America is in the middle of a great spiritual battle. Our weapons are spiritual. In *American Amnesia*, Jerry Newcombe fights back against the atheistic deconstruction of America with historic, Biblical truth. God will prevail.

— Joseph Farah  
*Founder and Chief Executive Officer*  
*WND.com, WND Books, WND Films*

You can’t have a nation built on freedom and personal responsibility without heaven’s core principles and a rule of law. The Biblical worldview is where we were founded as a nation and where we should return to as a nation. I am pleased to recommend Dr. Jerry Newcombe’s new book, *American Amnesia* because he speaks the truth in love.

— Star Parker  
*Syndicated Columnist & President of CURE*

Jerry Newcombe is one of the foremost Christian commentators on American culture and government today. His modern insights are uniquely combined with his knowledge and understanding of America’s history, making his commentaries especially important reading for anyone who wants to keep our nation free and prosperous. As Benjamin Franklin once told a Philadelphia matron, our Founders established a free republic. Keeping that republic free is our challenge as Americans today, and Newcombe has an important and unique understanding of that challenge. This book should be required reading for all politicians and for any citizens interested in keeping America true to the values and goals on which our nation was founded.

— David Gibbs III,  
*President and General Counsel,*  
*National Center for Life and Liberty*
Jerry Newcombe is one of the most consistent voices defending the foundational significance of Biblical Christianity and the Judeo-Christian tradition for understanding the American experiment in Liberty. I highly commend this book given its clarity, coherence, and insightful commentary on contemporary culture and the controversies that flame in the public square. If you care about America and the Christian’s vital role in civil society, read this book with care and pass it on to many others as well!

— Dr. Peter A. Lillback

Co-author of George Washington’s Sacred Fire;
President, The Providence Forum;
President, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

One well-accepted truism is that “ideas have consequences.” True also is that those ideas are “culturally-codified” by the choices we make. Said another way: “Ideas have little consequence until you act upon them.” This reality is exemplified by the rise, and some say the ongoing decline, of Western Civilization, based upon its initial embrace and subsequent rejection of absolute truth.

In antiquity, Procurator Pontius Pilate responded to Christ’s claim of having come to “testify to the truth” with the now-clichéd response: “What is truth?” In our day, such rhetorical argumentation has been replaced by the very real and deadly consequences of denying that truth.

It is this latter-day reality that Dr. Jerry Newcombe explores in a powerful series of essays titled American Amnesia. In them, Newcombe’s trenchant analysis helps us make important connections between the active rejection of God’s truth and a culture that seems to be on moral life support. In doing so, Newcombe proves the Churchillian axiom: “The farther you look back, the farther forward you can see.”

— Frank Wright, Ph.D.

President & CEO, D. James Kennedy Ministries
Newcombe writes to the heart, both the heart of the issue he’s addressing and, more importantly, right to the heart of the reader. Highly recommended!

— Carole Adams
Founder and Board Member, Stone Bridge School; President, Foundation for American Christian Education, Chesapeake, Virginia

Jerry Newcombe’s new book is not only must reading, but a timeless tool to help discover God’s solutions to the urgent dilemmas of our day. Jerry weaves into his writing his lifelong study of history with Biblical insights. It is much like a recipe book—not for food, but for successful decision making on real culture-changing, life-changing issues.

— Marshall Foster
Founder and President of World History Institute

Jerry Newcombe’s book American Amnesia is a “must-read” for Americans frustrated with the evil machinations of the political Left in America and the passivity of many Americans—especially Christians—toward this rising evil.

— Donald McAlvany
Intelligence News Writer, Author, and Missionary

What happens when a nation forgets about God? We can see that in history, and we are seeing it here in America. Jerry Newcombe brings together a collection of his columns that remind us of our history and focus on our current political debates. And a key element has been the attack on religious liberty in general and attacks on Christianity in particular. American Amnesia reminds us of the heavy price we pay when we forget about God.

— Kerby Anderson,
President, Probe Ministries; host, Point of View radio talk show
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AMERICAN AMNESIA
Is America Paying the Price for Forgetting God, the Source of Our Liberty?

JERRY NEWCOMBE, D.Min.
I’d like to dedicate this book to my wife of thirty-eight years,

Kirsti Newcombe.

I have thirty-eight years of empirical proof that I married a saint.
She’s put up with me all these years.
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Journalism has been called the first rough draft of history, and my friend Jerry Newcombe is both journalist and historian par excellence. *American Amnesia* is a timely compilation of Jerry’s columns, articles, interviews, and other writings over the years.

Journalism is a high calling—or at least it was. There was a time when journalists were committed to ferreting out the truth and reporting the facts as clearly, fully, and accurately as possible. But that commitment rested on two basic assumptions: 1) absolute, objective truth exists; and 2) with diligent effort it is possible to find the truth, or at least come close.

But with the rise of postmodernism and its denial that objective truth exists, a new view of journalism has arisen as well. If objective truth doesn’t even exist, the new school asks, why should seeking and reporting objective truth be our goal? Instead, the goal of much of modern journalism is to make news, not report news; to report it first, not report it best; and as much as possible, to center the news around the journalists themselves.

