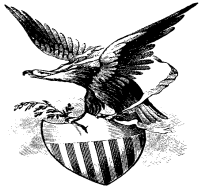


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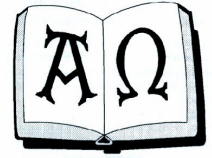
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### A Foundation Built on Faith

Quotes from the founding Fathers

As we contemplate what the 4th of July means to us as a nation and a people we need to take a moment to reflect on our nation's rich history and the principles on which it was founded.

"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 - That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed..." - *The Declaration of Independence*

"The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power." -*Alexander Hamilton*

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." -*John Adams*

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." -*John Jay, First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court*

"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention...The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other." - *Alexis de Tocqueville, French Historian*

"The religion which has introduced civil liberty, is the religion of Christ and his apostles, which enjoins humility, piety and benevolence; which acknowledges in every person a brother, or a sister, and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity, and to this we owe our free constitutions of government." -*Noah Webster*

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep forever." -*Thomas Jefferson*

"Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." -*George Washington*

"Those people who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants." -*William Penn*

"The Almighty God has blessed our land in many ways. He has given our people stout hearts and strong arms with which to strike mighty blows for freedom and truth. He has given to our country a faith which has become the hope of all peoples in an anguished world." -*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

"The right to freedom being the gift of the Almighty...The rights of the colonists as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of The Great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament." -*Samuel Adams*

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do and, with the help of God, I will do!" -*Everett Hale, Chaplain of the United States Senate*

"Almighty God...I yield thee humble and hearty thanks that thou has preserved me from the danger of the night past, and brought me to the light of the day, and the comforts thereof, a day which is consecrated to thine own service and for thine own honor. Let my heart, therefore, Gracious God, be so affected with the glory and majesty of it, that I may not do mine own works, but wait on thee, and discharge those weighty duties thou requirest of me. Give me grace to hear thee calling on me in thy word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation and peace to the saving of the soul in the day of the Lord Jesus. Grant that I may hear it with reverence, receive it with meekness, mingle it with faith, and that it may accomplish in me, Gracious God, the good work for which thou has sent it. Bless my family, kindred, friends and country, be our God and guide this day and for ever for His sake, who lay down in the Grave and arose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen." -*From the Prayer Journal of George Washington*

### ***News Update & Info for the Week***

Russia's blatant move to expand its borders through the Arctic is indicative of a quest for worldwide power that may propel the nation toward fulfillment of ancient prophecies that place it as a leader of all the armed forces against Israel. Russian scientists have returned from a six-week mission in the Arctic to claim that the 1,220-mile long underwater Lomonosov Ridge is geologically linked to the Siberian continental platform - and similar in structure. The Russians

are refuting a United Nations convention that says no nation can claim jurisdiction over the Arctic seabed because the geological structure does not match the surrounding continental shelves. Currently, Russia, Canada, the U.S., Norway and Denmark are limited to a 200 mile economic zone around their coasts.

The reason Russia is going public with its claim is that geologists believe the arctic ridge has ten billion tons of gas and oil deposits and significant sources of diamonds, gold, tin, manganese, nickel, lead and platinum. According to a story in Britain's Daily Mail, the Russian claim has diplomats in an uproar. The U.S. State Department dismissed the claim as unacceptable. A Canadian diplomat was surprised. But a British diplomat gave keen insight when he told the Daily Mail that "Putin wants a strong Russia, and Western dependence on it for oil and gas supplies is a key part of his strategy. He no longer cares if it upsets the West."

Russia is once again making a play to establish its own one world order. Its alliances with oil producing Arab and Islamist states indicate that the strategy is to control the world's natural resources in order to control the world's political environment. Certainly, Russia has shown that it doesn't care if parts of Europe freeze in the winter, so long as it is paid its own asking price for natural gas which is often linked to the political goals of its trading partners. Russia has been busy signing gas and oil exploration and development agreements with Middle East nations, and its relationship with Iran hinges on arms and nuclear technology in exchange for oil and gas.

Ezekiel 38:9 speaks of Gog, modern day Russia attacking Israel, "you will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you." Included on the list of Russian allies in the attack against Israel are Iran and the nations of Northern Africa. Russia believes that Israel should not exist, and it arms and politically sides with terrorist groups whose mission is to destroy Israel. For Russia to be so bold as to openly attack Israel, Russia must believe it can do so without reprisal. One way to ensure its path is to have leverage over all the nations. Part of Russia's current plan is to leverage all the energy resources in the world against those who would support Israel. This is how prophecy is unfolding before your eyes.