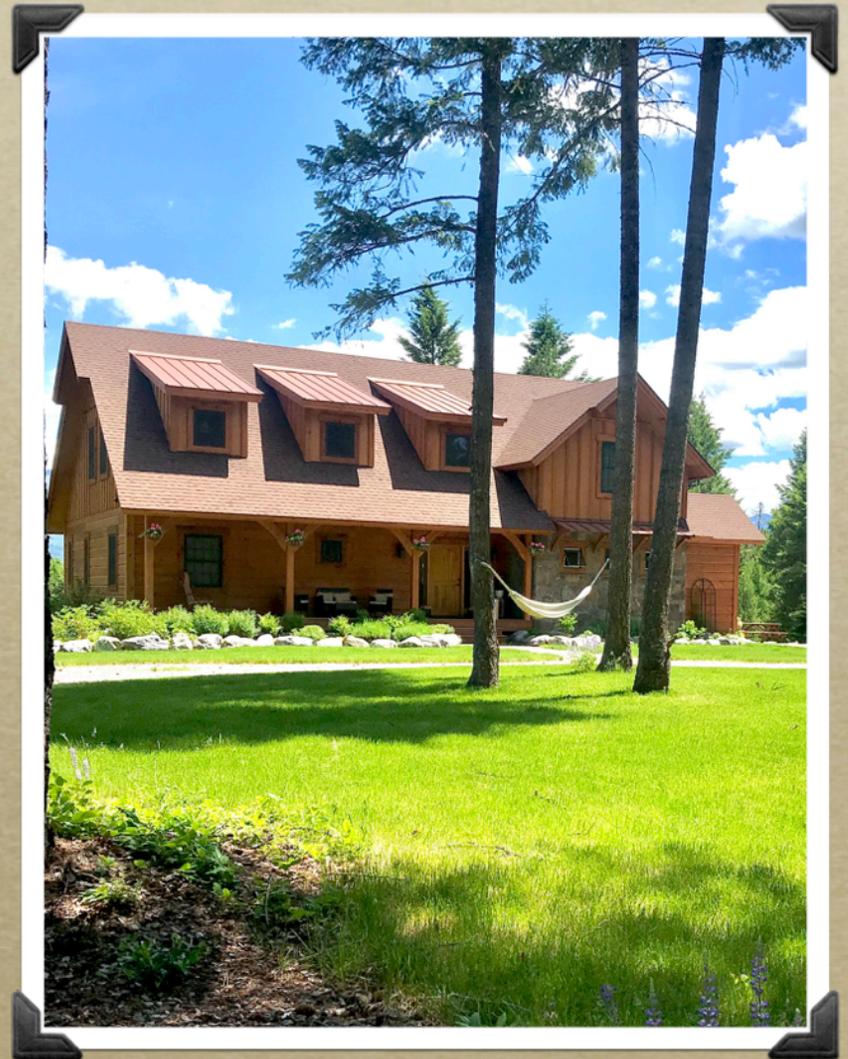




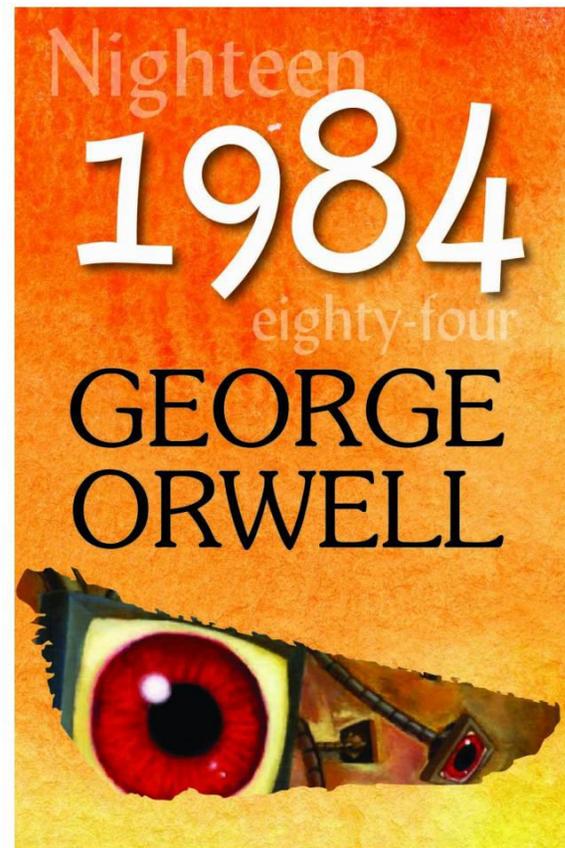
Ask For a Sign

Isaiah 7:11 (NIV)
*“Ask the Lord your
God for a sign,
whether in the
deepest depths or in
the highest heights.”*



