

The image shows the Liberty Bell in a museum setting. The bell is mounted on a black metal stand and is the central focus. It is surrounded by a glass and metal railing. In the background, there are stone walls and a view of a large, multi-story brick building with white window frames and a balcony. The text "Christianity's Influence on American Civil Government" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Christianity's Influence on American Civil Government

Ps 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

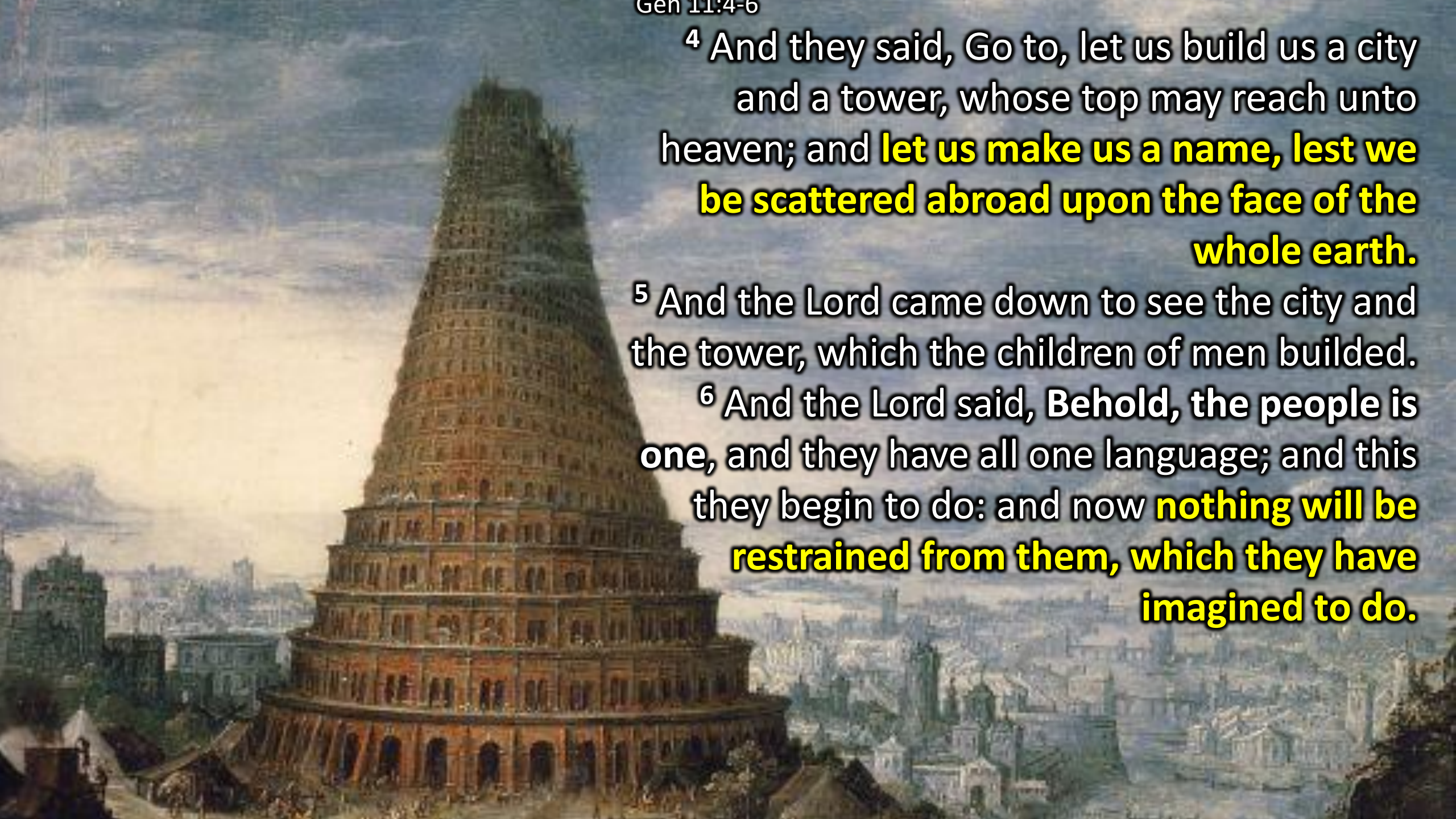


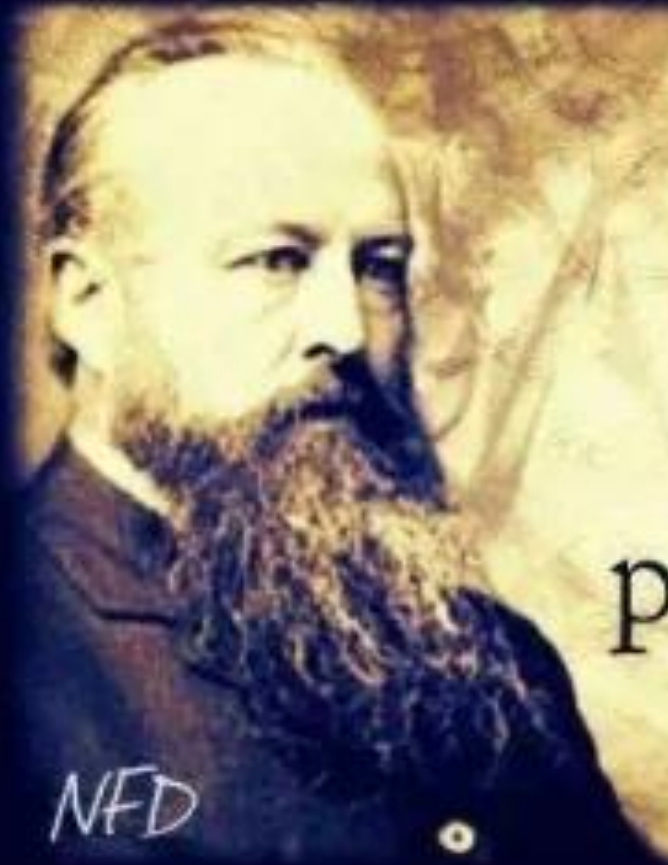


⁴ And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and **let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.**

⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

⁶ And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now **nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**





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"All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

~Lord Acton



Noah Webster

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GOVERNMENT, *noun* Direction; regulation. These precepts will serve for the *government* of our conduct.

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2. The exercise of authority; direction and restraint exercised over the actions of men in communities, societies or states; the administration of public affairs, according to established constitution, laws and usages, or by arbitrary edicts. Prussia rose to importance under the *government* of Frederick II.

3. The exercise of authority by a parent or householder. Children are often ruined by a neglect of *government* in parents.

Let family *government* be like that of our heavenly Father, mild, gentle and affectionate.

4. The system of polity in a state; that form of fundamental rules and principles by which a nation or state is governed, or by which individual members of a body politic are to regulate their social actions; a constitution, either written or unwritten, by which the rights and duties of citizens and public officers are prescribed and defined; as a monarchical *government* or a republican *government*

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Jeremiah 17:9

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately wicked: who can know it?*

1. Self Government
2. Family Government
3. Church Government
4. Civil Government



Genesis 11:6

Behold, **the people is one**, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: **and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**



