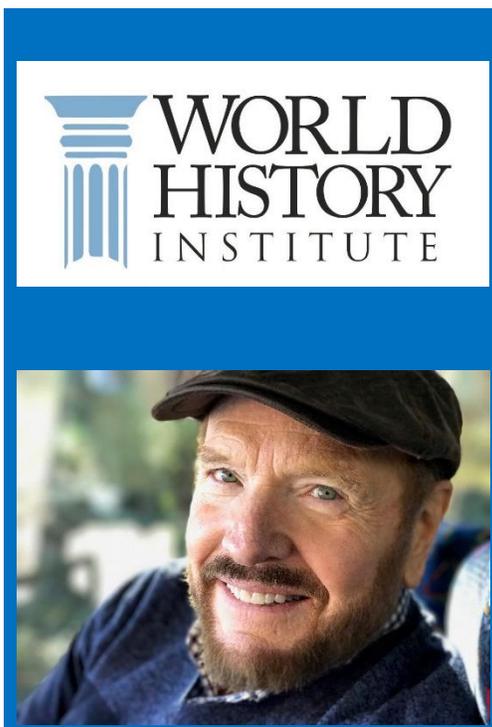




IMPACT OF THE BIBLE TOUR



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Recently I had the privilege of leading a tour to the Grand Opening of the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. This inspiring journey gave hope to all who were there that God has not forgotten America!

Is it not providential that the largest Bible museum in world history has opened at this critical time — just a few blocks away from the center of political power in the world? Generations from now Americans may look back and perceive that this event was a monumental turning point in our nation's history.

This museum uncovers the never-changing Biblical strategy of liberty, which was lived out by our forebears. It subtly directs focus away from “top down government” and back to the individual, the family, and the

urgent need to train our children in the Scriptures. Millions of people every year will be visiting this museum dedicated to the Book of books. The Bible is the only depository of wisdom that can bring our nation back to liberty and prosperity.

A visit to the Museum of the Bible will now be a centerpiece of our tours to our nation's capital where we bring tens of thousands of students every year. We believe that the training of youth in the Bible and its impact through history is the key to unleashing God's blessing on our nation.

The father of American Education, Noah Webster, would be rejoicing in this new museum. Webster, a devout believer, said, **“The education of youth [is] an employment of more consequence than making laws**

and preaching the Gospel, because it lays the foundation on which both law and gospel rest for success.” In other words, when we educate our children in God's ways they will grow up to spread the Gospel and protect our nation of laws, especially the Constitution, from the tyranny of relativism, humanism, and socialism.

Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, agreed with Dr. Rush. He spoke to Americans about **“the importance of educating their little boys and girls ... in the love of the Deity and ... the love of their country ... of instructing them in the art of self-government without which they never can act a wise part in the government of societies, great or small; in short, of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system.”**

This Christmas, we celebrate the coming of the “Holy Babe” in a manger. But we also rejoice that this Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead and was enthroned in heaven as the Ruler and Healer of the Nations.

The prophet Isaiah proclaims the coming of the Messiah (Is. 52-54.) He declares the victory of the Messiah over all his enemies. This victory has enabled believers through the ages to be His ambassadors “reconciling the world to Himself.” Isaiah tells us as believers to enlarge our influence in the world. He says, **“For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.”**

We are under no illusion that building of God’s kingdom will be without conflict. It is a spiritual battle. Much of this battle focuses upon the education of the coming generation. Abraham Lincoln wisely said, **“The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next.”**

The enemies of God and have centered much of their attack upon the public schools. Under the leadership of atheist progressives like John Dewey, the “progressive” public-school movement has sadly swept five generations of Americans away from literacy, independent thinking and individual responsibility as taught in the Bible.

By the middle of the 20th century Christians seemed to be losing the battle for the minds of our youth.

John Dewey was quick to proclaim victory over Christianity through the humanist takeover of the schools. He said, **“Education is the most powerful ally of Humanism [the worship of man] and every American public school is a school of Humanism.** What can theistic Sunday Schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of Humanistic teaching?”

But Dewey failed to understand the truth that the **“gates of hell shall not prevail against it [the Church].** His progressive disciples are bewildered and enraged that Christianity has not been defeated. To the contrary, Christians like you and me are rising up. We are educating millions of our youth in home schools and Christian schools. They are learning our Christian history and what the Bible says about the proper role of government. The Museum of the Bible is open, “Merry Christmas” is back and by God’s grace our children will **“inherit the nations and make the desolate cities inhabited.”**

Webster taught the big picture, generational perspective which provides real hope for the future. He and our ancestors understood that though in the short term they may face trials, if they lived in covenant with God, they were laying the foundation for His kingdom to prevail.

The only founding father to sign both the Declaration of independence and the Constitution, Dr. Benjamin Rush, knew that the biblical training of our youth was the only way to

maintain our liberty. He said, “I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them... **yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican [representative] forms of government, that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible.** For this Divine book, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those sober and frugal virtues, which constitute the soul of republicanism.”

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