

Prayer

Bible Reading

John 15:4-5

Quiz

1. John Jay is often most remembered for being the first chief justice of the _____ under our present constitution. [Supreme Court]
2. Does John Jay's reference to the Redeemer making atonement for the sins of the world agree with the tenets of deism? [no]
3. In what two centuries did John Hancock live? [18th and 19th]
4. Was John Jay president under our present constitution? [no]
5. What was John Jay president of when he gave the speech we are reading in class? [American Bible Society]

Recitation

President John Jay

John Jay (1745-1829)

was homeschooled part of his childhood (until age 8, then again 11-14)

married when he was 28 and his bride was 17; had six children

president of Continental Congress December 10, 1778 - September 28, 1779

officially: "The President of the United States in Congress Assembled"

served in several important offices for the US and New York

wrote five articles for *The Federalist Papers* as "Publius"

first chief justice of the Supreme Court

president of the American Bible Society (1821-1827)

when he died, he had been the last surviving president of the Continental Congress

Text

May 13, 1824 Address to the American Bible Society

[we read first page last time; second page this time]

Quotes and Allusions

Are there any identifiable Bible references?

paragraph 3 “for the sins of the whole world”

1 John 2:1-2

paragraph 5 zeal which “is not according to knowledge”

Romans 10:1-2

paragraph 7 Him without whom we “can do nothing”

John 15:5

paragraph 8 that his disciples do “love one another”

John 13:34

paragraph 8 “do good unto all men” “especially to the household of faith”

Galatians 6:10

paragraph 10 rendering Christians more and more “obedient to the faith”

Acts 6:7

paragraph 10 the great Captain of our salvation is going forth “conquering and to conquer”

Revelation 6:2

Are there identifiable quotations from or allusions to other literature?

Excerpt to Memorize

[this assignment already made last week]

In 1824, John Jay, former president of the Continental Congress, said:

By conveying the Bible to people...we...enable them to learn

-that man was originally created...in a state of happiness, but, becoming disobedient, was subjected to the degradation...which...his posterity have since experienced...

-that our gracious Creator has provided for us a Redeemer...

-that this Redeemer has made atonement “for the sins of the whole world,” and thereby reconciling the Divine justice with the Divine mercy, has opened a way for our...salvation; and

-that these inestimable benefits are of the free gift and grace of God...

Consistency or Inconsistency with Deism

dictionary.com (Random House)

1. belief in the existence of a God on the evidence of reason and nature only, with rejection of supernatural revelation
2. belief in a God who created the world but has since remained indifferent to it

The deists themselves deny that it is a necessary tenet of deism to believe that God does not intervene in the world He created. From deism.com:

“Some Deists believe that God intervenes in the universe, and other Deists don't.”

Also from deism.com:

Deism is the recognition of a universal creative force greater than that demonstrated by mankind, supported by personal observation of laws and designs in nature and the universe, perpetuated and validated by the innate ability of human reason coupled with the rejection of claims made by individuals and organized religions of having received special divine revelation.

Is this address by John Jay consistent with deism?

clearly it is not, in that it strongly recommends the supernatural revelation of the Bible

Grammar Notes

Theological Notes

paragraph 10 the great Captain of our salvation is going forth “conquering and to conquer”. . . employing these means and measures for that important purpose...

Revelation 6:2

- interpretation of that symbol in Revelation as being Jesus Christ going forth with the Gospel or good news to save sinners
- not everyone interprets that symbol that way, but it was present in published books at the time John Jay lived
- e.g. Hanserd Knollys: So our Lord and King Jesus, did in the ministry of the gospel...as he did in the apostles' days, so he will do in all generations...so mightily grew the word of God and prevailed...And so it will to the end.

paragraph 9 ...institutions well calculated to diffuse the knowledge and impress the precepts of the Gospel both at home and abroad...

- immediate reference to the American Bible Society
- secondary reference to other Bible societies
- conceptual reference to any institution doing such work
- for example, Wisdom's Way and your own home school