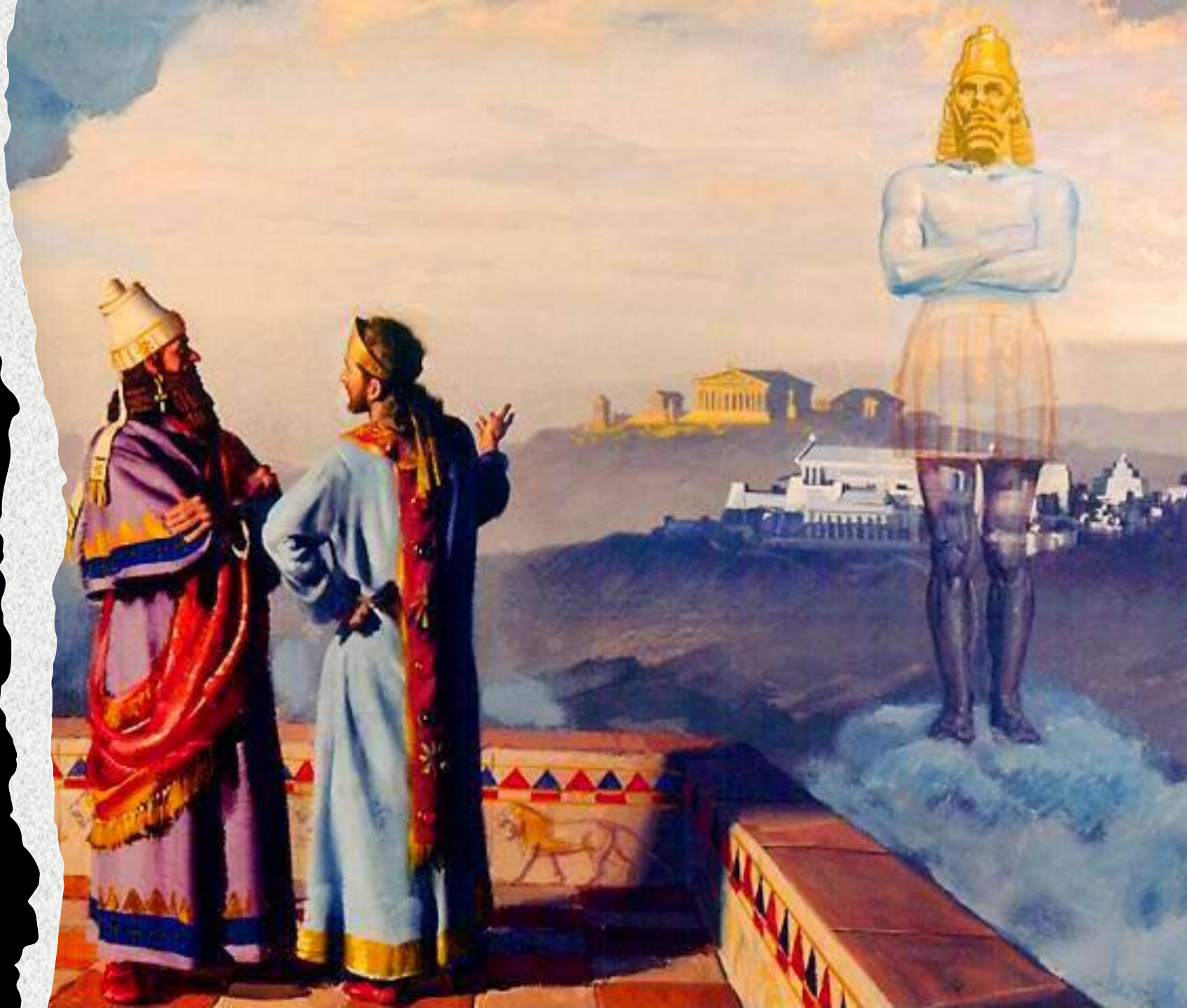
Gen 11:8

**So the Lord scattered
them abroad from
thence upon the
face of all the earth:
and they left off to
build the city.**



Jer 25:9

Behold, I will send
...Nebuchadrezzar the
king of Babylon, my
servant, and will bring
them against this land,
and against the
inhabitants thereof, ...and
will utterly destroy them,
and make them an
astonishment, and an
hissing, and perpetual
desolations.







During this time in human history:

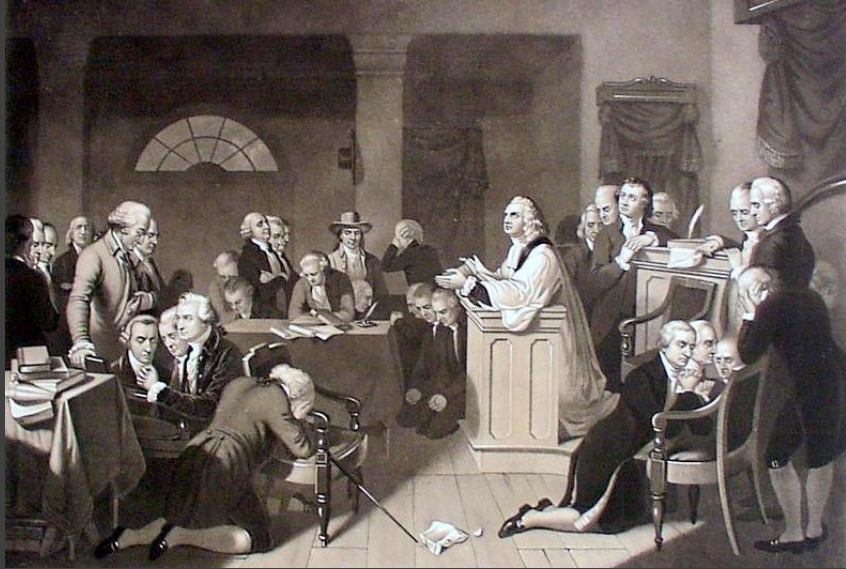
- **Acts 17:26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.
- **Ps 33:12** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- **Prov 14:34** Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
- **Ps 9:17** The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.



Default form of human government?

A **STRONG** man
RULING
over **subjects**.





**Politics is downstream
from culture.**





NORTH
AMERICA

Plymouth

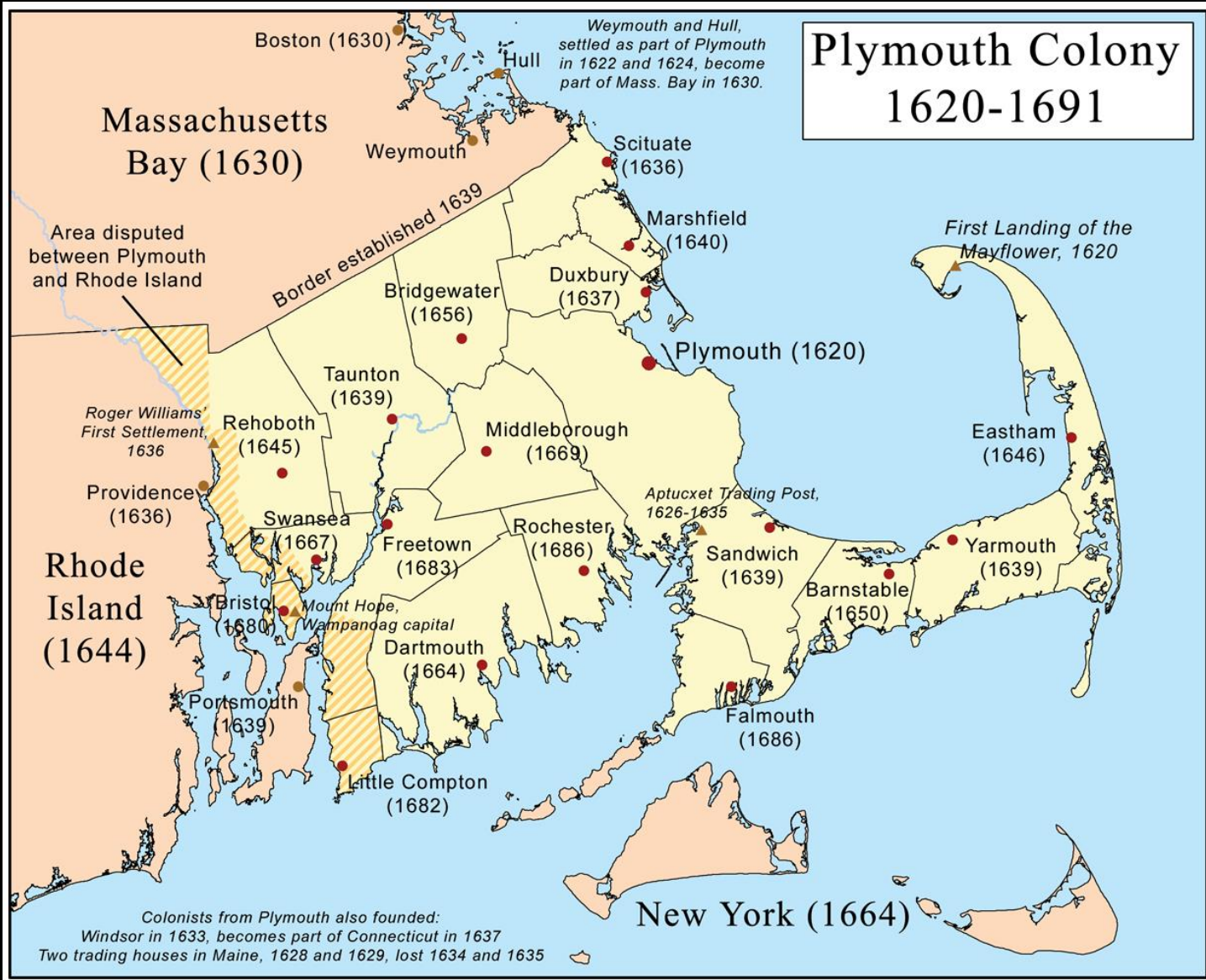
Cape Cod Bay

← Mayflower

1620 Mayflower Arrival

- Nov 9 Sighted land at Cape Cod, turned south, sailed into dangerous waters, turned back
- Nov 11 Anchored in Cape Cod harbor
- Nov 15 Attempted to sail across bay to Plymouth, wind too strong, returned to Cape Cod harbor
- Nov 16 Sailed across bay, anchored in Plymouth harbor

