



# The Truth

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“To everything there is a reason, a time for every purpose under heaven...So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 22)

*“This is the time when pundits make their annual New Year’s predictions. The Truth Newsletter will only look at the facts, analyze them, and determine the best course to follow.” —Dave*



American history is to begin. What will the new year and a new presidency bring us?

I think it important to be mindful that we cannot actually predict the future. We can look at the ground in which we are standing and consider the options before us. We can look at the actions of our elected officials and analyze whether or not they are righteously representing us. I use a simple three-step process to do so.

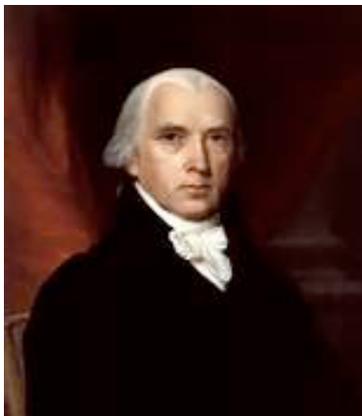
First, does the representative follow God’s laws? Is he or she abiding by biblical principles, ensuring that the Lord’s approval can be assured? This is no doubt a lofty goal for any human, but it is especially important that our elected officials follow this model of service.

Second, is the representative upholding the principles established in our founding [document](#), the Declaration of Independence? Does he or she understand and acknowledge the self-evident truths of every human being’s unalienable rights? It would serve each elected official well to read every new year this precious document.

Third, is the representative abiding by his or her oath of office? Does he or she support and defend the [Constitution](#) of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic? Does he or she understand that violating that oath is a [federal offense](#)?

All actions and proposed legislation from all levels of government should model themselves after these three steps. If they did, the change in government would be swift and drastic. It would lead to a limited government, just as the Founders desired.

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**If a new year and new presidency is going to make America great again (and that will only really happen with God’s approval), then the tentacles of government must be radically reduced. The leviathan known as the federal bureaucracy must be scaled back to its original intent.**

“It will not be denied, that power is of an encroaching nature, and that it ought to be effectually restrained from passing the limits assigned to it.” James Madison, [Federalist #48](#)

As you read Federalist #48, Madison reminds us of how thoughtful the Founders were to the need for a stronger central government. However, never far from their minds was the effects this could have on individual liberty. They were particularly sensitive to an injurious executive department. Having just thrown off the tyrannical shackles of King George a mere 4 years prior, the representatives to the Constitutional Convention considered the executive “as the source of danger, and watched with all the jealousy which a zeal for liberty ought to inspire.”

As will be outlined on the “To the Streets” page, WE the People are going to have to insist that our elected representatives adhere to the limited government concept. They must understand that the Founding Fathers intended to limit government’s powers even if it meant a few good laws were defeated. In [Federalist 73](#), Alexander Hamilton writes:

*“The injury which may possibly be done by defeating a few good laws, will be amply compensated by the advantage of preventing a number of bad ones.”*

When was the last time you heard such a notion from the lips of your elected official? As my good buddy [Steve Deace](#) says, “If you hear someone from the government say, ‘We need to do something about this,’ then grab your gun and wallet, in that order.”

That is what our Founders intended, for every day citizens like you and me to protect our own liberties. The question is, will we?

# FROM THE PULPIT

“If you will not accept the ongoing requirement of the Ten Commandments as the ‘schoolmaster’ required for saving individual souls, as the Bible has always clearly declared, then it (the Ten Commandments) naturally also will not be the foundation required for a just civil government.” Pastor Cary Gordon, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone World Outreach, Sioux City, Iowa, Facebook post, December 30, 2016.

Pastor Cary is a man I greatly admire. He spearheaded the recall of three Iowa Supreme Court Justices who violated their oaths of office by trying to make same-sex marriage legal in the Hawkeye State. Pastor Cary, Steve Deace, and millions of Iowans rightly threw off the tyranny of their Supreme Court, a right guaranteed in their state constitution.

Pastor Cary makes the case for my first step in the process of ensuring limited government. If a law or lawmaker violates God’s law, then the former is an unlaw and the latter is in need of either correction or expulsion. Mind you that The Truth Watch is not trying to establish a theocracy, of which the Left always and erroneously tries to accuse conservatives. As Pastor Cary rightly points out, the Ten Commandments are the foundation for good government.

If you’ve never read [Exodus 19](#) and [20](#) in the Old Testament, or if it’s been a while, then I encourage you to do so to get the reason God gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Read carefully why God demanded Israel’s obedience to His commandments:

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.” (Exodus 19:5)

Some will counter and say, those commandments and covenants were meant for Israel. True, however the principles apply to any nation who desires to self-govern itself. If we want God to bless America and see it great again, would it not be wise to obey God?

Furthermore, University of Houston Political Science Professor Emeritus, Dr. Donald S. Lutz, did a document source search of our nation’s constitution and found, “The US Constitution goes back to covenants.”

So our founding is based on biblical covenants that were the source of how God wanted humans to live amongst one another.

That is how America will be great again.

# TO THE STREETS

Three weeks from today, a new President of the United States will be occupying the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington DC. This peaceful change of power is no less than a miracle in the annals of human history. Liberty and the republican form of government ensured by the US Constitution has been modeled by many, but rarely mimicked to success.

America's downfall is because her citizens have, by educational and governmental design, become ignorant of what it takes to make a successful nation. If America *is* to be great again, then WE the People have some work to do. Here are just a few suggestions.

1. Have the contact information of your federal, state, and local elected officials. While our eyes have been on the national elections, our state and local governments have been passing laws unaware of the majority of its citizens. That can no longer happen. [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) is an excellent resource for finding your elected officials contact information.
2. I highly encourage you to purchase the late Dr. D. James Kennedy's fine 2005 DVD, "[One Nation Under God.](#)" It is an excellent resource for civic organizations and homeschoolers. It is historically accurate and brilliantly produced.
3. The third step in our process is to determine if a governmental action violates the US Constitution. Most citizens couldn't identify a constitutional violation if it ended them up in prison. If you have not yet enrolled in Hillsdale College's fine and free online course, "[Introduction to the Constitution.](#)" then I highly encourage you to. If you have, continue your education there and please consider giving a generous [donation](#) to this fine and patriotic institution.
4. Last but definitely not least, please invite your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to [join](#) The Truth Watch for 2017. Better yet, you can gift them with a subscription. At least get them to sign up for much of our free resources.

There is always a new hope and excitement of a New Year. Let's be sure as Truth Watchers that we play a significant role is bringing America back to how its Founding Fathers envisioned it.

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