

# To Fathom “the Infinite” with “the Finite”

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Biblical facts and truths may transcend scientific conclusions, not only in such fields as physics and chemistry, but also in mathematics. The most obvious and fundamental cases are Trinity and Christ’s dual nature of being both God and man. Expressed mathematically, Trinity is “ $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$ ”, and Christ’s dual nature is “ $1 + 1 = 1$ ”. These results are mathematically incorrect, and this is why basically many people have difficulty in accepting these Biblical truths.

In the above-mentioned equations, both God and man are represented mathematically by 1. A more appropriate representation for God, however, is infinity (usually denoted by the figure 8 rotated 90o, but here by *I*), because, according to the Bible, God is infinitely great in space, time, and all of His attributes (omnipresence, everlasting, omnipotence, omniscience, etc.).

This being the case, the proper equation to express Trinity should be “ $I + I + I = I$ ” (“infinity + infinity + infinity = infinity”), and the dual nature of Christ “ $I + 1 = I$ ” (“infinity + 1 = infinity”). Both of these equations are mathemati-

cally correct, thus showing that both concepts of Trinity and Christ’s dual nature are rationally acceptable. Therefore, to understand Trinity, for example, there is no need to resort to such analogy as three phases (water, ice, and steam) of H<sub>2</sub>O. In other words, Trinity and Christ’s dual nature are corollaries, or necessary conclusions, of the fact that God is infinitely great. With this understanding, many other Biblical concepts become comprehensible also, including God’s self existence which transcends the rule of causality, a rule that applies to the created physical universe, but not to the Creator Himself.

Our difficulty in understanding the Bible, often times is due to our using our “finite” senses and minds to fathom the “infinite” God and His words and doings, including the many miracles recorded in the Bible. Mathematically, any finite number, no matter how big, is equal to zero if compared with infinity. Likewise, any human beings, whether scientists, philosophers, or religious leaders, no matter how wise, are still limited, and are thus not wise enough by them-

selves to thoroughly comprehend the infinite God and His sayings and doings.

To fathom the “infinite” without being aware of our “finiteness,” is the basic reason why we human beings have made and are making so many mistakes in matters regarding God! It would be wiser for us to listen to what the omniscient God Himself has to reveal:

Exodus 3:14: God said to Moses: “I AM WHO I AM (implying self and eternal existence).”

Job 9:10: He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.

Job 42:1-3: Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

Psalms 33:10-11: The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 90:2: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalms 102: 25-27: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

Psalms 119:89: Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Psalms 139:6: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Psalms 145:3: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Psalms 147:5: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Isaiah 40:28: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 44:6: “This is what the LORD says --- Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.”

Isaiah 46:10: “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

1 Peter 1:24-25: For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

Revelation 22:13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

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**2012 America Return To God prayer rally**

**11月3日及4日 (星期六、日)**

Location	Date	Time	Host Church	Contact Info
三藩市 (San Francisco)	11月3日 (星期六)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	滋樂華人浸信會 Sunset Church	3638 Lawton St., San Francisco, CA 94122 (Tel) 415.665.5550
東灣 (Newark)	11月3日 (星期六)	10:00AM - 12:00PM	基督之家第六家 The Home of Christ Church in Newark	35479 Dumbarton Ct., Newark, CA 94560 (Tel) 510.742.6848
半島 (San Mateo)	11月4日 (星期日)	2:00PM - 4:00PM	灣區中國基督教會 Christ Church of the Bay Area	234 9th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401 (Tel) 650.570.5877
南灣 (Santa Clara)	11月4日 (星期日)	4:00PM - 6:00PM	矽谷基督徒聚會 Silicon Valley Christian Assembly	3131 Bowers Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95054 (Tel) 408.988.1888

# Participation – Networking – Developing

## — Report on the 4th Internet Mission Forum

*Mo Fai*

The 4th Seminar on Internet Evangelism came to an excellent conclusion at the end of August 25, 2012 at the Home of Christ Church in Cupertino, northern California. The theme of the seminar was “Participation – Networking – Development.” There were five sessions during the day all focusing on these topics. The one hundred attended included most current major workers or concerned personalities in this field in the Chinese Church, like Jimmy Lin of Back to God Hour from Chicago, plus Rev. Terry Storch of Life Church.tv and Amy Weimer of Global Media Outreach that are much more advanced in this ministry than that of the Chinese Church. So, the discussions and interactions were quite in depth and practical. In some ways, it reached the stage of “coming together of the East and West, and the Left and Right,” as Jerry Cheng of jidutu-wiki put it.

