

AMERICA'S REVIVAL HERITAGE

"Taking Back America" by Teaching the True Origins of Our Nation



While we have been asleep, the enemy has been in the process of robbing us of our identity as a nation. Millions of children and adults in schools and colleges throughout our land are being taught that America's Founders were a collection of rich slave owners, mostly Deists and agnostics, who created a secular state and put up a "wall of separation" to keep out any input or influence from people of faith. This is dangerous and deadly because a people derive their identity from their history. When conquering nations

have wanted to assimilate the conquered into their own society, they have begun by cutting them off from their past. Within 2 or 3 generations the people with no history have no sense of who they are and are then easily assimilated into a new and different culture. This is what Karl Marx was referring to when he said, "People without a heritage are easily persuaded." This is happening in America today!

It is not too late to "Take America Back" by teaching the true history and heritage of America, and I believe *America's Revival Heritage* can play a key role in this. I envision pastors and preachers preaching from it in pulpits across America. I envision Christian schools and colleges incorporating it into their curriculum. **AND I ENVISION HOME STUDY GROUPS THROUGHOUT AMERICA USING IT TO STUDY THE TRUE ORIGINS OF AMERICA, AND PRAYING FOR ANOTHER GREAT AWAKENING IN OUR LAND.**

If you would like to begin a group study using *America's Revival Heritage*, I have posted below a free Study Guide that was designed to accompany the book and help facilitate a group study. You are welcome to copy it and share it with members of your study group. There are 7 chapters in the book and 7 in the Study Guide. I would suggest at least 10 sessions because you will certainly want to give more time to some chapters, especially chapter 6 which is the longest chapter and covers the actual founding of the nation.

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Chapter 1

America: The Original Vision

SUMMARY: The original immigrants to America came in search for a land where they could live out their Christian faith apart from government harassment and free of persecution from the state controlled churches of Europe. They desired to become that “city on a hill” of which Jesus spoke in Matthew 5:14 and, therefore, a light of hope to other nations through their faith in God.

1. _____ arose in England as an attempt to reform the Church of England according to the Scriptures.
2. Those Puritans who came to the conclusion that the Church of England was too corrupt to be reformed and began forming their own congregations were known as _____ Puritans.
3. The Separatist congregation pastored by John Robinson migrated to _____ before coming to America.
4. King _____ told the Separatist Puritans, “Conform yourselves or I will harru you out of the land.”
5. Before disembarking from the Mayflower after arriving on the shores of Cape Cod, all the adult male passengers signed the _____.
6. Following the example of the church covenants, the Puritans drew up written statements that defined the communities they established and these written statements clearly foreshadowed the _____.
7. The Puritans established Harvard College (now Harvard University) to train _____ and to perpetuate their vision of Christian reform.
8. Pennsylvania was settled by the _____.
9. The Quakers took reform a step beyond the Separatist Puritans and rejected all forms _____ and outward ordinances.
10. The Quaker experience in Pennsylvania reminds us that American freedoms will only work when they are applied to a people who are _____ according to Christian principles of morality.
11. The written statements that defined the purpose of the Puritan communities were derived from the Separatist church covenants and they clearly foreshadowed the _____.
12. Benjamin Hart says that it was _____ of the most radical stripe (Separatists, Quakers, Baptists) who were in fact the greatest proponents of religious liberty as codified in America’s governing charter.

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Chapter 2

The Waning of Faith & Vision

SUMMARY: There is no automatic or formal passing of faith from one generation to the next but each generation must know and experience God for itself; and this was certainly demonstrated as the first generation of Puritans passed from the scene. Signs of backsliding among succeeding generations of Puritans included (1) a preoccupation with personal gain; (2) a spiritual coldness and indifference; (3) a loss of brotherly love; (4) a lack of confidence in dealing with Satan and demons; and (5) the use of harshness and force.