The Left rewrites history to fit its current politically correct narrative, hoping no one will notice because Americans have a short political/historical memory—in short, American amnesia. And to make sure no one remembers, we see a current drive to take down monuments, historical markers, and any reminders that there was a time past during which people thought differently.
That’s nothing new. New civilizations have often destroyed the records of the old. The Spanish conquistadors destroyed the writings of the conquered Aztecs, believing they were formulas for devil worship—but the Aztecs had destroyed the writings of the Toltecs who preceded them, and so on. Muslims, Nazis, communists, and conquerors of every sort have tried to consolidate their control by burning books and eliminating memories of the past. By controlling people’s memory of the past, they shape people’s view of the present and the future. Remember Winston Smith, the protagonist officer of the Ministry of Truth in George Orwell’s classic *1984*, as he explains: “If the Party could thrust its hand into the past and say of this or that event, it never happened—that, surely, was more terrifying than mere torture and death? . . . And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth. ‘Who controls the past,’ ran the Party slogan, ‘controls the future: who controls the present controls the past’” (Orwell 1945).

But once in a while someone stands up and interrupts the politically correct narrative by saying, “That’s not the way it happened! I know; I was there. I saw it.”

That’s why Jerry’s book is so necessary today—as an antidote to American amnesia. Kaepernick’s NFL anthem caper, the communist USSR, the Charlottesville riots, the Ferguson riots, the mess of Obamacare, the SPLC-inspired shooting at Family Research Council—Jerry provides the truth on these important stories, not the politically correct version of truth. Then he relates it to the Bible and American history, and his first draft journalism becomes history.

That’s one reason God gave us the gift of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and a reason our founding fathers chose to protect those freedoms in the Bill of Rights. As irritating as the media can be at times, a free press is a check on tyranny. And today even those freedoms are under attack by the radical Left who would subordinate them to political correctness.

As you read these entries in *American Amnesia*, your reactions may vary: “Oh yes, I remember that!” “Really? I didn’t know that!” or maybe sometimes, “I don’t agree with Jerry on that; I remember
it differently.” But you’ll learn a lot, you’ll remember a lot, and you’ll think a lot.

And you’ll be reminded of the true source of America’s greatness: our Biblical heritage.

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FOREWORD

HAS AMERICA LOST ITS MEMORY?

by William J. Federer


Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., wrote in an op-ed titled “Folly’s Antidote” (The New York Times, January 1, 2007): “History is to the nation as memory is to the individual.”

Have you ever met an individual who has lost their memory? Maybe they have Alzheimer’s? They cannot remember who you are, or who they are. Someone could easily take things away from them.

Do we have national Alzheimer’s? Have we lost our collective memory? Yes, in a sense, we are suffering from American amnesia. Here we are, the most prosperous nation in world history, with more individual liberty and opportunity than any previous people, and yet we forgot how we got here.

As a result, our freedoms are being taken right out of our hands.

Is this by accident or on purpose?

There is actually a socialist–communist tactic called “deconstruction,” where you separate a people from their past, get them into a neutral position where they do not remember where they came from, then
you can easily brainwash them into whatever future you have planned for them. It is like cultural gene-therapy.

It mirrors a sales technique. If I were a toothpaste salesman, the first thing I would do is say negative things about the toothpaste you are currently using—"You are using that old stuff—it will dry out your gums and eat the enamel off your teeth!" "Yikes"—you are repulsed by it.

Now I have you in a neutral position, where you are open-minded—"What are all the toothpastes out there nowadays?" Then I can give you my pitch for this brand-new, tartar-control, breath-freshener toothpaste.

This technique is applied nationally. First, students are taught negative things about the country's founders—"They took land from Indians, sold people into slavery, and were chauvinists." "Yikes"—students are repelled by them.

Now, students are in a neutral position where they are open-minded to other belief systems. Then students can be given the pitch for socialism, the LGBT agenda, or even Islam, being peer-pressured, intimidated, and ridiculed into accepting the guilt of "white privilege" and the reprogramming indoctrination of common-core curriculum.

Just as a car has to go from drive into neutral before it can go into reverse, this process has taken place in Western Civilization. Look at Europe. It has gone:

• from a Judeo-Christian past
• into a Secular-Free-Sex present
• now Europe is entering an Islamic future

History is not prophetic, but it is predictive. Winston Churchill stated: "The farther back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

Patrick Henry observed: "I know of no way of judging the future but by the past."

For centuries, Europe was Catholic, with many cities having Jewish neighborhoods. In 1517, the Protestant Reformation began.

Then Europe had a secular French Revolution. As head of France's Committee of Public Safety, Robespierre began the Reign of Terror in 1793. He put a prostitute in Notre Dame Cathedral, covered her with
a sheet, and declared her the goddess of reason. Paris sent its military to the Vendée, a rural Catholic area. Soldiers killed over three hundred thousand men, women, and children including priests, nuns, and those who did not comply with the official secular edicts.

