

Washington Monument

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

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

Religion is as necessary to reason as reason is to religion. The one cannot exist without the other. A reasoning being would lose his reason, in attempting to account for the great phenomena of nature, had he not a Supreme Being to refer to; and well has it been said, that if there had been no God, mankind would have been obliged to imagine one

Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected

I beg you be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny, and every species of religious persecution.

The government of the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion.”

“I regret exceedingly that the disputes between the protestants and Roman Catholics should be carried to the serious alarming height mentioned in your letters. **Religious controversies are always productive of more acrimony and irreconcilable hatreds than those which spring from any other cause;** and I was not without hopes that the enlightened and liberal policy of the present age would have put an effectual stop to contentions of this kind.

[*Letter to Sir Edward Newenham, 22 June 1792*”

– *George Washington, Writings*

“It is substantially true, that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule, indeed, extends with more or less force to every species of free government.”

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