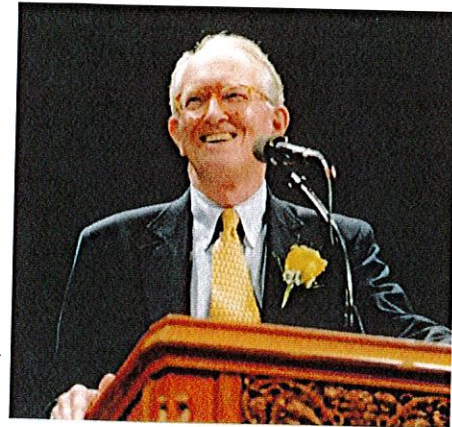# RONALD D. RAY LIBRARY OF AMERICAN HISTORY

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October 29, 2024

Judge David Voegele
100 W. Jefferson St.
LaGrange, KY 40031

Dear Judge,

As a matter of law, fact and history, in four Supreme Court cases, America was found to be a "Christian Nation." For thirty-five years, First Principles (FP) made the case for the Kingdom in the public arena. Colonel Ron Ray led the effort to produce campaigns that responded to the day's issues and trends. He scoured daily newspapers of record, collected books to make a more precise analysis and produced white papers, reports, and presentations for those in leadership and authority serving in America's institutions: Government, Law, Military, Medicine Education at the state and local level.

In 2006, FP began digitizing this massive work product to make the "fighting archive" available in the future to those who were called to take God's order into American public life. In 2020, the effort began to digitize Colonel Ron Ray's collection of over 8,000 books into the Ronald D. Ray Library of American History (RDR Library).

Why? Simply because the subjects detailed and lessons learned are vital for generations to come, given there is no new thing under the sun.

How is the RDR Library different? There are over 250 digital libraries housed at universities and government repositories.[1]

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[1] List of 250 digital libraries-- https://www.oedb.org/ilibrarian/250-plus-killer-digital-libraries-and-archives/

"It is therefore of immense importance to men to have fixed ideas about God, their souls, and their duties toward their crator and their fellows, for doubt about these first principles would leave all their actions to chance and condemn them, more or less, to anarchy and impotence."

-Alexis De Toqueville, Democracy of America 1838

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For example, Southern Baptist Seminary has a digital repository that is extensive, however, a review of these libraries makes it clear that having an AI feature allows more access than simply being able to find a book and read it. More than a library of scanned and digitized books, the library is accessible word-by-word and by concept. With the assistance of AI, one can search for answers drawn only from the books in the library comparing and contrasting eyewitness accounts and analysis with a knowledge foundation built on a canon drawn from the great works of Western Civilization.

Status to Date and Expenses to Complete Digital Library & Archive

- From 2006 to present, 80,000 pages of the First Principles Archive were digitized and a website with pioneering search technology was developed, carrying the cost of $125,000. From 2020 to 2024, the expenses to digitize 5,000 books has totaled $230,508.00.
- Expenses in the 4th quarter of 2024 to scan, OCR and upload remaining books is estimated at **$130,483.00.**
- The expenses for the first three quarters of 2025 are estimated to be **$44,087.00.**
- Ongoing annual expenses to maintain the library website are estimated at **$51,000.00.**

The First Principles Board of Directors and Library Steering Committee has committed time, talent, and treasure to make the library a reality. I have led the library project since its inception, without salary and have personally loaned $100,000+ to the project.

Working at near volunteer rates, Research Director Dr. Linda Jeffrey has selected and vetted books while Digital Library Designer Bekah Wagner directed the labor-intensive scanning and digitizing effort. The significant cost of time and money includes paid staff to scan, upload, and manage the books.

Given adequate funding, it is possible to finish scanning by the end of 2024, and complete the project by September 2025. Only with your help can the library make proper use of AI and give future generations access to the archive and important volumes on history, government, science, and technology, again, coupled with AI, to more easily access vital works of American history.

Sincerely,

Eunice Van Winkle Ray, President
First Principles, Inc.

PS: The most immediate need is a computer with the speed and capacity to establish the library's own platform built on a Kingdom knowledge base and then marry the books to the knowledge base (See our letter to Elon Musk here). If you would like a digital version of this letter in order to access the links, please email Bekah Wagner at BekahKOldham@gmail.com