



NOBODY KNOWS THE MEANING OF THE AMERICAN FLAG ON ITS 240TH BIRTHDAY

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“The American flag is a symbol of the Constitution and American history.”

- President Woodrow Wilson a century ago

“...the flag of the Crusader cross,”

- Osama Bin Laden after seeing the nationwide display of flags in the aftermath of the 2001 attack

If some circumstances imposed the Nazi flag on us and we continued to live on in 50 years or however long it took, it {the swastika} would stand for all the great things the stars and stripes do.”

- Whitney Smith, the Massachusetts founder of Vexillology, the study of flags, said this a month after the 2001 terrorist attack

“I don’t know why whenever liberals see the American flag, they see the Nazi swastika.”

- Boston Herald columnist Don Feder

“The explicit message of the Stars and Stripes is simply that America is a country that had thirteen, and currently has, 50 states. Beyond that Americans and others can read into the flag any meaning they want.”

- Harvard history professor Samuel Huntington in his celebrated 2004 book “Who Are We?: The challenges to America’s identity”

How strange that on the 240th birthday of the Stars and Stripes, nobody knows what the flag means - what it is saying. And, by the way - did you know all of the nearly 100 original Stars and Stripes that flew in the American Revolution are missing? And believe it or not - historians are denying that Betsy Ross made the first Stars and Stripes. So, let’s *do the math* on the 240th birthday of the flag. Missing are (1) the founders’ intended meaning of the original Stars and Stripes and (2) the original Stars and Stripes banners. And (3) the person who constructed the original Stars and Stripes is being systematically erased from history. As illustrated above, Americans and people around the world project onto the American flag ideas that tell more about their worldview than they do about the founding fathers’ intended meaning of the flag. This is the Big News about American’s primary symbol on its 240th

birthday. The bizarre fact is - the American flag has become an international Rorschach Test. A Rorschach test is a psychiatric tool that gives some idea of what is going on in a patient's mind. Inkblots are shown to people who then say what the blot reminds them of. Looking at the above quotes, we see the top international expert on flags, the man who founded the study of flags, "Vexillology," Whitney Smith - declaring America's flag is meaningless. And then when we see the most respected expert on American identity, Samuel Huntington, (also quoted above) agreeing with Smith, we have a clear diagnosis of the state of the American mind in the early 21st century. America is suffering from an advanced case of amnesia. To Marxists, Muslims, atheists, liberals and the Democrat Confederacy during the Civil War, the Stars and Stripes symbolize *the Evil Empire*. To the multitude of American soldiers who risked their lives to preserve it, the Red-White-and-Blue signifies God's Country, the "city on a hill" and "the last best hope of earth." American liberals and the many tentacles of the mass media find America's banner an embarrassing relic of American sins. To them the flag is the emblem of slavery, Native American genocide, arrogant imperialism and beer belly patriotism. So, can we pause on this June 14th, the 240th birthday of the Stars and Stripes, and face the amazing fact about the American flag? Nobody knows what Old Glory means. You may be thinking - "What are you talking about?! It means 'freedom!'"

CAN YOU PASS THE FLAG TEST?

- 1 - Please explain what each of the five symbols on the flag - stars, stripes, red, white and blue - symbolize?
- 2 - And then, how do each of them relate to one another?
- 3 - And finally why - when you do the "flag math," i.e., when you add these five symbols up - do they signify "a new constellation," the original name given to the Stars and Stripes?
- 4 - How do they proclaim "FREEDOM," and what specific type of freedom do they mean?

FREEDOM - "JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE?"

And, then there's that big problem with "freedom," as Lincoln pointed out during the Civil War. Are you aware of the long train of interpretations of the word, "freedom?" Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that all Americans are entitled to "liberty". But 24 years later, he founded the Ruling Class Plantation Party (the Democrat Party), which sat on the rationale - African slaves were neither full-fledged humans nor Americans. Thus the Jeffersonians declared "black" people were ineligible for the freedom the Declaration gave to "white" men. The Constitution that followed the Declaration authorized owning "We-The-People" if We-the-people's skin was "black."