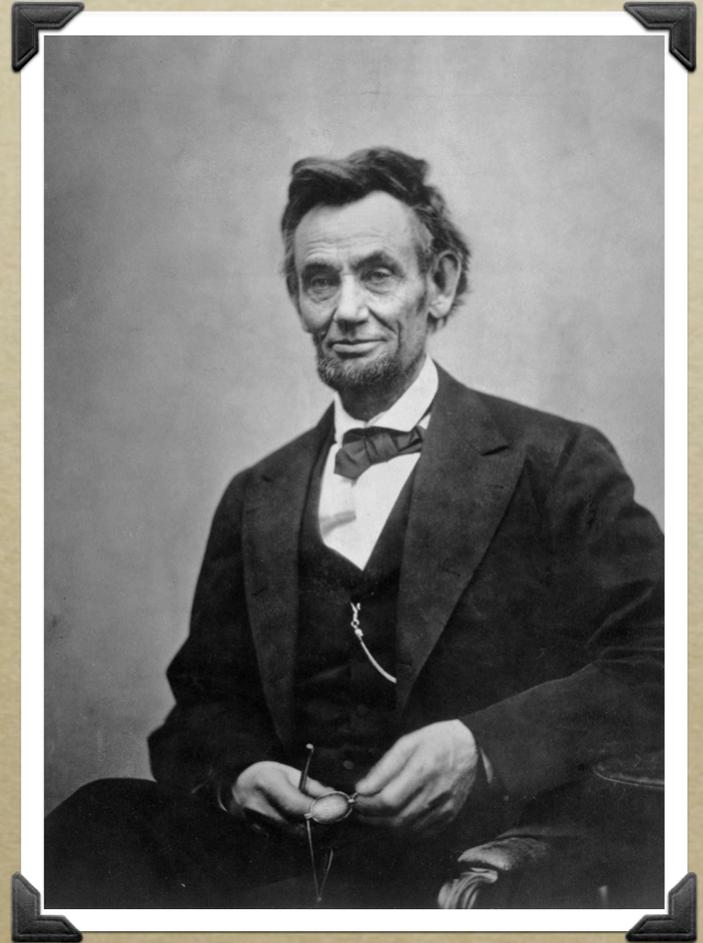
Why a Sign?

**MAKE ORWELL
FICTION AGAIN**



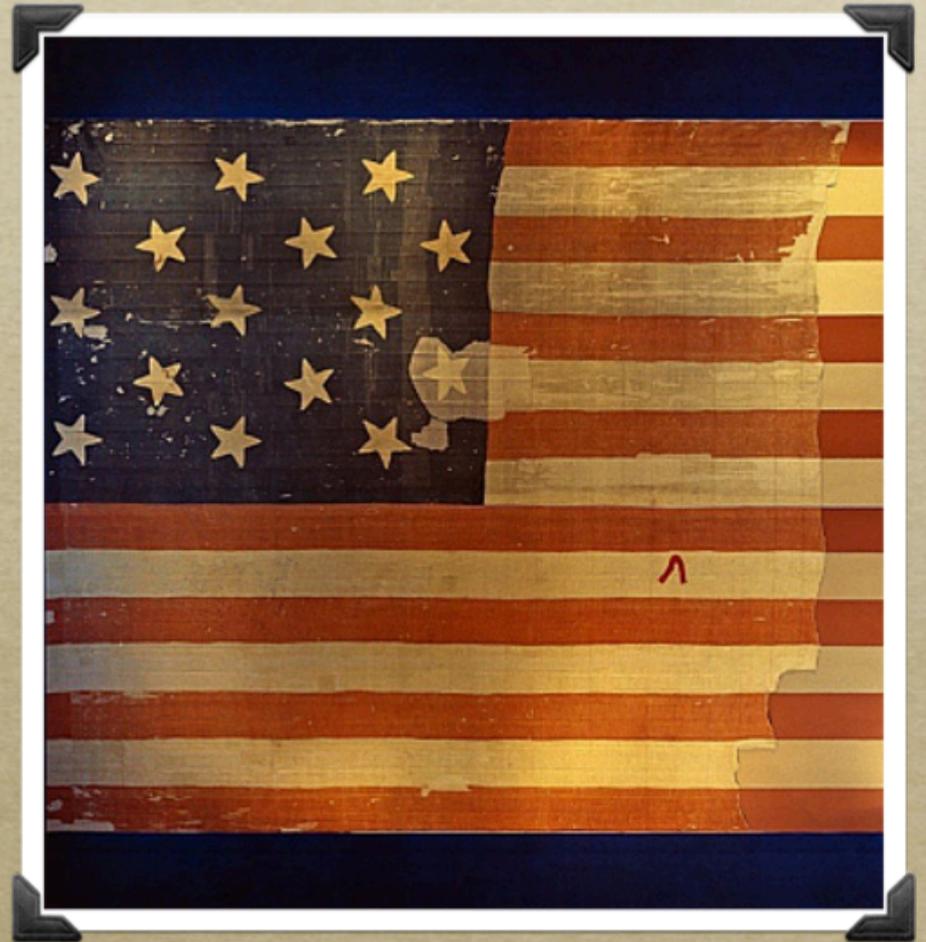
Abraham Lincoln

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.