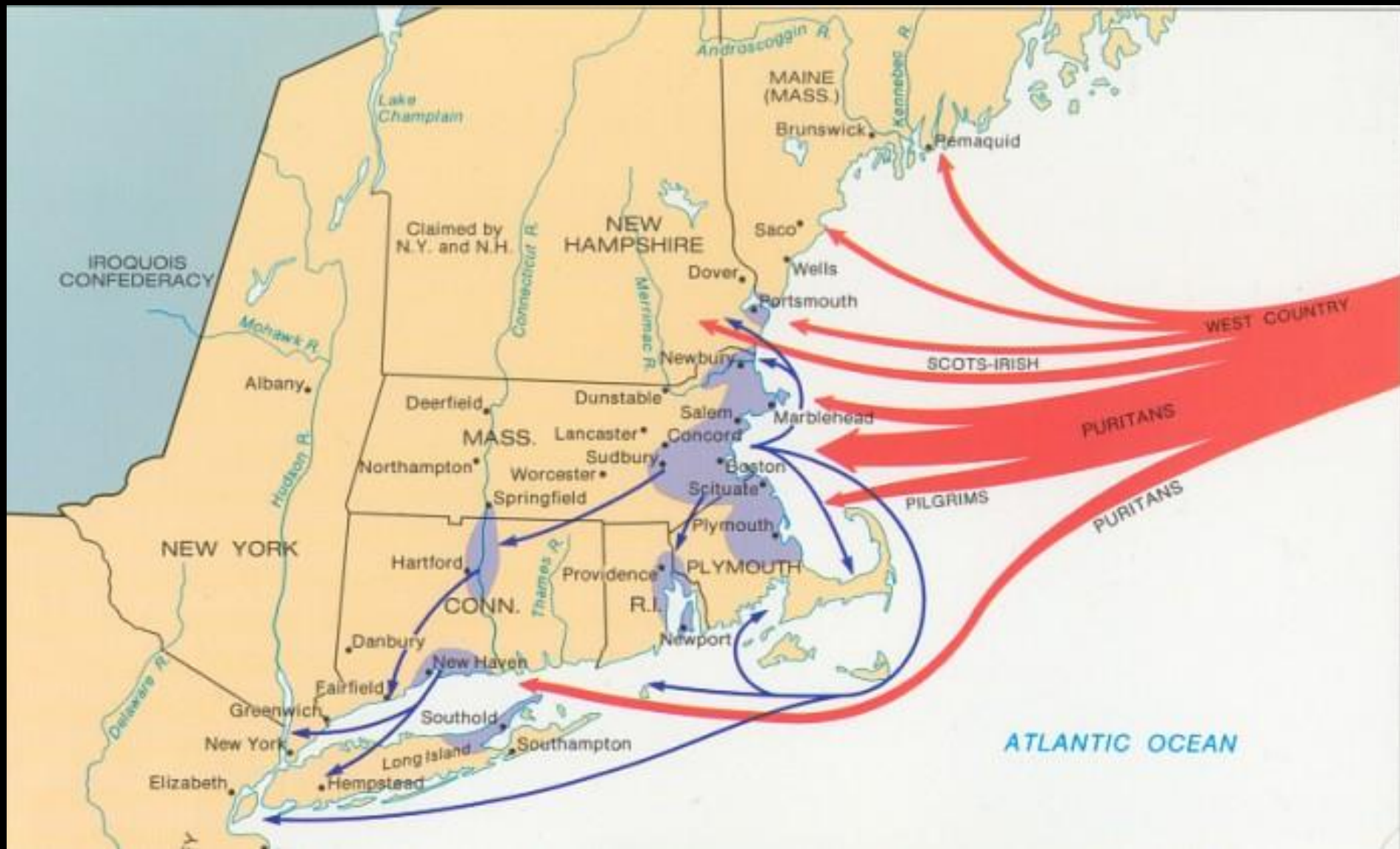




Plymouth Colony

William Bradford
 1620
 Separatists







Massachusetts Bay Colony

(which included New Hampshire and Maine)

John Winthrop

1630

Puritans

(influenced by Dr. William Fuller, of the Separatist Pilgrims)