From the beginning of American government, "freedom," like the flag, has been a matter of personal opinion.

As America approached the flag's 200th birthday, Janis Joplin sang, "freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." Remember that disagreement with France when French Fries were renamed, "Freedom Fries?" Don't teenagers think they should have the freedom to do whatever the heck they want to? Don't gays believe the flag gives them the freedom to marry each other while denouncing the basic American beliefs that created America? And don't pro-choice proponents declare women have the freedom to do what was illegal in America for centuries? To jailbirds, a jailbreak is not a crime. It's a freedom run.

And then as the 20th century was in its latter stage, the Supreme Court announced the most surreal definition of freedom. The freedom the flag represents was interpreted as the freedom to burn the flag. If you burn the flag, aren't you destroying the thing that gives you that freedom? And aren't you spiritually joining forces with all those flag burning Muslims and communists who hate America? Isn't flag burning then, by definition, *treason* - standing with America's enemies? The problem with that elastic word "freedom" is which of the many "freedoms" does the flag represent?

A century ago, on the 140th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes President Woodrow Wilson announced that the flag was a symbol of both the Constitution and American history. Really? The Stars and Stripes was unveiled on June 14, 1777, in the early part of the American Revolution. The Constitutional convention was a decade in the future.

How could the flag stand for something that didn't exist? And how could the flag be a symbol of American history when the founders had no idea of what the future looked like - or even whether there would be a future for a nation that might not be? Wilson's statement is a classic example of the Rorschach test interpretation. It tells nothing about the true meaning of the flag.

Isn't it strange that Americans haven't been taught the meaning of the five symbols on America's banner in grade school - high school - or college?

CONFEDERATE FLAG SHOWS AMERICAN FLAG SYMBOLS MEAN SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT

When the Confederate States of America separated from the United States in 1860 and thought hard about what symbols should signify its rebellion against "the tyrant" Lincoln and his "Tyrant Empire," they merely realigned the five symbols on the U.S. flag into a number of Confederate stars-and-stripes-red-white-and-blue flags. So, nearly a century after the Stars and Stripes was raised, these five symbols meant something so very important that the Rebel South retained the symbols of the nation it declared war on. In other words, 84 years after the Stars and Stripes appeared, the five flag symbols that nobody knows the meaning of today were very special, specific and sacred.

The flag's *meaning problem* begins with the designers of the Stars and Stripes. Mystery surrounded the American flag from the sunny June day when the Continental Congress replaced the "Grand Union" flag with the "new constellation." Like the plaintiff who exits a controversial court case with two words, "no comment," America's founders defined the flag's meaning with just two words - a "new constellation." What *does that* mean? Is America's flag a new astrological sign?

The Confederacy understood those two words signify the cosmic essence of the great new nation. What is now hidden was once so well known that Americans took it for granted. To get an idea of how diametrically opposite the American mind of today is to that of most of American history (from the 17th to the first half of the 20th centuries) let's look at what would happen were the meaning of "new constellation" revealed today. It would trigger a nuclear explosion of rage in the Media-Education Complex and in perhaps half of America.

THE AMERICAN FLAG TOOK LONGER TO BE APPROVED THAN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - AND - THE CONSTITUTION COMBINED

The American flag design took two to four times longer to approve than the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution combined. The behind-closed-doors process was so fussy and controversial that the first flag version - the "Grand Union" or "Continental Colours" - was scrapped a year-and-a-half later. Even the smallest details of the flag were debated.

The first flag raised in January 1776 at the start of the Revolution, the "Grand Union" confused everyone. The soldiers that assembled in Cambridge, Massachusetts for Washington's arrival did not like it. How come the flag of the enemy (the Union Jack) was on the flag of rebellion? Washington noted in a letter that the British troops who arrived in Boston thought it was a flag of surrender.