1. The goal of first generation Puritans was to live their lives according to Scripture and they prospered because of their faith in God and strong work ethic; but 3rd generation Puritans tended to make _____ their goal.
2. The lust for _____ by 2nd and 3rd generation Puritans led to deteriorating relationships with the _____.
3. The loss of Spiritual vitality among the Puritans was reflected in the _____ which offered partial church membership to those who could not testify of saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
4. The Puritans reacted with harshness to the Baptists and _____ who came into their midst preaching doctrines with which they did not agree.
5. The Puritans' harsh treatment of those who held different theological views indicated the loss of _____ in their midst.
6. The harsh treatment by the Puritans of those with different theological views also highlighted the inherent weakness of a society in which the government is closely aligned with any _____.
7. The witchcraft trials of 1792-93 demonstrate that, by now, many of the descendants of the Puritans were living as _____ Christians.
8. Mark Noll has pointed out that, compared to what was happening at the time in Europe, the actions of the Puritans in the witchcraft trials were quite _____.
9. It was the protests of Puritan _____ that brought an end to the witchcraft trials.
10. Spiritual conditions had become very bleak in America by the end of the 17th century and one pastor called it a _____ time.
11. The general spiritual condition was so bleak that special calls for special times of prayer and _____ were issued throughout the colonies.
12. According to one pastor, there were also annual fast days appointed by the _____.

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Chapter 3

The Vision Renewed as God Awakens His People

SUMMARY: In answer to the sincere cries of His people, God sent a Divine awakening that revived the churches of colonial America and transformed communities up and down the eastern seaboard.

1. _____ was a young Dutch Reformed pastor who began to boldly point out the spiritual apathy and unchristian behavior of people in his congregation.
2. Gilbert Tennent was called by some a _____ because he boldly pointed out the hypocrisy and shallowness of faith among his congregants.
3. Gilbert Tennent challenged the pastors and ministers of his day with a message entitled _____.
4. During the spring and summer of 1734-35 an awesome sense of the Divine presence could be felt throughout the town of _____ where Jonathan Edwards was the pastor.
5. _____ preached a sermon that became well known entitled “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.”
6. _____ erected a log building in which he began classes and this school became known as the Log College and some historians consider it the forerunner of Princeton University.
7. Jonathan Edwards would _____ aloud his sermons that he had meticulously written out in a manuscript.
8. According to Edwards, the _____ in Northampton was left empty as people thronged his house and the church to hear about salvation through Jesus Christ.
9. _____ asked Gilbert Tennent to go on a preaching tour and “water the seed” in every place that he himself had preached.
10. Before delivering the sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” Jonathan Edwards, according to one report, had spent 18 hours pleading with God to “Give me New England or let me _____.”
11. _____ was impressed by Jonathan Edwards’ report of the Awakening in New England and wrote, “We re taught by this happy event how easy it will be for our blessed Lord to make a full accomplishment of His kingdom, and to spread His dominion from sea to sea”
12. When George Whitefield preached in the Northampton church, he noted that _____ wept throughout the sermon.

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Chapter 4

The Marginalized of Society are Awakened

SUMMARY: The Awakening also impacted those who had been relegated to the fringes of American society such as women, blacks, and Native Americans. Significant bridges were built to these groups because the preachers of the Awakening saw everyone in the same predicament—under the power and penalty of sin—with only one remedy for all—faith in Jesus Christ—and this tended to have a leveling and democratizing effect on the populace.

1. The preachers of the Great Awakening saw all people, regardless of race, wealth, or class, as being under the power and penalty of _____ and in need of salvation through Christ.
2. _____, the wife of Jonathan Edwards, was powerfully impacted by the Awakening and this moved her to act outside her traditional roles of wife and mother.
3. Because of the Spirit's presence Sarah Pierpont Edwards was sometimes unable to _____.
4. Jonathan Edwards' commentary on Eve being "the mother of all living" (Gen. 3:20) has prompted some scholars to call his views _____.
5. _____ saw great revival among the Delaware Indians of New Jersey.
6. As part of his preparation for ministry to the native population, David Brainerd often set aside entire days for _____.
7. When the Spirit was poured out on the Delaware of Crossweeksung, NJ, Brainerd said the power of God seemed to descend upon the assembly like a _____.
8. Brainerd died in the home of Jonathan Edwards and Edwards posthumously published his *Journal*, a source of inspiration of which _____ said, "Read carefully over the life of David Brainerd."
9. After a meeting in Philadelphia, _____ said, "Near 50 Negroes came to give me thanks for what God had done for their souls."
10. _____ became the first published African American poet in America and wrote a poem in honor of Whitefield at the time of his death.
11. Among the most ardent opponents of slavery were ministers, particularly the _____.
12. The abolition (anti-slavery) movement of the 19th century had its roots in the _____.

