

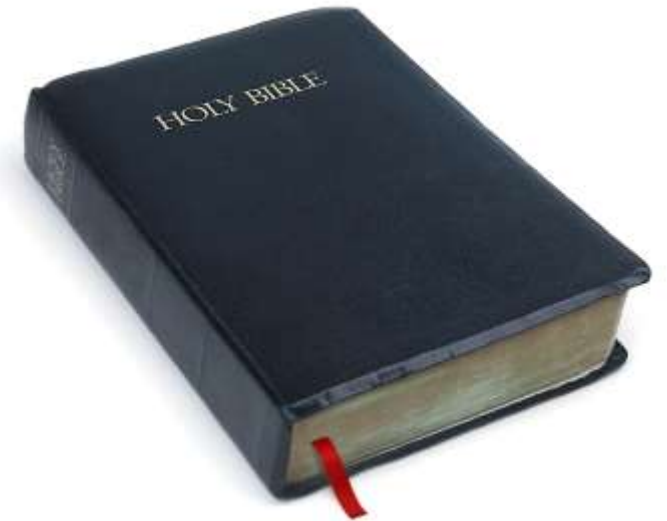
The Bible in the Constitution



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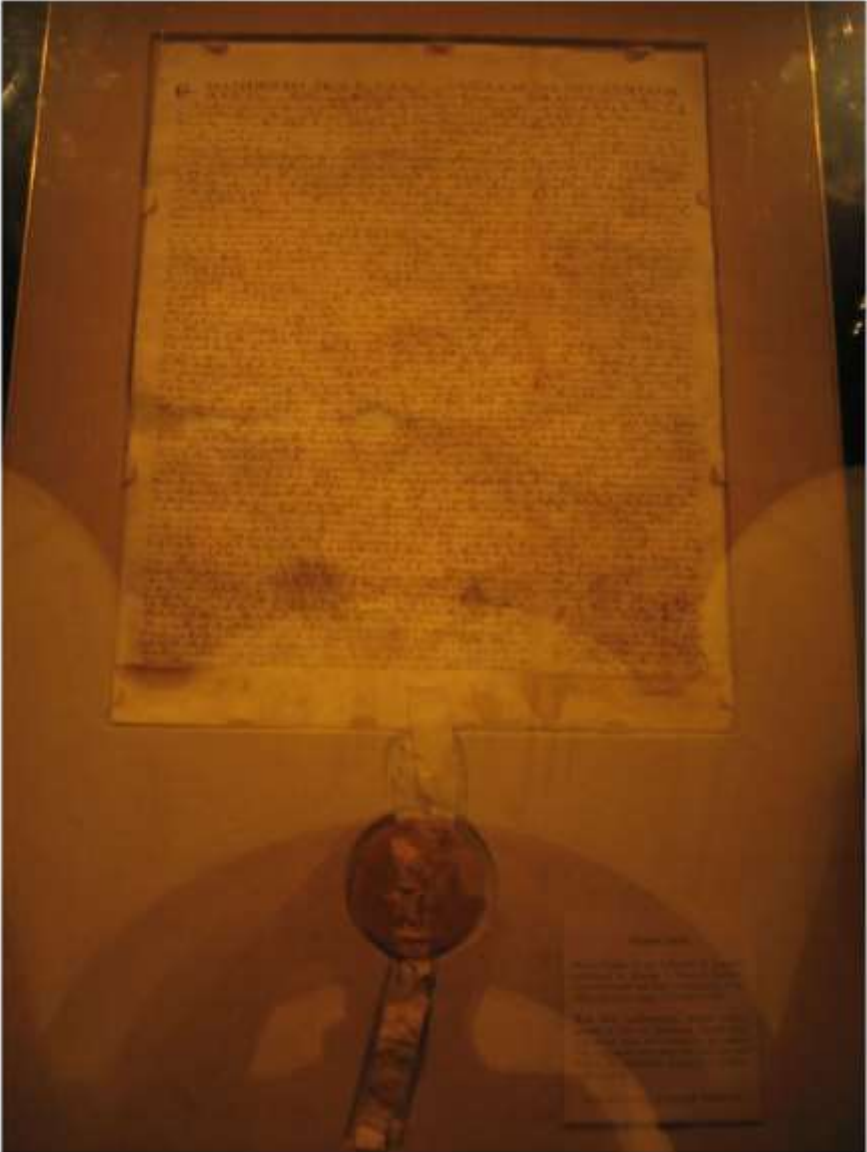
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Sabbath Church of God



