



Monticello Christian Academy


Note From the Principal's Office
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"God shed His grace on thee"

The 5000 Year Leap is one of those books that has revolutionized the way I see God's hand of Providence upon America. Throughout human history many "advanced civilizations" had come and gone, yet one strikingly similar observation can be made about the founding of Jamestown in 1607, and all other civilizations preceding it. Namely, how little progress had been made in technology over the course of those 5,000 years. The settlers of Jamestown traveled in a boat no different than the boats used throughout history. Their tools: axe, hoe, shovel, and a stick plow. Their clothes were made from thread spun on a wheel and woven by hand. Their medicines were largely herbal and mostly based on superstitions and wives' tales. Basic land transportation was still horses and oxen pulling wooden carts with wooden wheels. As one historian has stated it, throughout the history of man, life has been difficult, brutish, and short. Of the first 9,000 settlers to America, only about 1,000 survived.

Now that we've looked at the previous 5,000 years leading up to America's founding, let's consider what occurred in the next 300. Electricity was discovered (Thanks Ben!). The internal combustion engine revolutionized land travel and made Henry Ford a wealthy man. The Wright Brothers put a winged man into the air, and air travel was born. Jet propulsion came later, and man travelled to and landed on the moon! The earth was dug into through archaeology, revealing advanced knowledge of ancient civilizations. Mining technologies produced natural resources that have fueled the world. We have gone from the telegraph, to the telephone, to radio and television, to satellite images beamed onto our 52" flat screen T.V.'s (I wish), to internet capabilities on our i-phones! We've gone from living in caves, tents, and log houses with no running water and an open fire for heat and cooking, to homes that are temperature-controlled year round, with 2.5 bathrooms; from using salt to cure meats, to having at least one refrigerator and freezer; from beating our clothes against a rock at the creek on wash day, to our modern washers and dryers. The average life-span has nearly doubled, the number of educated people has soared, and the availability of medicine has spread globally. All of this in just a blink of an eye compared to the years leading up to the founding era. America, the Great Experiment based on freedom and faith in God, unleashed a fury of advancements unprecedented in the world's history.

When God sets free the mind of man, what can't he accomplish? The freedom found in God's principles allowed us to imagine the unimaginable, to "dream of things that never were, and say, why not." How blessed are we to raise our children having at our disposal history to guide us, and the principles of freedom that changed the world?

Serving Him together, Mr. H