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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA, and your brain masseur. Get ready for your brain massage.

Happy Fourth of July! I hope you'll accept my invitation to join us at the Lighthouse with

fellow God and Gun Clingers to pray with us for America, sing our Anthem with us, salute the flag and pledge allegiance to this "nation UNDER GOD," and be inspired by a fantastic God & Country message. Nursery and children's ministries are provided, but you can keep the clan together if you prefer. Come on by - for three amazing services this July 5, each unique: 9:30 and 10:45 AM, and 5 pm. Come to one or all, and let's rededicate our lives to our founding principles.

[TRUTH]

Columbus testified to the Divine Providence at work in his discovery of America in 1492.¹

The Jamestown experiment failed because it was centered on avarice.² The purpose was commercial, and their relations with the Indians were commercially predatory and mostly hostile. The “authority” for the Jamestown settlement was from England’s King through a royal charter. It was a commercial colony under the supervision of the Crown. Government was “a grant” from royal authority.

Plymouth, however, derived its authority by mutual covenant among the settlers UNDER GOD.³ They established a self-governing civil body. It was organized around the idea of the consent of the governed. They tried a communal economy at first; it failed miserably, and “governor” Bradford scrapped the hated plan and converted the economy to a private ownership model. That’s when Plymouth began to prosper. Plymouth had Squanto, and had favor with the Indians, and lived in peace and prospered for decades.

¹ 1098.0.1-Introduction to Christopher Columbus, Journal of the first voyage https://ems.kcl.ac.uk/print/b001.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com [NOTE: “Columbus’s original handwritten journal no longer survives. What we have today is an abridgment (part quotation, part summary) made by the Dominican friar Bartolomé de las Casas in the 1530s from a copy of Columbus’s original. Both Columbus’s original manuscript and the copy from which Las Casas worked have since been lost.” *ChatGPT-20260703*] See also <https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

² Grady, William, P., *What Hath God Wrought! A biblical interpretation of American history*, Grady Publications, Inc., Schererville, IN, 4th printing, 1996, Jamestown, pp. 27-30, 67, 263, see 29-30.

³ IBID. Grady, pp. 61-68.

The Jamestown settlers came for gold;⁴ the Plymouth Rock separatists came for GOD.⁵

There is a reason America almost universally hails Plymouth Rock as the arrival point of the stock that made America great, rather than Jamestown.

Major revivals of religion swept across the Colonies⁶ while at the same time, tensions between the Crown and the Colonies continued to increase.⁷ The spectacle of religious intolerance began to become commonplace and repugnant to the freedom-loving Christians.⁸ Baptist pastors being jailed for preaching the Bible was common. Patrick Henry, a dedicated Christian who was repulsed

⁴ See Barbour, Philip L., *The Jamestown Voyages Under the First Charter, 1606-1609* (Hakluyt Society). Captain Smith repeatedly describes searches for minerals, trade routes, and to survey the land for economic prospects. Investors hoped to find gold, discover a route to Asia, and profit from natural resources.

⁵ Bradford, William, *History Of Plymouth Plantation*, Effingham Maynard & Co., Publishers, NY Edited: Samuel Eliot Morison, published by Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 1952

⁶ Edwards, Jonathan, *A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God* (1737). This work inspired Whitefield and others passionate about revival to travel to the Colonies. Whitefield, George. *George Whitefield's Journals*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust (reprint). 1738-1739, Savannah, Georgia; 1739-1741, Philadelphia, New York, and New England; 1740, return to Georgia; 1744-1745, third visit preached throughout the colonies; 1751-1752, fourth visit, Georgia; 1754-1755, fifth visit from Boston to Georgia; 1763-1765, sixth visit, New York, Boston, declining health; 1770, seventh and final visit, Charleston, Philadelphia to New Hampshire; d. September 30, 1770, just under six years before the Declaration.

⁷ Best Source: The Declaration of Independence: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/guides/M-654.pdf> Ford, Worthington Chauncey, et al., eds. *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789*. 34 vols. Thomas Jefferson. *A Summary View of the Rights of British America*. Williamsburg, VA: Clementina Rind, 1774. https://www.britannica.com/summary/Thomas-Jefferson?utm_source=chatgpt.com Thomas Paine. *Common Sense*. Philadelphia: Robert Bell, 1776.