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Chapter 5

George Whitefield and the Nationalizing of the Awakening

SUMMARY: George Whitefield, through his incessant travels, was used by God to bring together the many local and regional revivals into one Divine blaze of Spiritual Awakening; and for the first time the scattered Colonists began to see themselves as a single people with one Divine destiny—as one nation under God.

1. George Whitefield, along with John and Charles Wesley, became a leader of the _____ Revival in England.
2. Whitefield came to America in 1739 with a prayer for the Colonists that they would not live as 13 scattered Colonies but as _____.
3. Benjamin Franklin described the amazing transformation that came over his hometown of _____ as a result of Whitefield's ministry.
4. Whitefield cautioned John Wesley not to over-emphasize outward manifestations lest people become preoccupied with them and led away from the truths of _____.
5. After his conversion, Whitefield said he experienced such an insatiable spiritual hunger that he began to read the _____ on his knees.
6. It was while a student at _____ University that Whitefield met John and Charles Wesley and became a part of the Methodist Revival.
7. Although ordained with the _____ Church, there was not a denominational bone in Whitefield's body.
8. When the population of Boston was estimated at 25,000, Whitefield preached to a huge crowd on the Boston Common estimated at _____.
9. More than anyone else, Whitefield helped to make the Great Awakening a _____ event.
10. Denominational walls were broken down and for the first time the scattered Colonists began to see themselves as a single people with one _____.
11. The preaching of Whitefield and other revivalists also helped _____ the people by putting everyone on the same level before God.
12. Harvard Professor, Perry Miller, said, "The _____ was a direct result of the preaching of the evangelists of the Great Awakening.

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Chapter 6

A Nation Emerges from the Awakening

SUMMARY: The United States of America emerged from the Great Awakening and its Founders and founding documents reflect the principles and values of the Awakening.

1. One of the Founding Fathers, Patrick Henry, said that America was founded, “Not on religions, but on the _____.”
2. _____, considered one of the least religious of the Founders, was a friend of Whitefield and when the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was about to break up in dissension without completing its work, he called the participants to prayer.
3. _____ said, “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”
4. The First _____ opened with an extended time of prayer and the reading of 4 chapters from the Bible including Psalm 35.
5. _____ ordered the Marine Band to provide music in the Sunday church services he attended in the chambers of the House of Representatives.
6. Jefferson used the term “wall of separation” to highlight the fact that the _____ protects churches and religious groups from intrusion by the government.
7. Jefferson closed all presidential documents with the words _____.
8. Chief Justice John Marshall ordered that the _____ facilities be made available to a Christian congregation for their Sunday services.
9. The Founders divided the powers of government because they held the Biblical view that in a fallen world no single individual or group of people could be trusted with absolute _____.
10. American tolerance is rooted in the radical Christianity of its founders who looked to _____ as their example and the New Testament as their guide.
11. In 1854, after a 1 year investigation into America’s History, the U.S. Congress acknowledged that Christianity was the religion of the Founders and said that “In this age there can be no substitute for _____.”
12. After a 10 year study, the Supreme Court, in 1892, concluded that this is _____.

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Chapter 7

You Hold the Key to America's Future

SUMMARY: Jesus has called us to be “salt” and to impact our surroundings with His life and presence. America’s hope does not lie with the next election but with another Divine awakening that will restore the “saltiness” of American Christians empowering us to impact every part of our culture for Christ.

1. Jesus said that we, His people are the _____ of the earth (Matt. 5:13).
2. Jesus also said that salt that loses it _____ becomes useless.
3. Christians who have lost their saltiness are characterized by a lifestyle of personal _____.
4. _____ conducted a survey that revealed that there is little discernible difference in the lifestyles of American believers and unbelievers.
5. Making personal comfort and convenience its governing priority was the sin of the ancient city of _____ (Ezekiel 16:49-50).
6. _____ insisted that the most powerful preaching would have no effect on a society where the Church had compromised with the world.
7. Finney said that if the Church were to live one week as if they believed the _____, sinners would melt down before them.
8. The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence knew that they were putting their lives on the line because the British crown would see their actions as an act of _____.
9. To regain our “saltiness” we must shift from a faith that is centered in “me” to a faith that is centered in _____.
10. It is not enough to curse the darkness, we must also let our _____ shine as Jesus admonished in Matthew 5:16).
11. The solution for America is not a political one, but is a _____ one.
12. Whether America survives its current crises and experiences another national awakening rests squarely on _____.

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