Napoleon spread this new French secularism across Europe, effectively cutting cultural ties with the Judeo-Christian past.

Europe then drifted into a secular present, with its non-religious atheistic, free-sex, and LGBT agenda.

Now, Europe is entering an Islamic future, with: “Mohammed” as the number one name given to newborns in London, Brussels, and Milan; Paris surrounded by five million Muslims in over seven hundred neighborhoods; women raped on streets in Germany, Sweden, and Denmark; trucks being driven into crowds.

African Archbishop Robert Sarah of Guinea told the Synod of Bishops in Rome, October 12, 2015:

Like two apocalyptic beasts... on the one hand... atheistic secularism, ... on the other, Islamic fundamentalism... We find ourselves between gender ideology and ISIS... Two major threats... Disintegration in the secularized West through quick and easy divorce, abortion, homosexual unions, euthanasia, etc. (cf. the LGBT lobby) On the other hand, Islam, which legitimizes polygamy, female subservience, sexual slavery, child marriage etc. (cf. Al Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram).¹

Italian Archbishop Carlo Liberati stated (Breitbart, January 14, 2017):

We have a weak Christian faith.... Seminaries are empty.... Italy and Europe live in a pagan and atheist way, they make laws that go against God and they have traditions that are proper of paganism.... All this paves the way to Islam.... Europe will soon be Muslim.

This drive–neutral–reverse process has been successful in fundamentally transforming Europe, and it is advancing to the point of no return in America.

Consistent with this is the practice of fundamentalist Muslims, who upon entering an “infidel” country, destroy museums, libraries,

statues, artwork, and artifacts linking the conquered people to their past.

In the article “ISIS Burns Books at Mosul Libraries,” (Breitbart, February 5, 2015), it was reported:

The Islamic State continues to purge anything they deem to defy Islam… They raided the Central Library of Mosul to destroy all non-Islamic books. “These books promote infidelity and call for disobeying Allah,” announced a militant to the residents. “So they will be burned.” Militants targeted the library at the University of Mosul. They burned science and culture textbooks in front of the students… Extremists started wrecking the collections of other public libraries… particularly heavy damage to… the Mosul Museum Library with works dating back 5,000 years.

This is similar to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi, who conquered kingdoms to unify China in 221 BC, then destroyed all books linking them to the past. The Basic Annals of the First Emperor of Qin reported that Chancellor Li Si told the Emperor in 213 BC:

I, your servant, propose that all historians’ records other than those of Qin’s be burned… If anyone under heaven has copies of the Classics of History [Shu Jing],… they shall deliver them to the governor… for burning. Anyone who dares to discuss the Classics of History shall be publicly executed. Anyone who uses history to criticize the present shall have his family executed.… Anyone who has failed to burn the books after thirty days of this announcement shall be subjected to tattooing and be sent to build the Great Wall.²

In 1933, the Nazi leader Adolf Hitler burned books by Jewish authors, including Einstein. Jewish poet Heinrich Heine prophetically penned in 1822: “Where they burn books, they will, in the end, burn human beings too.”

Poet Carl Sandburg cautioned: “When a nation goes down,… one condition may always be found; they forgot where they came from.”

More familiar, perhaps, is the statement of Harvard Professor George Santayana, who warned: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

². Sima Qian, Records of the Grand Historian, 94 BC.
Any hope of preserving America’s freedoms is dependent upon Americans rediscovering their history—regaining their corporate memory—and realizing how truly rare their liberties are. This is why I highly recommend Dr. Jerry Newcombe’s book *American Amnesia: Is America Paying the Price for Forgetting God, the Source of Our Liberty?* In this one volume, the reader will get a lifetime of wisdom. Dr. Newcombe’s decades of study and research are distilled into this powerfully insightful and inspiring book. Lest we forget.

William J. Federer  
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I live in Florida. Sometimes we will see a sign on the highway declaring a “Silver Alert.” It refers to someone on the highway who has lost their memory and should not be behind the wheel of a car—but they are driving anyway, to society’s potential peril. In America, we have a problem of collective amnesia. We have been blessed by God perhaps more than any other nation before us. But in the process of being blessed, we have forgotten God.

We do have Alzheimer’s as a nation. We have forgotten the hand of God that helped us become a nation. Read the 1606 charter to the first permanent British North American settlement, that of Jamestown, written long before we were a nation: “We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of, their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a Work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of His Divine Majesty, in propagating of Christian Religion to such People as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God…”

Consider the example of the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, 1639: “Forasmuch as it hath pleased the Almighty God by the wise disposition of his divine providence…for our souls and our Successors and such as shall be adjoined to us at any time hereafter, enter into Combination and Confederation together, to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess, as also the discipline of the Churches, which according to the truth of the said gospel is now practiced amongst us.” We see the Christian faith playing a pivotal role here. These quotes are typical of the
early charters in colonial America, where the Christian faith was front and center.

I don’t want to be unkind, but I can’t help but feel that those who seek to cut us off from our roots are like termites. They burrow into a beautiful building and eat away at it until it is a hollowed-out shell of what it once was.

