

God's Separation of Powers

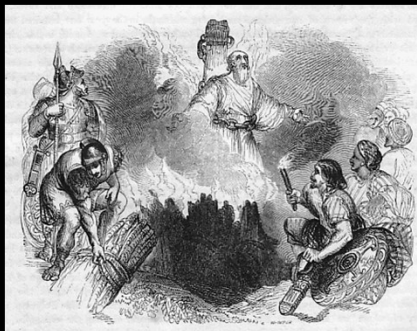
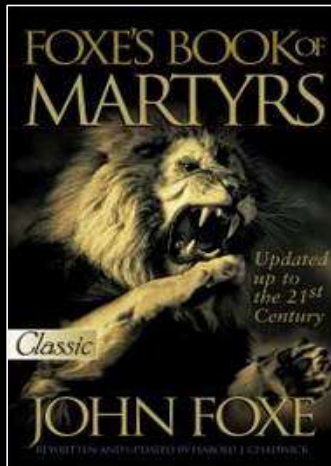
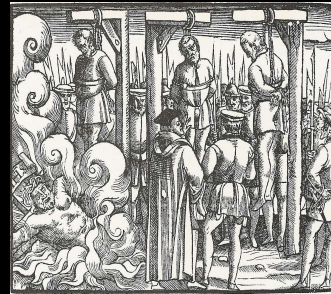
1. Self Government
2. Family Government
3. Church Government
4. Civil Government



“There is not a single instance in history, in which civil liberty was lost and religious liberty preserved entire.”

Reverend John Witherspoon

- President of Princeton
- Member of the Continental Congress
- Signer of the Declaration of Independence



We are not the rule,
we are the exception to the rule.



Why has America been different?

Remember!

Tyranny: oppressive power... a government in which absolute power is vested in a single ruler (Webster)

To control the body, you must first control the mind.

Step 1: Nationalize education (All rights come from God or All rights come from Government.)

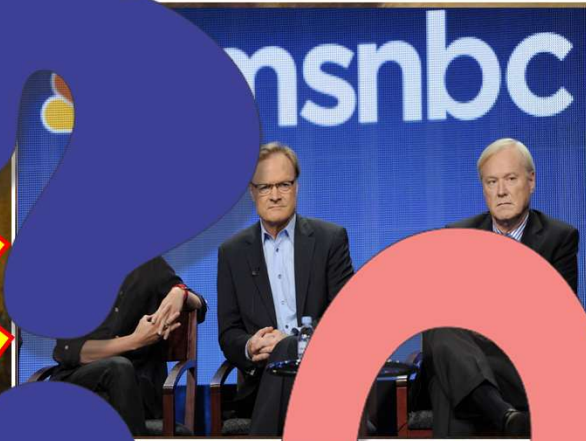
Step 2: Control the flow of information (Media)

Step 3: No Freedom of Conscience. (You can't disagree with your government.)



God Established 3 Institutions on Earth

- The Home
- The Church
- Civil Government





“The Puritan searched the Bible, not only for principles and rules, but for mandates – and, when he could find none of these, for analogies – to guide him in precise arrangements of public administration, and in the minutest points of individual conduct.”

- John Palfrey, History of New England, 1859

**“...these sermons dealt
with matters of
government... (copies
were distributed widely)
where they became text
books of politics.”**

The New England Clergy and the American Revolution
Alice M. Baldwin, 1928

Biblical Truths

- **The Fundamental Principle that all men are created equal.**
- **The Concept of Natural Law.**
- **The monogamous family unit.**
- **Our laws of morality.**
- **Ownership & Private Property Rights.**
- **Right to a fair trial.**
- **No Conviction without 2 or 3 witnesses.**
- **Punishment that fits the crime.**
- **Republican Government.**
- **A Defined & Written Rule of Law**

Remember!

