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TRUMP'S GOLDEN IMAGE. AMERICA WILL MAKE AN IMAGE NEXT. IS SHE CHRISTIAN?

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study history and the Bible to see if the United States of America was founded as a Christian nation and how Trump's golden image is foreshadowing the final events of earth's history.
2. Based on history, were some of the first colonists and founding fathers of America Christians? **Answer:** Yes, some were but not all.

The Founding Fathers, Deism, and Christianity

Whatever their beliefs, the Founders came from similar religious backgrounds. Most were Protestants. The largest number were raised in the three largest Christian traditions of colonial America—**Anglicanism** (as in the cases of **John Jay**, **George Washington**, and **Edward Rutledge**), **Presbyterianism** (as in the cases of **Richard Stockton** and the **Rev. John Witherspoon**), and **Congregationalism** (as in the cases of **John Adams** and **Samuel Adams**). Other Protestant groups included the **Society of Friends** (Quakers), the **Lutherans**, and the **Dutch Reformed**. Three Founders—**Charles Carroll** and **Daniel Carroll** of Maryland and **Thomas Fitzsimmons** of Pennsylvania—were of **Roman Catholic** heritage.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Founding-Fathers-Deism-and-Christianity-1272214>

America's Unchristian Beginnings : Founding Fathers: Most, despite preachings of our pious right, were deists who rejected the divinity of Jesus.

...The early presidents and patriots were generally deists or Unitarians, believing in some form of impersonal Providence but rejecting the divinity of Jesus and the relevance of the Bible.

[Examples listed in the article are Thomas Paine, George Washington, John Adams, James Madison]

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1995-08-03-me-30974-story.html>

3. **Note:** While it is true that many of the pilgrims and founding fathers were Christians, the U.S.A. was not established as a Christian nation. Rather, it was established on christian principles as we shall learn. Notice that the phrase "under God" wasn't originally in our pledge of allegiance but was added during the Cold War.
4. **Article:** Why Eisenhower Added 'Under God' to the Pledge of Allegiance During the Cold War

On June 14, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill to insert the phrase "under God" into the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance that children recited every morning in school. Previously, the pledge—originally written in 1892—had contained no reference to religion.

The push to add "under God" to the pledge gained momentum during the second Red Scare, a period when U.S. politicians were keen to assert the moral superiority of U.S. capitalism over Soviet communism, which many conservatives regarded as "godless."

One of the first major groups to call for the addition of "under God" to the pledge was the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. In 1952, it began petitioning the federal government to add the phrase to the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Representative Louis C. Rabaut, a Democrat from Michigan, was persuaded by the petition and introduced legislation to add the phrase to the pledge.

<https://www.history.com/articles/pledge-allegiance-under-god-schools>

5. **Note:** Let's now study the United States of America in Bible prophecy. To understand the 'Image' of the Beast, we must build upon our prior knowledge of the first beast of Revelation 13. Read Revelation 13:11-18. That leopard-like beast represents the Papacy, and the Image of the Beast represents Apostate Protestants of America controlling the civil leaders to enforce Sunday worship by law. Let's confirm these points.
6. Read Revelation 13:11. There is another nation seen rising to power around the time when the Papacy lost its power over the nations. Out of where did this second beast arise?

a) In contrast to the sea, what would the earth represent? Revelation 12:15-16; Job 38:25, 26

7. **Note:** See Revelation 13:10, 11. In the same time period when the first beast (The Papacy) is losing its power and going into captivity (1798), another beast or nation (Daniel 7:17, 23) is rising on the scene. Since waters represents many people and nations, the earth would represent the opposite: a place that is sparsely populated. In Revelation 12, the woman, or the church, fled to a place that was largely uninhabited and there she found rest from the persecution of the Papacy (Job 38:25-26). Based on the Bible, the "earth" in Revelation 12:16 must represent a land or nation that was being established around the time period of 1798. History records that the Pilgrims/Puritans came from the Old World (Europe) to the New World (America) seeking civil and religious liberty in the year 1620. Just a few years before 1798, the United States of America was officially declared a nation in the year 1776. It voted the Constitution in 1787 and then, adopted the Bill of Rights in 1791.
8. The beast has "two horns like a lamb". What do horns represent in scripture? Daniel 8:7; Habakkuk 3:4
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9. Who is the Lamb a symbol of in scripture? John 1:29; Revelation 13:8

10. What two governing principles did Jesus, the Lamb, teach should govern nations? Mark 12:13-17 **Answer:** "Render unto Caesar ... and unto God ..." establishing the principle of liberty of conscience and a separation of church and state.

- a) What are the two principles in America's history that outline the separation of church and state? **Answer:** Republicanism (a nation without a king) and Protestantism (a church without a pope).

"And he had two horns like a lamb." The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as "coming up" in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." **And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity.** {GC 441.1}

11. It is well documented in history that one major reason for the Puritans/Pilgrims fleeing to America was to find civil and religious freedom. However, let's read about how the first colonists ran their society and which person helped lay the foundation for civil and religious freedom by establishing Rhode Island.

