A new Decalogue
has been adopted by some
of our day, the first words
of which reads, "Thou shalt
not disagree," and a new
set of Beatitudes too, which
begins, "Blessed are they
that tolerate everything, for
they shall not be made
accountable for anything."

in a panel discussion with Israel over the golden calf;

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or Elijah engaging in a gentlemanly dialogue with the prophets of Baal.
Or try to picture Jesus seeking a meeting of minds with the Pharisees to iron out differences.
The blessing of God is promised to the peacemaker,

but the religious negotiator had better watch his step.
Darkness and light can never be brought together by talk. Some things are not negotiable.

It is now the accepted thing

to talk over religious

differences in public with

the understanding that no

one will try to convert another or point out errors

in his belief. Imagine Moses agreeing to take part

--A.W. Tozer

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We have staked the future of government not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions on the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the 10 commandments.

--James Madison

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. So great is my veneration of the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectful members of society."

--John Adams

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Men who see not God in our history have surely lost sight of the fact that, from the landing of the Mayflower to this hour, the great men whose names are indissolubly associated with the colonization, rise, and progress of the Republic have borne testimony to the vital truths of Christianity.

--James Madison

emphatically Christian.
--David Josiah Brewer

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I am the Resurrection and the Life; sayeth the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. (Engraved on George Washington's tomb)

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,"

Our laws and our institutions

must necessarily be based

upon and embody the

teachings of the Redeemer

of mankind. It is impossible

that it should be otherwise:

and in this sense and to this

extent our civilization and

our institutions are

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"for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

"for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desire all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

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"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." I Timothy 2:1-5

Acts 4

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Acts 4:23-31

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Adoration
Acts 4:24

Adoration:

Recognizing, responding and reflecting on God's greatness

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We demonstrate adoration in prayer when we:

Acknowledge God's power

Acts 4:24

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Isaiah 42:5, 8

He's in Charge!

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We demonstrate adoration in prayer when we:

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Believe God's Word

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Psalm 2 Acts 4:24-25 We demonstrate adoration in prayer when we:

- Acknowledge God's power
- Confirm God's will

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Acts 4:28

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We demonstrate adoration in prayer when we:

- Acknowledge God's power
- Believe God's Word
- Conf Déclare God's glory

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Acts 4:29-30

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Confession

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Agreeing with God and taking responsibility for the disrespect, disobedience and defiance evident in my life and in our nation.

We Need to Confess Our National Sins:

Abortion
Homosexuality
Assisted Suicide
Racism
Pornography
Pride
Unthankfulness

Murder
Immorality
Adultery
Divorce
Greed
Abuse
Theft

Self Righteousness

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Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving:

Acknowledging God's goodness and provision in my life despite the problems I face or the obstacles I encounter.

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Acts 5:40-42

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Supplication

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Supplication:

Asking God for specific needs to be met in specific places and for specific people.

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our church & staff

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