

# Independence Day



From an email newsletter by Greg Bentley of [Berean Beacon](#)

Our nation's founding Fathers knew exactly what was at stake in declaring independence in 1776. They knew the yoke of popery was heavy over England and they knew that real independence was in separation from the Pope of Rome.

On August 1st, 1776 Samuel Adams delivered his famous speech "American Independence" on the steps of the State House in Philadelphia. Mr. Adams proclaimed *"He who made all men hath made the truths necessary to human happiness obvious to all. Our forefathers threw off the yoke of Popery in religion; for you is reserved the honor of leveling the popery of politics. They opened the Bible to all, and maintained the capacity of every man to judge for himself in religion."*

On August 2nd the Declaration of Independence was signed.

The Adams family of New England was prominent in shaping America. Samuel's second cousin and also the second President of the United States, John Adams, wrote to Thomas Jefferson on the 19th of May 1821, stating ["Can a free Government possibly exist with a Roman Catholic Religion?"](#)

In a remarkable correspondence sent to [John Adams from Dr. Benjamin Rush](#) dated 22 September 1808, Dr. Rush discusses the conclusion of a mutual friend, Jos Wharton, who saw prophetic fulfillment of portions of the books of Revelation and Daniel being fulfilled in their day. *"He sees the fulfillment of the prophecies in every battle that is fought in that Country. He talks piously and learnedly upon the downfall of popery and Antichrist, of the dragon,—of the beast that came out of the Sea & of his ten horns, and has no doubt but Napoleon is to be the instrument for preparing the world for the righteous and peaceable government of the Messiah over the Nations of the earth."*

Clearly the protestant historicist view of eschatology held by early American Christians had not yet been compromised by [Roman Catholic Jesuit Futurism](#) and her offspring known as [Dispensationalism](#).

Dr. Benjamin Rush was the surgeon general of the Continental Army and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He is also the founder of the Sunday School movement as well as the first Bible society in America. He Stated: *"Unless we put Medical Freedom into the Constitution, the time will*

come when [medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship](#) ... to restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny equal privilege to others, will be to constitute the Bastille of Medical Science. All such laws are un-American and despotic and have no place in a Republic ... The Constitution of this Republic should make special privileges for Medical Freedom as well as Religious Freedom."

On this 4th of July let us be thankful for the brave Christian Founders of America who stood against papal tyranny and stood for liberty. Intelligent men who knew both their God and their enemy. Pray for the remnant in America that has not compromised the gospel nor caved into the [doctrine of devils](#) that flow from the Antichrist in Rome.

Pray against the Antichrist's [Eucharistic pilgrimages](#) that are now sweeping America. This outward display of idolatry can only anger God who promises [a generational curse](#) on those who practice it. How can God bless America when these [abominations continue](#)?