

## Prayer

## Bible Reading - Micah 6:8

## Quiz

1. What colony and state was John Jay from? [New York]
2. Was John Jay president of the United States in Congress Assembled? [yes]
3. Was John Jay still living when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted? [yes]
4. Does John Jay's service as president of the American Bible Society agree with the idea of his being a deist? [no]
5. In John Jay's use of Revelation 6:2, whom does the rider on the white horse symbolize? [Jesus]

## Recitation

**President** George Washington (1732-1799)

born in Virginia

age 26 married widow Martha Custis age 27

upon marriage had control of 18,000 acre farm

served as officer in French and Indian war

Commander of Continental Army 1775-1783

President of the Constitutional Convention 1787

First President under the constitution 1789-1797

## Text

October 1781 - Cornwallis surrender -----> September 3, 1783 - Treaty of Paris

June 1783 Circular Letter

## Quotes and Allusions

Are there any identifiable Bible references?

...that he [God] would most graciously be pleas'd to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves, with that Charity, humility & pacific temper of mind...

Micah 6:8

KJV He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

GENEVA He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requireth of thee: surely to doe iustly, and to loue mercie, and to humble thy selfe, to walke with thy God.

Are there identifiable quotations from or allusions to other literature?

## **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 circular letter from President George Washington consistent with deism?

...and, above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation...  
...the Divine Author of our blessed Religion...

**Excerpt to Memorize**

**Grammar Notes**