

**TRUTH CAPSULE NO. 2
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THE U.S. WAS FOUNDED AS A CHRISTIAN NATION

(This is number two of a series which presents irrefutable evidence that this nation was founded as One Nation under God, contrary to the Big Lie established by recent court decisions and supported by deceptive revisionist history books and other opinion-influencing and policy-making sources.

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THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

The Northwest Ordinance was written in the same year as the First Amendment to the Constitution. The Ordinance is ranked number four in importance relative to all Government documents, behind the Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, and the Articles of Confederation.

The Ordinance is important in this discussion of the state-religion relationship as it was established by our Founding Fathers and honored and followed for almost 200 years as the most important foundation of our government.

It is one of the key evidences that the issue regarding separation of church and state and the meaning of the first amendment both must be interpreted in the context of the then sole existing issue to which they were related. That issue which dominated philosophical argument about the very foundation of our governmental system was as follows: should the U.S., like Spain, Germany, France, England and all the other major Christian nations preceding ours, adopt one particular Christian denomination as the official religion of the United States.

The modern lie is that this government wished to separate its foundation laws, culture, education and national principles from all religions.

Like the other Truth Capsules in this series, this one exposes the absurdity of that fundamental lie.

Article III of the Northwest Ordinance reads as follows:

"Article III. Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary for good government, schools and means of education shall forever be encouraged."

In Congress, that sentence was not debatable, and most new bills introduced early in our national life were accompanied by references to the Old and New Testament to validate the proposed legislation.

Christian prayer and the Ten Commandments were taught in all public schools until the middle of the 20th Century. Then the current farce began with an unprecedented ruling by the Supreme Court. Most public schools ignored the court ruling for years as contrary to our Constitution and to a Higher Law.

But now the wave of lies has reached a level of power as to ban, for example, prayer among team mates at athletic events, prayer before meals at the Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel, public Christmas displays and displays of the Ten Commandments (the basis of our Law)

in courts of justice--all crushing blows against the First Amendment's main point: that the free exercise of religion shall not be prohibited.

TRUTH CAPSULE Number Three shall undertake the beginning of an explanation of the specific and sole context in which the term "separation of church and state" was born, what the Amendment was intended to do and what it was not intended to do.