

HB 445

“Chair Manning, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 445. My name is John Taylor, and I am from Franklin County.”

“Why Ohio Needs HB 445,” In the words of those much wiser than I; The Ohio Constitution, Founding Americans, Declaration of Independence, Presidents, and God Himself.

- With God all things are possible. **Jesus Christ and Ohio Motto**
- Article I Section 7 of the **Ohio Constitution** requires the Ohio General Assembly to pass HB 445. “Religion, morality, and knowledge, however, being essential to good government, it shall be the duty of the general assembly to pass suitable laws to protect every religious denomination in the peaceable enjoyment of its own mode of public worship, and to encourage schools and the means of instruction.
- Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy son, Jesus Christ. **-George Washington**
- **I Samuel 12:13-15** Now therefore, here is the king whom you have chosen, whom you have asked for, and behold, the Lord has set a king over you. If you will fear the Lord and serve Him and listen to His voice and not rebel against the command of the Lord, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God. If you will not listen to the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the command of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you, as it was against your fathers.
- That Book (The Bible) Sir is the Rock upon which our Republic rests. – Andrew Jackson
- In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed. **Noah Webster**
- Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As a nation becomes more corrupt and vicious, they have more need for masters. **Benjamin Franklin**
- We Recognize No Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus! **-John Adams**

- We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people... it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. -

John Quincy Adams

- Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. -**John Adams**
- All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible. – Noah Webster
- America was born a Christian nation. -**Woodrow Wilson**
- The only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible. **Benjamin Rush**
- **Philippians 2:3** Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever. **Thomas Jefferson**
- Jesus' religion is the best the world ever saw or is likely to see. **Benjamin Franklin**
- **Article IV Section 4 of the US Constitution** guarantees a republican form of government and not a pure democracy, because:
 - A democracy is a volcano which conceals fiery material of its own destruction. -
Fisher Ames
 - Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican of government and all the blessings which flow from them must fall with them.
Dr. Jedediah Morse
 - The genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible. **Noah Webster**
- Dear Sir..... I promised to give you my reasons for preferring the Bible, as a school-book, to all other compositions. Before I state my arguments, I shall assume the five

following propositions: 1. That Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that, in proportion as mankind adopt its principles, and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy. 2. That a better knowledge of this religion is to be acquired by reading the Bible, than in any other way. 3. That the Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state, than any other book in the world. 4. That knowledge is most durable, and religious instruction most useful, when imparted in early life.

Benjamin Rush

- **Declaration of Independence** We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
- **Romans 13:1** Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

In summary, the Bible gives a family, state, or country the food it needs for a long life. Paraphrased from "The Rebirth of America," the Bible gives Dignity of human life (Exodus and Matthew), traditional family (Genesis and Ephesians), common decency, work ethic, Christ, God-centered Education (Deuteronomy and Ephesians), and foundational institutions.

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