



WISCONSIN FAMILY COUNCIL
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Strengthening, Preserving & Promoting Marriage, Family, Life & Religious Freedom

*Righteousness exalteth
a nation, but sin is a
reproach to any people.
When the righteous are
in authority, the people
rejoice; but when the
wicked beareth rule, the
people mourn.*

Proverbs 14:34 & 29:2

You're Invited!

2022 Community Events!

“Your Backyard: Own It!”

Thurs., April 7

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Baraboo, Pizza Ranch

Tues., April 12

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Charcoal Grill, Burlington

Thurs., April 21

6:00-8:00 p.m.,

Janesville, The Italian
House

Thurs., April 28

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hudson, Pizza Ranch in

Stillwater, MN

Please register at
wifamilycouncil.org, or by
calling 888-378-7395.

Needed: “A Moral & Religious People”

“**O**ur Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other,” wrote John Adams in 1798. Adams understood the reality that exists even today: you can’t have a limited government if the people don’t self-limit. It’s just won’t work. And who is best suited to self-limit—to self-govern? People who are “moral and religious.”

When Adams wrote this, he wasn’t thinking of or in any way referencing any religion other than Christianity. John Adams understood that the influence of Christianity was imperative for the Constitution and the form of government it prescribed—a limited, representative government.

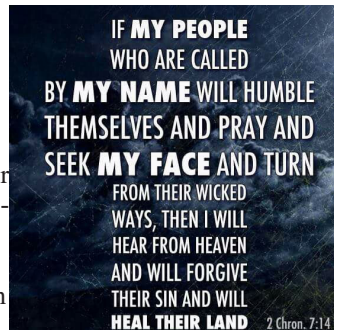
He wasn’t invoking Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other *ism*. He was talking about morality derived from the truths of Scripture. To think otherwise is to not understand John Adams and the time in which he lived. He was alluding to

ideas such as “in honor preferring one another,” and “be ye kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,” and “bear ye one another’s burdens,” and “don’t defraud your brother,” and so much more that we find in Scripture that tells us how we are to live with deference to others and with personal restraint.

Unlike the world, we derive our morality from the Bible, the infallible, inerrant, unchanging, forever-settled very Word of God. Because morality is someone’s view of what is right and wrong, it can change—and it does change, especially when people derive their morality from some place or source other than the Bible.

Today, most people derive their morality, their sense of what is right and wrong, not from an external, objective, fixed reference; but rather from an internal, subjective, always-changing reference—themselves. That morality reflects the religion of humanism, not Christianity, and it most certainly isn’t the

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Action Alert

Tuesday, April 5, is election day in Wisconsin. Please be sure to vote. The only way for good people to get elected to office is for God's people to vote for them. We encourage you to honor God with your vote. For more information, visit myvote.wi.gov.

In addition to voting please pray for the best possible outcomes for our elections. II Chronicles 7:14, featured on the front page, and referenced in the article, is a reminder to us of the importance of prayer. While this passage is addressed specifically to the nation of Israel, we believe it has general application to any nation. Our great God is holy in judgment, but He is also merciful and stands ready to forgive and heal. We see a great example of this in the book of Jonah where God spared the Assyrians in Nineveh when they repented of their sin. As long as we have breath and opportunity, let us approach God on behalf of our nation, that people will turn to the Lord.

Let us also remember to pray regularly for our elected officials, as we are exhorted to do in I Timothy 2:1-4, remembering that our good God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (v. 4).

sort of morality or religion that Adams was talking about.

As Christianity's influence in America wanes, our collective ability to self-limit, to self-govern, dissipates. We see it everywhere. The result is more and more laws from every level of government. When we don't govern ourselves, human government is more than happy to step in to impose external restraint.

At this point, someone will inevitably say, "You can't legislate morality." Given the definition of morality, that is a false statement. Every law, every ordinance, every policy passed at any level of government is someone's view of what is right and wrong. So, we legislate morality all the time. What we can't legislate is obedience to the law. We can only create an environment that makes the penalty and punishment for breaking the law stiff enough to deter bad behavior.

The quotation from John Adams at the beginning of this article was just part of what he wrote in that letter over 220 years ago. Here's more of what he admonished: "***We have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by morality and Religion. Avarice, Ambition, Revenge or Galantry, would break the strongest Cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net.***"

Adams didn't mince words. Basically, he told us without a strong Christian influence in our country, our Constitution—the Supreme law of the land—would be destroyed as easily as a whale breaks a net.

So, what can we do to keep our Constitution meaningful and intact, to keep our limited government? The answer is in II Chronicles 7:14. We need revival—revival that starts with individuals and families, grows in churches, extends to entire communities and spreads everywhere in this great land. By application, "If my people" means those of us who identify with Christ. As we repent, turn from our wicked ways, pray and share the Gospel, we help bring about a people who can truly self-limit and self-govern, ensuring that this government "**of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.**" Love of family and neighbor compels us to pray fervently to this end.

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious freedom in our state.

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