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Civics vs. Politics

**The Key is to
Understand the
Difference**



**There is nothing in all of creation that
God does not have authority to speak on**

**Our quest: To understand principles of
Biblical Civics and Healthy Societies**

CIVICS	POLITICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the purpose of civil government? 	How can I get power ?


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Using clarifying lists, has been revolutionary in how these two terms should be understood.

CIVICS	POLITICS
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**Christian Citizenship
Training**

**Understanding A
Christians Dual
Citizenship – Citizen of
Earth, Citizen of Heaven**

Christian Citizenship

Christian Citizenship is...



- is fulfilling our duty to bring God's
- perspective, principles and values
- to all domains in our society, where they can be
- heard, understood, and applied
- for the benefit of all people.

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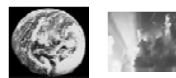
Dual Citizenship

1. Citizens of Earth
2. Citizens of Heaven

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These perspective, principles and values include:

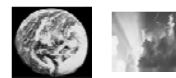


- Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength
- Loving your neighbor as yourself
- Loving what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy
- Studying the scriptures deeply to be transformed by the renewing of your mind

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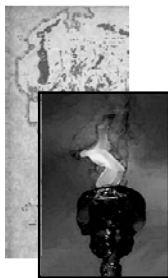
These perspective, principles and values include:



- Opposing evil wherever it occurs
- Being informed and engaging in the issues of our day
- Living out your faith and being salt and light in all that you do
- Recognizing you are both a citizen of Earth and a citizen of Heaven at the same time

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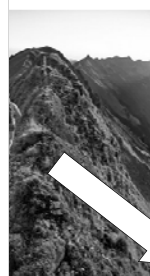
The Two Watershed Questions of Life

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The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

1 ~ What is the nature of man?

- Evolved
- Basically good & getting better
- No such thing as sin
- Science and Reason can solve all problems
- No need for Creator in everyday life
- Happiest when unrestrained and allowed to do whatever they want



- Created
- But fallen
- Basic sin nature
- Redeemable
- Capable of great good
- Prone to Pride and Self Reliance
- Happiness dependent on relationship with God

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The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

2 ~ What is the nature of God?

- Not relevant
- Truth is evolving and in the eyes of the beholder
- Special leaders choose the truth we live by
- Man is accountable to himself
- No Providences
- Not involved in the affairs of man



- Creator
- Universal truth for all people, at all times, everywhere
- Humankind can discover and apply these truths
- Holds mankind accountable for actions here on earth
- Providential Actions

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The 2 Watershed Questions of Life

Can predict with over 90% accuracy a persons views



Abortion
Life
Sex
Marriage
Gender
Morals
Truth
Character
Responsibility
Accountability
Role of Govt



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Christian Citizenship holds to this worldview

The Bible holds to this Worldview

The American Founding is based on this Worldview

Nature of Man

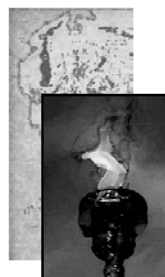
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Biblical Ideas that Have Been Lost for Over 100 Years

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In United States for over 100 years, real truth has passed out of all knowledge

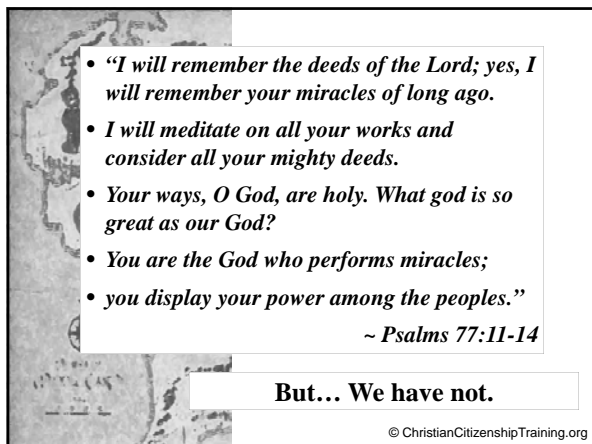
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George Washington
Inaugural Address
April 30, 1789

- "No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand,
- which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States.
- Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation,
- seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential Agency."

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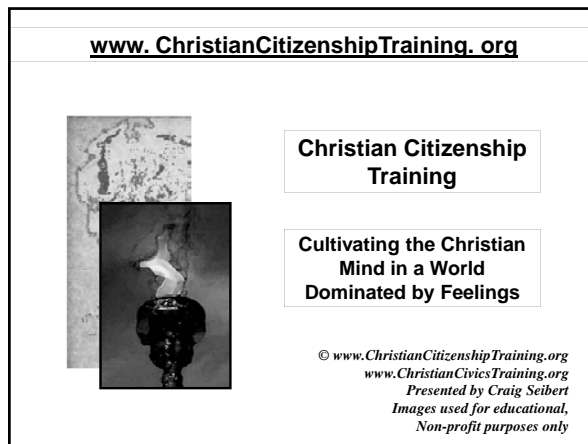
- *"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.*
- *I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.*
- *Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?*
- *You are the God who performs miracles;*
- *you display your power among the peoples."*

~ Psalms 77:11-14

But... We have not.

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Cultivating the Christian Mind in a World Dominated by Feelings

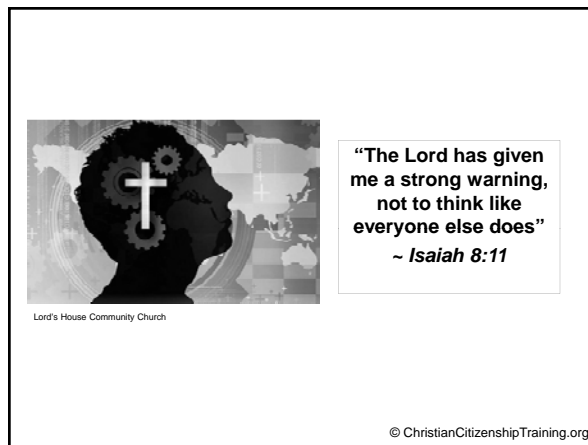
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Human Beings Have Lost the Ability to Think in a World Dominated by Feelings

Too many people think, they think, but their opinions have been formed simply by being carried along by the cultural current of the day!