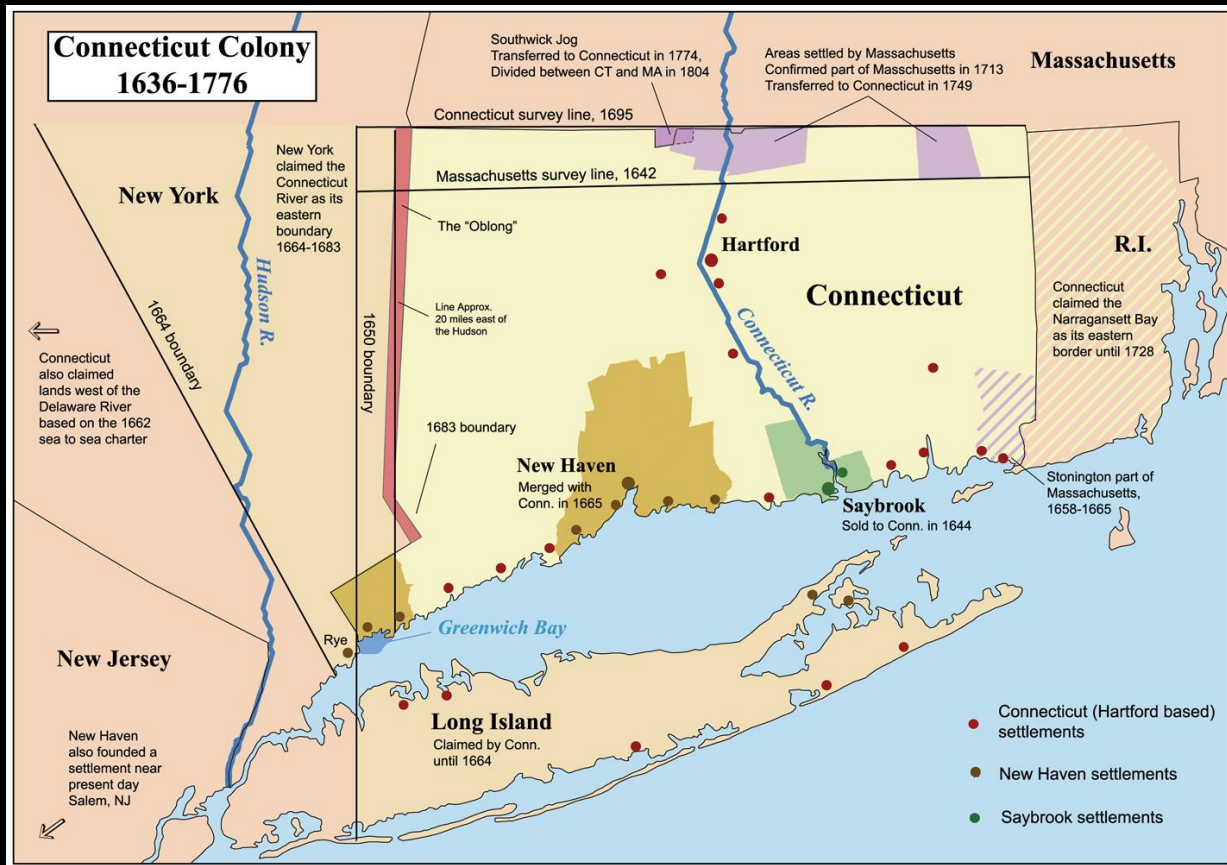
Rhode Island

Roger Williams

1636

Separatist/Baptist



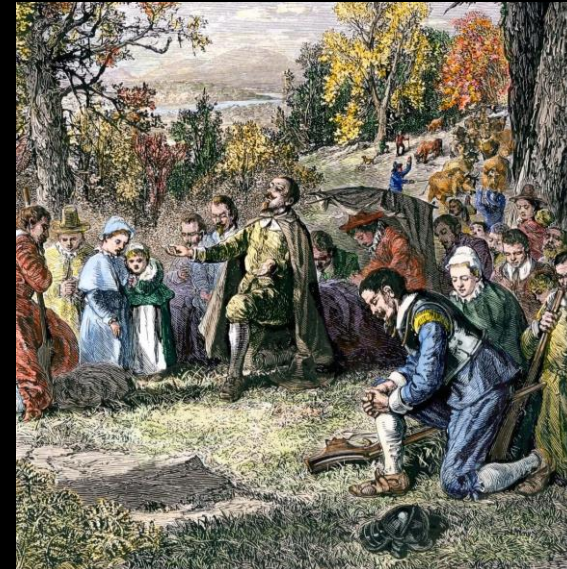


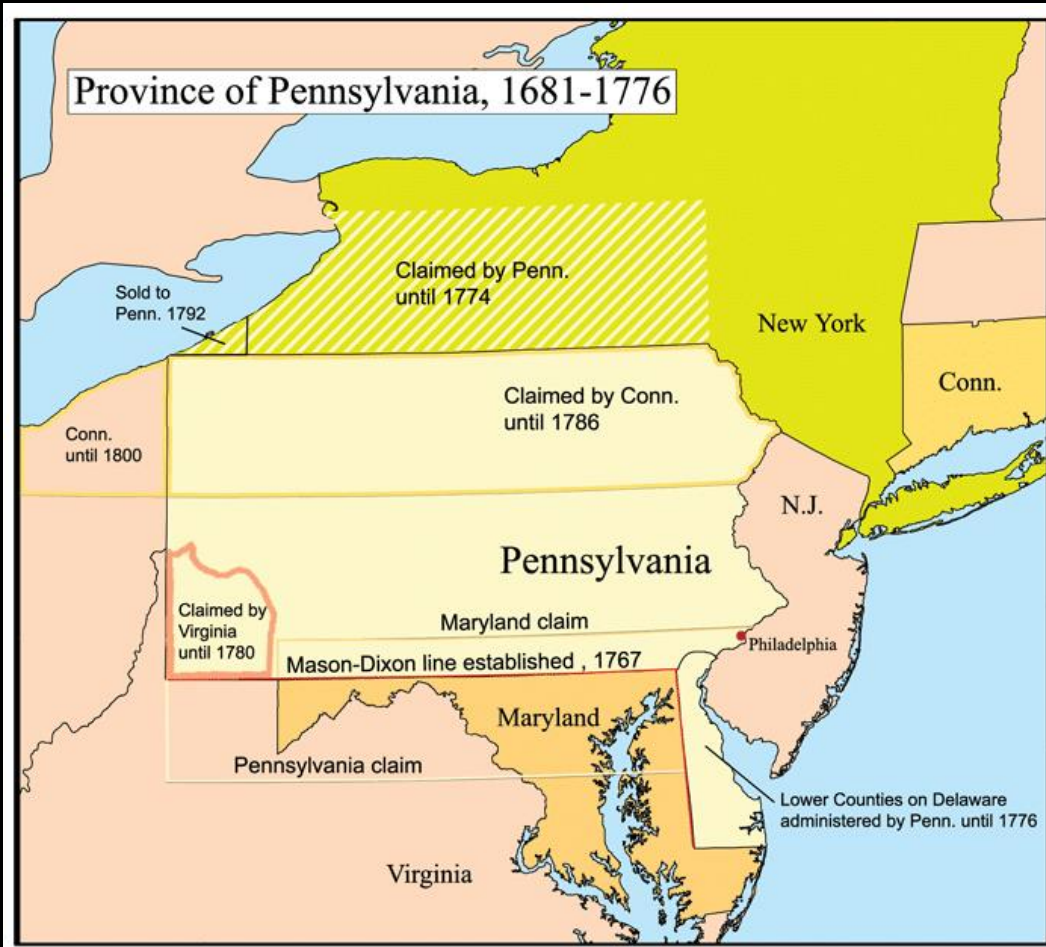
Connecticut

Thomas Hooker

1639

Congregationalist



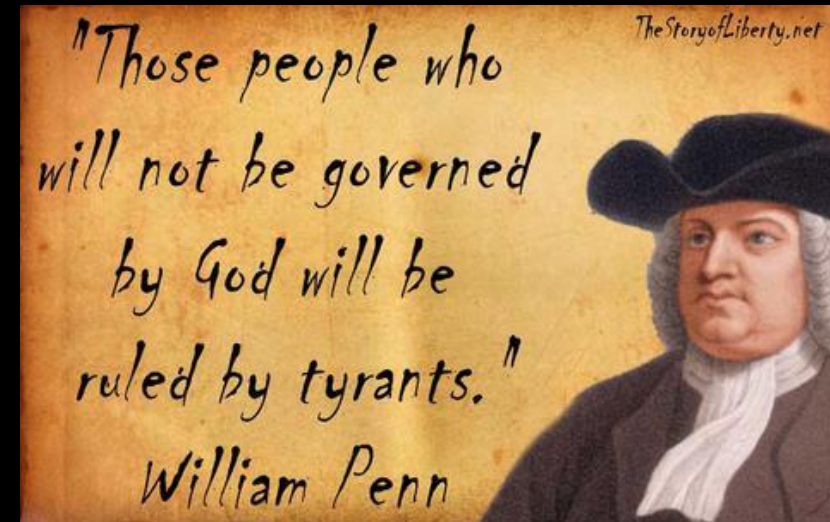


Pennsylvania

William Penn

1681

Quaker



Geneva Bible open to the first page of the New Testament





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For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil ...For he is the minister of God to thee for good.

ROMANS 13:3-4

Great Awakening

1730-1750





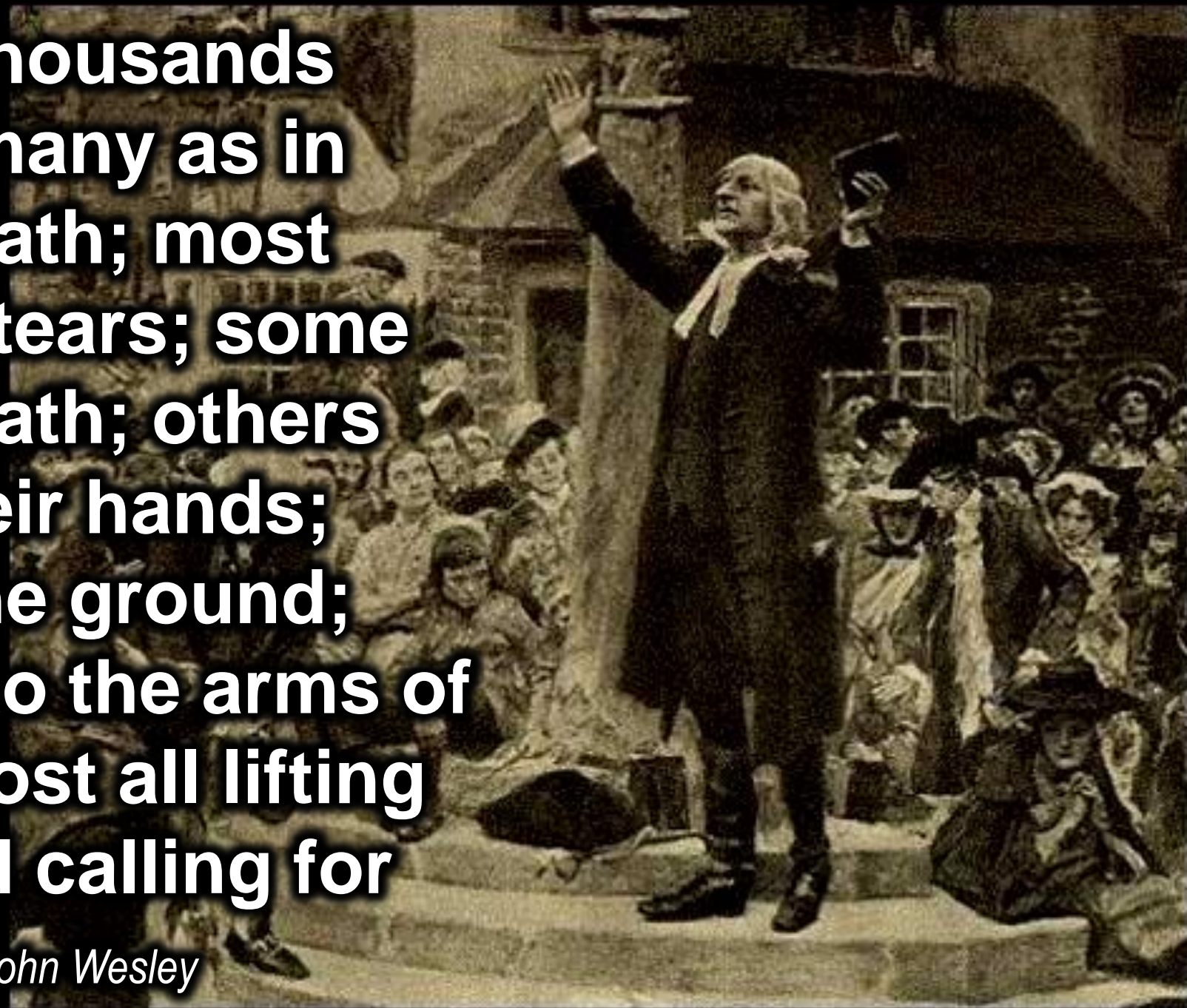
In 1739, arrived among us from Ireland the Reverend Mr. Whitefield, who had made himself remarkable there as an itinerant preacher. He was at first permitted to preach in some of our churches; but the clergy, taking a dislike to him, soon refused him their pulpits, and he was obliged to preach in the fields. The multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons were enormous, and it was a matter of speculation to me, who was one of the number...



