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When one thinks of the Founding Fathers, the names George Washington, Samuel Adams, and Benjamin Franklin come to mind. These were some of the influential men who helped create just laws and a legendary government. In this essay, I hope to explain what some of our Founding Fathers believed about the Bible and creation, how their beliefs influenced the government they established, and how a country with no belief in the true God differs from our government structure.

First of all, it is very important to understand what some of the Founding Fathers believed about creation and the Bible. George Washington, who would later become our nation's first president, believed God created the world. He also believed that the Bible was God's Word given to man. Samuel Adams, another crucial founder, considered himself to be an Orthodox Christian. He believed that the Trinity created the world out of nothing. A nickname given to Adams was, "Last of the Puritans". Even after the Wesleyan Revival, Mr. Adams, unlike his friends, held firm to his beliefs for the rest of his life. Benjamin Franklin was a printer, writer, inventor, and founder. He believed in deism after converting from Calvinism. More specifically, Franklin believed that there was one God, and that He was the creator and authority of the Universe. He considered the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God. Although, the Founding Fathers had differing beliefs, they agreed on the fact that God was the Creator of the Universe, and the Bible was their looking glass. This common ground would influence the foundation of the government our Founding Fathers would establish.

There are many benefits of living in a nation founded on Christian principles. These nations were not founded overnight, but were carefully planned and designed

by godly men. One major benefit of a Christian nation is the separation of church and state. Our Founders wanted a nation, unlike their mother country, in which the government could not control religion. Another great benefit, was the First Amendment. Since the Founders believed in creation, they respected human life. The First Amendment said that all men were created equal. This truth can be found in the Bible. Believing in the sin nature of man, the Founding Fathers were careful not to give a man too much power. He could become a tyrant. As a result, these wise men set up three separate branches of government. The Executive branch was to enforce the laws. The Legislative branch would make the laws. The responsibility of the Judicial branch would be to interpret the laws. It is very amazing to think how blessed we are to live in the United States of America.

Unfortunately, some nations were not founded by godly men. Let us take a look at the country of Egypt. The Egyptian people believed that the pharaoh represented the gods on Earth. In the eyes of the Egyptians, pharaohs could do no wrong. They also believed in a social hierarchy. Pharaoh, of course, was on top of the social pyramid. Through their blindness and disregard for the one true God, the Egyptians paved the way for a tyrant. The central government had more control of individual people. In addition to this, the pharaoh owned all Egyptian lands. These rights were completely different from American rights. Our citizens can own private property. The Egyptian people greatly depended on agriculture. Through the pharaoh, the people asked the gods for a flooded Nile River. They were hoping for nourished crops. Their agriculture sometimes struggled with the lack of rain. This scenario also caused the Egyptian economy to struggle. At the end of the day, there was an Egypt poor and empty. This is a clear contrast to the prosperity of our great nation.

In conclusion, the United States of America is the greatest nation in the world. Yet, our nation is constantly changing. Our schools are teaching evolution, and the focus has turned from God to unbiblical values. We, the Christians, must be bold as a lion. We must have a firm argument ready for people who wish to destroy and loot our Nation of its founding principles. An argument that shows what the Founding Fathers believed, and how we benefit from a Christian nation will help prove them wrong. That is not all, it is important to understand that a nation without God, simply shrivels up due to a lack of Divine blessing. We may never restore the whole nation, but may we be determined to stand up for that same faith our Founding Fathers held.