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"The Lord has given me a strong warning, not to think like everyone else does"

~ Isaiah 8:11

Lord's House Community Church

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Let your prayer be..

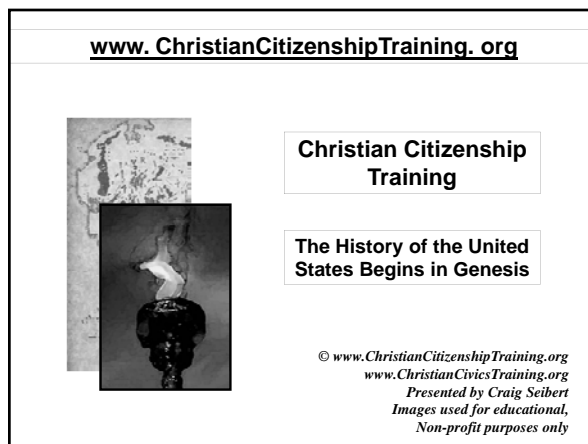
"Lord, Transform me, by the renewing of MY mind."

~ Romans 12:2

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The History of the United States Begins in Genesis

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Genesis 1

- "In the beginning God created"
- "the heavens and the earth" ~ v1
- "God created creatures of the sea and birds of the air" ~v21
- "God made the beasts of the earth" ~ v24
- "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" ~ v27
- "God saw all that He had made, and behold it was very good" – v31

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American education and textbooks began the dating of American history with God's creation in Genesis 1.

The History of the United States

The opening paragraph gives the starting point for American history as it was taught in our public schools.

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*"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and the sun, moon and stars.
He created also grass and other plants and various animals for the use of man. And last of all, He created the first man, called Adam, endowed him with rational faculties, and gave him dominion over the earth, and over the beast of the field, the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air"*

Significantly, American history began when God Created man.

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Implications of God being Creator

There is:



- Design
- Purpose
- A plan
- A moral code
- Accountability
- Authority
- Ownership
- Principles to operate by

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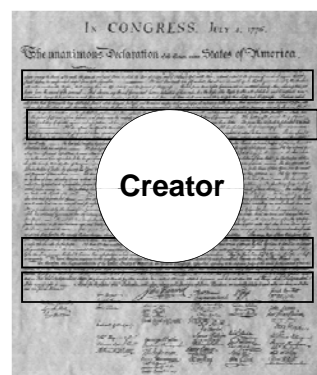
Implications of God being Good



- Divine Justice
- Evil will be punished
- God will redeem wrongs
- God will sustain those who are oppressed
- God will use all circumstances to bring Him glory
- People need to trust Him
- People need to relinquish control to Him

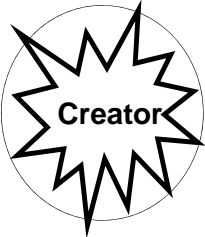
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That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness



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Key Questions to ask




Are we as a Nation:
"For the Creator?" or
"At War with the Creator?"

Are you as an individual:
"For the Creator?" or
"At War with the Creator?"

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Biblical Civics Begins In
Genesis - A Biblical
Worldview – The Cultural
Mandate

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A Commission

Be Stewards

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule ... over all the earth, ... God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it [bring forth its glory]." ~ Genesis 1:26-28

When God created humankind, He gave us a commission to be stewards over the earth.

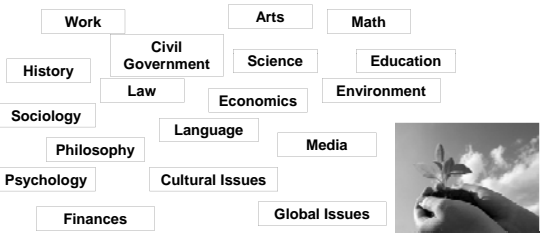
We are to be His stewards, His ambassadors, His agents here on earth.




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A Commission

Bring forth its glory

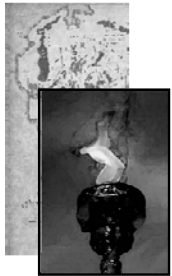


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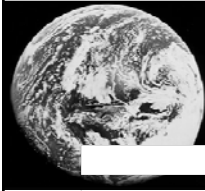
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God OWNS It

God has COMMISSIONED us as His Stewards


God has COMMANDED us to bring forth its
glory in all areas

God has given us His AUTHORITY

God has PLANS we can participate in

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So who will you believe ?

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me....

OR

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,


Shut Up

Sit Down

Keep your faith private

"Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven" – Matthew 6

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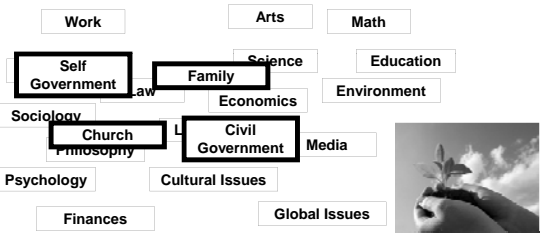
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The Four Biblical Structures of a Flourishing Society – Individuals, Families, Church, Civil Government–

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A Command

Bring forth its glory




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Individual	Family	Church	Government
Self Responsibility, Self Government	Love, Care, Provision, Children, Education, Legacy	Outreach Discipleship Accountability	Protection & Justice

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Individual

Self Responsibility,
Self Government



Fruits of the Spirit

1. love,
2. joy,
3. peace,
4. patience,
5. kindness,
6. goodness,
7. faithfulness,
8. gentleness,
9. self-control;

