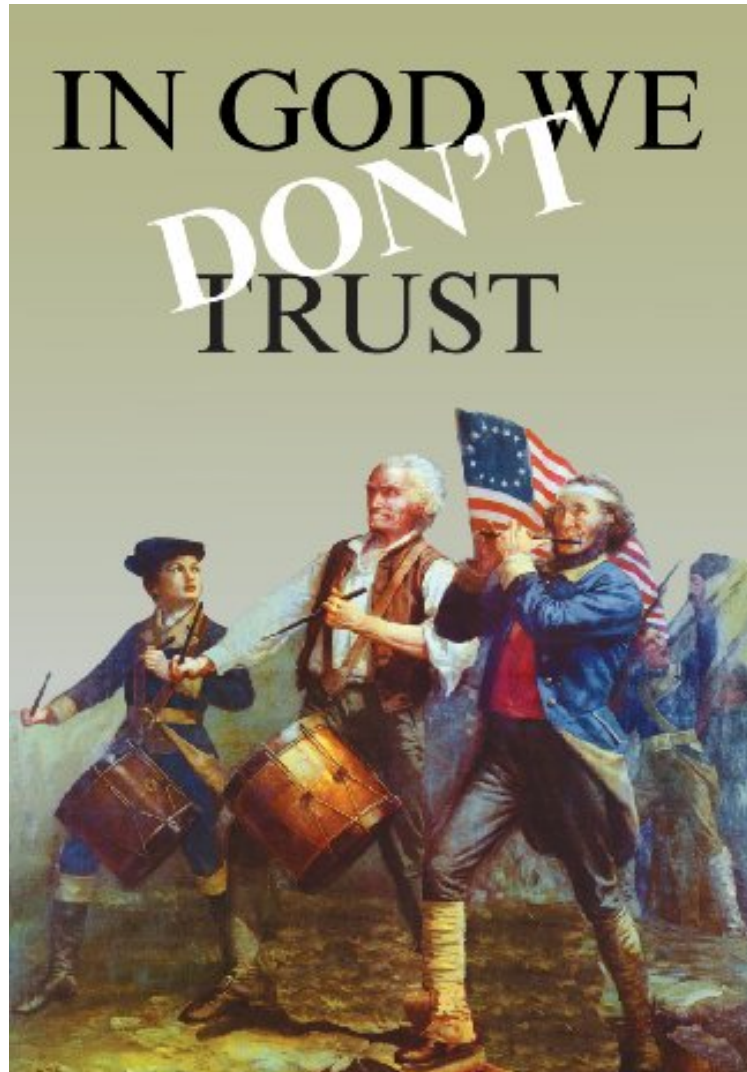


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David Bercot : In God We Don't Trust before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In God We Don't Trust:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. honest history will change your mindBy F. IchinoseHistory can be confusing. Most of what we know of American history is second-hand (or much more removed from the source), passed down as popular cultural legend or by field experts via textbooks in public school. But it's like anything else: when you go back to the source and get the real story, things are often surprisingly different from what you thought.

That's how it is with David Bercot's book *In God We Don't Trust*. His research of original documents sets straight many misunderstandings I had of the founding of America. Many of us no doubt already suspect that much popular history must be PR by the winners. While this perspective can often lead people to be cynical about everything, instead I encourage people to simply have a healthy skepticism of what *anyone* says and simply check it against the truth. If my daughter told me that her brother said this or that, I should ask her brother directly if he indeed said it - we all know this as a simple, common sense practice. It should be no different with history. We should check what we learn against the actual recorded sayings of those who said it... and that's what David Bercot does, as he does with all his researched writings. I think you will be surprised, sometimes outraged, often moved, and most of all relieved that you know the real story. It will give you a different perspective on what America and its economy are built on, on certain people groups, and most of all how spiritual (or "Christian") the founding fathers were - or were not - and how the impact of that today. Thank God for this clarifying history by Mr. Bercot!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Why do American Christians place their country before God? By Adela W
This book helped me gain insights into the historical roots of current militaristic patriotism among America's evangelical Christians, which is difficult to understand for European believers. When I saw American missionary friends send their own children as combatants into wars in Irak or Afghanistan, I have always been wondering how they could reconcile this with the example of Jesus' life. Most Christian books about the founding of the USA tend to gloss over the evils of the revolution, but David Bercot is brutally honest in telling what happened, and how Christians justified its violence and injustices. - It is shocking how un-Christlike many behaviors and policies of Pilgrims, Puritans, preachers and founders were. A bright light and contrast is told in the history of the founding of Pennsylvania by peaceful Christians, which shows how the States could have been established while fully trusting in God, without genocide, rebellion and wars. The book describes the overwhelmingly 'Christian' roots of the USA, but based on a worldly Christianity, mixed up with political power, humanism and economic greed. It shows that American history could have been very different, if a majority and their leaders would have trusted God fully and would have really followed Jesus, his character and his ways.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Helping untangle Christian and American ideals
By Customer
Bercot's book offers a refreshing critique of the American ideal of independence and shows how much of the American narrative and history has not been in accordance with Biblical teaching. This is a great book for every American to read, Christian and non-Christian alike. It may also help those who are not Americans to disentangle the teachings of Christianity from the assertions of Americans who follow the American ideals. True, the US has embraced some Christians ideals such as concepts of human equality and human rights, but the historical practices of using violence to secure independence or of armed rebellion against government are incompatible with biblical instruction.

The product of nine years of research, *In God We Don't Trust* challenges much of what most of us learned in school about the founding of America and the American Revolution. Bercot's well-documented findings will surprise many people. Here are just a few of the surprising facts the book reveals: Tobacco saved Jamestown and became the economic basis for many of the Southern states. Rum distilleries were one of the main industries of Puritan New England. Puritan New England dominated the slave trafficking industry. Contrary to what most history books present, the American colonists were the least heavily taxed people in the world. During the War of Independence, the revolutionists imprisoned and persecuted the Mennonites, Amish, Brethren, Quakers, and other nonresistant Christians. The Founding Fathers deliberately left any mention of God out of the U. S. Constitution. Here is the compelling narrative of the founding of America told from a perspective that few people have ever heard. That perspective is the teachings of Jesus. Our currency declares, *In God We Trust*. But did the American colonists truly trust in God in the founding of the United States? For example, in the Scriptures, God clearly commands us: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God. . . . Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due (Rom. 13:1-7). Yet, the American colonists refused to pay their taxes, and they rebelled against their government. The American colonists had many admirable traits, and they established a wonderful country. This is not an anti-American book. It is a pro-Jesus book. Bercot firmly believes that Jesus and His kingdom always have to have our ultimate allegiance. And in the pages of this book, Bercot demonstrates that the colonists repeatedly failed to do things God's way. This was true in their treatment of the Indians, in trafficking slaves, in building economies on tobacco and rum, in smuggling, and in refusing to pay their taxes. In short, the colonists lacked the faith to believe that if they did things God's way, everything would work out for the best.