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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (Ecclesiastes 5:8)

"The new year is upon us and The Truth Watch is going to be more active in 2018 than it has in the last 6 1/2 years. With your help, The Truth will spread all across the fruited plain."—Dave





WE the People in general and my fellow Truth Warriors

specifically have an important job in 2018. We must become truth heralds, particularly in light of this year being the midterm congressional elections.

The continued success of President Trump's administration will hinge on sending the president more like-minded legislators. The president is very adept at using the bully pulpit and social media to get the American people's help, but would it not be better if we could send him a Congress where the Republican majority was of the same mind as the president and electorate?

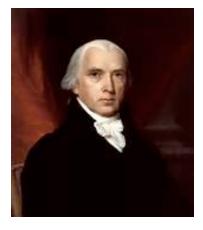
I am not proposing that we send a bunch of yes men and women, but true conservatives who actually understand the Constitution and its enumerated powers given to each of them.

This is why our political action committee, Truth Watch PAC, is spearheading "Take the Pledge." We are reminding elected Republicans that we took their campaign promises to heart. So far, of the eight primary promises made during the 2016 election, only two have had any real progress.

Truth Watch PAC is calling all patriots to take "The Conservative Pledge," but not just in words, but in deeds. We are asking that each American pledge to give at least \$20 to five conservative candidates (total of \$100) for the 2018 primaries.

Our PAC will be hosting an online convention where you can take your pledges and give them directly to the conservative candidates of your choice. Our website will merely act as a portal. Please be sure to listen to the short audio strategy that Policy Director Brian Ward has recorded. I'll cover more of this in To The Streets. It's time to return our Republic back to the Founders' intent.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



WE the People expect our elected officials to be men and women of virtue, including keeping their campaign promises. Without such virtue, our Republic ends up in the mess we find it today.

"As there is a degree of depravity in mankind which requires a certain degree of circumspection and distrust, so there are other qualities in human nature which justify a certain portion of esteem and confidence. Republican government presupposes the existence of these qualities in a higher degree than any other form." James Madison, *Federalist* #55

Our Founding Fathers understood human nature. They were students of the liberal arts, including philosophy and religion. They had fought off the British boot of tyranny, listing their grievances in an indictment against the King and Parliament.

We know it as the <u>Declaration of Independence</u>. Your assignment is to read this document again for the first time. My pastor, who attended law school, encouraged me some 11 years ago to read our nation's birth certificate as a legal indictment, because that is what it is.

In the famous second paragraph, with the immortal words "We hold these truths to be self-evident," the last sentence sets up the indictment: "To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world." What follows is a long list of abuses from both the King of England and its Parliament.

As you read this list, I want you to think of our current government and see if some of the Facts listed in the Declaration correspond with some of the abuses of our federal system.

Or perhaps, as you read the list you may realize that the "long train of abuses and usurpations" then, pale in comparison to what we face today.

I can almost imagine King George III asking, "And you revolted against us?"

FROM THE PULPIT

"Pop-culture has traded the intelligence and wisdom of the Bible for the theology of Gene Roddenberry. If that is what some Americans wish to do... well then... that is their prerogative, and they may continue on their lemming march toward that inevitable casket that all men must face, but I won't go quietly." Pastor Cary Gordon, Facebook post, Sioux City, Iowa, January 5, 2018.

Pastor Cary Gordon is a friend I've never had the pleasure of meeting in person. However, he is exactly (along with the pastoral staff at my church) the type of pastors America needs. I wrote of this need back in 2016 in "My Political Opus:"

Revival will come to America when the church is revived. This will only come when the pulpits across the country stop fulfilling the Apostle Paul's prophecy:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

In his Facebook post, Pastor Cary reminds his readers that it was the Christian religion, based on the Christian Bible, that helped formed our constitutional republic. For those pastors today who refuse to speak on politics, Pastor Cary reminds us that "19 ordained members of the clergy" signed the American Constitution. The standards we must teach and expect from our elected officials when it comes to passing legislation are three-fold:

- 1. Does the proposed law violate God's law? If no, we can continue on; if yes, we're done.
- 2. Does the proposed law violate the Declaration of Independence? Same procedure as above.
- 3. Lastly, does the proposed law violate the US Constitution? If the answer to all three questions is no, then we can now *consider* the proposed legislation.

Davy Crockett gives an account of a <u>conversation</u> he had with a farmer named Horatio Bunce. As voters, we all need the constitutional knowledge of this 19th Century farmer:

"It is a precedent fraught with danger to the country, for when Congress once begins to stretch its power beyond the limits of the Constitution, there is no limit to it, and no security for the people."

TO THE STREETS

A large majority of the American people are constitutionally ignorant. Add to that the measly knowledge of our American heritage, if any, and we have an electorate the likes of which we see today. I am speaking of all political parties. The Truth Watch is determined to make 2018 the Year of Knowledge, where we learn "the truth out about the founding of our nation and the relationship of politics and religion."

So beginning with you and me, we are going "back to school." Here are our first assignments:

- 1. Read America's Founding Documents, which are the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Read them in a way to understand each word and the precepts and principles behind them.
- 2. After reading the documents, <u>sign up</u> for Hillsdale College's free constitutional lessons, beginning with "Constitution 101." Also, be sure to sign up for their free monthly newsletter, <u>Imprimis</u>.
- 3. Take the Pledge! Set aside \$100 to support five conservative candidates for the 2018 primaries. If you haven't down so already, please sign up today.
- 4. Help me sign up 10,000 subscribers to this newsletter. Imagine that many informed Americans across the fruited plain. I know that number is small compared to the 350 million or more Americans, but it is a goal for 2018. If you sign up 10 new members, you'll receive one year's free membership to my inner circle, Truth Watch Insiders. This is a new program I'm beginning in March, and the annual membership is \$297. More on the program in the coming weeks.
- 5. Be sure to read all the e-booklets in the <u>archives</u>. These sale for 99 cents on Amazon, however their free to all my paid subscribers.

Dear Patriots, President Trump is doing all he can to Make America Great Again, but obviously one person cannot do it alone. He needs our help. We can help by becoming informed, involved, and insistent as citizens of this great nation. America can return to her greatness, but it will take work. I know you're up to the task!

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