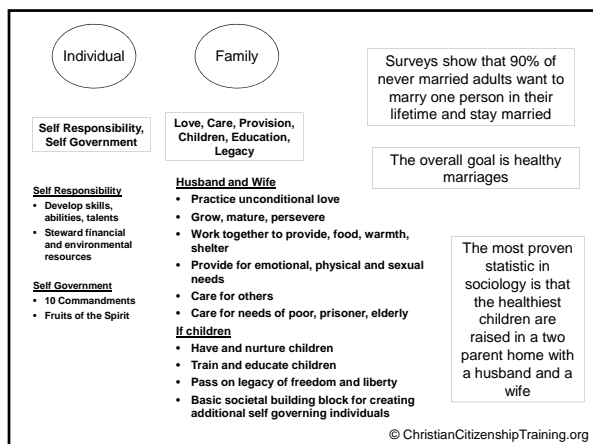
against such things there is no law.
 ~ Galatians 5:22-23

Self Responsibility

- Develop skills, abilities, talents
- Steward financial and environmental resources

Self Government

- 10 Commandments



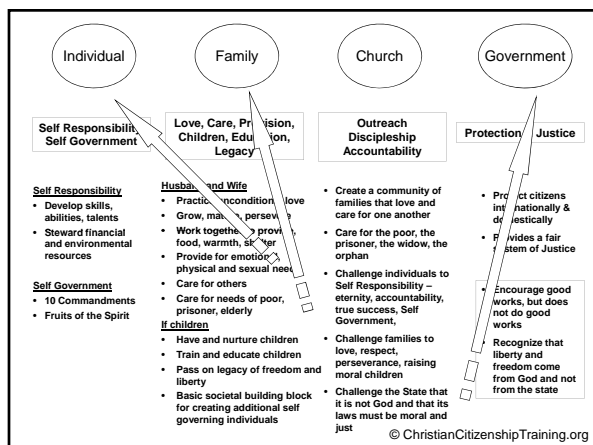
The Biblical Purpose of Government

Restrain Evil

Encourage Good

Peter – 1 Peter 2:14
Paul – Romans 13:3-4

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Individual

Self Responsibility, Self Government

Self Responsibility

- Develop skills, abilities, talents
- Steward financial and environmental resources

Self Government

- 10 Commandments
- Fruits of the Spirit

Created with a Purpose - Fearfully and wonderfully made ~ Psalms 139

Gifts, talents, abilities - Romans 12

Stewards of earth and resources - Genesis 1

10 Commandments - Exodus 20

Fruits of Spirit - Galatians 5:22

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Family

Love, Care, Provision, Children, Education, Legacy

Husband and Wife

- Practice unconditional love
- Grow, mature, persevere
- Work together to provide, food, warmth, shelter
- Provide for emotional, physical and sexual needs
- Care for others
- Care for needs of poor, prisoner, elderly

If children

- Have and nurture children
- Train and educate children
- Pass on legacy of freedom and liberty
- Basic societal building block for creating additional self governing individuals

Respect and love for each other – Ephesians 5

Provide for the family – 1 Timothy 5:8

Steward the families resources – Proverbs 31:16

Stewardship of earth and culture – Genesis 1

Visit those in prison – Matthew 25:31-46, Hebrews 13:2, Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19

Help widows and orphans – James 1:27

Show kindness to strangers and aliens – Hebrews 13:2, Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19


Bear and nurture children – Genesis 1:28, 1 Timothy 5:14

Teach children – Proverbs 6:20-23

Save up for children – 2 Corinthians 12:14

Provide an inheritance – Proverbs 13:22

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Church

Evangelism
Discipleship
Accountability

- Love one Another (John 17),
- Experience Community (Acts 2:42),
- Expand the kingdom – Romans 15:20
- Be an example to the world – Titus 2:7
- Provide for widows – Acts 6:1-6
- Assist the poor – Romans 15:26, 2 Corinthians 11:9, Acts 2:44-46
- Teach God's precepts and commands – Deuteronomy 27-28, Ezra 7:10
- Train up leaders – 2 Timothy 2:2

- Create a community of families that love and care for one another
- Care for the poor, the prisoner, the widow, the orphan
- Challenge individuals to Self Responsibility – eternity, accountability, true success, Self Government,
- Challenge families to love, respect, perseverance, raising moral children
- Challenge the State that it is not God and that its laws must be moral and just

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Government


Protection & Justice

- Restrain evil and allow good to flourish – 1 Peter 2:14, Romans 13:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Commend those that do right and punish those that do wrong - 1 Peter 2:14, Romans 13:3-4
- Provide honest courts – Exodus 18:21-22
- Collect taxes – Romans 13:6-7
- Lead in defending the nation – Zechariah 12:8-9, Romans 13:3-4

- Protect citizens internationally & domestically
- Provides a fair system of Justice
- Encourage good works, but does not do good works
- Recognize that liberty and freedom come from God and not from the state

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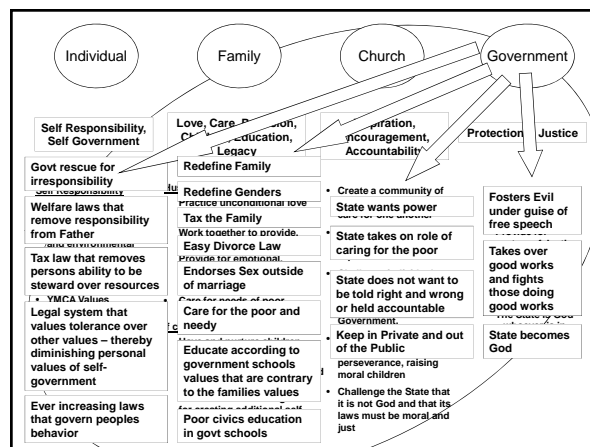
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The Four Structures Destroyed - Society Decays and People Oppressed

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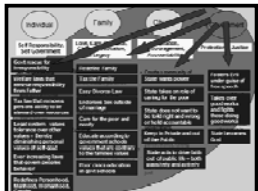
Civics vs. Politics As Applied to Societal Structures

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CIVICS




POLITICS



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The Reformation
The Pilgrims
The Living Out of the Four Structures of a Healthy Society

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The Roots of the American Experiment are Found in the Reformation

The Reformation was a 16th Century movement that spread throughout Europe to “reform” the church

- to bring the church back to scriptures
- to put the scriptures in the hands of the people



The Reformation 1517-1648




Martin Luther **John Calvin** **John Knox**

Germany **France & Switzerland** **Scotland**

Pioneering Reformers 1517-1572


Individual	Family	Church	Civil
Self Responsibility, Self Government	Love, Care, Provision, Children, Education, Legacy	Inspiration, Encouragement, Accountability	Protection & Justice



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Pastor John Robinson Letter

1. *Daily Relationship With God*
2. *Get along with other people of faith*
3. *Get along with others outside the faith*
4. *Do not act selfishly*
5. *Choose leaders of capability and character*

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... on taking up on offense

Carefully provide for peace with all men so far as it lies within you...we must be watchful that we ourselves neither give, nor easily take offense.

