



## Principles on Culture: All Cultures Arise from Religion; Our Culture Is Based on Western European Heritage which Is the Product of Christian Theology

- 38) Therefore it becomes important to note some principles of culture:
1. The English word “culture” is taken from the Latin *cultus* whose primary meaning has to do with the cultivation of the soil but later came to define training, education, refinement, and civilization.
  2. The definition in English dictionaries emphasizes the development of the intellectual and moral faculties especially by education:

### Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v.:

**Culture.** Enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training. Acquaintance with and taste in fine arts, humanities, and broad aspects of science as distinguished from vocational and technical skills. The integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity of learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations. The characteristic features of everyday existence shared by people in a place or time. The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization.

3. This subject will be addressed under the principle that no client nation can survive unless it supports an environment that encourages and protects the teaching and application of Christian theology among its citizens.

### The Constitution of the United States of America:

Amendment 1 (1791): Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people to peaceably to assemble ...

4. Western European heritage is the product of Christian theology and this thought was brought to the New World by those who fought to acquire and lived to found the United States of America.
5. It is our British culture that has taken us from austere frontier villages to booming twenty-first century metropolises where we enjoy a standard of living that if prophesied two centuries ago would make kings imagine the Millennium.