We see a pattern in the Bible: God redeems His people, then they thank Him. For a while. Then they prosper, and they forget Him. So He sends a punishment, and they call out to Him. They repent. Then He relents, and they thank Him for His deliverance. And the cycle begins all over again. God says that we should trust in Him. He declares in Psalm 81:10, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.”

The famous Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville came to America in the early 1830s. He noted that religion played an important role in society—as a restraining force. “The main business of religions is to purify, control, and restrain that excessive and exclusive taste for well-being which men acquire in times of equality, but I think it would be a mistake for them to attempt to conquer it entirely and abolish it.” (de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 1838).

When I consider how precious my grandchildren are and I contemplate what kind of world I want them to grow up in, I must express my concern overall about the direction of America at this present time. At the same time, it is astounding to think that if genuine revival happens, America’s best days could truly be ahead of us.

America needs to wake up, like someone who has long been asleep. Like Rip Van Winkle, it’s time to wake up. One of the great challenges of our time is that while the church is a mile wide, it appears to be an inch deep. There are millions of professing Christians but many of them lack solid Biblical discernment. The world will not get its act together. It basically cannot. But the church can and so far doesn’t seem willing to do so. But, as Dr. Richard Land would put it, may God give us the grace that we would have a great revival (a renewal of the church), a great awakening (where many unsaved would come to faith in Jesus), and a society-transforming reformation that results.

What follows is a collection of essays that I have written in the last
several years. These focus on God and government, on the American experiment, and on church and state matters. Thanks to my brother, Rick, the founder and long-time head of Creators Syndicate, who encouraged me in 2010 to write a weekly column. I’m grateful to D. James Kennedy Ministries, and the excellent editing of these columns by John Rabe, Susie Dzuro, and Dr. Karen Gushta. I’m thankful for the various outlets that run these columns, including WorldNetDaily, Townhall, Christian Post, Newsmax, and so on. And I’m grateful to the publisher of this book, Jerry Nordskog (the other Jerry N.) and to his excellent staff—Ron Kirk, Michelle Shelfer, Kyle Shepherd, Cheryl Geyer, and Nikola Dimitrov. Special thanks also go out to my extraordinary web-master, Michael (“Mike at the Mic”) Schlote. I also give thanks for my wife Kirsti and her constant encouragement and feedback. And finally, I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by Whose grace beat all our hearts and to Whom we shall all give an account one day. Only because of His death and resurrection and trusting in Him can anyone be saved.

Jerry Newcombe, D.Min.
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PART I

REMEMBERING OUR NATION’S JUDEO-CHRISTIAN ROOTS
COLUMBUS DAY OR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY?

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Political correctness infects virtually every aspect of our culture, our thinking, our heritage.

When I grew up (and I was born in 1956), Christopher Columbus was a great hero. Now, to some, he has become a villain. He is blamed for many unjustifiable things, most of which followed in the wake of his voyage. Meanwhile, most of us have lost the Christian side of Columbus.

Just days ago, the Seattle School Board voted unanimously to replace Columbus Day, a federal holiday, with “Indigenous Peoples’ Day,” celebrated on the same day in support of the people allegedly plundered and wiped out by Columbus and his heirs.

Contrast this view of Columbus, which has gained currency recently, with a statement by one of the nation’s first great historians, George Bancroft (1800–1891). His six-volume series (final version, 1888) on the history of the United States was a standard for a couple of generations. When I began to study America’s roots in earnest years ago, I invested in getting those six volumes. What a treasure trove. Although Bancroft was a nineteenth-century Unitarian, at least he didn’t edit out the G-word (God), the C-word (Christian), or the B-word (Bible) in his quotes. Bancroft said that Columbus’s voyage was certainly “the most memorable maritime enterprise in the history of the world.”

Modern authors George Grant (The Last Crusader) and John Eidsmoe (Columbus & Cortez) confirm Bancroft’s excellent information with their own scholarship on the explorer and his Christian faith.
In 1892, the City of Chicago elaborately honored Columbus on the 400th anniversary of his voyage. I understand that the genesis of the Museum of Science and Industry (a phenomenal place) came out of that anniversary celebration. But jump forward a hundred years to 1992. By then the politically correct elites in our culture had already begun reviling. Columnist Gary Wills captured that sentiment well, saying: “A funny thing happened on the way to the quincentennial observation of America’s discovery: Columbus got mugged.”

It is true that Spanish and Portuguese explorers who followed Columbus’s voyage greedily sought gold, not God, in the New World. They significantly mistreated the indigenous peoples here, especially in South America. But should we lay all the blame at the feet of the Genoan sailor? Listen to what Columbus himself wrote to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain on February 15, 1493, during his return voyage: “I forbade that they [the Indians] should be given things so worthless as pieces of broken crockery and broken glass, and lace points…. I gave them a thousand good, pleasing things which I had bought, in order that they might be fond of us, and furthermore might become Christians and become inclined to the love and service of Their Highnesses and of the whole Castilian nation [Spain], and try to help us and to give us of the things which they have in abundance and which are necessary to us” (Federer 2000, 113).

