



**SBC # 542**

**Monday 6 PM • April 14th, 2025**

**The HopMonk 'Abbey'**

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**A Sense of History: Looking for America  
Does it Matter?**

**An 'Open Mic'**

**West County–Wide Conversation**

**W/AUDIO HOMEWORK - Simon & Garfunkel**

***The Founding of America:  
An Inflection Point of World History?***

*"No other country on earth represents the whole of humanity the way America does." <sup>1</sup>*

*"Developing in the West of Europe is that which tends toward the emancipation of the personality, that which seeks to overcome nationality and attain to the universally-human." <sup>2</sup>*

*"The population is not united by common blood. Through it flows the blood of many nations and races. It must recognize its talents, possibilities, and its mission within the whole of humanity." <sup>3</sup>*

**The Federalist Principle**

**Sister Federal Republics: America (1776) & Switzerland (1291)**

"True federalism consists neither only in the union of the cantons (or states), nor only in their complete autonomy. It consists in the continuously adjusted balance between the autonomy of the regions and their union. It consists in the perpetual combination of these two opposing yet mutually reinforcing forces. This is perfectly expressed in the motto of Switzerland, a motto both paradoxical and dialectical: "One for all and all for one." 1947 Address by Swiss American Denis de Rougemont