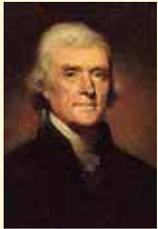


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“MERRY CHRISTMAS”



The truth is that the greatest enemies to the doctrines of Jesus are those calling themselves the expositors of them,

who have perverted them for the structure of a system of fancy absolutely incomprehensible, and without any foundation in his genuine words. And the day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the Supreme Being as his father in the womb of a virgin will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter. But we may hope that the dawn of reason and freedom of thought in these United States will do away with all this artificial scaffolding, and restore to us the primitive and genuine doctrines of this the most venerated reformer of human errors. -Thomas Jefferson



“Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be

plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world.” - Calvin Coolidge

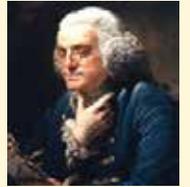
“The greatest and most momentous fact which the history of the world records is the fact of Christ’s birth. - C. H. Spurgeon



“Amid all the hubbub and hustle this time of year always brings, we should not forget the simple beauty of that first Christmas long ago. In the center of all lay the infant, born in the shadows and straw of a stable in Bethlehem, yet truly the fulfillment of ancient prophecies and the hope of every age to come.” - Ronald Reagan

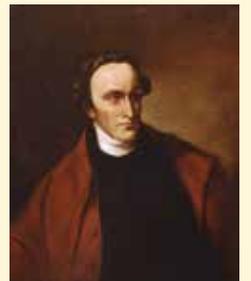


“A good conscience is a continual Christmas. How many observe Christ’s birthday! How few, His precepts!” - Benjamin Franklin



There is an insidious campaign of false propaganda being waged today, to the effect that our country is not a Christian country but a religious one— that it was not founded on Christianity but on freedom of religion. It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by ‘religionists’ but by Christians-not on religion but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity and freedom of worship here.

- Patrick Henry
- His Will

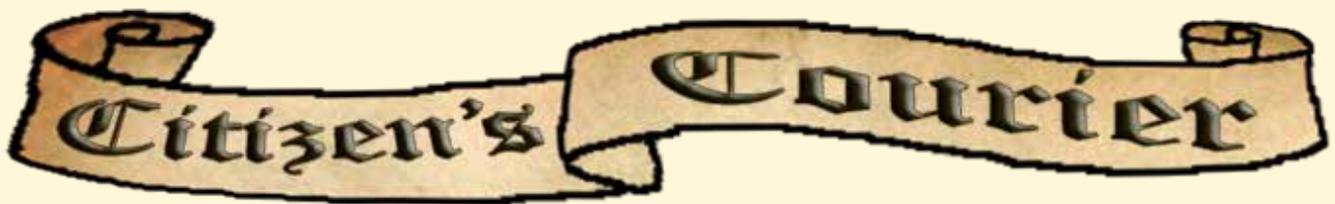


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Mary's Christmas

Tw'as night of Christ's coming and all through the land,
Decree went from Caesar to tax ev'ry man.
So, up into Bethlehem, multitudes went,
To pay unto Caesar the very last pence.
And Joseph and Mary did travel the wilds,
To Bethlehem's portals, and her great with child.
They searched for a quarter, but none did they find,
For none of the inn keeps would pay them a mind.
At last they found shelter, a place for to stay,
A stable for cattle, a dimly lit cave.
And there in a manger Heav'n's KING came to men,
To die upon Calv'ry in payment for sin.
As Joseph and Mary knelt there on the sod,
They gazed on the face of the infant, their God!
As shepherds stood watch o'er their flocks in that night,
An angel from God appeared giving them fright.



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“Fear Not!” cried the angel, “I bring unto you,
Great tidings of peace and to all the Good News!”
And as he did speak and proclaim unto them,
A host of bright angels accompanied him.
They sang of “Glad Tidings” and “Peace Unto All,”
Of a Babe in a manger, with cattle and stall.
So they in great haste ran to search for their KING,
And all through the city their voices did ring!
Proclaiming the wonder the angel bards told,
Of a KING in a manger in poor shepherd’s fold.
And all those that heard of the wonderful news,
Did wonder and ponder as on it they mused.
But back in the stable away and apart,
A virgin did ponder all this in her heart!
Things became clearer as time moved along,
Till one day she saw this child mocked by the throng.
Not caring or knowing the KING in His Grace,
Had come to them humbly to rescue their race;
From eternal torment, the black fire of death,
Who cried out in darkness with very last breath,
“My Father, Forgive them! For they do not know!
That I came to save them from torment below!”
So if you think Christmas is but time of cheer,
Remember KING JESUS: Enduring the jeers,
He pled your forgiveness with last dying breath,
So you might gain Heaven and never see death!

~ Gale Palmer ~

