

## Part One, American Government and U.S. Constitution

### Lesson 27: *The Founders' Sense of Manifest Destiny*

(Principle 28)

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## Part II: The Founders' Basic Principles – 28 Great Ideas that Changed the World

Lesson 27 Time: 22:41 [for Sunday, September 21, 2014]

The 5000 Year Leap: 28<sup>th</sup> Principle, Reading Assignment: (pages 305-310);

### **The Founders' Sense of Manifest Destiny**

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Lesson objectives: As a result of this lesson, the student should be able to discuss the following questions/topics:

1. ACCORDING TO MOST HISTORIANS, WHAT OUTSTANDING FEATURE WAS COMMON TO EARLY AMERICANS? CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE? (PAGES 305-06)

Two Parts of Manifest Destiny

o Nation would stretch from sea to sea

[orig meant merely 'from sea to shining sea' / (implies limits within this continent)]

Foundation of God's Kingdom on earth (quote) [Exodus from Europe]

- guided by God to America
- mission like children of Israel

2. CAN YOU PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE FOUNDERS REGARDED THEMSELVES AND THEIR COUNTRYMEN AS MASTER SERVANTS RATHER THAN A MASTER RACE? (306-7)

o Design in Providence (J Adams quote)

Break down slavery world-wide

3. WHAT CRIME DID JOHN ADAMS SAY AMERICANS WOULD BE GUILTY OF IF THEY ABANDONED FREEDOM? (307)

o Adams: American Failure is treason against world

4. WHAT WERE JOHN JAY'S REASONS FOR BELIEVING THAT AMERICA HAD BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF GOD'S BLESSINGS? (307-8)

John Jay [The Jay Treaty = end of G. Wash's 2<sup>nd</sup> term – removal of English troops in what is now Canada- 'Northern Border']

America: [was not detached and distant territories, e.g. India, Hong Kong]

- connected, fertile land
- variety of soils [AZ=alkaline, Northern= acidic]
- innumerable streams [rivers navigated shipping perfectly]
- navigable waters
- most noble rivers
- easy transportation

5. WHAT EVENTS SEEMED TO PROVE THE ACCURACY OF JAY'S ASSESSMENT? (309)

People

- united
- same ancestors
- same language
- same religion
- same principles of government
- similar manners and customs

6. HOW DID JAMES MADISON CHARACTERIZE THE UNIQUENESS OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT?  
(309-10) [S=THE FEDERALIST PAPERS]

Country and People were design of Providence

o Never to split

[not copies of other countries, cultures, etc.] [pursued a more noble course]

o America sets the example for the whole human race

o Successors must **improve** and **perpetuate** the Founders system