imitate Jesus: No prison terms for things like filling in a mud puddle or not filing a form. No excessive taxation to finance Leviathan and its wars and social engineering. A Biblical tax rate would be closer to 10 percent than to 50 percent. No Stasi-like agency collecting data on every tiny infraction from childhood onward that could be used to ruin lives. No Chinese Communist-style indoctrination or self-incrimination sessions. Life would still not be altogether "fair," but this would not be seen as a source of collective guilt. There would be no victimization industry constantly stirring up animosity over real or imagined wrongs, and demanding reparations or revenge for the sins of great-great-great grandfathers. Instead of assigned essays on "white privilege," schools would teach individual responsibility for behaving justly now. Children would be taught, largely by example, to be grateful and generous, rather than aggrieved and covetous. Lying and cheating would not be tolerated. Not in schoolchildren, and not in politicians or prosecutors. Bearing false witness would be a crime and a disgrace. Virtue would be encouraged and rewarded, vice stigmatized, and the definitions would not be reversed. Virtues include temperance, thrift, diligence, patience, and fidelity. Vices include gluttony, avarice, sloth, envy, and lust. The biggest fear that many seem to have about living in a Christian nation concerns abortion. In ancient Rome, abortion or exposure of unwanted children was common. In America, abortion is much more common, now being less dangerous for women, but newborns are still abandoned, more often in dumpsters where they are less likely to be found than on a hillside. What Christians did then was to rescue, baptize, and adopt the babies. Ancient Rome is long in ruins. Christianity grew and thrived. What kind of nation do we have? What kind of nation do we want?

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## Chapter 6 : Separation Of Church And State 2

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Is America a Christian Nation? So what is an accurate definition of that term as demonstrated by the American experience? Contrary to what critics imply, a Christian nation is not one in which all citizens are Christians, or the laws require everyone to adhere to Christian theology, or all leaders are Christians, or any other such superficial measurement. Not in the sense that Christianity is the established religion or that the people are in any manner compelled to support it. On the contrary, all religions have free scope within our borders. Numbers of our people profess other religions, and many reject all. Nor is it Christian in the sense that a profession of Christianity is a condition of holding office or otherwise engaging in public service, or essential to recognition either politically or socially. In fact, the government as a legal organization is independent of all religions. Nevertheless, we constantly speak of this republic as a Christian nation – in fact, as the leading Christian nation of the world. In every country, the morals of a people – whatever they may be – take their form and spirit from their religion. For example, the marriage of brothers and sisters was permitted among the Egyptians because such had been the precedent set by their gods, Isis and Osiris. So, too, the classic nations celebrated the drunken rites of Bacchus. Thus, too, the Turk has become lazy and inert because dependent upon Fate, as taught by the Koran. And when in recent times there arose a nation [i. Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, Helvetius, etc. In the United States, Christianity is the original, spontaneous, and national religion. It would be strange, indeed, if with such a people our institutions did not presuppose Christianity and did not often refer to it and exhibit relations with it. In fact, historically speaking, it can be irrefutably demonstrated that Biblical Christianity in America produced many of the cherished traditions still enjoyed today, including: Consequently, a Christian nation as demonstrated by the American experience is a nation founded upon Christian and Biblical principles, whose values, society, and institutions have largely been shaped by those principles. The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were. Capitol a practice that continued through the 19th century and was himself a regular and faithful attendant at those church services, 14 not even allowing inclement weather to dissuade his weekly horseback travel to the Capitol church. Capitol building was available for church on Sundays was due to the Art. Constitution was cited by federal courts as proof of the Christian nature of America. He once explained to a friend while they were walking to church together: No nation has ever existed or been governed without religion. The Christian religion is the best religion that has been given to man and I, as Chief Magistrate of this nation, am bound to give it the sanction of my example. For example, in when some citizens sought a complete secularization of the public square and a cessation of all religious activities by the government, Congress responded with unambiguous declarations about America as a Christian nation: Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle. At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged, not any one sect [denomination]. Any attempt to level and discard all religion would have been viewed with universal indignation. In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity; that, in its general principles, is the great conservative element on which we must rely for the purity and permanence of free institutions. We are Christians, not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay a due regard to Christianity? In fact, consider five representative images produced by the U. The first three are from World War II: The fourth and fifth images are from the Department of Agriculture in the s, using the Bible and even Smokey Bear in prayer as symbols to encourage Americans to be conscious of fire safety and to help preserve and conserve nature. There are scores of other official actions by the U.

