Spiritual Destiny of America and the West: Session 1 Suggested Readings /Weblinks

1. Bahá'í Writings on Jesus Christ, Christian Faith

   Jesus Christ – http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/search#collection=bahaullah&query=Jesus+Christ
   http://www.bahai.org/library/authoritative-texts/search?q=Jesus%20Christ


2. Martin Luther and Protestant Reformation

   http://www.history.com/topics/martin-luther-and-the-95-theses
   http://www.history.com/topics/reformation

   How Martin Luther Led to Martin Luther King Jr.


   Mount Vernon.org http://www.mount Vernon.org

   Thanksgiving to God - 1789

   George Washington Farewell Address – Circular to Thirteen Governors
   http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/washingtons-farewell-address-1796/
   http://www.mountvernon.org/digital-encyclopedia/article/george-washingtons-farewell-address/
4. Christianity, the West and Emerging World Society


“In Volume 1 of Christianity and Freedom, leading historians uncover the unappreciated role of Christianity in the development of basic human rights and freedoms from antiquity through today. These include radical notions of dignity and equality, religious freedom, liberty of conscience, limited government, consent of the governed, economic liberty, autonomous civil society, and church-state separation, as well as more recent advances in democracy, human rights, and human development. Acknowledging that the record is mixed, scholars document how the seeds of freedom in Christianity antedate and ultimately undermine later Christian justifications and practices of persecution. Drawing from history, political science, and sociology, this volume will become a standard reference work for historians, political scientists, theologians, students, journalists, business leaders, opinion shapers, and policymakers.”


“Volume 2 of Christianity and Freedom illuminates how Christian minorities and transnational Christian networks contribute to the freedom and flourishing of societies across the globe, even amidst pressure and violent persecution. Featuring unprecedented field research by some of the world's most distinguished scholars, it documents the outsized role of Christians in promoting human rights and religious freedom; fighting injustice; stimulating economic equality; providing education, social services, and health care; and nurturing democratic civil society. Readers will come away surprised and sobered to learn how this very Christian link to freedom often invites persecution. What are the dimensions of persecution and how are Christians responding to that pressure? What resources - theological, social, or transnational - do they marshal in leavening their societies? What will be lost if the Christian presence is marginalized? The answers to these questions are of crucial relevance in a world awash with religious extremism and deepening instability.”

[https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/christianity-and-freedom/30C417942529E7EC18FECA7E02F65305#fndtn-information](https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/christianity-and-freedom/30C417942529E7EC18FECA7E02F65305#fndtn-information)