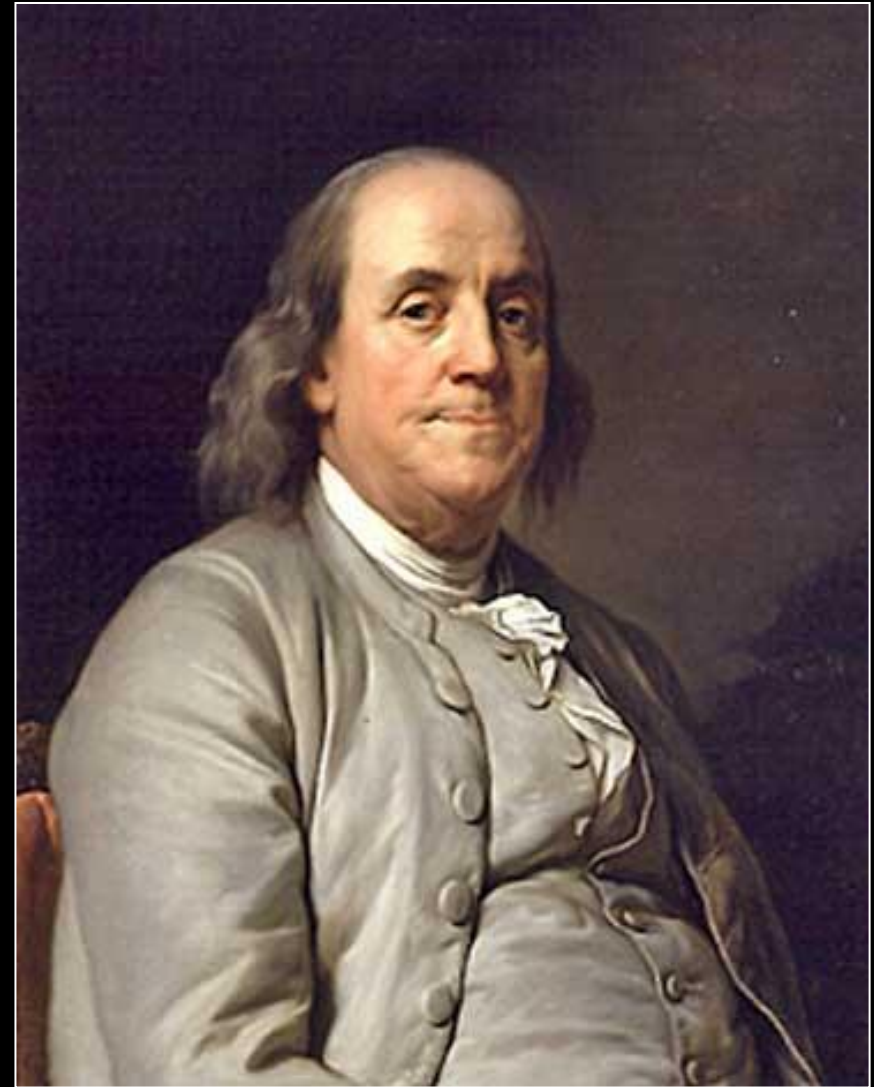
...to observe the extraordinary influence of his oratory on his hearers, and how much they admired and respected him, notwithstanding his common abuse of them, by assuring them they were naturally half beasts and half devils.

In some places, thousands cried out aloud; many as in the agonies of death; most were drowned in tears; some turned pale as death; others were wringing their hands; others lying on the ground; others sinking into the arms of their friends; almost all lifting up their eyes, and calling for mercy.

-Account given by John Wesley



“It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street.”





Father Abraham, whom have you in heaven?

Any Episcopalians? No! Any Presbyterians?

No! Have you any Independents or

Seceders? No! Have you any Methodists?

No! No! No!

Whom have you there? We don't know those names here!

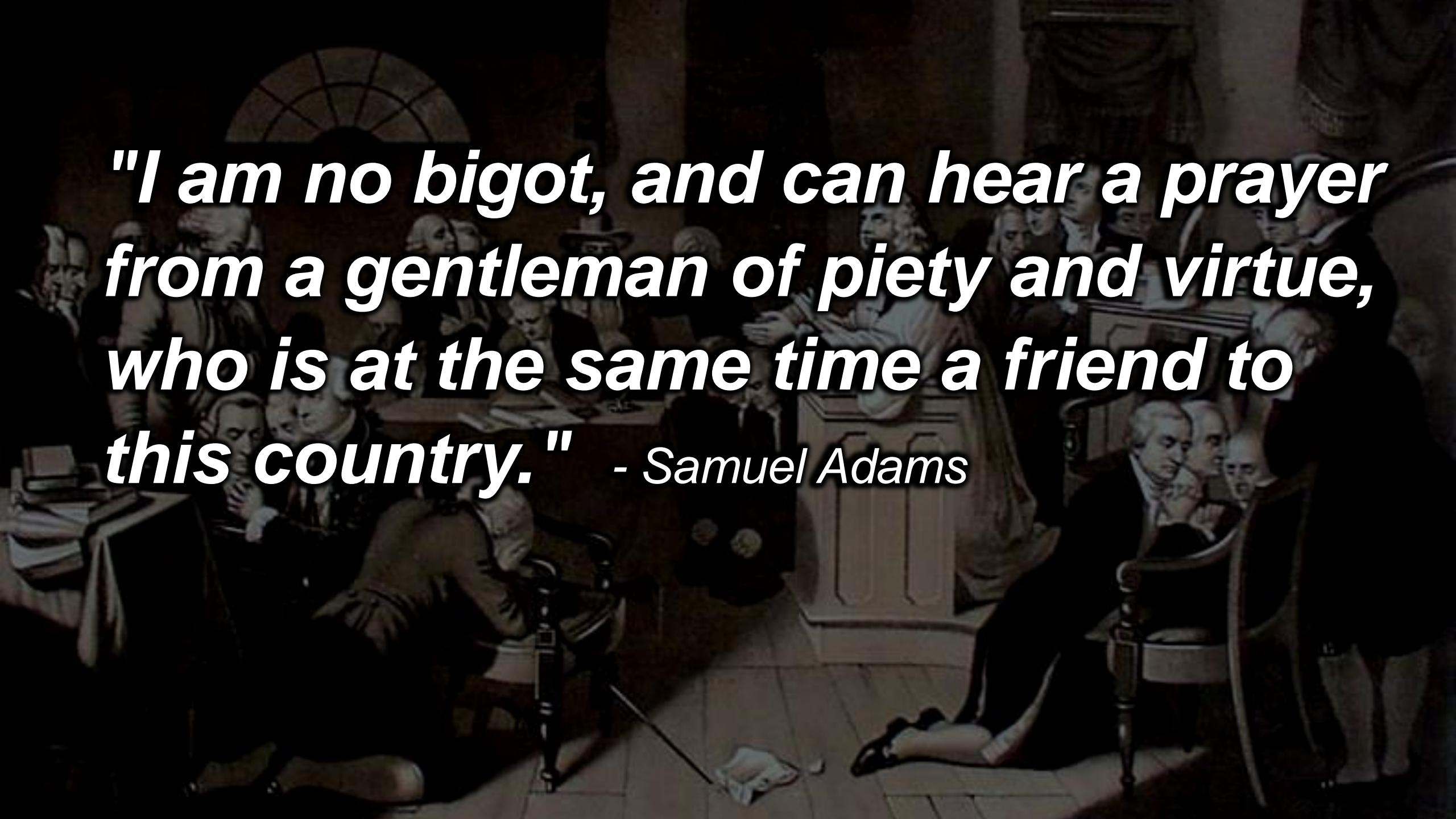
All who are here are Christians-believers in Christ, men who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of His testimony.

Oh, is that the case? Then God help me, God help us all, to forget having names and to become Christians in deed and in truth.