⁸ Backus, Isaac. *A History of New England with Particular Reference to the Denomination of Christians Called Baptists*. 3 vols. Boston: Edward Draper, 1777-1796. Edwards, Morgan. *Materials Towards a History of the Baptists in the Provinces of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia*. Manuscript completed ca. 1772 (later published from the manuscript). Semple, Robert Baylor. *A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia*. Richmond: Published by the Author, 1810.

by the abuse of Baptists, was known to visit the local magistrate to bail them out and offer to represent them before court.

The Great Awakening that centered on the ministries of George Whitefield and the Wesley's was moving hearts toward GOD in masses — at the end of Whitefield's ministry, it is reported that he lamented that all his chickens had become ducks. What he meant is that the massive converts from his field meetings could not find his message in the Anglican Church, but found it in the Baptist churches, where they were required to be baptized to join, hence "ducks."

The Baptists preached soul liberty—a key principle that held that a man must be free to choose his religion and beliefs.⁹ Freedom of speech, of conscience, and religion, championed by the Baptists, and resisted, at first, by the Protestants, extended to the freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly, and the freedom to redress grievances against clerical or secular government. These biblical principles began to take hold and shape the American character.

Meanwhile, John Locke laid out the principles of God and Good Government in his *Two Treatises of Government* (1689), which he wrote during the beginning movement of God that sprang into the spiritual Great Awakening, and he laid the foundation for the essential principle of the consent of the governed, among many other biblically based principles for a Christian-based government. He forcefully repudiated the hated doctrines of the Papal Vicar of Christ and the Divine Right of kings. Each of these despised doctrines placed a man in the place of GOD—the ancient and hated doctrine of the Nicolaitans: *Nicos* — Conqueror, *Laitans* —

⁹ Helwys, Thomas. *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity*. London, 1612. See also Backus, Isaac, *An Appeal to the Public for Religious Liberty*, Boston, 1773.

the people, conquering the PEOPLE, bringing them out from under God and under the Church or the State.¹⁰

At about this time, Cromwell¹¹ had executed a tyrant king, was compelled to take the throne, refused to take the title *King* and ruled and warred under the banner, “NO KING BUT CHRIST.” He insisted that his own powers would be constrained within a Constitution that limited the powers of the throne by any title. He executed the tyrants of his day: King Charles by the sword of civil justice, and the Catholic Pope by the Sword of the Lord, which is the WORD OF GOD.

In this milieu, a cast of men was shaped who stood against tyranny and formed a government of, by, and for THE PEOPLE.¹²

They did not base their notions of good government on Greek or Roman philosopher-kings, or on the generally repudiated Papal presumption or the arrogance of a man who called himself King, but on the Bible and the Christian acknowledgment of GOD.

Out of all of this, there emerged in the minds and hearts of Americans the three essential principles that made America great, which are enshrined in our founding documents. I’ll address the

¹⁰ Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance Greek Dictionary: 3531. Νικολαΐτης Nikolaites, nik-ol-ah-ee’-tace; from 3532; a Nicolaite, i.e. adherent of Nicolaus: — Nicolaitane. 3532. Νικόλαος Nikolaos, nik-ol’-ah-os; from 3534 and 2994; victorious over the people; Nicolaus, a heretic: — Nicolaus.

¹¹ Cromwell, Oliver. *The Writings and Speeches of Oliver Cromwell*. Edited by Wilbur Cortez Abbott. 4 vols. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1937–1947. The best-known single-volume biography: Fraser, Antonia. *Cromwell: Our Chief of Men*. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1973. (Revised editions published later.)

¹² Nielsen, Richard. “Lincoln’s ‘Of the People, By the People, For the People’: Tracing the Origins of a Famous Phrase.” *The Gettysburg Magazine*. Nielsen tells us this phrase is found in the prologue of the Wycliffe Bible (Wycliffe, d. 1384, his followers produced the Wycliffe Bible during the period 1382-1395. However, it is not certain that this was added to the text by later editors. The cumulative writings of our Founders and others contemporary with them provide ample support for the conviction that this was a founding principle when the Declaration was written, whether or not it was phrased in this succinct expression. Abraham Lincoln famously used this phrase in his Gettysburg Address, suggesting that it was already generally known.

first and most important one today; it's the 250th year since signing of this document that we celebrate this July 4th.