Washington did not like the Grand Union. He had his own starry commander's flag designed and posted at his headquarters. The Continental Congress immediately recognized the problem and worked another nearly 16 months to revise the Revolution Banner to one that appropriately represented the Revolution and the new nation. But the redesign was quite simple - it merely replaced the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner with a night star circle. That star circle is where the name, "a new constellation" came from.

The stripes from the Grand Union stayed as the symbol of rebellion against King George III. What do they mean? The flag symbol that remained - the red and white stripes - faded into the background when the "new constellation"

appeared. The central symbol of the new banner was now the star circle. What did *that* signify? Whatever it was, the night-star-circle-and-stripes became the banner of the greatest revolution of the modern world.

ON ITS 240TH BIRTHDAY, ALL THE FLAGS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ARE LOST

Are you aware that there is not one “new constellation” - the banner of the American Revolution - in existence today? Scraps of paper from Thomas Jefferson have been as carefully preserved as the Shroud of Turin, but antique flag sellers claim there is not one banner from the American Revolution in existence today. Why is the true meaning, and the actual original Stars and Stripes of the American Revolution, being hidden from Americans? That question quickly changes to - Why are Americans not just unaware, but unconcerned and apathetic about the hiding of the true meaning of America’s banner?”

That might be the really big news on the 240th birthday of the Stars and Stripes - Americans don’t care about the once-sacred- symbol of America anymore. By extension we must wonder -Do Americans even care about America anymore?

The “new constellation” was raised when the American rebellion was gaining traction, when Americans believed God was indeed leading the Revolution in providentially “lucky” events. The Declaration of Independence ended by praying (“appealing”) to the Providential God to lead the rebellion. The founding fathers believed the “Creator” - cited at the beginning of the Declaration - had instigated the revolt. And here, as the cosmic starry banner was raised - evidence for God’s fingerprints in the struggle began appearing for all, as Jesus would say, “with eyes to see.”

When the miraculous Revolution was won, virtually every American, even the “deists,” believed God had delivered America from King George III as He had delivered the Hebrews from Pharaoh and Egypt. Where am I getting that? A picture from the second book of the Bible of God overwhelming Pharaoh in the Red Sea was on the first two proposals for America’s national insignia, the Great Seal. Oddly, it was the minority cabal of the founders, the deists, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin who submitted these proposals. They were the least likely to believe in the supernatural intervention of God in the Revolution. So obviously they were expressing the majority belief of the founding fathers.

But there’s another Bible idea that arose in America’s victory. The American Revolution was the ultimate “David and Goliath” event of the modern world. Imperialistic Britain, the greatest military of the day, was the essence of global Goliath. The Revolutionaries were like a national reconstitution of David - an ill equipped collection of rural nobodies. The Bible shows that God directed the small stone to the tiny, vulnerable space on Goliath’s head that was not protected by his helmet. Americans were confident that the American Revolution win was a historical *deja-vu* of what happened between David and Goliath.

“A NATION PERISHES FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE”

As the 240th birthday of the American flag is “celebrated,” let’s look at the relationship of Americans to their flag. On one hand, Americans don’t know the meaning of their flag. On the other hand, the Media-Education Complex, most liberals, atheists and socialists - i.e. at least one in four Americans passionately despise the Stars and Stripes. Oddly, it is the flag haters who have some idea of the true meaning of the flag. Of all the quotes at the beginning of this article, it is Osama Bin Laden who shows some idea of the true meaning of the flag. The fact is, America’s very first flag was England’s St. George Red Cross flag. And that was flown in the Crusades.

So, in this summer celebration of the 240th birthday of America’s primary symbol, isn’t it time for Americans to recognize that America isn’t merely an “exceptional” nation? America is the greatest nation in 6,000 years of recorded history - and its flag is the emblem of that historical fact. One of the well-known Bible passages in 19th century America was Hosea’s “a nation perishes for lack of knowledge.” America is perishing. What is the knowledge that could pull America out of its nosedive? Could it be the unveiling of the intended cosmic meaning of the American flag?

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