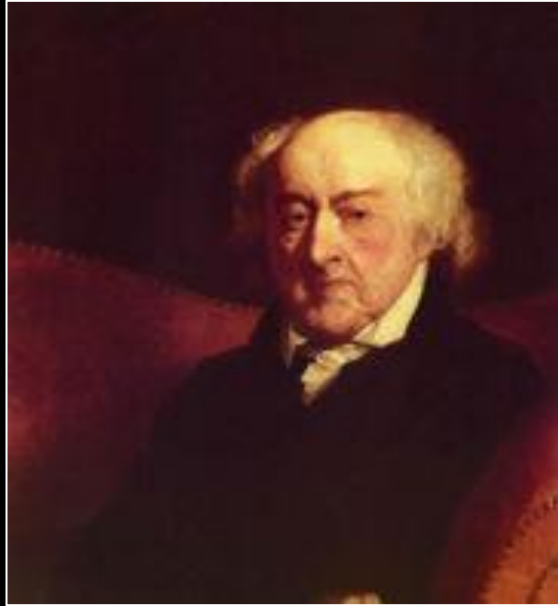


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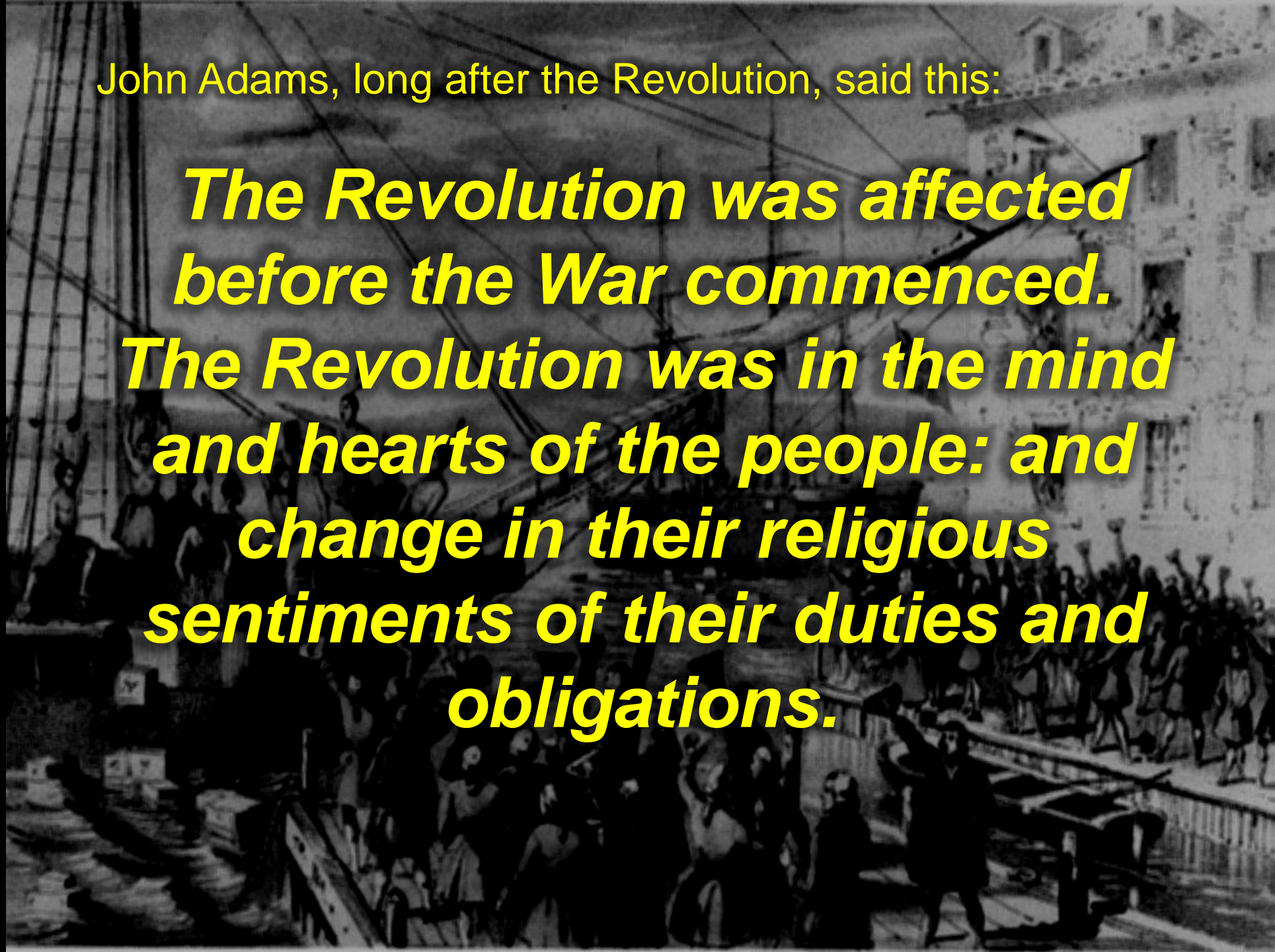
A historical illustration of a church service. A minister stands at a pulpit, addressing a congregation. Many people are kneeling in prayer, while others are seated. The scene is set in a grand, classical-style building with an arched window in the background.

"I am no bigot, and can hear a prayer from a gentleman of piety and virtue, who is at the same time a friend to this country." - Samuel Adams



John Adams, long after the Revolution, said this:

The Revolution was affected before the War commenced. The Revolution was in the mind and hearts of the people: and change in their religious sentiments of their duties and obligations.





Patricia Banomi, Professor Emeritus of New York University, in an article entitled *The Middle Colonies as the Birthplace of American Religious Pluralism* stated that:

“The colonists were about 98 percent Protestant.”

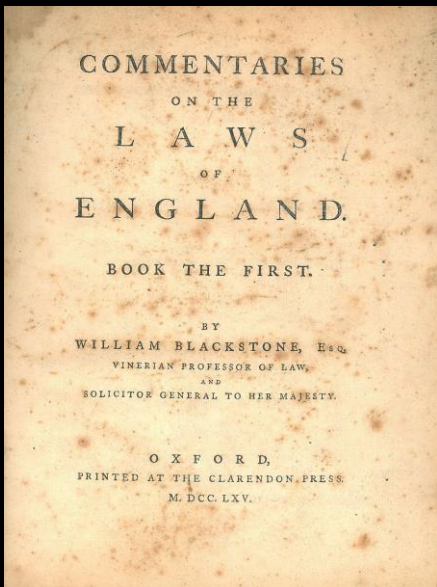
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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.

“LAWS OF NATURE AND NATURE’S GOD”



“Man, considered as a creature, must necessarily be subject to the laws of his Creator, for he is entirely a dependent being ... And consequently, as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his Maker's will.”

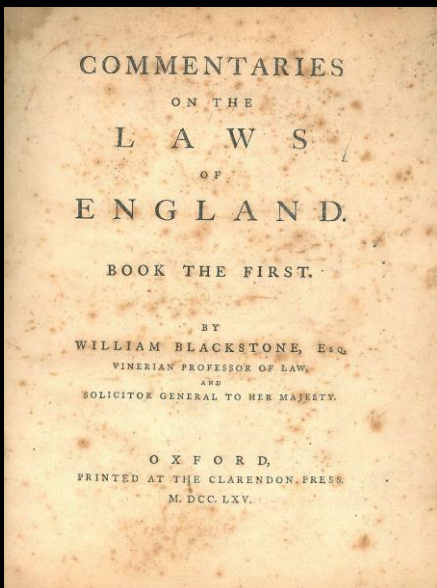


(Blackstone Commentaries on Law, Book One, Section Two)

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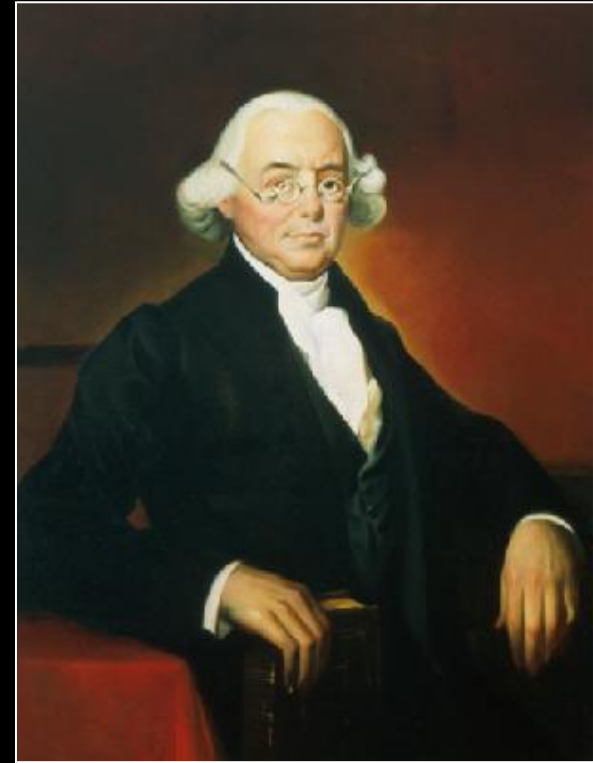


***This will of his Maker is called the law of nature... The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures...no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.*”**



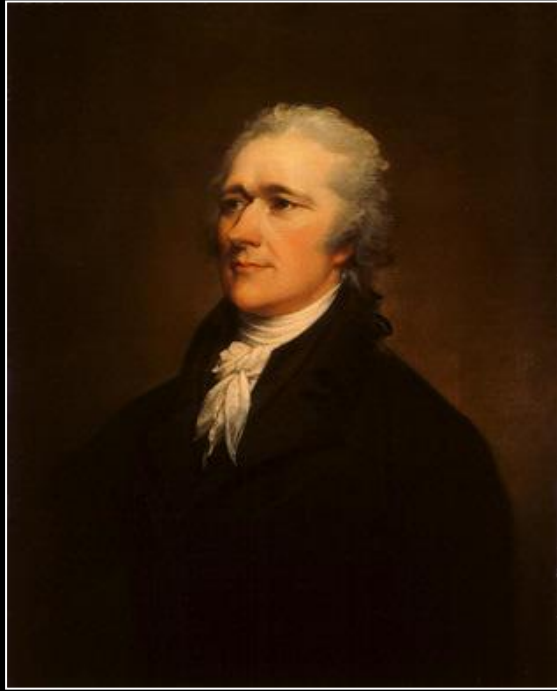
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Human law must
rest its authority
ultimately upon the
authority of that
law which is Divine.



James Wilson,
Signer of the Constitution
U. S. Supreme Court Justice

The Works of the Honorable James Wilson, Bird Wilson, editor (Philadelphia: Lorenzo Press, 1804), Vol. I, pp. 103-105, "Of the General Principles of Law and Obligation."



Alexander Hamilton
Signer of the Constitution

No human laws
are of any validity
if contrary to this.

