

# WAS THE U.S. FOUNDED AS A CHRISTIAN NATION?

A CONVERSATION WITH HISTORIAN JOHN FEA

Politicians often say they want to “reclaim” or “re-store” America’s Christian origins. But was the U.S. really founded as a Christian nation? If it was, can the U.S. be understood as a Christian nation today given its diversity? Historian John Fea will help us take a careful look at the history of Christian-nation debates and help us to see past the emotional rhetoric of today to the recorded facts of our past.

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