Persons ready to take offense, either lack the charity which should cover offences or the wisdom to consider human frailty.

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... on taking up on offense

In my own experience I have found few who are quicker to give offense, than those who easily take it.

Those that have nourished this touchy behavior have never proved sound and profitable members of society.

The plans for your civil community will furnish continual occasion for offense and it will be as fuel to the fire, unless you diligently quench it with brotherly forbearance.

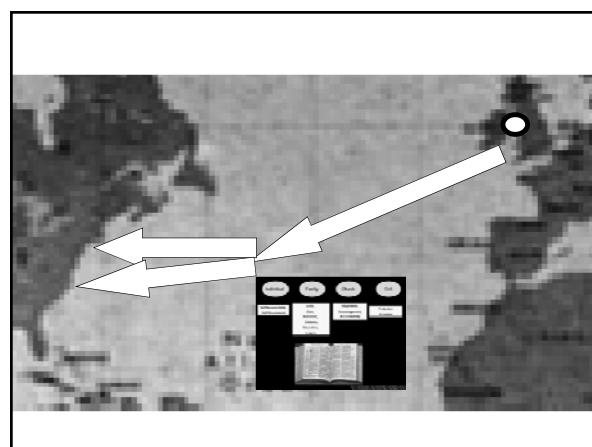
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The Pilgrims
The Mayflower Compact
The Fountain Head of American Civil Government

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Having undertaken this voyage for

- The Glory of God**
- The advancement of the Christian Faith**
- The honor of King and Country**

In the Name of God and one another

- We covenant and combine ourselves together as a civil body politic**
- For our better ordering and preservation**
- For the furtherance of the ends aforesaid means**
- With the power to enact laws, ordinances and offices for the general benefit of the colony**

The Mayflower Compact

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The Mayflower Compact

Covenant Making Continues

Almost 20 yrs later, Rev. Thomas Hooker led the way to write the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut

- Which became the precursor to the First State Constitution for Connecticut**
- Which became the precursor to other State Constitutions**
- Which became the precursor to the Federal Constitution.**

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The Patriot Pastors— 150 years of Preaching On the Principles of Civil Government

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Patriot Pastors of the American Revolution



Jonathan
Edwards

George
Whitefield

Alexander
Craighead

Dr. John
Witherspoon

John
Mayhew

Samuel
Cooper



James
Caldwell



John Peter
Gabriel
Muhlenberg



Frederick
Augustus
Muhlenberg



Thomas
Hooker,

Had a biblical worldview of all of life and taught and
preached the Bible to be applied in all areas of life.

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Pastor's Must Preach on the Most Pressing Issues of the Day



John
Adams,
2nd
President

- *"It is the duty of the clergy to accommodate their discourses to the times,*
- *to preach against such sins as are most prevalent,*
- *and recommend such virtues as are most wanted.*
- *For example, if exorbitant ambition and venality are predominant,*
- *ought they not to warn their hearers against those vices?"*

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Pastor's Must Preach on the Most Pressing Issues of the Day



John
Adams,
2nd
President

- *"If public spirit is much wanted,*
- *should they not inculcate this great virtue?*
- *If the rights and duties of Christian magistrates and subjects are disputed,*
- *should they not explain them,*
- *show their nature, ends, limitations, and restrictions..?"*

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Why this Sermon?



Rev.
Jonathan
Mayhew
Oct 20, 1720
July 9, 1766

- *"It is the duty of Christian magistrates to inform themselves what it is which their religion teaches concerning the nature and design of their office."*
- *"And it is equally the duty of all Christian people to inform themselves what it is which their religion teaches concerning that subjection which they owe to the higher powers."*

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A Deeper Look at The Purpose of Civil Government Restrain Evil and Encourage Good

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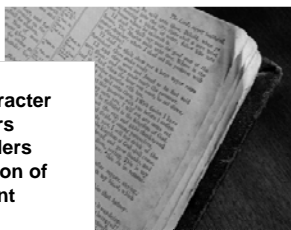
Search the Bible for the Purpose of Government

Search

"Authority"
"Governors"
"Rulers"
"Judges"
"Kings"
"Leaders"

Results

Good Character
Good rulers
Wicked rulers
Organization of government
Wisdom
Courage



There are only 3 passages on "The Purpose" of government

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The Biblical Purpose of Government

Restrain Evil

Encourage Good

Peter – 1 Peter 2:14

Paul – Romans 13:3-4

Paul – 1 Timothy 2:1-4



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Biblical Ideas Permeated Society – 94% of Most Important Principles Came From the Bible

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The Bible is what the Founding Fathers looked to



John Adams
2nd President
of the United
States

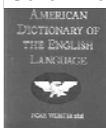
in 1816

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity."

Now I will avow that I then believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the attributes of God."

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The Bible is the Source of the Principles of our Form Government



Noah
Webster

"The brief exposition of the Constitution of the United States, will unfold to young persons the principles of republican government;

and it is the sincere desire of the writer that our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion."

– Noah Webster- Statesman & Educator

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A University of Houston Study of the writings of the founding fathers boiled down thousands of writings into the 1054 most influential.


They then analyzed those writings and found that 34% of the quotes were directly from the Bible, and 60% of the quotes were of other men who were quoting the Bible.