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Magna Carta



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Our basic responsibility

Matthew 25:35-40

‘...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, and thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’



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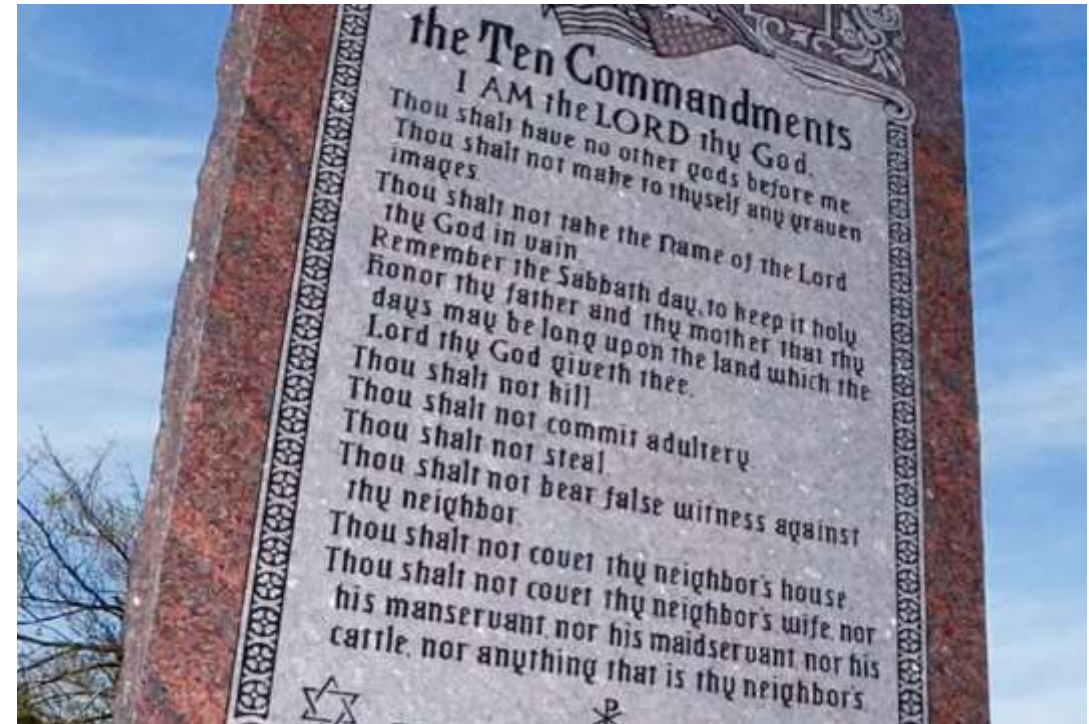
Our basic responsibility

John 14:15

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Psalms 119:172

My tongue shall speak of Your word, for
all Your commandments are
righteousness.



A Biblical responsibility

Deuteronomy 22:8

When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it.



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Why USA is blessed

Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 22:16-17

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-- 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

Genesis 26:4-5

4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Why USA is blessed

Genesis 35:10-11

10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. 11 Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; **a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you**, and kings shall come from your body.

Genesis 48:13-14, 18-19

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. 14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn... 18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." 19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and **he also shall be great**; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and **his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.**"

Why USA is blessed



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Why USA is blessed

Jeremiah 3:12

Go and proclaim these words **toward the north**, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the LORD; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the LORD; 'I will not remain angry forever.'