"The Farmer Refuted", Alexander Hamilton, February 25, 1775, Quoting Blackstone

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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.

Blackstone's Commentaries on Law

For he has so intimately connected, so inseparably interwoven the laws of eternal justice with the happiness of each individual, that the latter cannot be attained but by observing the former; and, if the former be punctually obeyed, it cannot but induce the latter. In consequence of which mutual connection of justice and human felicity (happiness), he has not perplexed the law of nature with a multitude of abstracted rules and precepts, referring merely to the fitness or unfitness of things, as some have vainly surmised; but has graciously reduced the rule of obedience to this one paternal precept, "that man should pursue his own true and substantial happiness."

This is the foundation of what we call ethics, or natural law.

(Blackstone; 1, 2)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that **whenever ANY form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it**, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.





Delaware Constitution, 1776

ART. 22. Every person who shall be chosen a member of either house, or appointed to any office or place of trust, before taking his seat, or entering upon the execution of his office, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, if conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, to wit:

" I, A B. do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration."

And all officers shall also take an oath of office.



GEORGIA

Georgia Constitution, 1777

ART. VI. The representatives shall be chosen ...and *they shall be of the Protestant religion*, and of the age of twenty-one years, and shall be possessed in their own right of two hundred and fifty acres of land, or some property to the amount of two hundred and fifty pounds.



Massachusetts Constitution, 1780, Article III

Any every denomination of Christians, demeaning themselves peaceably, and as good subjects of the commonwealth, shall be equally under the protection of the law: and no subordination of any one sect or denomination to another shall ever be established by law.



Virginia

That religion, or the duty which we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence; and therefore, all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that **it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love, and charity toward each other.**



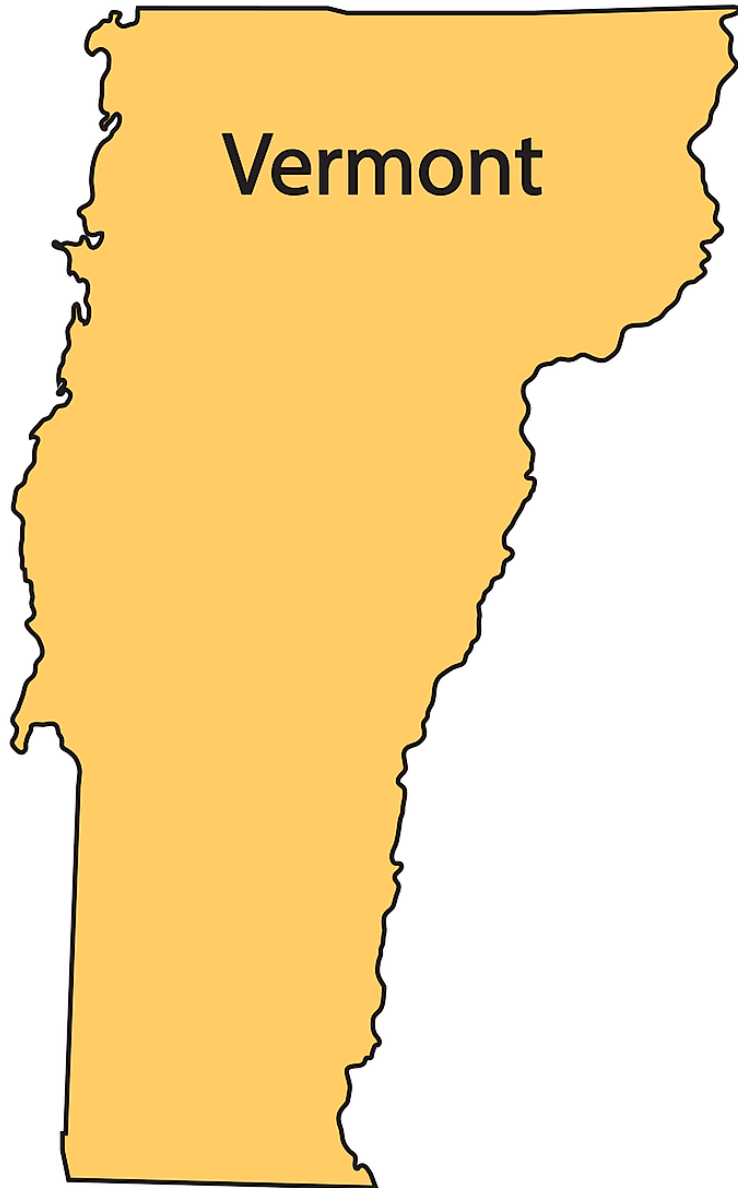
Rhode Island

...every person shall be free to worship God according to the dictates of such person's conscience, and to profess and by argument to maintain such person's opinion in matters of religion; and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect the civil capacity of any person.



New Hampshire

THE PRESIDENT shall be chosen annually; and no person shall be eligible to this office, unless at the time of his election, he shall have been an inhabitant of this state for seven years next preceding, and unless he shall be of the age of thirty years; and unless he shall, at the same time, have an estate of the value of *five hundred pounds*, one half of which shall consist of a freehold, in his own right, within the state; and **unless he shall be of the Protestant religion.**



Vermont

And each member, before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, viz.

" I ____ do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the Universe, the rewarder of the good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the scriptures of the old and new testament to be given by divine inspiration, and own and profess the protestant religion."

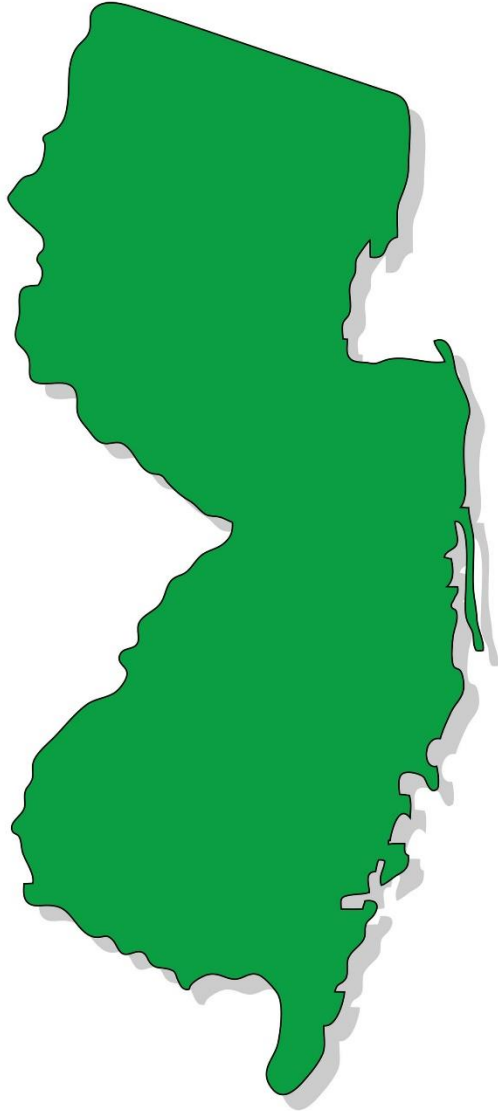
And no further or other religious test shall ever, hereafter, be required of any civil officer or magistrate in this State.



Maryland Constitution, 1776

Article LV. That every person, appointed to any office of profit or trust, shall, before he enters on the execution thereof, take the following oath; to wit :

" I, A. B., do swear, that I do not hold myself bound in allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland; " and **shall also subscribe a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion.**



New Jersey Constitution, 1776

Article 19. That there shall be no Establishment of any one religious Sect in this Province in Preference to another; and that no Protestant Inhabitant of this Colony shall be denied the Enjoyment of any civil Right merely on Account of his religious Principles; but that **all Persons, professing a Belief in the Faith of any Protestant Sect**, who shall demean themselves peaceably under the Government as hereby established, shall be capable of being elected into any office of Profit or Trust, or being a Member of either Branch of the Legislature, & shall fully & freely enjoy every Privilege & Immunity enjoyed by others their Fellow-Subjects.

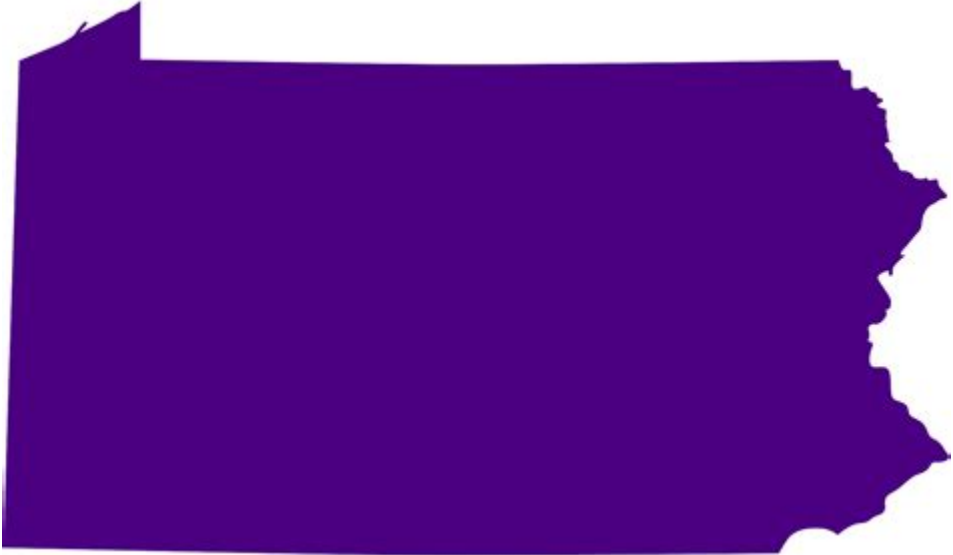
Pennsylvania

Section 10.

