

## THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING MEN

(THE HIGHER POWER OR SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH)

#### The Law of Nature

(The Rights and Duties of Each Man)

# And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

#### Genesis 1:29

Behold, *I have given* you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be *for meat*.

#### Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.


Romans 7:15–25  For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate that do I.	
If, then, I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.  Now, then, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.  For I know that in me (that is, <i>in my flesh</i> ) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is	
good I find not.  For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.  Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but <i>sin that dwelleth in me</i> .  I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.  For I delight in the law of God after the inward man;	
But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.  Oh, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?  I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So, then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh, the law of sin.	
Romans 8:2, 3  For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ  Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin  and deathGod sending his own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh	

II Peter 3:9  The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, <i>not willing that any should perish</i> , but that all should come to repentance.	
John 3:36  He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.	
John 10:10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.	

Genesis 6:10–11, 13  And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and <i>the earth</i> was <i>filled with violence</i> . And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for <i>the earth is filled with violence</i> through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.	
Genesis 9:5–6 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of an; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man.	
Romans 13:1, 3  Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. For rulers arethe minister[s] of God to thee for good.	

#### Acts 4:18-19

And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it is *right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye*.

#### Acts 5:28-29

Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered, and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

### American Declaration of Independence, 1776 A.D.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that *all Men* are created equal, that they *are* endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness— That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed. that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or 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.

#### **Romans 14:22**

. . . Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

## THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING NATIONS

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#### The Law of Nations

(The Rights and Duties of Each Nations)

#### **Genesis 10:32** These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood." Acts 17:26–27 And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined he times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, That they should seek the Lord, if haply *they might* feel after him, and *find him*, though he is not far from *every one* of us.... Acts 14: 15, 16, 17 ... the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless, he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful

seasons, filling our hearts with food and

gladness.

Psalms 22:28 "For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations."	
Matthew 28:19–20 Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.	
American Declaration of Independence, 1776 A.D WE, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES: that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain,	
is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES	

may of right do.

Independence (Webster, 1828)  "A state of being not dependent; complete exemption from control, or the power of others; as the independence of the Supreme Being.  "A state in which a person does not rely on others for subsistence; ability to support one's self."	
Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even to them: for this is the law of the prophets.	
Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them	
<ul> <li>Right of Each Nation</li> <li>absolute freedom, independence and equality;</li> <li>reserve to itself the decisions of what it is do to on all occasions; and</li> <li>ask another assistance and kind offices, but not of requiring them</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Duties of Each Nation</li> <li>Assist and grant mutual aid</li> <li>Suffer certain things to be done that are very unjust and blamable, which to oppose violates the liberty of another state</li> </ul>	