Eleven years after the planting of the first colony, Roger Williams came to the New World. Like the early Pilgrims he came to enjoy religious freedom; but, unlike them, he saw—what so few in his time had yet seen—that this freedom was the inalienable right of all, whatever might be their creed. He was an earnest seeker for truth, with Robinson holding it impossible that all the light from God's word had yet been received. **Williams "was the first person in modern Christendom to establish civil government on the doctrine of the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law."**—Bancroft, pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 16. **He declared it to be the duty of the magistrate to restrain crime, but never to control the conscience. "The public or the magistrates may decide," he said, "what is due from man to man; but when they attempt to prescribe a man's duties to God, they are out of place, and there can be no safety;** for it is clear that if the magistrate has the power, he may decree one set of opinions or beliefs today and another tomorrow; as has been done in England by different kings and queens, and by different popes and councils in the Roman Church; so that belief would become a heap of confusion."—Martyn, vol. 5, p. 340. {GC 293.1}

Attendance at the services of the established church was required under a penalty of fine or imprisonment. "Williams reprobated the law; the worst statute in the English code was that which did but enforce attendance upon the parish church. To compel men to unite with those of a different creed, he regarded as an open violation of their natural rights; to drag to public worship the irreligious and the unwilling, seemed only like requiring hypocrisy.... **'No one should be bound to worship, or,' he added, 'to maintain a worship, against his own consent.'** 'What!' exclaimed his antagonists, amazed at his tenets, 'is not the laborer worthy of his hire?' 'Yes,' replied he, 'from them that hire him.'"—Bancroft, pt. 1, ch. 15, par. 2. {GC 294.1}

Making his way at last, after months of change and wandering, to the shores of Narragansett Bay, he there laid the foundation of the first state of modern times that in the fullest sense recognized the right of religious freedom. The fundamental principle of Roger Williams's colony was "that every man should have liberty to worship God according to the light of his own conscience."—Ibid., vol. 5, p. 354. **His little state, Rhode Island, became the asylum of the oppressed, and it increased and prospered until its foundation principles—civil and religious liberty—became the cornerstones of the American Republic.** {GC 295.1}

12. While appearing to be gentle in nature, America speaks as a dragon (Revelation 13:11). How does a nation speak?
Answer: Through its laws, government policies. See the following website: Branches of the U.S. Government <https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government>

13. Since the dragon represents Satan in the primary sense, what has he always desired to receive? Matthew 4:8-10; Isaiah 14:12-14

14. Based on the context of Revelation 13:12, when the U.S. speaks as a dragon, what will it cause or force its citizens and then the world to do? Revelation 13:12

15. Since America is prophesied to speak as a dragon, it will follow in the footsteps of the Papacy, who also received power from the dragon. See Revelation 13:1, 2. Which day does the Papacy, the Pope of the Roman Catholic church, call the day of worship, the Sabbath and the Lord's Day?

"**Sunday is our mark of authority** The church is above the Bible, and this transference of sabbath observance is proof of that fact" (The Catholic Record of London, Ontario, Sept. 1, 1923).

"Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday, they accept the authority of the spokesperson of the Church, the Pope" (Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950).

16. Notice what the conservative, policy-making think-tank, The Heritage Foundation is promoting to be enforced by law here in America: namely, Sunday as a uniform day of rest for society.

Support for a Uniform Day of Rest. As zoning laws allow a community to determine where one can operate certain businesses, "blue laws" reflect the local judgments as to when one can operate certain businesses. In the case of *McGowan v. Maryland* (1961), the Supreme Court held by an eight-to-one vote that Sunday-closings laws that include the purpose of providing a uniform day of rest are constitutional and can accommodate the fact that the majority of people who take a day of rest for religious reasons do so on Sundays.

A uniform day of rest that limits commercial activity can provide temporal boundaries that help communities to set aside time for religious observance, family gatherings, outdoor activities, and rest. A stable base of research shows that these practices correlate with better mental health, stronger social bonds, and more stable family structures.

<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-01/SR323.pdf>

17. **Note:** Revelation 13:11 says that America speaks as a dragon. Read Proverbs 23:7 and Matthew 12:34. These scriptures prove that America is not a christian nation because she speaks as a dragon (Satan) while professing to be like the lamb (Jesus). America is not only a wolf in sheep's clothing but a dragon in lamb's clothing! Just as the first colonists of America forced people to worship and just like the Papacy forced people to worship, the U.S.A. will force people to worship on Sunday, against God's Ten Commandments, in the near future (Revelation 13:12, 15-17).

18. What will America make or form according to Revelation 13:14?

19. **Note:** What is an image? An image is a physical likeness or representation of a person, animal or thing. Since we know that "the beast" is referring to the Papacy, this means that the United States of America will be a replica of the characteristics of the Papacy. See the notes below.

The Papacy is a union of church and state. Revelation 13:1

The Papacy receives worship and reveres Sunday as the Lord's day and the Sabbath. Revelation 13:4, 8

The Papacy is a persecuting power. Revelation 13:7

20. Will this legislation (the Mark of the Beast) to force people to worship on Sunday only occur in the United States of America? Revelation 13:14,16-17

21. What is Trump set to unveil at the coming G20 meeting in December 2026?

Giant Golden Trump Statue To Greet World Leaders At G20 — Erected By Crypto Bros

A giant bronze statue of President Donald Trump covered in pure gold leaf is set to greet world leaders at this year's Group of 20 summit in Miami.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/giant-golden-trump-statue-greet-200931437.html>

22. Which Old Testament figure erected a golden image and forced people to worship the image or be killed? Daniel 3:1-15

a) Did everyone bow to the image Nebuchadnezzar made? Daniel 3:16-18

23. What caused the three Hebrews not to bow to the image? Daniel 1:6-16 **Answer:** They stood for God before and He stood for them. They looked back at their deliverances to encourage them in that worship crisis in Daniel 3. We must do likewise if we are to stand faithful to God and these last days.

24. The golden statue by President Donald Trump is a signal to students of Bible Prophecy that earth's final events are fulfilling. Meditate on Romans 11:4-5 and ask God to help you not to bow the knee to the image of the beast in these last days.
