



“Faith Of Our Founders”

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“[God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one us, for ‘in him we live and move and have our being.’” – Acts 17:26-

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What is Paul saying here about God’s “sovereignty” or “providence” in our nation’s founding?

What is he not saying?

I. The Faith Of George Washington

Washington stood out for his character. What formed it?

God in the Declaration of Independence. And in the Revolution.

II. From Washington To Lincoln, Belief In God's Providence Was Affirmed

III. Thomas Jefferson and the 'Separation of Church & State'

Was Jefferson just a "deist"?

What were the Founders concerned about when it came to church & state?

What were they not concerned about?

Why did the Founders want faith – especially Christianity – unleashed?

IV. Lessons For America Today, And For Me