In 1505 he finished writing his *Book of Prophecies*, where he laid out the Christian motivation of his enterprise. He viewed his voyage as helping to hasten the Second Coming. He took to heart these words of Jesus Christ: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

Although a sinful man like all of us, he still stands as a hero. Why did he persevere for at least seven years requesting funding for his voyage? Why did he suffer repeated rejections of his proposal and even ridicule? Why did he defy death and risk mutiny to sail west into unknown waters? He tells us in his own words: “It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) to sail to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because
He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures” (Federer 2000, 120).

Under Columbus’ leadership, the sailors on the three ships began each day of the voyage with a prayer:

Blessed be the light of day,
   And the Holy Cross, we say;
   And the Lord of Verity
   And the Holy Trinity.
Blessed be th’ immortal soul
   And the Lord who keeps it whole
Blessed be the light of day
   And He who sends the night away. (Moore 2008)

Columbus named the places he landed in a way reflective of his Christian faith. These include the first island (in the Bahamas), San Salvador (“Holy Savior”). Other lands he named are Trinidad (“Trinity”), Vera Cruz (“True Cross”), and Navidad (“Christmas”).

He was a study in endurance. I’ve heard that he repeatedly wrote in his journal, “And this day we sailed on.” Of course, even the missionary enterprise itself is suspect in our day, when each of us is expected to invent and live by “our own truth.” But Columbus was a man, like all great men, who believed in real truth—and worked as hard as he could to spread it far and wide.

Although politically incorrect today, Christopher Columbus is still a hero in my book.
Why do people from many other countries try to come to America—even in some cases, risking their lives to do so? What is the source of this nation’s greatness?

I think the single biggest thing that makes this country so great is that our founding document—the Declaration of Independence (upon which the Constitution is predicated)—says that our rights come from God. What God has given to us, no man can take away.

John F. Kennedy said as much in his Inaugural Address, explaining that the fundamental beliefs “for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe—the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”

But long before 1776, if you look at the original charters and founding documents of America, we see over and over the mention of God and the Christian faith—so much so that when the Supreme Court quoted many of those documents in the Trinity decision in 1892, they concluded with the words, “…this is a Christian nation.” The Supreme Court marshaled a very rich argument, documenting in detail our nation’s rich Judeo-Christian heritage. I assembled an appendix for my book The Book that Made America: How the Bible Formed Our Na-
tion built primarily on that Trinity decision (Newcombe 2009). The facts are on our side.

For example, in the Mayflower Compact, the Pilgrims explained why they came here. They wrote: “In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten...having undertaken a voyage for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith...”

Since the Pilgrims cast a long and positive shadow over so much of the future founding of the nation (even Thanksgiving is derived from them), you could say America began “in the name of God, Amen.” The Pilgrims saw their establishment in the New World as guided by the hand of God, by His Providence. The Biblical concept of covenant gave rise to our two key founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

When our founding fathers first met in the First Continental Congress in 1774, they decided to open in prayer. Congress has been praying ever since. In fact, the founders created chaplains for our national and state legislatures, and the military as well.

If they thought that such religious activities violated their key principle that there would be no national denomination in America, they would not have created the chaplaincy system. Of course, all the original chaplains, decade upon decade, were Christian ministers.

Because of the Christian roots of America, people of all faiths or no faith are welcome here, though not to the purposeful undermining of our Christian institutions. The founders wanted religion to be voluntary, not forced, but they wanted it to flourish. Freedom of religion gives freedom to all—including nonbelievers. Freedom from religion leads to state-sanctioned atheism and leads to non-freedom. Even the atheists fared badly in the failed Soviet Union if they happened to disagree with the atheists in charge. Trotsky is an example.

1. George Washington said, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.” That’s from his Farewell Address in 1796.² He made that statement in a nation where 99.8 percent of the people professed to be Christians.

2. Several years ago, *Time* magazine wrote, “Ours is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea. That good idea combines a commitment to man’s inalienable rights with the Calvinist belief in an ultimate moral right and sinful man’s obligation to do good. These articles of faith, embodied in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution, literally govern our lives today.”

3. President Eisenhower said in 1955, “Without God, there could be no American form of Government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism.”

4. Ronald Reagan said, “America needs God more than God needs America. If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

So in today’s highly secular age, where ideological forces seek to banish any mention of God from the public square, we should never forget that God has been central to America’s greatness.

This Thanksgiving, as we see the need for the healing of the American soul and a need for America to return to God, at least we should be grateful for what He has done in our past. People are dying—in some cases, literally—to get into this country, so that perhaps they too can enjoy what we often take for granted every single day: freedom, which is a gift from our Christian forebears.

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Virtually not a week goes by without some sort of lawsuit or complaint against a reference to God or Jesus in the public arena. Oftentimes these lawsuits or complaints run along the lines of, “I’m offended,” and that settles it. So the Ten Commandments have to go. God has to be chiseled out.