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Congress over the past two centuries affirming that America is a Christian nation. Supreme Court Justices regarding America as a Christian nation. Story is considered the founder of Harvard Law School and authored the three-volume classic Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States. One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society. In [our] republic, there would seem to be a peculiar propriety in viewing the Christian religion as the great basis on which it must rest for its support and permanence. McLean served in the U. Congress, as a judge on the Ohio Supreme Court, and then held cabinet positions under two U. His view on the importance of Christianity to American government and its institutions was unambiguous: For many years, my hope for the perpetuity of our institutions has rested upon Bible morality and the general dissemination of Christian principles. This is an element which did not exist in the ancient republics. It is a basis on which free governments may be maintained through all time. Free government is not a self-moving machine. Our mission of freedom is not carried out by brute force, by canon law, or any other law except the moral law and those Christian principles which are found in the Scriptures. Brewer held several judgeships in Kansas and served on a federal circuit court before his appointment to the Supreme Court. In addition to his already noted statements, Justice Brewer also declared: We constantly speak of this republic as a Christian nation "in fact, as the leading Christian nation of the world. We classify nations in various ways: One is a kingdom, another an empire, and still another a republic. And still again by religion. One is a Mohammedan nation, others are heathen, and still others are Christian nations. This republic is classified among the Christian nations of the world. It was so formally declared by the Supreme Court of the United States. In the case of Holy Trinity Church vs. United States, U. This is a Christian nation. Before being appointed as Chief Justice of the U. Supreme Court by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Warren had been the Attorney General of California. I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it: I like to believe we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I like also to believe that as long as we do so, no great harm can come to our country. This is a Christian Nation. More than a half century ago that declaration was written into the decrees of the highest court in this land [in an decision]. This is a Christian country "it was founded by Christians and built on broad Christian principles. It is in precisely this Christian country that Jews have known the most peaceful, prosperous, and successful existence in their long history. Just ask the Jews of secular Europe. I believe that it is good that America is a Christian nation. I have had the privilege of speaking in nearly every Jewish community in America over the last 30 years, and I have frequently argued in favor of this view. Recently, I spoke to the Jewish community of a small North Carolina city. When some in the audience mentioned their fear of rising religiosity among Christians, I asked these audience-members if they loved living in their city. All of them said they did. Is it a coincidence, I then asked, that the city you so love for its wonderful people, its safety for your children, its fine schools, and its values that enable you to raise your children with confidence is a highly Christian city? Too many Americans do not appreciate the connection between American greatness and American Christianity. Clearly this nation was established by Christians. As an American Jew. Jews are safer in a Christian America than in a secular America. The framers may not have mentioned Christianity in the Constitution but they clearly intended that charter of liberty to govern a society of fervent faith, freely encouraged by government for the benefit of all. How is it, one well might ask, that in a Christian nation this is happening? And in case you find that designation objectionable, would you deny that India is a Hindu country, that Turkey is Muslim, that Poland is Catholic? This is a Christian nation, my friends. And all of us are fortunate it is one, and that so many millions of Americans have seen fit to live up to the highest precepts of their religion. It should never be forgotten that, in the main, it was Christian soldiers who fought and died to defeat Nazi Germany and who liberated the concentration camps. Merry Christmas, my friends. Without a vibrant and vital Christianity, America is doomed, and without America, the west is doomed. Just think of Europe!

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## Chapter 7 : About Me - Jerry Newcombe : Jerry Newcombe

*In this book Kennedy and Newcombe document that incontrovertible fact that America began as a Christian nation. And "we can get back on track before it's too late," they say.*

## Chapter 8 : What If America Were a Christian Nation?

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