Therefore, 94% of the most important statements by the founding fathers had their roots in scripture.

David Barton

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The Biblical Ideas of the Declaration of Independence

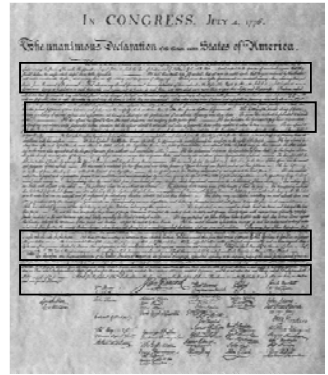
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The Laws of Nature and the Laws of Natures God

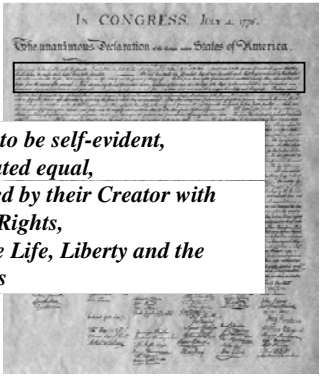
The Creator

Supreme Judge of the World

Divine Providence




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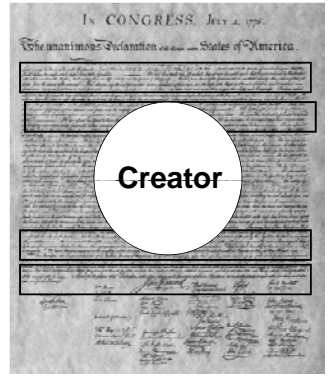
WE hold these Truths to be self-evident,

- *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*

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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



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Truths that are for All People at All Times Everywhere

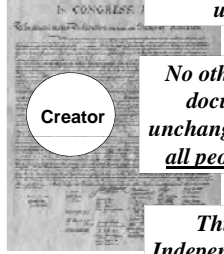
The Statue of Liberty to the World

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The Declaration of Independence is unique in all of the world


No other country in the world has a document that is a statement of unchanging principles that are true for all people, in all places, at all times.

This is why the Declaration of Independence has been held up around the world whenever Tyranny is resisted.



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The Charter of Liberties Held Around The World



It is the greatest gift of the United States to the World

There is a reason it is read, studied and held up in countries where individuals are seeking freedom.

Often times represented by the Statue of Liberty

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What Liberty Holds

Liberty's Tablet




The Date - July 4, 1776

- Declaration of Independence
- Not the Constitution

Holding the Declaration


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What is Liberty's Calling



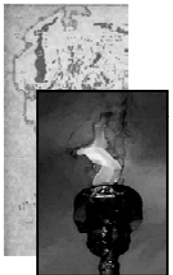
Her message is that the bold principles of the Declaration That are true for all people, at all times, everywhere, Need to be taken throughout the world

And all countries can put them into practice.



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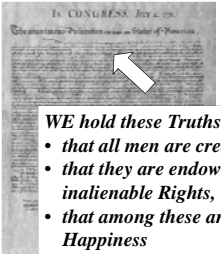
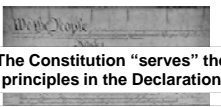
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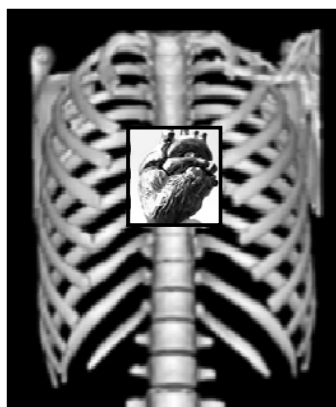


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How The Declaration of Independence and Constitution Work Together

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Declaration of Independence	U.S. Constitution
<u>Charter – Purpose Document</u>	<u>Bylaws – Organizational Document</u>
 <p><i>WE hold these Truths to be self-evident,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that all men are created equal, • that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, • that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness 	 <p>The Constitution “serves” the principles in the Declaration</p>



The Declaration Is the Life


Gives Life

The Constitution Serves the Declaration

Protects Life

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The US Constitution A Glorious Liberty Document

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Believed in the Constitution and Declaration



Frederick Douglass
1818-1895

"Take the Constitution according to its plain reading,"


"I defy the presentation of a single pro-slavery clause in it."

"Interpreted as it ought to be interpreted, the Constitution is a glorious liberty document."

Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society on July 5, 1852, in Rochester, New York. Age 34

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WHY LIBERTY MATTERS



Dr. Marlene McMillian

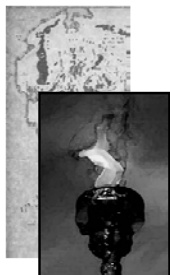
National & International Speaker

People are simply shocked to find out that our Constitution is the only one in the world written to restrain civil government.

The rest of world live under Constitutions where Constitutions are written by government to give rights to the people.

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US Constitution

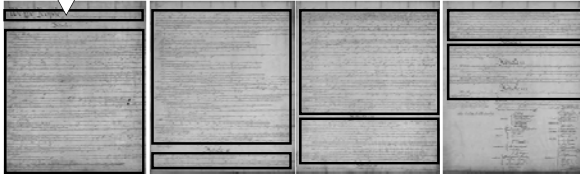
The Biblical Ideas

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The first 52 words of the Constitution are the most important part



- They state the 6 Core Purposes for which the constitution was written
- These 6 Core Purposes serve to define and limit the remaining 4450 words of the Constitution.



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We the People

of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, to establish justice, to ensure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

***We the People* of the United States in order**

1. To form a more perfect union {Joshua 18}
2. To establish justice {Exodus 18}
3. To ensure domestic tranquility {1 Peter 2}
4. To provide for common defense {Romans 13}
5. To promote the general welfare and {1 Peter 2}
6. To secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity. {Proverbs 13:22}

Do ordain & establish this Constitution....


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US Constitution
The Nature of Man

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Thomas Jefferson

“It would be a dangerous delusion were a confidence in the men of our choice to silence our fears for the safety of our rights.

That confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism.

Free government is founded in jealousy, and not in confidence”

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Thomas Jefferson

“It is jealousy, and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions to bind down those whom we are obliged to trust with power

That our Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no farther, our confidence may go...”

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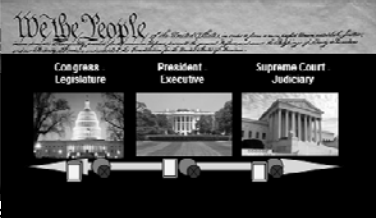
Thomas Jefferson

“In the question of power, then, let no more be said of confidence in man,

But bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.”

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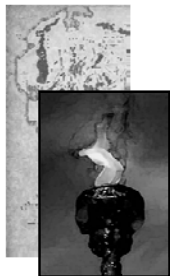
What are those chains?



- 1) Limited Power
- 2) Enumerated Powers
- 3) Separation of Powers
- 4) Checks & Balances on Power and Process
- 5) Written, permanent Constitution – fixes it in place with amendments allowed
- 6) Citizens guarding these provisions

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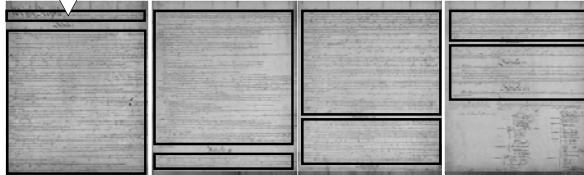
US Constitution
The Cascade of Powers

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1. Legislative – Congress


- The House of Representatives
- The Senate



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We the People

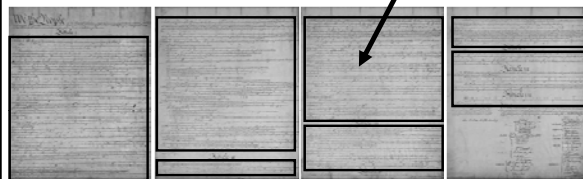
Legislative - Congress



- 1. To borrow and coin money
- 2. To regulate commerce
- 3. To regulate immigration
- 4. To set up post office & roads
- 5. To create an environment for good commerce
- 6. To maintain army, navy, militias
- 7. To declare war
- 8. To conduct impeachments
- 9. To oversee the District of Columbia
- 10. To make laws limited to the six purposes of the Constitution and these areas

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2. Executive – The President



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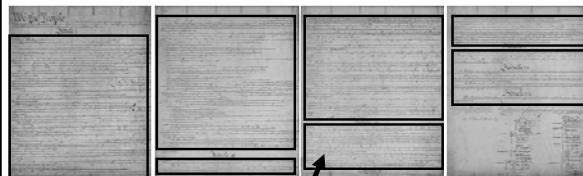
We the People

Executive – The President



- 1. To be Commander in Chief
- 2. To appoint ambassadors, judges and officers
- 3. To enforce the laws of the United States
- 4. To sign treaties & receive ambassadors
- 5. To grant pardons
- 6. To give the State of the Union to Congress

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3. Judicial – The Supreme Court

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Judicial – Supreme Court



1. To take appeals from citizens, courts & States
2. To make principled judgments
3. To ensure jury trials
4. To uphold the Constitution

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Congress

President

Supreme Court





All 3 Branches are to uphold and interpret the Constitution


~ Not just the Supreme Court ~

Even at the founding there was great concern over the Supreme Court and Judicial Overreach or Judicial Tyranny because Judges were appointed for life

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Judicial – Supreme Court




Jefferson

“The constitution is a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary, which they may twist and shape into any form they please.”

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**The US Constitution
Birthed in Prayer**

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Alexander Hamilton

“For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.”

Alexander Hamilton, Federalist Paper

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Benjamin Franklin


“In the beginning of the Contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for Divine protection.

Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered.

All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending Providence in our favor.”

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Benjamin Franklin

"To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity.

And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?"

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Benjamin Franklin

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God Governs in the affairs of men.

And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

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Benjamin Franklin


"We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it."

I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel:

We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages."

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Benjamin Franklin

The Convention made a motion to act on Franklin's remarks

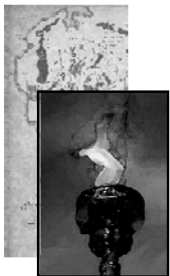
It was decided that they would gather a few days later on July 4th for a Sermon and prayer

Thereafter, when the Convention resumed there were daily prayers at the beginning of the day's meetings

This provided the breakthrough ideas and cordiality that allowed the Constitution to be finished and agreed upon

It also established the practice that is still followed today of Congress opening in prayer.

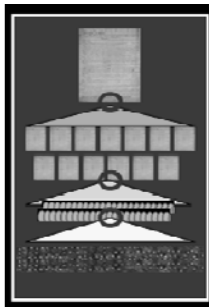
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Understanding the US Constitutional SYSTEM

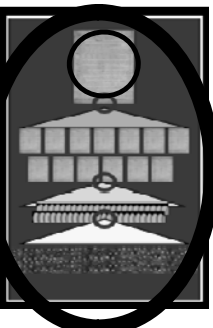
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The US Constitutional System

Vertical Separation of Power

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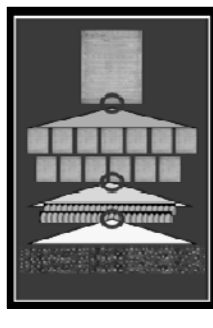
The US Constitutional System

It's a ENTIRE SYSTEM

This Vertical Separation of Power is possibly the most important part

Of the American Constitutional System

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The US Constitutional System

A Republic

Of State Republics

Of County Republics

Of Self Governing Individuals

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Every Race Finding Their Story in the American Story

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Requirements of Excellent Civic Leadership



Jethro advice to Moses
Exodus 18:20-22

"You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.



Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you.

You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him.

Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.

But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--

and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens."


Japheth Ham Shem

American Constitutional Principles and Structures are ultimately influenced by all ethnic Groups.