Five men were commissioned by the Continental Congress — called the “Committee of Five” — to draft a declaration of independence of the 13 colonies from Britain: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, and the youngest among them, Thomas Jefferson. These men agreed to appoint the gifted and articulate Jefferson to create the first draft. He spent three weeks laboring over the project and called his work an expression of “The American Mind.” He humbly acknowledged that he did not originate the notions articulated there, though he embraced them as his own. He understood that he was drafting a document expressing the mind of THE PEOPLE. The Declaration of Independence is a statement of the American MIND, shaped by the Bible and forged in REVIVAL FIRE.

The Declaration of Independence is our founding document, and it is where we find the theological premise of our country and the fundamental reason this country was elevated by GOD.

In the opening paragraph, Jefferson wrote: “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”¹³

The LAWS of NATURE and of NATURE'S GOD served as the premise for the work of John Locke. Nature, being created by GOD, provides a study of the mind of the Creator. Being as we are created in the image and likeness of God, nothing can be more repugnant

¹³ <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/guides/M-654.pdf>

than any man assuming dominance over another, to govern without consent. So political authority is limited within a natural order and guided by a moral structure established by the Creator of mankind. Governments, to be legitimate, must surrender to the maxim of Romans 13 that all power is ordained of God. [IBID. Locke]

No exercise of power is legitimate that is not in submission to the ordaining authority of GOD, the Creator of those governed.

In the next paragraph, Jefferson continued expressing in elegant prose the AMERICAN MIND:

“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.” [IBID. Declaration of Independence-7]

First, the American Mind asserted that some TRUTHS are SELF-EVIDENT. We have a common agreement regarding the various shades of color, and generally speaking, it can be agreed that the sky is blue, the earth is essentially shades of greens and browns, that night is dark and day is light — that men are men, and women are women — you know, that sort of thing! Some truths are self-evident and require no argument to prove. This arises from the notion that creation, which expresses the divine nature, speaks the mind of GOD, and that by virtue of Creation God gave to all mankind equal standing before him and endowed to His image-bearing creature certain rights, which, being endowed to man by His creator, are inalienable.

The inalienability of these rights means they can neither be usurped from without by tyrants nor extinguished by individual or collective abdication. Though tyrants do abuse these rights, and fools yield to that abuse, the rights continue — neither the tyrant

nor the subject can erase innate rights since they come from GOD and not from man. We assert our rights; we don't "take" them, because we already have them.

Rights are not granted by the state (Divine right of Kings), nor are they ours by the toleration of some Prelate (example: the presumptions of the Papacy to dictate faith: see 2 Corinthians 1:24 where Paul confessed that not even he had "dominion over your faith."). GOD has instilled in nature itself the law of natural rights. And, by the way, He will enforce this law.¹⁴

This is another principle that emerged from the preaching of soul-liberty and the meditations of Mr. Locke. He reasoned that there is no such thing as absolute power among men over men, that all are equal in the eyes of GOD, and each endowed with rights by virtue of the fact that each is Created in the image and likeness of GOD.¹⁵

The third appeal to GOD in the Declaration is found in the conclusion of this expression of the American Mind: "We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly

¹⁴ Psalm 9:7-8, see verse 17; the entire Psalm 10; the ideal king is described as one who will "break in pieces the oppressor"; see also Psalm 103:6; 146:7-9; for "He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker" (Proverbs 14:31). (The "poor" refers to those without power being dominated by those who abuse it.)

¹⁵ Locke, John. *Two Treatises of Government*. Edited by Peter Laslett. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988. In his Second Treatise, Chapter XI, §135, he asserts no government authority, not even the most powerful branch, is absolute: "Though the legislative... be the supreme power in every commonwealth; yet...it is not, nor can possibly be, absolutely arbitrary over the lives and fortunes of the people." Also see Second Treatise, Chapter II ("Of the State of Nature"), §6 Locke writes: "The state of nature has a law of nature to govern it, which obliges every one..." and the idea that man cannot give government more power than they possess: Second Treatise, Chapter XI ("Of the Extent of the Legislative Power"), §135 "The legislative cannot transfer the power of making laws to any other hands... being but a delegated power from the people..." Here, Locke teaches that government possesses delegated, not inherent, authority. Government is LIMITED by the People, and Under God.

Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States.” [IBID]

“The Supreme Judge of the World.” This is biblical language: 1Samuel 2:10 “The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.” (The *anointed* refers to Christ, the Messiah.) Psalms 98:9 “The LORD...cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world.” This calls to mind the organizational structure of our government into three branches, each ultimately answerable to GOD and His people: Isaiah 33:22 “For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.” See that the LORD is over the Judiciary, the LORD is over our Legislature, and the LORD is over the Executive. Each is answerable to GOD, who has given to man His image, and endowed to each inalienable, inseparable, and inseverable rights. No government, or individual, or any cabal acting as authority can alienate us from our rights, and they are together inseverable — neither government nor man can separate any individual divine right from the whole without damaging all. Selah! (That means, pause to reflect on that!)

The last of the four mentions of GOD in our Declaration comes at the end: “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.” [IBID]

If we hope to save this nation for our children and theirs, we must make the same pledge:

Our LIVES: Give me Liberty, or give me death.

Our FORTUNES: We cannot serve both GOD and Mammon.
Choose this day Who you will serve.

Our SACRED HONOR: First, be honorable, and second, stand on our honor for what is honorable!

Hold on, my fellow Americans! I'll be right back!

COMMERCIAL:

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere's lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march—an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

Truth makes us free, and Christ's Spirit brings with Him LIBERTY. This is ours by the blood of Christ shed on Calvary. That's where our freedom and liberty from Satan's dark powers were secured, but we must receive CHRIST as LORD, our ONLY KING to receive it, and then "take up our cross" and follow Him to defend and preserve it.

Freedom isn't free. There is a price in blood and treasure to defend against the antichrist spirit that wars against the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Our founders called for eternal vigilance against encroachments of our inalienable rights, and the exercise of our divine right of consent is under attack, while threats abroad and within are raging to enslave us. In terms of protecting our inalienable rights, nothing is more important than election integrity. Reuters calls the Save America act an effort to "press voting curbs," yeah, you wicked antichrist thieves of our liberties, you call it "voting curbs," and arrogantly, without referring to the facts that it seems every patriots knows but Reuters German *Nazi*

style reporting¹⁶ can't see, saying the Save Act is an effort to “curb voting” and that Trump “has long falsely claimed widespread fraud in U.S. elections.”¹⁷ First, the Save America Act is about restoring election integrity, and to frame it as an effort to “curb voting” is a wicked lie. The debate over the extent of voter fraud continues. Lately, Spencer found out that you can't outvote the CA fraud machine. They simply keep counting until they get the result they want. Pray for Hilton, more than that, pray for CA to be broken free from Satan's stronghold on this state.

Understand that the entire legacy of our Republic bequeathed to us rests upon the CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED, lose that, and this House will FALL! Is falling where election integrity is compromised — Blue states all! It's always the Democrats.

It was the Democrat Party that fought to keep slavery. The Democrats formed the KKK; the Democrats fought against the rights of blacks to vote, fought to maintain segregation, all the way — it's been the Democrats. And now, Communism is moving into key positions of power in our country THROUGH THE DEMOCRAT PARTY. The Democrat Party is POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST — promoting tyranny and oppression.

¹⁶ Reuters is not a German-based news source; it is an international news agency headquartered in London, United Kingdom, and is a division of Thomson Reuters. [<https://ultimatepopculture.fandom.com/wiki/Reuters>] While the agency has a strong operational presence in Germany, including dedicated coverage via Reuters Germany News and partnerships with local entities like the Hamburg-based pressphoto agency ddp images, its primary legal and corporate home is in the UK. The organization was founded in 1851 by Paul Julius Reuter, a German-born immigrant who established the company in London after working in Aachen, Germany, using early telegraph and pigeon services to transmit financial and news data. [<https://ultimatepopculture.fandom.com/wiki/Reuters>] OPINION: Started in 1851, it had a reputation for integrity in reporting. The agency has been framing key stories with a left-leaning bias, promoting an “establishment” globalist agenda. It is a medium of the spirit of antichrist and cannot be trusted. It uses the deceitful tactics of Goebbels, and that's why I call it *Nazi-style reporting*. The organization, in my opinion, has come a long way from its mark back in the day when its reporting was more honest.