Yet our national motto remains “In God We Trust.” It has been since 1956. These words are chiseled in stone above the Speaker’s platform in the House of Representatives. Anyone can see by a review of U.S. money how God’s hand helped create and sustain this nation—all of it declares, “In God We Trust.” What’s in your wallet? Many reminders of our nation’s godly heritage.

Stephen McDowell, cofounder of the Providence Foundation, explains: “You pull out your dollar [and] you see George Washington’s picture, the father of our country who is a Christian man who reflected it in his actions and in his words.”

For instance, in his Circular to the States (June 8, 1783), Washington said to all the governors that we could never hope to be a happy nation unless we learned to humbly imitate Jesus, whom he called “the Divine Author of our blessed religion.”

During his first Inaugural Address, he said, “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the af-

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fairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.”

The same concept of gratitude to God for His help can be seen on the back of the dollar bill. On the left, we see in Latin this phrase: *annuit coeptis*, meaning, “He has favored our undertakings.” As in, God has helped us win our independence.

As Stephen McDowell notes, “God has blessed our undertakings because the founders believe that God and His providence had overseen the birth of this nation and that is reflected there…. There are many miracles God did during the American Revolution, but the greatest miracle was that thirteen sovereign, independent states could gather together to unite to work together as one. John Adams said it was like making thirteen clocks strike together in unison.”

Go back to the wallet and pull out a five-dollar bill, and we see Abraham Lincoln. During the dark days of the Civil War, on March 30, 1865, our sixteenth president called for a national day of fasting and prayer. He reminded the country, “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.”

When a group of black citizens gave him a Bible in 1864, President Lincoln said, “In regard to this great book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to men. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong.”

If we pull out a ten-dollar bill we see Alexander Hamilton, who was the first Secretary of the Treasury, under George Washington. Hamilton had attended the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and later wrote to a friend, James Bayard: “Let an association be formed to be denominated ‘The Christian Constitutional Society,’ its object to be first: The support of the Christian religion. Second: The support of the United States.” His death in a duel that he did not want to participate in ended that plan.

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If we pull out a twenty-dollar bill we see Andrew Jackson, our seventh president. He said that the Bible is the “rock upon which our republic rests.”

On the fifty-dollar bill is the face of Ulysses S. Grant. Although he seemed to have a serious problem with drinking, even he apparently made his peace with God by the end of his life. He once declared of the Bible, “To the influence of this Book are we indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this must we look as our guide in the future. ‘Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.’”

Finally, a one-hundred-dollar bill has the face of Benjamin Franklin, a man who apparently was not an orthodox Christian. Yet even he saw the importance of Christianity in society. He did not believe it was wrong for public officials to pray. In fact, he encouraged it. Franklin called for prayer at the Constitutional Convention (June 28, 1787), saying: “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that ‘except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages.”

Thankfully, a variation of Ben Franklin’s request for prayer at the Convention was adopted, and they were able to successfully complete the Constitution.

What’s in your wallet? One reminder after another that we are still one nation under God.

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Dr. Jerry Newcombe is one of my very favorite authors! We first met in person in 2009 at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville, Tennessee. I had read many of his writings as coauthor with his late boss, Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries (now D. James Kennedy Ministries), including the magnificent devotional New Every Morning.\(^1\) I watched weekly Fort Lauderdale church services on TV featuring the late brilliant pastor and theologian Dr. Kennedy. My wife Gail and I met Jerry as he was taping American leaders for his TV show, and we soon became long-distance friends in Christian ministry.

Within a few rapid-paced months NPI published one of his many books, The Book that Made America: How the Bible Formed Our Nation, launched on Independence Day, July 4, 2009. This book has become the most popular of all of our NPI titles. In 2017 the book was translated into Mandarin in China for that nation and for the American Chinese (which include four Chinese children adopted by my wife Gail and me).

We have kindred spirits: Jerry N. and Jerry N. are highly involved in Christianity and Americanism, and now NPI is pleased to publish this newest book that you are reading.

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I have been personally reading these weekly essays by Dr. Newcombe for motivation and for vital information regarding our American culture and its awful deterioration over the last several decades.

We also share a love for the Norse community, as his wife Kirsti is Norwegian-American and I am a product of Scandinavian-Norwegian immigrants from the late 1880s. My grandfather, Andrae Arne Nordskog, was the first general manager of the Hollywood Bowl in the 1920s, about one century ago, and his Nordskog Records was the first music-recording company on the west coast. My dad, Bob Nordskog, was an entrepreneur of many businesses in Los Angeles, and is a Hall of Famer for powerboat racing in the Motorsports Hall of Fame formerly in Novi, Michigan, now moved to Daytona, Florida.

Nordskog Publishing believes this latest of the many Jerry Newcombe books is tremendously important in addressing the current cultural climate in America and in the world. Jerry takes on vital issues of the day and speaks to America’s precipitate decline from our foundations as a Christian nation. The Pilgrims undertook their journey to these shores motivated by a vision of Christian liberty, for the “Advancement of the Christian Faith.” They wrote the Mayflower Compact on the Mayflower ship before they even disembarked.