- Moses** – a Son of Shem - leader, recipient of 10 commandments
- Jethro** – a son of Ham – Father-in-law of Moses, gave the advice of the requirements of civic leadership and how to structure civil government
- The Protestant Reformers, The Pilgrims, The Founding Fathers** – sons of **Japheth** – spent centuries of sacrifice in trying to apply, Moses, Jethro and Jesus teaching to create a civil society that cherished freedom and liberty.

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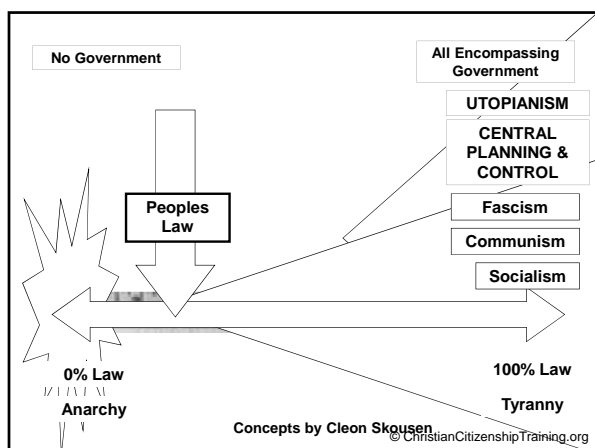
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Not A Question of Political Parties but of Political Power

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Washington

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence...

It is force!

Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

~ George Washington,

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The Bill of Rights

Binding Down the Federal Government

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The Bill of Rights



The Bill of Rights is actually a list of prohibitions and restraints on the federal government

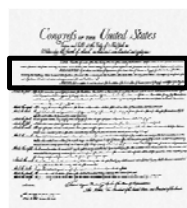
To further “bind down” the power of the federal government

The greatest threat against the liberty of the people was the usurpation of power by the federal government over the states

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Features That “Bind Down” the Federal Government

The Preamble



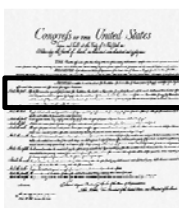
First 57 Words

“The Conventions of a number of States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its power, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses be added..”

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Features That “Bind Down” the Federal Government

The First Amendment



45 Words

Congress shall make no law
1. respecting an establishment of religion,
2. or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
3. or abridging the freedom of speech,
4. or of the press;
5. or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,
6. and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

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Features That "Bind Down" the Federal Government

The First Amendment

Huge Implications !

- If Congress is prohibited from making law,
- This takes out the whole federal government's power to have any say in these areas
- If no law, there is no enforcement power by President
- And no power for the Supreme Court to rule on

Congress shall make no law

1. *respecting an establishment of religion,*
2. *or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;*
3. *or abridging the freedom of speech,*
4. *or of the press;*
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Features That "Bind Down" the Federal Government

The First Amendment

This means there should be no federal involvement in deciding:

- Public Expressions of faith
- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of Press
- Freedom of Assembly
- Petitioning of the Government

These rights belong to the people and the States in which they live

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The Bill of Rights – Freedom From Government Power

Freedoms/Rights

- 1 – Practice Religion, Speech, Press, Assemble, Complain
- 2 – Own Gun, protect yourselves from others & government
- 3 – Being forced to pay for government agents
- 4 – Being spied upon or being forced to give up personal info
- 5 – Fair Justice System – due process
- 6 – Fair & Timely Trial – Innocent until proven guilty
- 7 – Fair Trial – Trial by jury
- 8 – Humane Treatment – No excessive bail, cruel punishment
- 9 – Restrain Govt – The people retain all unnamed rights
- 10 – Restrain Govt – The people/States retain all unnamed rights

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The Bill of Rights

The First Freedom – Living Out Your Faith

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Separation of Church and State



The phrase

"Separation of Church and State"

Has been so widely spread in society that most people are "shocked" to find out

That neither the phrase

Nor the concept as it is currently being used

Can be found anywhere in the founding documents of the United States of America.

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Article 1

Congress shall make no law

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Big idea

- Congress would not establish a national denomination or church
- Congress would not establish a state controlled church

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What the words actually say !!!

Congress

No law

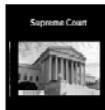
establishing

prohibiting



- If no laws are allowed to be passed by Congress
- There is no law to be enforced by the President
- Or no law to be interpreted by the Courts.

This means the Federal Government was to have NO jurisdiction in areas concerning the free exercise of religion – this was left to the States, Cities, and local communities.



This meant that there was all kind of religious freedom in the public domain

- Congress could - have prayer, have chaplains, have Bible Studies, have a church service in the capital (1800s), print Morals and Teaching of Jesus (1910)
- Presidents could – call for prayer, talk about God, call the nation to follow God, talk about biblical principles in govt
- Courts could – have prayer, appeal to the 10 commandments, look to the Bible for principles



This meant that there was all kind of religious freedom in the public domain....

- State and Local Governments could..
- Post the 10 Commandments
- Have prayer before meetings
- On State or local seals, symbols, letters and monuments have
 - Mottos “in God we trust” or “with God all things are possible”, etc...
 - Crosses and Biblical symbols
 - Bible verses



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Public schools could –

- have daily morning prayer,
- post the 10 commandments,
- study the Bible as a part of education,
- have prayer at graduation,
- have students express faith in coursework and speeches,
- post quotes about the Founders' faith,
- say the pledge of Allegiance – “one nation under God”
- prayer at sports or events,

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One Great Political Idea



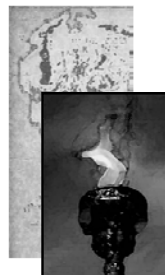
Frederick
Douglass
1818-1895

The best expression of it, I have
found in the Bible.
It is in substance,

"Righteousness exalteth a nation;
sin is a reproach to any people"
~ Proverbs 14:34 ~

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**Cunning Men and
Women Seek to Steal
your and your
Children's Liberty**

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George
Washington
Farewell
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"There are certain people....