The hospitality of Elder Joe Wuyi Zhou and coworkers of the Home of Christ was greatly appreciated.

### **Rev. Edwin Su**

At the beginning, Rev Su reiterated the overall theme hoping that more people will participate in this ministry; and various agencies will



share and cooperate with their expertise, whether using the medium of twitter, blog, website, or on-line churches/fellowships, in order to reach all the people of this generation. Furthermore, the Chinese Church should recognize the importance of this ministry and support it accordingly, so that it may expand into all mediums and regions as effective tool for disciple training and spirituality enhancement.

### **Rev. Zhi-Ming Yuan**

First, he shared his three-year experience of engaging in blogging ministry. After over a year, he had gathered more than 120 thousand fans.



He started blogging to overcome his problem of separation from friends in China because he could not return there, but he has been able to discuss and share matters of faith with people on the internet. However, he also felt blogging could hamper his intimate relation with God in devotional time. The constant concern of how to present genuine gospel message and biblical insight in blogging could distort the true purpose of communing with God in His Word.

Subsequently, he pointed out certain focuses: internet is a new ministry field, it will be saturated with hostile ideas if Christians ignore it; in order to be effective, one needs to concentrate on the quality of the message content; through internet one could connect with nonbeliever to a degree of intimacy unthought-of, yet the interaction of different Christian denominations on the internet is full of violence, thus present-

ing a very negative impression of the Christian message; and Pastor Yuan is working with some brethren to formulate a “internet compact” of self-restrain and mutual respect, hoping to be widely adopted by internet evangelists.

### **Rev. Terry Storch**



Rev. Storch emphasized that before we decide on ‘what’ to do, we need to be clear of the ‘why’ of doing so. He spent over an hour to discuss how the Life

Church grows to a body of 45 thousand people in 16 years with 15 meeting locations. Because they have ten important visions and core values, such as “declaration of commitment,” ‘small church with big vision,’ ‘glorify Christ and His Church righteously,’ etc.

He also mentioned some obstacles preventing God to use the church fully: resistance to change, too tired, various shortages in finance, personnel, skills and knowledge, etc. But he exhorted us with the challenge advocated by Senior Pastor Craig Groeschel of Life Church: ‘limited resources’ + ‘overflow passion’ = ‘multiple growth.’

God CAN use our ‘limitations.’ We need to trust Him, trusting that he has given us the needed resources. So we should think ‘within the box’ not ‘outside the box,’ viewing ‘limitations’ as opportunities and not ‘problems.’ Finally, Rev. Storch graciously offered free download of resources and/or tools from their internet ministry website: Open, Churchmetrics, and Church online platform.

### **Ms. Amy Weimer**

Ms Weimer mentioned that every day there are two million searches on Google related to questions of faith. In view of this vast spiritual hunger, Global Media Outreach set up a website 8 years ago. In various languages, the website explains simply the Four Spiritual Laws of the

Gospel with a button at the end where a person willing to accept the gospel may click. An internet missionary will, then, assist the person through email. Currently there are 9,000 such missionaries.

In 2011, 19 million people accepted Christ this way, among them 500,000 Chinese. According to their statistics, most are English speaking, next are the Chinese followed by the Spanish. Yet, there are 5,000 English speaking internet missionaries, 900 Spanish ones, but only 100 Chinese. There is obviously a severe shortage of Chinese speaking ones. She encouraged the Chinese Church to help recruit these volunteers. Any one over 18 years of age, having accepted Christ for two or more years with personal testimony and two spiritual recommendations, may apply. They will provide a four-week training program. Subsequently, with supervision and personal assistance, one may begin to adopt new believers, and engage in spiritual life building through anonymous and protected email.



### **Internet ‘Participation’ Seminar**

The seminar was led by the internet ministry workers of the Far East Broadcasting Co. From different precious personal experiences, several senior workers in this field shared the joys and travails in their endeavors. Jerry Cheng of jidutu-wiki pointed out that there is a necessary three-step development process of internet ministry: church website, internet ministry and internet mission. He encouraged Chinese churches to forsake the notion of only concerning about themselves, but to promote actively all types of ministry on the internet. Even to engage in internet mission or to support internet missionaries. He is promoting vigorously the program of ‘You-

Version for Chinese’: giving out free electronic Chinese Bible, and urging Chinese churches to provide all sorts of information on line.

