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MOSES ON CAPITOL HILL - By Wilson Adams

One of my favorite characters in all of the Bible is Moses. His story is one of the most intriguing, inspiring and moving in all of history. For forty years he was an Egyptian, the adopted grandson of Pharaoh. For the next forty years he played the part of an Arabian shepherd-boy and for the final forty he became known as the great Israelite lawgiver and leader. Few men stand his equal.

- He was a man of *fear* as he contemplated his God assigned task to deliver his people from Egyptian slavery.
- He was a man of *courage* as he accepted the challenge and triumphantly preached and proved Jehovah's power in Pharaoh's courts.
- He was a man of *wisdom* who chose to associate with God rather than align himself with the treasures and temptations of Egypt.
- He was a man of *righteous anger* as he observed the religious rebellion and thankless disposition of the Jews toward Jehovah.
- He was a man of *meekness* who learned the meaning of "strength under control."
- He was a man of *mistakes* who had to pay a price for his sin of weakness—he would stay behind while his kinsmen journeyed over Jordan.
- He was a man of *youthful vitality* who never lost his vigor and enthusiasm even in his old age (Num. 34: 7).
- He was a man who *loved God* to the day he

died .. and was in every sense a LEADER!

Is there ever a character like Moses in all of history? A man who went to the mountain and saw the backside of God. A man who witnessed the fingers of Jehovah cutting out the ten commandments. A man who communed with God concerning the laws for man. And a man who set forth the principles upon which every good law has since been predicated. And, yet, a humble man— *"Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth"* (Num.12: 3). Fittingly, Jehovah wrote the final epitaph on the life of Moses in Deuteronomy 34:10 - *Since then no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.*

Recently I had occasion to be in the gallery of the House of Representatives in the United States Capitol. The proceedings on the floor were rather uneventful and my eyes wandered a bit making a mental note here and there on articles of interest in the historic chamber. One thing that arrested my attention (and curiosity) were the twenty three portraits encircling the room. According to the Capitol architectural staff, these represent the people who played a "noted part in the evolution of American law." There, cut out in white marble, were the likenesses of greats like Cicero, Seneca and

Caesar of Rome, King Hammurabi of Babylon, Napoleon of France and American statesmen Jefferson and Mason. And there, about halfway on the back wall was Moses. The influence of Moses upon American law and order is easily recognized. Our nation was founded upon Biblical principles of the Old Testament and our government of law was based upon a reverence for God and respect for one's fellow man which emanated from biblical teaching. The civil laws of Moses' law formed the basis for our laws and Constitution. Dr. Harold O. J. Brown underscored that fact when he wrote in **The Reconstruction of the Republic:** (pg. 19) *... the Bible has had a tremendous formative influence on people and institutions even when it has not been accepted as the authoritative Word of God. It is perfectly correct to say that a substantial measure of American culture, attitudes, literary style, even language and laws and political institutions is biblical in origin and inspiration.... the basic source of values in American society is biblical.*

Most of these "values" can be traced directly back to Moses. God has always had a certain code of ethics and values that He legislated in order for man to get along with man. In fact, six of the ten commandments, that Moses delivered to Israel, refer to man's relationship with man:
Thou shalt not steal
Thou shalt not bear false witness
Thou shalt not murder
Thou shalt not commit adultery
Thou shalt not covet
Honor your Father and Mother
As long as this simple code of civil

morality is followed the result will always be the same—a morally safe and sane society. And it was that code upon which our great nation was founded.

Few men are as widely respected and remembered as the great Jewish lawgiver named Moses. Few men have had so great an influence upon our nation as he. The next time you're in Washington, D. C., go to the Capitol and visit the House of Representatives. Look for Moses. He's there and he's one of the reasons we are here.

From: Searching the Scriptures, Jan 1985 Vol 26

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view .. it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

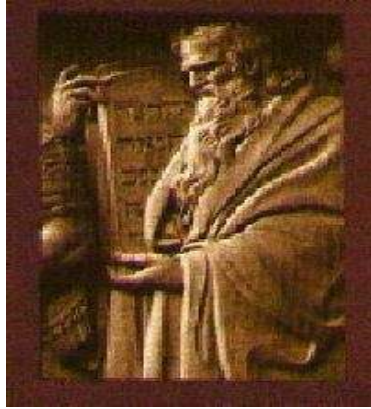
DID YOU KNOW?

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.



DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!



DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement:

"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said:

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer

by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law . An oligarchy

DID YOU KNOW?

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said:

"Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Lets remind the world and ourselves and let the world see and remember what this great country was built on.

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such a mess about having the Ten Commandments on display or "In God We Trust" on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why don't we just tell the other 14% to Sit Down and **LISTEN TO GOD!!!**

READ YOUR BIBLE

TODAY!

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Having lost my mother to cancer in 1992 - and my Father in Law in 2005 I thought I would share this short poem I found regarding what Cancer Cannot Do. If you are a victim of Cancer or no a Cancer Patient you can share this with them too.

What Cancer Can Not Do

It cannot cripple Love,
It cannot shatter Hope,
It cannot corrode Faith,
It cannot eat away Peace,
It cannot destroy Confidence,
It cannot kill Friendship,
It cannot shut out Memories,
It cannot silence Courage,
It cannot invade the Soul,
It cannot quench the Spirit,
It cannot reduce Eternal Life,
It cannot overcome the Resurrection.
Cancer is so limited -----

Author Unknown

LESSON IN HUMOR

The story is told of a prisoner who received a letter from his wife:

"Dear Mike, I have decided to plant a garden in the back yard. When is the best time to plant it?" The prisoner, knowing that the prison guards read all the mail before it goes out, replied in a letter: "Dear Susan, whatever you do, do not touch the back yard. That is where I hid all the money." A week or so later, the prisoner received another letter from his wife: "Dear Mike, You wouldn't believe what happened. Some men came to the house with shovels, and dug up all the back yard." The prisoner wrote another letter: "Dear Susan, now is the best

time to plant your garden."

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 11:00am

Bible Study 7:00pm