¹⁷ 1098.28.1-Trump calls housing bill 'a big yawn,' presses voting curbs _ Reuters https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-calls-housing-bill-a-big-yawn-presses-voting-curbs-2026-06-29/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

The key battle before us right now is to restore election integrity.

IRAN: Probably the greatest existential threat against freedom in the world is the terrorist regime in Iran and their ideology of world dominion by violence and force — this is the key characteristic of Satan’s agenda — it started when John the Baptist announced that the Kingdom of God was at hand and called on all to REPENT, from that time forward, “the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force” (Matthew 11:12). God’s rule of the earth through Jesus Christ, His Son, is rejected by the left, and it is embraced by patriots. That’s the dividing line. Choose which side of that line you are going to stand! Christ is KING, or the government is king. Choose the government, and you have sided with tyranny, oppression, and aligned yourself with the Devil.

The latest kerfuffle in the Iran drama is a report that, according to the Jerusalem Post, an Israeli plan to use Kurdish forces to topple the Shia regime occupying Iran was undermined by J.D. Vance under Trump’s orders. It is alleged that the Vice President leaked the plan to Turkish leader, Erdogan, which undermined Israel’s plan.

The Turks don’t trust the Kurds, and I don’t understand what Israel is thinking.

Anyway, Trump vetoed that plan, and it unraveled. Here’s an X-post in which Mosab Hassan Yousef, an American author and public speaker is chastising Trump for not allowing the Israeli plan to go forward. I’ll have to address this Tuesday night during Brain Massage® LIVE (I’m taking the 4th off, you’ll be busy with other things anyway!)

Anyway, Yousef was born in Ramallah in 1978, and was deeply immersed in Hamas until he switched to become an Israeli intelligence resource in the late 1990s. It was not an ideological shift; he clarified that he did not want to go on supporting the death of the innocent. In 2007, he left the West Bank and came to the

U.S., where he was granted asylum in 2010. Later, he became a U.S. citizen. He claimed to have converted to Christianity, but later said he continues to like Jesus' teachings, but he does not identify as a Christian. So, that's who this guy is.

He bitterly resents Trump's "last-minute" veto and rebukes the Vice President: "A 41-year-old Vice President with zero experience in the region decided he knew better than seasoned strategists who have fought the Islamic Republic for decades."

He called it "serious betrayal."

What we do know is that the essence of the story is reported in the Jerusalem Post, but I have no other corroborating sources. I cannot find any evidence that Netanyahu authorized this plan, or whether the outgoing Mossad Chief who "strongly supported it" was going a bit rogue here. Nevertheless, it's what the Jerusalem Post is reporting, so let's take it from there.

It's a stupid idea!

Let's begin with the fact that you cannot trust the Kurds any more than you can trust the Shia regime. Remember what these wicked thieves did with the arms we provided to them with the agreement that they would arm the Iranian people. They stole the arms for themselves. They want to "rule" Iran; letting these thugs topple the Shia regime merely transfers the Iranian people from one lying, thieving oppressor to another. I don't think this liberates the Iranian people. I think it simply changes shirts on the same body.

I agree with the U.S. military strategists that this would be a shortsighted tactical maneuver that does not make sense strategically.

It also points up something Jesus said concerning Jerusalem, the recognized capital of Israel: They would come under the "sword" of Gentile nations until the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). So long as Israel remains under the protection of the

Romans 13 sword in the hands of a “Nation under God,” she will be protected. If she rebels against Christ Jesus’ decree, she will be, once again, scattered among the nations.

I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch. Now let me know if you see them.

You can email me from our website, branmassage.net. That’s brainmassage.net. Find the CONTACT button and click send.

You can leave a message on our Listener Response Hotline: 805.314.2114.

God bless you. God bless America! I’ll see you in Church.