The chief of Overseas Campus internet ministry, jidian, is promoting among modern intellectuals to love to go to the internet, to love to inquire on the internet, and to love to learn from the internet. Of course this requires rich and solid ideas and cultural insight provided on the internet, so that they may progress from searchers to believers by all three ‘nets.’ Chao Feng of Tian-Lu Ministries emphasized that a sense of mission, calling and passion are necessary ingredients for the ministry to please God. Pastor Xuede Fang has work in the internet ministry on his own for 10 years enduring hardship difficult to imagine by others. Different from the experience of distraction of Rev. Zhi-Ming Yuan, Pastor Fan said his writing is a way to approach God using it to interact with God. He stated that internet writing should concentrate on content, avoiding simplification and spiritual jargons, but interacting with people in terms of the language of love and repentance.

### Rev. Luke Zhang



After listening in the day’s sessions, Rev. Zhang used I Corinthians 9:19 – 23 to encourage the audience. Learn from Apostle Paul to be whoever we are

interacting with. And whatever we do is to bring the person to a saving knowledge of Christ. He cited statistics that internet participation in China has increased 15 fold in the last decade. One third of them were born after 1990s. Thus, we cannot overlook the special characteristic of this new generation. Their mindset is postmodern, relative sense of value, multi-religious, spiritual poverty but longing for mystical experience. In ministering to this generation, we can recognize their true needs, serve them willingly and gladly. But our message must be based on the uncompromising gospel.



### Review and Outlook by Rev. Edwin Su

Internet is a new media, not just a tool. Content is the most important ingredient. We must understand the needs of this age, be concern of the mindset of those we deal with. It is crucial to exhibit genuine life and not just to defend our faith. We may also follow Life Church’s motto of ‘small church with big vision,’ knowing the ‘why’ over the ‘what.’

Regarding the aspect of ‘Developing,’ Rev. Su proposed four ways:

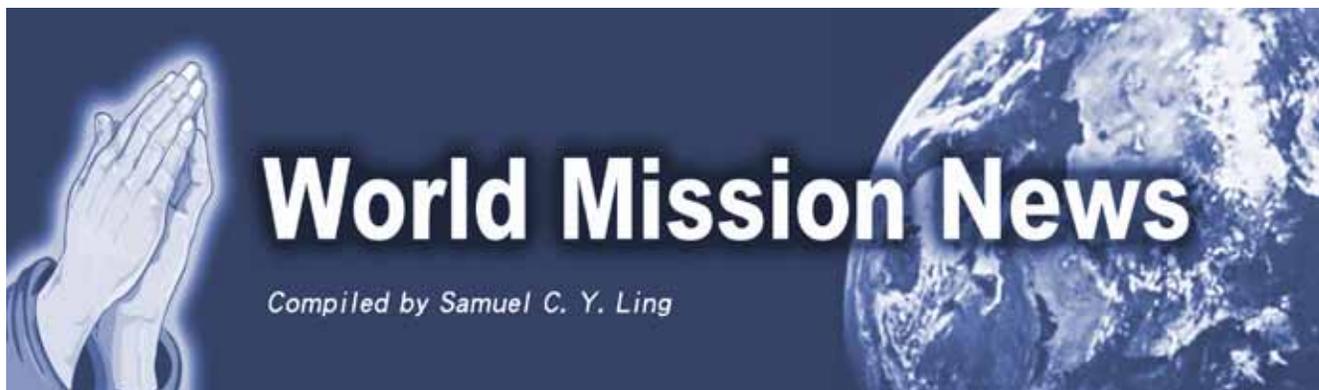
**Within the Church** – Help clergy and laymen understand the significance of the internet, in order that they may actively engage in internet mission. Perhaps modify the Great Commission into “Therefore go and make disciples of internet participants of all nations!”

**In the Society** – Enter into the public domain. Penetrate behind enemy lines (in the language of Pastor Xuede Fang) to be the light and the salt.

**Within the media** – Move from just words into music, video, etc. Use all the modern media techniques for multi-faceted presentation.