Isaiah 49:1, 12

"Listen, O **coastlands**, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name... Surely these shall come from afar; Look! Those **from the north and the west**, And these from the land of Sinim."

National Monument to the Forefathers



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Signers of the Constitution



Ben 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. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.

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Signers of the Constitution

George Washington President of the Constitutional Convention and deputy from Virginia

While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.



An important clarification

What makes America a Christian nation?

“[I]n what sense can [America] be called a Christian nation? Not in the sense that Christianity is the established religion or that the people are in any manner compelled to support it. On the contrary, the Constitution specifically provides that ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.’”
...America was “of all the nations in the world . . . most justly called a Christian nation”
because Christianity “has so largely shaped and molded it.”

Supreme Court Justice David Brewer 1905

The Preamble

We the People of the United States,

in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility,
provide for the common defence, promote
the general Welfare, and secure the
Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our
Posterity, do ordain and establish this
Constitution for the United States of America.

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.



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The Preamble

in Order to form a more perfect Union
establish **Justice**,

Proverbs 1:1-3

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David,
king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and
instruction, To perceive the words of
understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of
wisdom, **Justice**, judgment, and equity;

The Preamble

provide for the common defence,
promote the general Welfare,

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

and secure the Blessings of
Liberty to ourselves

1 Peter 2:15-16

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

The Preamble

and our **Posterity**,

Proverbs 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, ...

do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Separation of powers

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Isaiah 33:22

For the Lord is our **Judge**, The Lord is our **Lawgiver**, The Lord is our **King**; He will save us;

Article I Legislature

Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Deuteronomy 1:13

Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.'

Numbers 11:16

So the Lord said **to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men** of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.



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Article I Legislature

Section 5

Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members... Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

Exodus 18:21

Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Article I Legislature

Section 8

...To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures; ...

Leviticus 19:35-36

35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 **You shall have honest scales, honest weights, ...**

Article II Executive

Section 1

... Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:--"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." ...

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and **he shall read it all the days of his life**, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, ...



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Article III Judicial

Section 1

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The **Judges**, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, **shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour**, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

Deuteronomy 16:18-19

18 "You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and **they shall judge the people with just judgment.** 19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.



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Article III Judicial

Section 3

...No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of **two Witnesses** to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court...

Deuteronomy 19:15

One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses** the matter shall be established.

Bill of Rights



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Amendment I

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

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Luke 10:10-11

10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we will wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

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Mark 9:38-39

38 Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

39 But Jesus said, "**Do not forbid him**, ...

Exodus 5:2-3

2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go." 3 So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. **Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lord our God**, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, **against unreasonable searches and seizures**, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Deuteronomy 24:10-11

10 "When you lend your brother anything, **you shall not go into his house** to get his pledge. 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a **Grand Jury**, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without **due process of law**; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Deuteronomy 17:2, 4

2 "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing His covenant, ... 4 and it is told you, and you hear of it, then **you shall inquire diligently...**

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a **speedy and public trial**, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

Because the **sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily**, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Amendment VIII

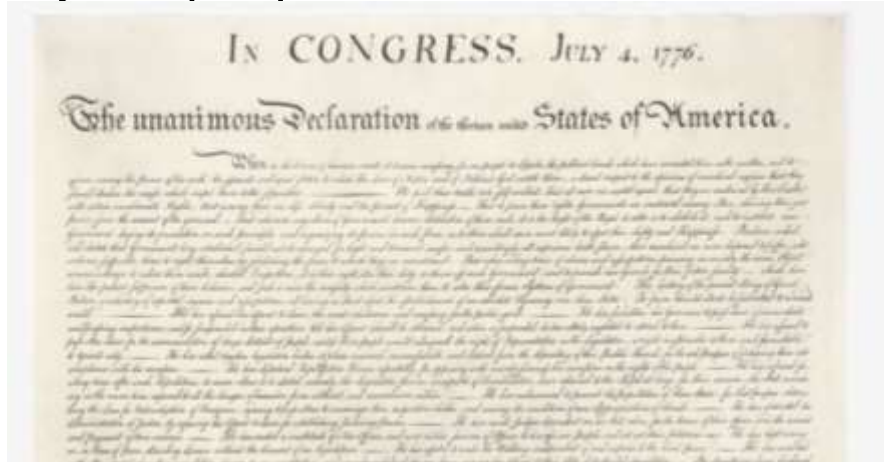
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

2 Corinthians 2:6

6 This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, ...

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.



