What brought the Mayflower to America? DIVINE PROVIDENCE



As we approach National Day of Thanksgiving having a long tradition in American history. Both Puritans at Plymouth Rock and Pilgrims at Jamestown, VA braved all odds for their religious freedom. Both "Mayflower Compact" and Constitutional Law based foundations based on (LONANG) Laws of Nature and Nature's God.

As we give thanks this Thanksgiving let's remember our forefathers and rich history America has in freedom and liberty. America sets record existing 338 years under same constitution. Our Founding Father's definitely did something

right. America's greatness came from "Divine Providence" due to their faith in Nature's God. America standing against the global superpower of that time was the foundation of American Exceptionalism.

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Text of Mayflower Compact:

In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are under-written, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith. etc.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November [NewStyle, November 21], in the year of the reign of our sovereign lord, King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620



I Proverbs 16:9

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Webster's 1828 English Dictionary

PROVIDENCE: PROV'IDENCE, n. [L. providentia.]

1. The act of providing or preparing for future use or application.

Providence for war is the best prevention of it. [Now little used.]

 Foresight; timely care; particularly, active foresight, or foresight accompanied with the procurement of what is necessary for future use, or with suitable preparation. How

- many of the troubles and perplexities of life proceed from want of providence!
- 3. In theology, the care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures. He that acknowledges a creation and denies a providence, involves himself in a palpable contradiction; for the same power which caused a thing to exist is necessary to continue its existence. Some persons admit a general providence, but deny a particular providence, not considering that a general providence consists of particulars. A belief in divine providence, is a source of great consolation to good men. By divine providence is often understood God himself.
- 4. Prudence in the management of one's concerns or in private economy.

What does the Bible say about PROVIDENCE? 27 verses about providence

Fearless Optimism: the Story of the Geneva Bible

The struggle between tyranny and liberty today in America is at a critical tipping point. Yet the force that transformed the world still holds the solutions for our crises. The road to liberty has never changed.

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The Pilgrims Formula to Save America

If we go back to the formula the Pilgrims laid out for a successful America, we can still save America.

The Mayflower Compact

The Mayflower Compact was signed by those aboard before ever stepping foot of the ship.

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The <u>Forefathers Monument</u> stands on a forgotten hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Th□e central figure of the Forefathers Monument is: FAITH

The Forefathers Monument: Faith
"Why is Faith so important in the struggle to restore liberty
and prosperity to America? It is crucial because man is
inescapably religious. All cultures are built upon some form
of religious faith. In comparison to biblical Christianity,
what have other faiths produced throughout history? Is it
true, as the multi-cultural advocates suggest that many
religiousfaiths created the modern western world as we know
it? Historian Rodney Stark gives us a realistic picture of
what the world would be like if it were dominated by other
religions such as the polytheistic gods of Greece or Rome, or
the non-theistic gods of Hinduism, Taoism, and Buddhism. He
says, "Christianity created Western Civilization...without a

theology committed to reason, progress, and moral equality [Christianity], today the entire world would be about where non-European societies were in, say, 1800. A world with many astrologers and alchemists but no scientists. A world of despots, lacking universities, banks, factories, eyeglasses, chimneys, and pianos. A world where most infants do not live to the age of □ve and many women die in childbirth — a world truly living in the dark ages." A host of other brilliant historians agree.Th□is is why faith is so important. As the Bible teaches, our faith determines our eternal relationship with God. It also determines whether our life will bring liberty or tyranny to men and nations. Christianity was the primary source of all of our institutions."