**Within the ages** – The work of propagating the faith should be done more by the new generation rather by the middle-aged/older generation. Our current critical need is to develop and produce writer and workers of the new generation and penetrate into all areas of the internet.

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**Gospel on Facebook:** One individual posted 3 years ago a page called “The Bible” with one verse: John 3:16. Within 10 minutes, he got 10,000 responses from around the globe. In 18 months he got 1 million friends, and now it is 8.6 million. Users do not just read the verse, they are posting and responding to each other as well. It seems he has tapped into a felt need. People want prayer, answers to life problems, and they find comfort and practical help from the Bible verses and the interaction on the page. Some have confessed Christ.

<Christianity Today, [christianitytoday.com](http://christianitytoday.com), June, 2012 >

**Olympics:** Churches in the United Kingdom had organized 2,500 volunteers to reach/minister the athletes and fans that came to the 17-day event. In addition to hosting all the athlete families, they put on creative arts shows, sports clinics, distributed Olympic information and water, held festivals showing competitions on large screens, etc. There was much interest in the special edition of the Bible by the Bible Society whose initial print of 8,000 was sold out quickly with much demand for reprint. The initial print of 100,000 copies of a “Mini mag” with background of the Games and stories of Christian athletes was sold out almost two months before the games. They had to quickly do a reprint. Now over 200,000 copies were sold. The churches also are doing their best to provide follow-up of foreign visitors especially.

<International Mission Board, [imb.org](http://imb.org), 8/3/12> <Mission Network News/ [www.mnnonline.org](http://www.mnnonline.org), 8/6/12>

**Mission Training:** 92% of pastors in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America never get to go to Bible school, seminary. An agency has been providing the three-day training to equip them in discipleship, evangelism, church planting, and fostering community transformation through the gospel. They also send successful Christian Businessmen to train leaders of the marketplace for evangelism, understanding Biblical economics and creating Great Commission Business to fund the advance of the gospel in their own areas. They have trained an average of 30,000 pastors and businessmen per year.

<Global Advance, [www.globaladvance.org](http://www.globaladvance.org), 8/20/10>

**Peru:** 21 missionaries are ready to be sent out around the globe. They have just finished a 20-day training in July that also included 17 missionary children and 42 auditing guests. The training included theology of mission, mission shock, spiritual conflict, building trust and making disciples/peer coaching, cell group ministry, story telling, and ministry to Muslims. Some of them will be sent to sensitive fields, others to Kazakhstan, and African nations like Ghana and Zambia in recovery programs and professorships, orphanage work, discipleship, clean water and medical work, etc.

<The Mission Society, [www.themissionsociety.org](http://www.themissionsociety.org), 7/24/12>

**Taiwan:** Among the vast number of Buddhist and Taoists, there is an estimate of 4.5% Christians, but maybe only 1.5% evangelicals. The church is growing, and has doubled its missions focus in the last decade, sending out 210 workers in 2000 and 550 in 2010 mostly in local church planting and expansion. The challenges the church faces include the balance between church planting and expansion; lack of cooperation among church, mission agencies, workers; lack of integration among different churches and denominations; and lack of human/financial resources.

<Operation Mobilization, [www.omusa.org](http://www.omusa.org), 7/26/12>

**Middle East:** With boys shot in the streets, women and girls raped by soldiers, thousands are fleeing from their homes. Volunteers from an agency, all local Christians, are working in 4 countries delivering food packets and water to them. Along with that the volunteers always asked if they would take New Testament Bibles and DVDs of “Jesus Film” as gifts. Everyone has said yes. Also when asked if they can pray for them in the name of Jesus. No one has refused.

<JESUS Film Project, [www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org), 8/8/12>

**Saudi Arabia:** Over 1 million have watched a video after a woman has put her face and said on YouTube, “I am not a Muslim any more. I am a Christian now.” This is utterly amazing in a nation where the officials declare it is 100% Muslim and rejects all other faiths. Because it considered itself guardian of Islam’s holy sites not only in a security sense but also spiritually keeping them pure. Yet God is working. Muslims are having dreams and visions of Jesus and believing in Him. There is also a report that a Kuwaiti prince has come to Christ.

