

I was asked to write an article in defense of the Christian faith of our Founding Fathers. If, at the end of this letter, you still have questions or disagreements, I would ask you to visit EadsHome Ministries at [www.eadshome.com](http://www.eadshome.com); for the most extensive listing of Founding Fathers quotes, presidential quotes and Congressional evidences of the Christian heritage of our nation.

The first charge is that our Founders were Deists. A deist is one who believes that God created the universe, but has since left it to its own and has no involvement in it in a personal way. A deist does not believe that God has personally given us His Law, nor does a deist believe that God governs over man in any way, since He is aloof and unknowable personally.

Yet Benjamin Franklin said on Thursday June 28, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention, "God governs in the affairs of man." George Washington said that "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and Bible." And Thomas Jefferson said, And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost the only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? I tremble for my country when I realize that God is just; and that His justice will not sleep forever." *Notes on the State of Virginia, 1781*

At this point, many will say that they believed in God, but weren't Christians.

In 1776, 99.85% of Americans professed Christianity as their faith [98.3% Protestant, 1.55% Catholic] while 0.14% were Jewish and 0.01% claimed neither Christianity nor Judaism. Is it likely that a nation like this would have as its Founders men and women who were not Christians? And what about Alexander Hamilton's Christian Constitutional Society which sought to establish Christian Constitutions for nations around the globe? Benjamin Rush, the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence wrote in his letter to his wife during his final illness: "Blessed Jesus, wash away all my impurities, and receive me into thy everlasting Kingdom." Thomas Jefferson had to defend his faith before the world, as he wrote in a letter to his friend Benjamin Rush, "I am a Christian in the only sense in which He [Jesus] wished any one to be. [April 21, 1803].

Many other such quotes and proofs can be found at our website.

Now some will say, "OK, so a few were Christians, but most were not."

To this Patrick Henry states in his May 1765 speech to the House of Burgesses; "It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

In regards to separation of church and state during James Madison's, "the Father of the Constitution" administration, Congress provided financial relief for three Bible societies.

The Continental Congress allocated money and approved the production of the Holy Bible for all Americans. It was known as the "Aitken Bible" or "the Bible of the Revolutionary War." Even the National Library of Congress today acknowledges this when they say, "the legislators and the public considered it appropriate for the national government to promote a nondenominational, nonpolemical Christianity."

[<http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel04.html>]

This column does not afford the space to give the full defense of our Founders' faith. I only hope that long from now, when I am with Jesus, my descendants do not have to work this hard to defend my faith before those who would claim that I was a Deist.