- *with the real design to direct, control, counteract, or awe the constituted authorities,*
- *They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force;*
- *to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation,*
- *the will of a party..."*

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George
Washington
Farewell
Address

- *"often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community;*
- *by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men*
- *will be enabled to subvert the power of the people,*
- *and to usurp for themselves the reins of government;"*

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**Freedom Cannot Be
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The Lynde and Harry
BRADLEY FOUNDATION




Revitalizing
Civil Society

"America's Founders were convinced American freedom could survive only if each generation understood its founding principles and the sacrifices made to maintain it."

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Salt, Light, Truth, Love

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Salt



"You are the salt of the earth.
 But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?
 It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."
 ~ Matt 5:13

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Salt



Why does the Church and the Christian Faith feel trampled upon?

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What is Biblical and What is Political ?

What God Says... What the World Says

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Who Gets to Say?



A Politician



The Creator

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What is this a picture of ?



What is this a picture of ?

The Creator Has Authority Over All



Abraham Kuyper

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

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What Would Jesus Do?

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What are Jesus' Principles of Love ?

Love is like the many facets of diamond

Accepting Love - Mercy

Sacrificial Love – Giving of oneself

Courageous Love - Truth

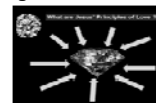
Confronting Love - Honesty

Caring Love - Compassion

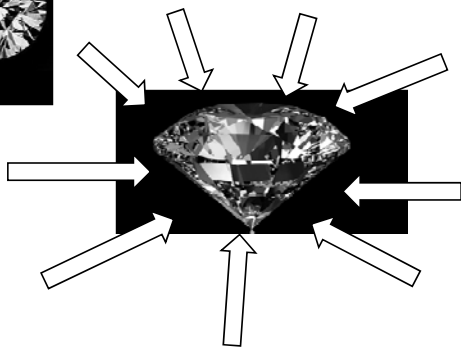
Cleansing Love – Dealing with Sin

Connecting Love – Connecting others to God

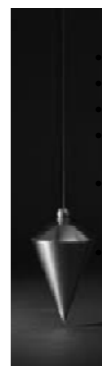
Forgiving Love – offering grace to others



Seeing Jesus' many dimensions?



Jesus and Civil Government



Caesar – told the public that Caesar is not God
Herod – “a fox” - conniving and deceitful
Pilate - has no authority except what God gave him
Judges – criticized as being unrighteous – feared neither God nor man
Endorsed someone who actively criticized a civil leader – John the Baptist, - “greatest born of woman”
People using authority for ill should be judged– if anyone causes this little one to sin – “better to have a millstone tied around their neck...”

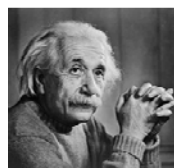
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Being Salt and Light has Evangelist Impact

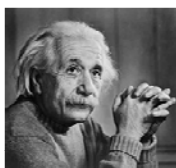
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Albert Einstein

Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth.
 I never had any special interest in the Church before,
 but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it

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Albert Einstein

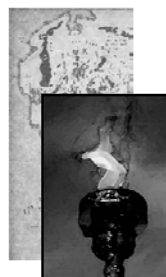
because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand

for intellectual and moral freedom.

I am forced to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly.

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Nehemiah The 9 Stages of Cultural Restoration

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Nehemiah and the Principles of Cultural Restoration 9 Stages of Opposition and Response



- S1 – A Vision for Cultural Restoration – Establishment Upset
- S2 – The Work Commences – Verbal Mocking, Destroy Character
- S3 – The Work Continues – Verbal Threats – Mocking, Ridicule
- S4 – Work 50% done – Opposition Intensifies- Plotting, Scheming, Physical Harm
- S5 – Work 60% done – Physical Harm to Followers
- S6 – Work 90% Done – Intensify Physical Harm or Reputational Harm to the Leader
- S7 – Work 95% Done – Internal Intrigue, Moles, Internal Undermining
- S8 – Work Complete – Great Victory – Opposition Afraid – Loses Self Confidence
- S9 – New Administration – Internal moles, Intimidation, Compromise

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A Call to Action

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What are We to Do ?



What are we called to as Christian Citizens?

- Pray and Follow God
- Love People
- Make Right Judgments
- Be Salt and Light
- Fight for our wives, sons, daughters, homes

Doing these 5 Things Impacts People Evangelistically !

What are We to Do ?



What are we called to as Christian Citizens?

- Share this training with others
- Run a Christian Citizenship Training at your Church, Sunday school, small group
- Be a Steward of Your Vote
- Call others to vote
- Voter Registration at Church
- Develop Community Impact Team
- Speak out on issues in your city
- Speak out at your School Board
- Support / volunteer with candidate
- Get involved in a political party
- Run for office yourself
- Be involved in acts of love and compassion

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Voting - A Prescription for National Health

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When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
 But when a wicked man rules, the people groan
 ~ Proverbs 29:2 ~

Prescriptive

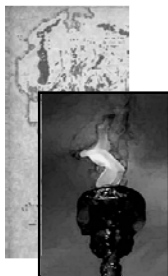
- it predicts what will happen if people of good character and competence are elected

Results

- Social ills can be stemmed
- Millions of hours can be saved – because we are not trying to fix problems “after the fact”
- Billions of dollars can be saved

All because People of Faith take a small amount of time to be informed and actually vote.

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A Special Challenge to Pastors and Spiritual Leaders

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THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



Martin Luther

- If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God
- except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking,
- I am not confessing Christ however boldly I may be professing Christ.

THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



Martin Luther

- Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the soldier is proved;
- and to be steady on all the battlefields besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



Rev. Charles
Finney
1830s

- If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If the world loses its interest in Christianity, the pulpit is responsible for it.

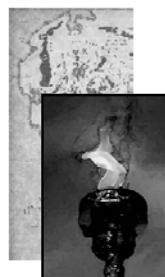
THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR IN SOCIETY AND CIVIC THOUGHT



Rev. Charles
Finney
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- If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it.
- If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it."

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