<Voice of the Martyrs, [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com), 8/9/12>

**Philippines:** A damaged air strip in some locations is bad news. At a place where it takes 12 hours of bus ride followed by 7 hours of motor bike ride to reach if the roads are good, an airplane will do in 20 minutes. So, amazingly after the missionaries prayed, God provided the funds and enough of the tribal people to fix the air strip in one month.

<New Tribe Mission, [www.ntm.org](http://www.ntm.org), 5/30/12>

**Iran:** A nation well known for its persecution of Christians, it has been worse since 2005. But there are some estimated 100,000 Christians. A satellite Christian TV channel is expanding its “Seminary of the Air” program to train the house church leaders.

<SAT-7, [www.sat7.org](http://www.sat7.org), 8/3/12>

# An Open Letter to America

September, 2012

As our nation is drawing near to the Election Day, more and more citizens are being reminded of our nation's history and Christian heritage.

1620 The Mayflower and the Pilgrims, landed in America.

1776 The Declaration of Independence

## Our early national leaders' personal faith:

George Washington: Ended his inauguration oath with the words, "So help me God."

Abraham Lincoln said, the Bible is "the best gift God has ever given to men."

Ronald Reagan: "I hope Americans will read and study the Bible."

But ever since the Second World War, changes began to take place in this great nation. During the 1960s we have witnessed the woeful birth of the hippies movement and sex revolution.

1962 The United States Supreme Court declared prayer in public schools unconstitutional.

1963 The same Court declared Bible reading in public schools unconstitutional.

1973 The same Court legalized abortion.

The Christian statesman Bill McCarthy recently wrote, "From 1776 to 1962, we were as a nation, pro-God, pro-Christianity, pro-family, pro-life, pro-decency, pro-freedom and pro-the common good. Beginning in 1962 we began to throw away our sacred heritage."

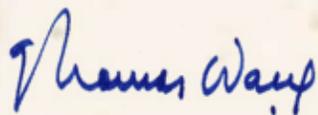
Then he said, but now, "America is reveling in excesses, rolling in riches, rollicking in pleasures, revolting in morals and rotting in sin... We now hear that America is 'too young to die!'"

Has America reached a point of no return? The Lord said, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (II Chr. 7:14)

May God bless you and help all of us to turn our beloved nation back to the "faith of our fathers," into a national repentance and return to God!

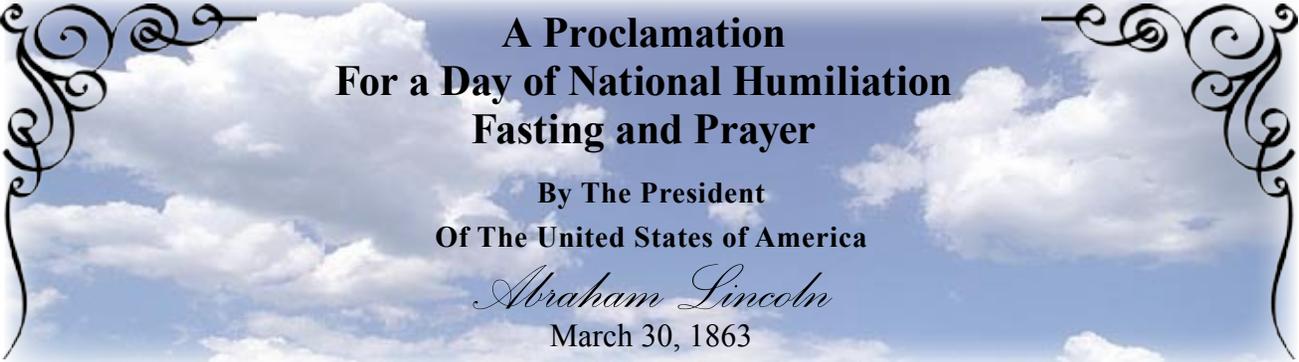
For a spiritual restoration of America, I am

Yours Very Sincerely,



Thomas Wang (Rev.)  
President Emeritus  
GCCCI





**A Proclamation  
For a Day of National Humiliation  
Fasting and Prayer**

**By The President  
Of The United States of America**

*Abraham Lincoln*

March 30, 1863

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

**Done at the city of Washington,  
this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three,  
and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.**

**-- By the President: Abraham Lincoln**

**William H. Seward, Secretary of State.**

(Emphasis added)