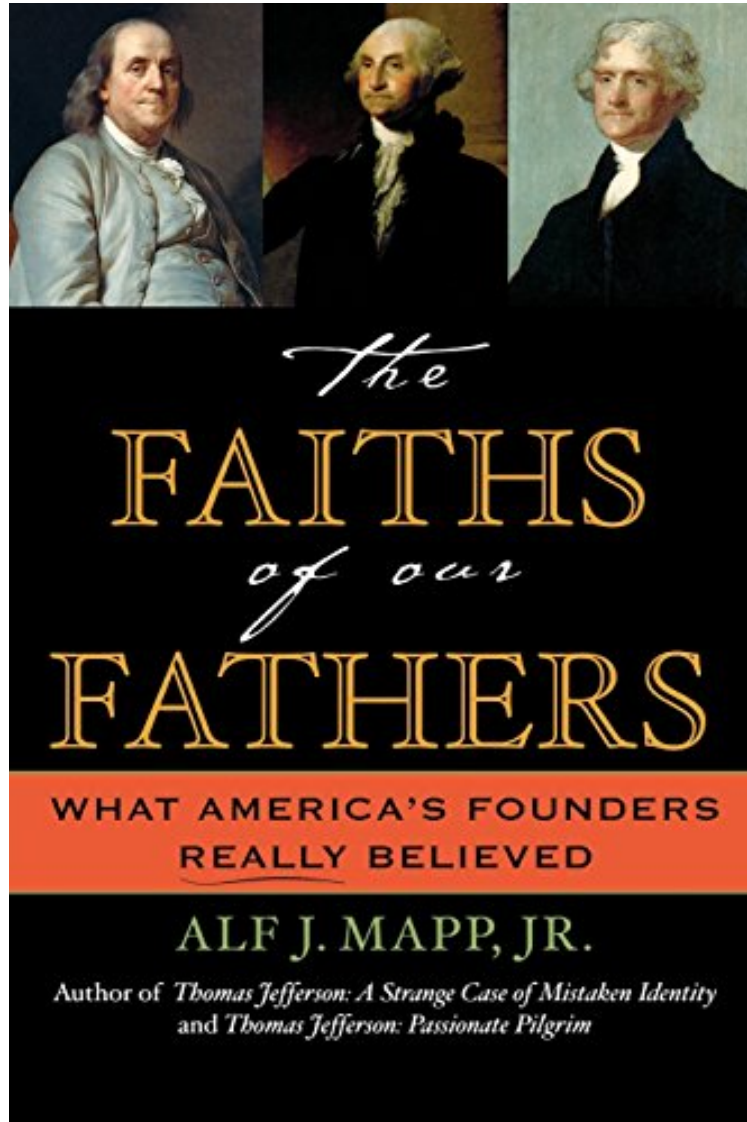


(Download ebook) The Faiths of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed

The Faiths of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed

Alf J. Mapp Jr.

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#732188 in Books 2005-07-07 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.16 x .60 x 6.121, .63 #File Name: 0742531155256 pages | File size: 56.Mb

Alf J. Mapp Jr. : The Faiths of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Faiths of Our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. a great reminder of what I was taught in school By KATHLEEN FINCH This book is definitely worth reading. The values and principles our country was founded on, a great reminder

of what I was taught in school. And still believe today. I've passed my book to friends, now I decided I'll purchase them as gifts. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mapp does a thumbnail sketch of the faith of the ...By G.S. FriesMapp does a thumbnail sketch of the faith of the "Founding Fathers," with no real Evangelical emphasis or directive in the discourse. As he clearly states. To understand them, you would need to dig deeper in their lives. Nothing is mentioned about their Free Masonary leanings. However, most if not all were well versed in the Enlightenment readings and teachings of the 18th century. Where logic and science were more important, than religion or traditions, thus, they used religious language but did not necessarily adhere or follow those traditions. Somewhat disappointing. Not in the writing, but in the so called Christian Nation narrative. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This one is a good textbook, minus the painBy Donald KidwellThis book is excellent and it is concise. It is the kind of read to which you will want to return.

Throughout our nation's history, the religious beliefs of America's founders have been contested and misunderstood. Did our founders advocate Christianity or atheism? In *The Faiths of Our Fathers*, widely acclaimed historian Alf J. Mapp, Jr. cuts through the historical uncertainty to accurately portray the religious beliefs of eleven of America's founding fathers, including John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. He discovers men with religious beliefs as diverse as their political opinions. These profiles shed light on not only the lives and times of the revolutionary generation but also the role of religion in public life throughout American history.

Employing the thoughtful and graceful narrative style we have come to expect from books by Alf Mapp, in *The Faith of Our Fathers* he brings much-needed light to an issue that has confused Americans for generations. And by disclosing the varied religious beliefs of persons such as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and many others, he also demonstrates how the Founding Fathers' habitual ruminations on ethics did much to make their era the greatest in human history. A book that is certain to make a significant contribution to the wisdom and understanding of those who are wise enough to read it. (Paul C. Nagel, author of *John Quincy Adams and Descent from Glory*) Alf Mapp's *Faiths of Our Fathers* explores the religions of eleven of the Founders. We learn for the first time of the breadth and diversity of their thoughts. Only the master historian could carry his readers over such untraveled waters and establish connections with the period in which we live today. A magnificent achievement! (Kenneth W. Thompson, Wilson Newman Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, White Burkett Miller Center of Public Affairs) This engaging, highly readable volume reminds us of the vital role religion played in the creation of the Republic. Professor Mapp's rich biographical portraits provide useful insights into the religious faiths that shaped the characters, values, and political contributions of the Founding Fathers. *The Faiths of the Fathers* is a welcome addition to the literature on the American Founding. (Daniel L. Dreisbach, American University, author of *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation between Church and State*) An accessible, well-researched collection of short essays on the Founders that is as informative as it is a delight to read. *The Faiths of Our Fathers* is a much-needed corrective to many current misconceptions about the role of faith in the lives of the Founders. It is of high value to the student as well as the lay reader. (The *Virginian-Pilot*) Mapp provides a highly readable overview of the religious beliefs of the generation that declared independence and wrote the U.S. Constitution in the 1770s and 1780s . . . good writing, careful research, and great common sense. Recommended. (CHOICE) In eleven biographical essays, Professor Mapp paints rich portraits of the lives of the most famous founders and several of the not-so-famous founders. These engaging profiles explore how religion informed the values, political philosophies, and public deeds of these men. The reader gains from these portraits an intimate acquaintance with the subjects and the times in which they lived. The essays are lively and, at times, witty. This volume will be of value to specialists and nonspecialist readers with general interests in the American founding, especially in the role of religion in forming the American Republic and its institutions. (Journal of Church and State) About the Author Alf J. Mapp, Jr., has written several works on America's founding and its founders including a widely acclaimed two-volume biography of Thomas Jefferson, *Thomas Jefferson: A Strange Case of Mistaken Identity* and *Thomas Jefferson: Passionate Pilgrim*, both Book-of-the-Month Club featured selections. He resides in Portsmouth, Virginia.