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America Did Not Rebel, Part 2

As we saw last month, God does not approve of rebellion against constituted authority. God has set up each segment of government to protect the good and punish the evildoers. Christians are instructed to follow the direction of earthly authorities (1 Peter 2:13-14) except where their commands contradict those of God (Acts 5:29).

The Founders of America were men who honored God and desired the advance of His kingdom. They took Biblical commands and wisdom seriously. For instance, Samuel Adams stated, in a 1776 letter to John Scollay, that he believed America's enemies would make it a point to eradicate true religion and virtue from our minds, because "revelation assures us that 'righteousness exalteth a nation.'" He went on to say that "the public liberty will not long survive the total extinction of Morals." Many other men could be cited with a similar position.

Yet, the Founders fought against the Crown of England and even declared their own national independence from her authority! Having reviewed the defensive nature of the Revolutionary War last issue, we face an important question: why would our Founders have gone so far as to actually

declare independence? A clue to the answer can be found in an entry to the Congressional journal made by John Hancock shortly before the Declaration was adopted: "The question was not whether, by a declaration of independence, we should make ourselves what we are not, but whether we should declare a fact which already exists." What Hancock was saying was that the Declaration was in fact a recognition of America's current state – not a proclamation of a new existence!



King George III had already proclaimed the American colonies to be outside his protection in August 1775. A foundational English law maxim states: "Protection and allegiance are reciprocal." Thus, King George was telling the colonies that he would no longer act as their monarch in a lawful relationship, but as their conqueror! Even so, the Americans continued to pursue a peaceful resolution to the war. But in December of 1775, the British Parliament passed an act which made the king's terminology official. The Americans were legally declared to be out from under British protection. It is this Prohibitory Act of 1775 that is referred to in an often-ignored point of the Declaration of Independence: "[The king] has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us." ***(To be continued...)***

True Education Initiative

What will you be doing this year to support your school?

Have you considered starting a prayer group to uphold your friends, leaders, and teachers before the Lord? The YCLA will be pressing forward once again in the 2010-11 school year



with our Operation Pi vision: a "Prayer Initiative" for our education, in which you can be a part! If you are not praying for your school, you are missing an amazing blessing God wants to give you. However, even if you pray for your school on your own, it is still a great idea to **begin praying regularly with your friends**. Not only does this

action allow you to better track God's

workings and acknowledge Him to others, it creates a spirit of teamwork between students with a heart for Christ. The YCLA has developed two web pages that can aid in assembling such a group. Go to www.YCLAlliance.org/operationpi.htm for more info on this project and to **join our Facebook page!**

Or, for resources and support in getting started, you can check out www.YoungChristianLeaders.org/prayer.aspx. You may also email yclalliance@gmail.com with any comments, questions, or ideas. Thanks for working with us to reclaim America's schools!

ACTIONPOINT

Check out the Operation Pi (Prayer Initiative) web page at our YCLA site, www.YCLAlliance.org/operationpi.htm. Then, make a list of five people who you plan to invite to pray with you weekly for your school or homeschool fellowship. Make it a goal to pray with at least two of these people on a regular basis. Please also let the YCLA know when you start, so we can be aware of our progress in this project, and better support you!

YCLA Prayer Bits

pray today.

1. Pray that God will continue to provide fruit from YCLA events, and that He will give us more opportunities to influence for Him.
2. Continue to pray for wisdom for all those involved in developing new audio and video presentations to further true leadership for Christ's Way.
3. Pray for Josiah (YCLA president) as he begins law school this month.

Liberty Corner

"So shall I keep Thy Law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Thy precepts." - Psalm 119:44-45