Let’s read this portion of their Compact with the understanding that these are our roots:

Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic. (The Mayflower Compact, November 11, 1620)

This book *American Amnesia* reveals a blind spot in our collective American memory. We have forgotten our beloved history and are largely ignorant about the Pilgrims and Puritans, the founding fathers, the Mayflower Compact, the Battle of Lexington, the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, our U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, all the way through to the un-Civil War. And now we see in our more
recent history the disastrous and bloody twentieth century and our current twenty-first century characterized by outright disobedience of multitudes of our nation’s citizens—the result of our historical amnesia.

Largely to blame is the humanistic public school curriculum of the past century or so. Evil educators and the National Education Association have executed a purposeful dumbing-down and brainwashing of our children and thus our future—ironically paid for by American taxpayers. Thus, humanism, Darwinist evolution, and atheism reign in the U.S. today.

Humanism is particularly dangerous because, unlike other religion in America, it is endorsed in the public schools and established in every department of the government of the United States. (Kennedy and Newcombe, New Every Morning, August 9)

Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength. (Jeremiah 17:5)

Churches of America have largely failed to teach and engage their congregants to put legs to their faith! President Ronald Reagan and the U.S. Congress proclaimed 1983 The Year of the Bible. I was privileged to be the Los Angeles County chairman that year. Why have we gone astray only thirty-five years from that proclamation? Could it be due to government corruption, the infection of our school system by left-wing politics, a willingness to compromise the truth, and the failure of the Church to teach constitutional and Biblical precepts?

Too many pastors (churches, Bible colleges, and seminaries) have adopted non-Christian, false, and very serious liberal nonsense that is an anti-Christ virus in today’s Body of Believers. Many of our leaders have grown too cowardly to engage the culture of our day.

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4)

A house divided against itself cannot stand. (President Abraham Lincoln, from Mark 3:25)
Our overarching failure has been that in recent decades Americans largely have forgotten God, despite our founding by Christians. Our laws were based upon the British Common Law, which came primarily from the Magna Carta (AD 1215), limiting the power of monarchs. Our founding fathers incorporated it into our United States Constitution. That seminal document begins thus:

Know that, having regard to God and for the salvation of our soul, and those of all our ancestors and heirs, and unto the honor of God and the advancement of his holy Church and for the rectifying of our realm, we have granted as underwritten by advice of our venerable fathers…. In the first place we have granted to God, and by this our present charter confirmed for us and our heirs forever that the English Church shall be free, and shall have her rights entire, and her liberties inviolate; and we will that it be thus observed.

Our quintessential American love of freedom—particularly religious freedom—is rooted in a Biblically derived sense of intrinsic human self-worth as the bearers of the image of God. We need to return to our King Jesus the Christ and obey Him with reverence, as did those upon whose shoulders we stand as a nation.

Dear reader, look at the whole book of Jude for predictions and warnings about apostates, from Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ and brother of James. Yet it ends on a high note:

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. (Jude 1:24–25)

Let us pray intentionally and with laser-targeted prayers in the months and years ahead for national revival by our Lord God Omnipotent, who loves America, for a new wave of the Holy Spirit, which will require Church repentance nationwide! Pray Christ’s power, justice, and love to come upon us in Spirit and in Truth for a new awakening as we leave behind our “American amnesia,” and forge ahead in His will and way, remembering the mighty deeds of the Lord over the past four centuries in our land.
…that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Additionally, Americans need to pray for the salvation of the unsaved in America and everywhere in the world. God is listening. He knows every hair on our heads, and He wants the world to embrace the King of kings and Lord of lords. God will have His way one day at the end of the age, and every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. May this book, *American Amnesia*, be a part of the next great move of God—the awakening from amnesia—we all crave to see in our beloved country.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:14)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:33–34)

The Englishman Edmund Burke was right in his timeless warning:

When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. (from *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*, 1776)

Dear Reader of American Amnesia, what can you be doing to preserve the free-enterprise system and Christian constitutional American liberty now? The following are quotes from some of America’s past patriots and leaders in the holy cause of Liberty. Meditate on these. We are in a season in America during which the Lord is waiting and listening for Christians to rise up and seek Him diligently in prayer—in churches, Bible studies, prayer meetings, and anywhere two or three are gathered together. Prayer (or rather, our Lord God Omnipotent) changes things. America needs a revival. We need to turn back to our Triune Lord—Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. My friend Dr. Marshall Foster, founder and president of the World History Institute, has learned from his historical studies that generally in history (His story), God has initiated revivals and new awakenings about every half century. Pray for our King’s new move of the Holy Spirit to sweep throughout our American land.

Here, then, are several select resources from history.

I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. (John Adams on the Declaration of Independence, in a letter to his wife Abigail Adams, July 1776)

* Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. (Thomas Paine, The American Crisis, No. 1, December 19, 1776)

* Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of the means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.

Besides sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable—and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, peace, peace—but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it
that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me: Give me liberty, or give me death! (Excerpts from “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,” by Patrick Henry, the first governor of the state of Virginia and member of the First Continental Congress, delivered at St. John’s Church the year prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It called for a holy defensive war and was a call to arms against the British oppression, and was passed by the Convention.)

