**Conservative Christians, at their deceptive best, claim that our country was founded on biblical values. They give all the credit to Jesus. But who really deserves the credit that they are stealing?**

**The man America should be honoring is the one to whom we owe most of the principles enshrined in our Constitution and our laws.**

**That man is Solon of Greece**

**Solon’s constitution for Athens was credited by John Adams, Thomas Paine, and many other Founding Fathers as what most inspired the American Constitution; with the equally pagan constitution of the Roman Republic a close second.**

**Solon gave us elections. He also gave us trial by a jury of our peers. These are two concepts never found in the Bible. It was from this and the Roman system of government that the Founding Fathers learned and codified the principle of a division of powers and the concept of checks and balances, including such ideas as the presidential veto. You won’t find any of that in the Bible.**

**Solon advocated not only the right but even the duty of every citizen to bear arms in the defense of the state: to him we owe the 2nd Amendment. Nothing about that is to be found in the Ten Commandments of Moses.**

**Solon of Athens is the founder of Western Democracy and the first man in history to articulate ideas of equal rights for all citizens.**

**Another “true” founder of the American Constitution**

**The protection of private property being a principal function of government is explicitly stated by the pagan Cicero (in his treatise On Duties, book 2, paragraph 73). You won’t find this anywhere in the Bible. Cicero lived half a century before Christ.**

**Democracratic Ideals did not come from Christians**

**but from The Stoics**

**“*All men are created equal* ” is originally a pagan idea, derived from the ancient philosophy of Stoicism, developed centuries before Christ. It was the Stoic belief that all men and women are brothers and sisters of a common family and that all were citizens of the world who share the same natural rights.**

**The only biblical influence reflected in the Constitution was the continued acceptance of slavery.**