“Though the year of its first appearance is disputed, it is estimated to have sold more than five million copies.”
“...if the study of the Bible is to be excluded from all state schools; if the inculcation of the principles of Christianity is to have no place in the daily program; if the worship of God is to form no part of the general exercises of these public elementary schools; then the good of the state would be better served by restoring all schools to church control.”

1892


Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion, and the duties of man towards God.

Life of Gouverneur Morris, Vol III


*Foundations of the American State*

Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

*Revelation 2:6*
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"...And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

George Washington, Farewell Address, Sept 17, 1796.

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"The only foundation for a republic is to be laid in Religion.

...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.


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The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive one without the other.


The religious atmosphere of the country was the first thing that struck me upon my arrival in the U.S. In France, I had seen the spirits of religion and freedom almost always marching in opposite directions, in America, I found them intimately linked together and joined and reigned over the same land...


Religion should therefore be considered as the first of their political institutions. From the start, politics and religion have agreed and have not since ceased to do so.


...only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.


The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws... 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.

Online Source: http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel06.html

Daniel Webster, Fourth of July Oration Delivered at Fryeburg, ME, in the Year 1802 (A. Williams & Co. / A.F. & C.W. Lewis, Boston, Mass. / Fryeburg, Me., 1882), 12.
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Online source: http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/declaration_transcript.html
“...and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them...”

Sir Edward Coke, *Calvin’s Case in The Selected Writings and Speeches of Sir Edward Coke*, ed. Steve Sheppard
(Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2003), 7:35.


Evolution of Law in America

1869
Eliot arrives as President of Harvard

1870
Langdell becomes head of Harvard Law School

Langdell’s Case Method

“Law, considered as a science, consists of certain principles or doctrines... Each of these doctrines has arrived at its present state by slow degrees; in other words, it is a growth, extending in many cases through centuries. This growth is to be traced in the main through a series of cases;...”

Preface to Langdell’s 1870, Cases on Contracts, cited in H.W. Titus, God, Man and Law

John Chipman Gray

“The law is a living thing, with a continuous history, sloughing off the old, taking on the new.”

Gray was one of Langdell’s colleagues in changing the view of law in America

H. W. Titus, God, Man and Law

Rise of Legal Positivism

“Langdell did not merely introduce a new method of teaching law, he introduced a new faith concerning law. He believed that man, led by the ablest scholars and judges, could discover and determine the laws governing human affairs. Because he believed that man did not need the aid of God and of the Holy Scripture...”

H. W. Titus, God, Man and Law

Rise of Legal Positivism

“...Langdell sought to eliminate both from legal education—not by default, but by design. He, along with president Eliot, had embraced the new faith that swept the academic world in the latter 1800’s—that Darwin’s theory of evolution was the key to all of life, including the law.”

H. W. Titus, God, Man and Law


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Legal Positivism

The claim that the state is the ultimate authority for creating, interpreting and enforcing law. All legal truth is based on the decision of the state.

Evolving Law

"The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience. In order to know what it is, we must know what it has been, and what it tends to become."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Common Law (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1923), 1


Evolving Law

"[Law is] simply an embodiment of the ends and purposes of a society at a given point in its history...beliefs that have triumphed and nothing more."

Noah Webster, Letters to a Young Gentleman Commencing His Education (New Haven, S. Converse, 1823) 18-19.


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When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will - humble themselves and - pray and - seek my face and - turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer, April 30, 1863

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer, April 30, 1863


...We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us...and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own...

Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer, April 30, 1863


...Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation & Prayer, April 30, 1863


Why has all of this happened?
If the enemy can destroy the Christian’s passion for America, then he has won the major battle for the soul of this nation.

Great Missionary: Hudson Taylor

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