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All temporal power is of God,
And the magistratal, His institution, laud,
To but advance creaturely happiness aubaud:
Let us then affirm the Source of Liberty.

Ever agreeable to the nature and will,
Of the Supreme and Guardian of all yet still
Employed for our rights and freedom’s thrill:
Thus proves the only Source of Liberty.

Through our civil joy is surely expressed
Through hearth, and home, and church manifest,
Yet this too shall be a nation’s true test:
To acknowledge the divine Source of Liberty.

(Samuel Adams, “The Divine Source of Liberty.” Sam Adams was one of the firebrands of the Revolution and founder of the Committees of Correspondence and the Sons of Liberty. He led the resistance against the tyranny of the King of England following the Boston Massacre.)

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America’s laws are largely derived from English Common Law. They formed the backbone of the American Constitution and our nation’s laws.

Sir William Blackstone’s Commentaries on the Laws of England, published 1765–1769 by Oxford’s Clarendon Press, had an immense influence on America’s founders, being considered the definitive pre-Revolutionary source of common law by United States courts....
“When the Supreme Being formed the universe, and created matter out of nothing, He impressed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be.…

The Creator is a Being, not only of infinite power, and wisdom, but also of infinite goodness, He has so intimately connected, so inseparably interwoven the laws of eternal justice with the happiness of each individual, that the latter cannot be attained but by observing the former… [a] mutual connection of justice and human felicity.…

The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the Holy Scriptures.” (Bill Federer’s American Minute, “Blackstone’s Law Commentaries To Finney’s Revivals,” August 18, 2018)

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My country ‘tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty:
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died
Land of the Pilgrims' pride
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

My native country thee
Land of the noble free
Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song
Let all that breathe partake
Let mortal tongues awake
Let rocks their silence break
The sound prolong.
Our fathers’ God to thee
Author of liberty
To thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
With freedom’s holy light
Protect us by thy might
Great God, our King.
(Samuel Smith, “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”)

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In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses, and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience. (Founding father James McHenry, signer of the Constitution)

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The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together. The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.

But these considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to your sensibility, are greatly outweighed by those which apply more immediately to your interest. Here every portion of our country finds the most commanding motives for carefully guarding and preserving the union of the whole.

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, the firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure,
reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

'Tis substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every species of free government.

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that in the course of time and things the fruits of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantages which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue? This experiment, at least, is recommended by every sentiment which ennobles human nature. Alas! Is it rendered impossible by its vices?

In the execution of such a plan nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be cultivated.

Harmony, liberal intercourse with all nations are recommended by policy, humanity, and interest.

I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence.

Relying on its kindness in this as in other things, and actuated by that fervent love toward it which is so natural to a man who views in it the native soil of himself and his progenitors for several generations, I anticipate with pleasing expectation that retreat in which I promise myself to realize, without alloy, the sweet enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of my fellow-citizens, the benign influence of good laws under a free government, the ever-favorite object of my heart, and the happy reward, as I trust, of our mutual cares, labors, and dangers. (President George Washington, excerpts from his Farewell Address, 1796. Publisher’s Note: I recommend all readers obtain and read with care President George Washington’s full Farewell Address and First Inaugural Address.)

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If we and our posterity shall be true to the Christian religion, if we and they shall live always in the fear of God, and shall respect His commandments, if we and they shall maintain just moral sentiments and such conscientious convictions of duty as shall control the heart and life, we may have the highest hopes of the future fortunes of our country; and if we maintain those institutions of government and that political union, exceeding all praise as much as it exceeds all former examples of political associations, we may be sure of one thing, that while our country furnishes material for a thousand masters of the historic art, it will afford no topic for a Gibbon. It will have no decline and fall. It will go on prospering and to prosper.

But if we and our posterity reject religious institutions and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity. (Daniel Webster, statesman, lawyer, and orator, from a speech he gave before the Historical Society of New York in 1852.)

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The deliberations of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were held in strict secrecy. Consequently, anxious citizens gathered outside Independence Hall when the proceedings ended in order to learn what had been produced behind closed doors. The answer was provided immediately. A Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.”

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America is engaged in a spiritual civil war. With all the evangelical radio and television ministries, you’d think that more Christians would join in the fight, but many Christians haven’t committed to do their parts to change our land. Others have heard that Christians shouldn’t concern themselves with political and social issues, so they don’t even register to vote! We read

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in Genesis 1:26 that God gave humans dominion over everything in the world. This has become known as the Cultural Mandate. To properly fulfill that mandate, we must participate in our local and national elections. (Let me say that I believe it’s a sin not to vote.) Have you registered to vote and exercised that avenue to make a difference for Christ? (Kennedy and Newcombe, New Every Morning, 1996, November 4)

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All heaven and earth resound with that subtle and delicately balanced truth that the old paths are the best paths after all. (J. C. Ryle)

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Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts. (Jeremiah 32:17–18)

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