Fate of Republic?

*Oh, say does that
star-spangled
banner yet wave
O'er the land of the
free and the home of
the brave?*

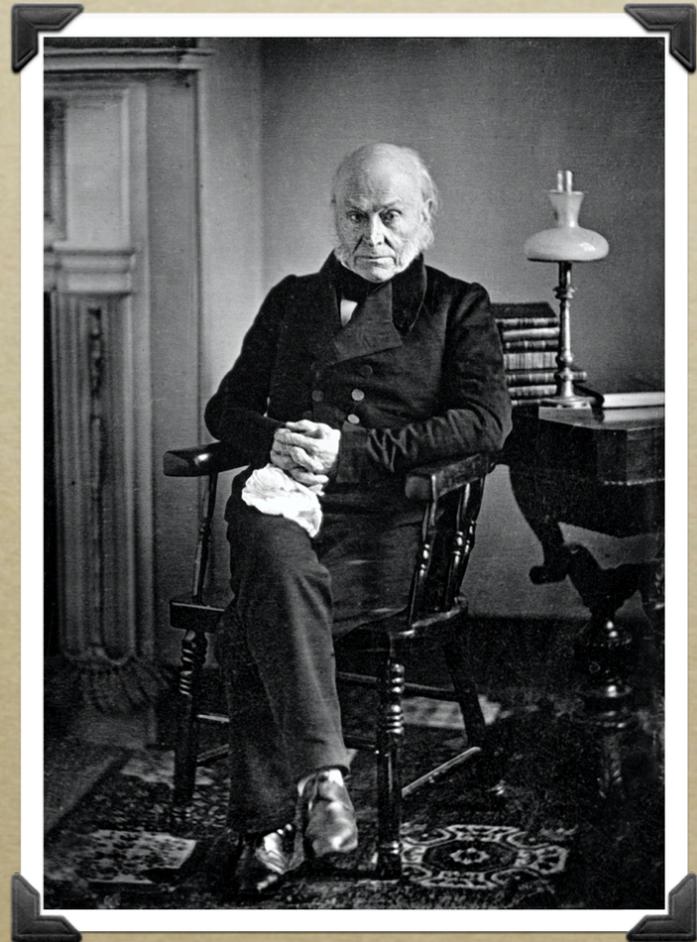




Fearless Unquenchable Optimism

John Q. Adams — 7/11/1767

“Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the Fourth of July]?”



Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

July 4, 1837 — Newburyport, Mass.

Refuge From Persecution

- *Mass — Pilgrims & Puritans*
- *Penn — Quakers & Germans*
- *New Amst/York — Jews & Lutherans*
- *Maryland — English Catholics*
- *Rhode Island — All Christians*
- *Conn — Puritans*
- *Other Colonies — Advance Christianity*

Quotes from the Founders

- **Washington** — *While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.*
- **Adams** — *The ten commandments and the sermon on the mount contain my religion.*

- **Adams** — *The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity.*
- **Abigail Adams** — *A true patriot must be a religious man.... He who neglects his duty to his Maker may well be expected to be deficient and insincere in his duty towards the public.*
- **Jefferson** — *I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever.*

- **Jefferson** — *The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.*
- **James Madison** — *A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here [on earth] we neglect to have our names enrolled in the annals of heaven.*
- **B. Franklin** — *Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped.*

- **Hancock** — *Thank God, my country is saved and by the smile of Heaven I am a free and independent man.*
- **Patrick Henry** — *"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. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here.*

Why a Beacon of Freedom?

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV) *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free...”*

2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Destiny of the Church?

Matt 16:16-18 *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*¹⁷ *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."*¹⁸ *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

Defeat Satan!

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...*

Rev. 12:11 (NIV) *They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

Progression of the Gospel

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Truth will Prevail!

- *Church & Republic will prevail!*
- *Justice & Freedom will prevail!*
- *Impact of Gospel will prevail!*
- *Revival will prevail!*
- *Spirit of Jesus will once again hover...*

Courage & Sacrifice

Gal 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

Mark Twain — *In the beginning of a change the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.*

Star-Spangled Banner

*Oh! thus be it ever, when
freemen shall stand*

*Between their loved home
and the war's desolation!*

*Blest with victory and peace,
may the heav'n rescued land*

*Praise the Power that hath
made and preserved us a
nation.*

*Then conquer we must, when
our cause it is just,*

*And this be our motto: "In
God is our trust."*

*And the star-spangled
banner in triumph shall
wave*

*O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave!*