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And no further or other religious test shall ever hereafter be required of any civil officer or magistrate in this State.



North Carolina Constitution, 1776

Article XXXII.

A yellow map of North Carolina with a black outline. The words "North Carolina" are written in black text across the center of the map.

**North
Carolina**

That no person, who shall deny the being of God or the truth of the Protestant religion, or the divine authority either of the Old or New Testaments, or who shall hold religious principles incompatible with the freedom and safety of the State, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department within this State.



South Carolina Constitution, 1776

*...and that no person shall be eligible to a seat in the said senate **unless he be of the Protestant religion,** and hath attained the age of thirty years, and hath been a resident in this State at least five years.*

Contrast

Monarchs

RULING

Subjects

Public servants

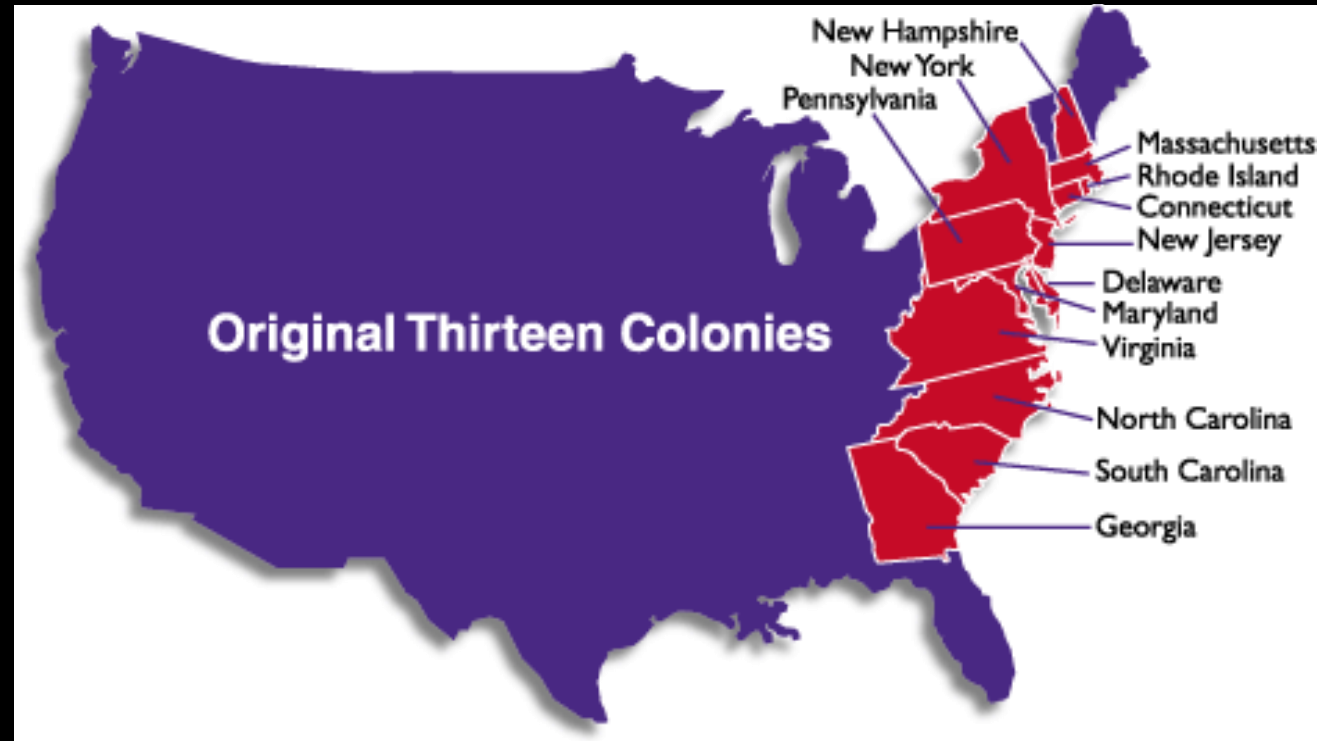
securing the Unalienable God given

rights of

Citizens

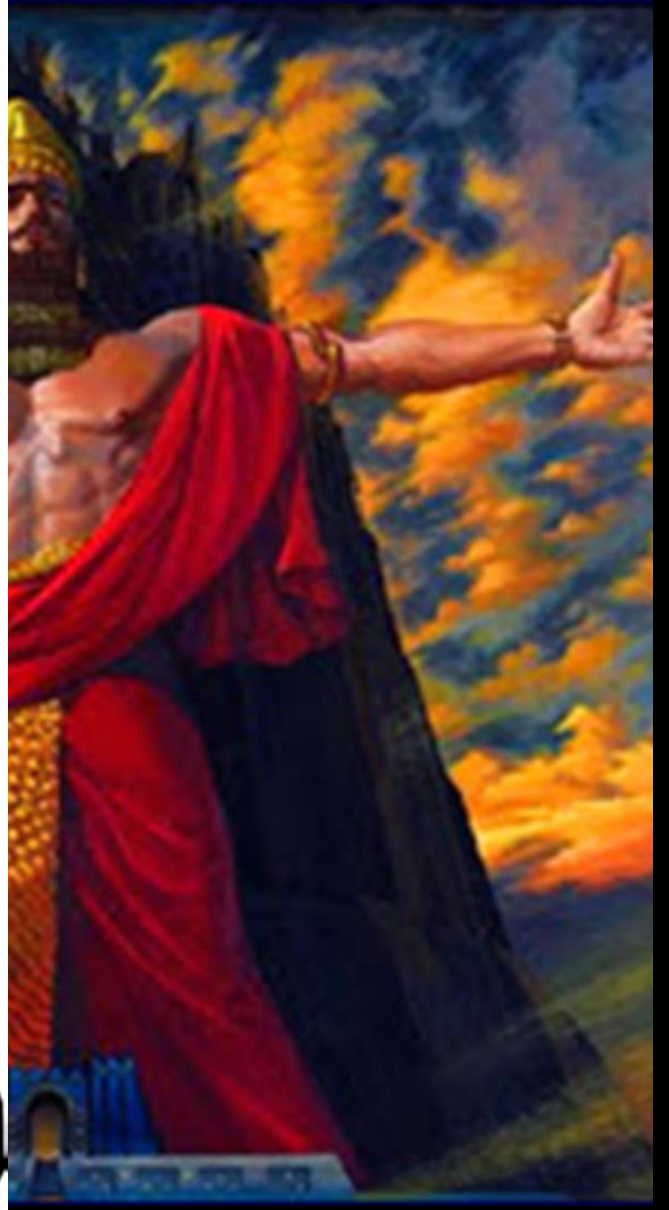
On June 25, 1962, the United States Supreme Court decided in *Engel v. Vitale* that a prayer approved by the New York Board of Regents for use in schools violated the First Amendment by constituting an establishment of religion. The following year, in *Abington School District v. Schempp*, the Court disallowed Bible readings in public schools for similar reasons.





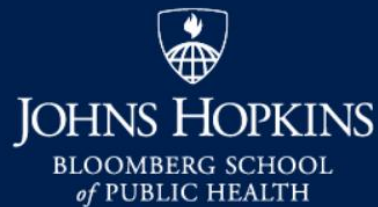
1. Rights come from God, not government.
2. Truth is not arbitrary. Truth is established by our Creator. (Laws of Nature and Nature's God).





The Event 201 scenario

Event 201 simulates an outbreak of a novel zoonotic coronavirus transmitted from bats to pigs to people that eventually becomes efficiently transmissible from person to person, leading to a severe pandemic. The pathogen and the disease it causes are modeled largely on SARS, but it is more transmissible in the community setting by people with mild symptoms.



Center for Health Security





Building back better with nature

15 July, 15:30-17:00 CEST

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TACKLING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
CONTRIBUTING TO A GLOBAL EFFORT

PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN
will speak at a High-Level Side Event

POVERTY AT A CROSSROAD
Using Leadership and the Multidimensional Poverty Index to Build Back Better

OECD Policy Responses to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Building back better: A sustain

“The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world.”

Klaus Schwab

Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum



President John Adams in a letter to the officers of the First Brigade,
Third Division, Massachusetts Militia, 11 October, 1798:



We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion... **Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.**

President John Adams, October 11, 1798