Romans 1:19-20

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Psalms 19:1-2, 7

1 **The heavens declare the glory of God**; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge... 7 **The law of the Lord is perfect**, ...

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Love and service toward country



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A plan

Jeremiah 31:34

No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,' says the Lord. 'For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A plan

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.



A plan

Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country, and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them.

- John Jay, First Chief Justice of the supreme Court of the United States

Pray.

Vote for candidates that support Constitutional ideas. – at all levels of government.

Campaign for candidates that support Constitutional ideas.

Contact your representatives.

Run for office.

Support organizations that provide assistance in lawsuits on Constitutional issues.



Appendix

Additional quotes from the signers of the Constitution

Additional Biblical principles in the Constitution

Signers of the Constitution

John Langdon (will)

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Langdon, . . . considering the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed unto all men once to die [Hebrews 9:27], do make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say-First: I commend my soul to the infinite mercies of God in **Christ Jesus**, the beloved Son of the Father, who died and rose again that He might be the Lord of the dead and of the living . . . professing to believe and hope in the joyful Scripture doctrine of a resurrection to eternal life . .

John Dickinson

Kings or parliaments could not give the rights essential to happiness... We claim them from a higher source - from the King of kings, and Lord of all the earth. They are not annexed to us by parchments and seals. They are created in us by the decrees of Providence, which establish the laws of our nature. They are born with us; exist with us; and cannot be taken from us by any human power, without taking our lives.

Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through **Jesus Christ** for the events of eternity. (will)

Signers of the Constitution

James Madison

We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments of God.

James McHenry

[P]ublic utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. The doctrine they preach, the obligations they impose, the punishment they threaten, the rewards they promise, the stamp and image of divinity they bear, which produces a conviction of their truths, can alone secure to society, order and peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability and usefulness. In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses, and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.

Signers of the Constitution

James Wilson

Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other. The divine law, as discovered by reason and the moral sense, forms an essential part of both.

George Washington President of the Constitutional Convention and deputy from Virginia
While just government protects all in their religious rights, true religion affords to government its surest support.

Signers of the Constitution

George Washington President of the Constitutional Convention and deputy from Virginia
On the day that Congress finished its work on the First Amendment, it called on President George Washington to issue a Proclamation to the people of the United States to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy. A week and a day later the President's opening paragraph in his Proclamation said: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor..."

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. (farewell address)

Article I Legislature

Section 7

...If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (**Sundays excepted**) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law...

Exodus 20:8-10

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 the Sabbath of the Lord your God. **In it you shall do no work**: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

Article I Legislature

Section 9

...**The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus** [the right to be seen by an impartial judge] **shall not be suspended**, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it...

Matthew 19:7-8

7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a **certificate of divorce**, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

(an example of due process of law)

Article I Legislature

Section 9

... No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States...

1 Samuel 8:10-18

10 So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who asked him for a king. 11 And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots... 14 And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants... And you will be his servants. 18 And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day."

Article II Executive

Section 1

...No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President...

...The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, ...

Deuteronomy 17:14-15

14 "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; **you may not set a foreigner over you**, who is not your brother.

Genesis 31:7

7 Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me.

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and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." ...

James 5:12

But above all, my brethren, **do not swear**, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

Article III Judicial

Section 3

...No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of **two Witnesses** to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court...

Deuteronomy 19:15-18

15 One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses** the matter shall be established. 16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18 And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,

Article IV The States

Section 2

...A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime...

Numbers 35:10-12

10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there. 12 They shall be **cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment**

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Luke 3:14

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "**Do not intimidate** [margin: shake down] anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."