



Thank you, Mr. Blackstone and Happy Birthday, America!

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Psalm 127:1 *A Song of Ascents, of Solomon .*

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.

² It is vain for you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved *even in his sleep*.

Declaration of Independence In congress, July 4, 1776

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, **the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them**, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed...

...We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions**, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, **with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The meaning of, "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God,"

"...as man depends absolutely upon his maker for every thing, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his maker's will.

This will of his maker is called the law of nature...

The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures. These precepts, when revealed, are found upon comparison to be really a part of the original law of nature...

Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.”

Sir William Blackstone, Commentaries on The Laws of England, 1765-1769, Introduction, Section 2, Of the Nature of Laws in General

The father of the revolution, Samuel Adams

The president of the convention, John Hancock

The committee of five appointed to draft a declaration, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” From John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798,” *Founders Online*, National Archives, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-3102>.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

Psalm 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³ And he will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

⁵ "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

⁸ "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

⁹ "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Exodus 20:1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ **"You shall have no other gods before Me.**

⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself an idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷ **"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,** for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

⁸ **"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

⁹ "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

¹¹ "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² **"Honor your father and your mother,** that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³ **"You shall not murder.**

¹⁴ **"You shall not commit adultery.**

¹⁵ **"You shall not steal.**

¹⁶ **"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

¹⁷ **"You shall not covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."