

# FIGHTING CHANCE

John 8: 31-32

Proverbs 22: 3

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*“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness — these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them . . . . Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”*

George Washington,  
Farewell Address  
September 17, 1796

## A REMNANT OR A REPUBLIC?

During the late 1960's your editor and his co-workers carried out research on the biochemistry of mental illnesses and on the possible response of those illnesses to nutritional therapies. We studied a wide variety of severities ranging from mild illnesses to the most severe mental retardation.

I remember one ward of severely retarded humans. None of these individuals had the mental abilities of a household pet. Some were kept in baskets, had grotesquely distorted