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Re: Declaration of Independence - America's 'submission to God' - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/7/4 22:47

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Re: Declaration of Independence - America's 'submission to God' - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2008/7/4 23:04

Our nation's founding document declared independence from Britain; but, with equal measure, declared dependence upon God.

Expressing "firm reliance upon divine providence" (trusting in His grace); the signers committed the American experiment to their Maker. The Spirit of 1776 was one of reverence and trust.

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Re: Declaration of Independence - America's 'submission to God' - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/7/5 0:37

Hmmmm... it seems to me that far from being submissive to God, our founding fathers were anything but such. We rebelled against England and cast off the command in Scripture to submit to those above us... even if they are unreasonable. We only rebelled because we didn't like our taxes and didn't like our seeming lack of representation. Funny thing is, today we are taxed far more than they ever were, and our representation is merely nominal.