*America was built on a
Biblical Worldview!*

*There is a sovereign God who
created man, the world and
everything.*

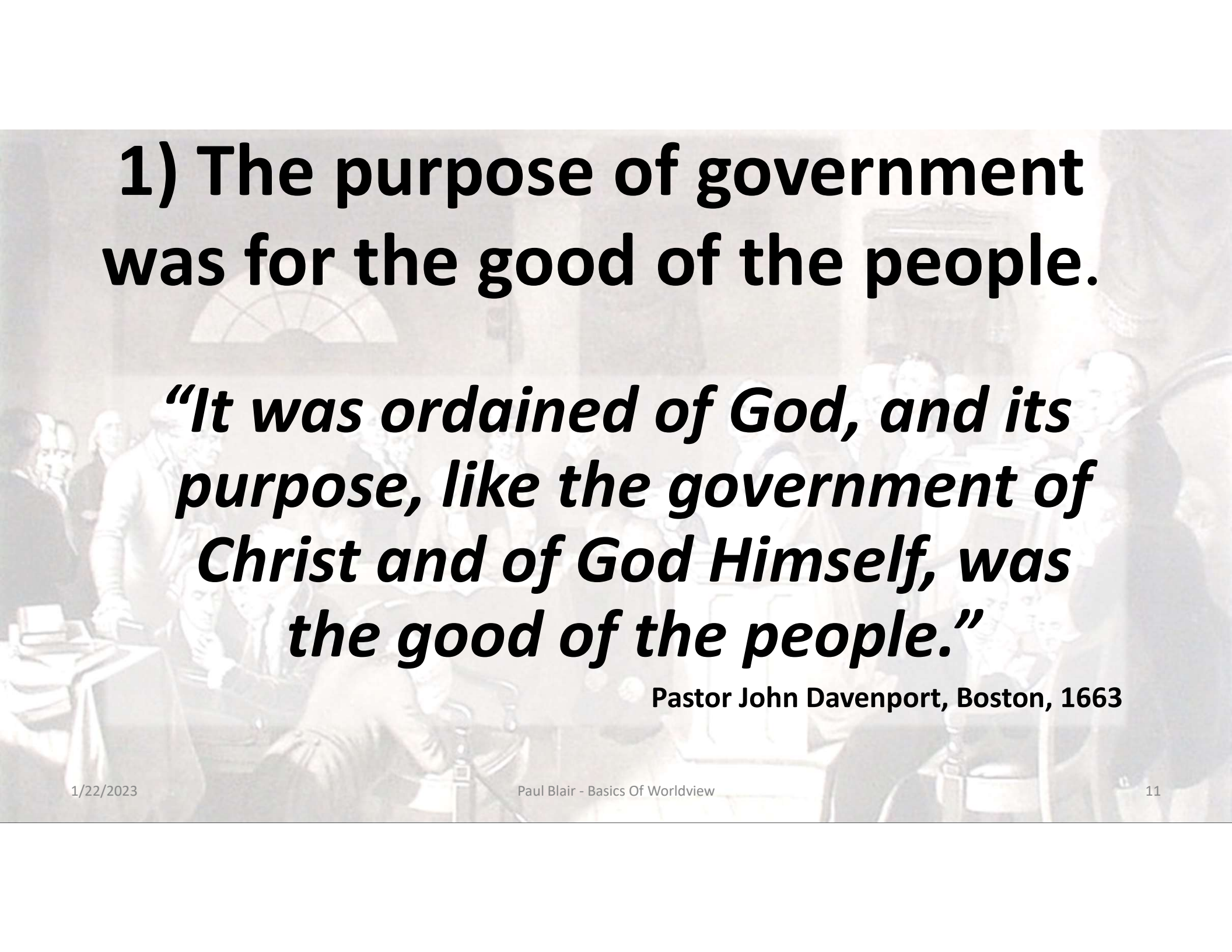
The Bible is God's Word.

God's Word is TRUTH!

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**1) The purpose of government
was for the good of the people.**

***“It was ordained of God, and its
purpose, like the government of
Christ and of God Himself, was
the good of the people.”***

Pastor John Davenport, Boston, 1663

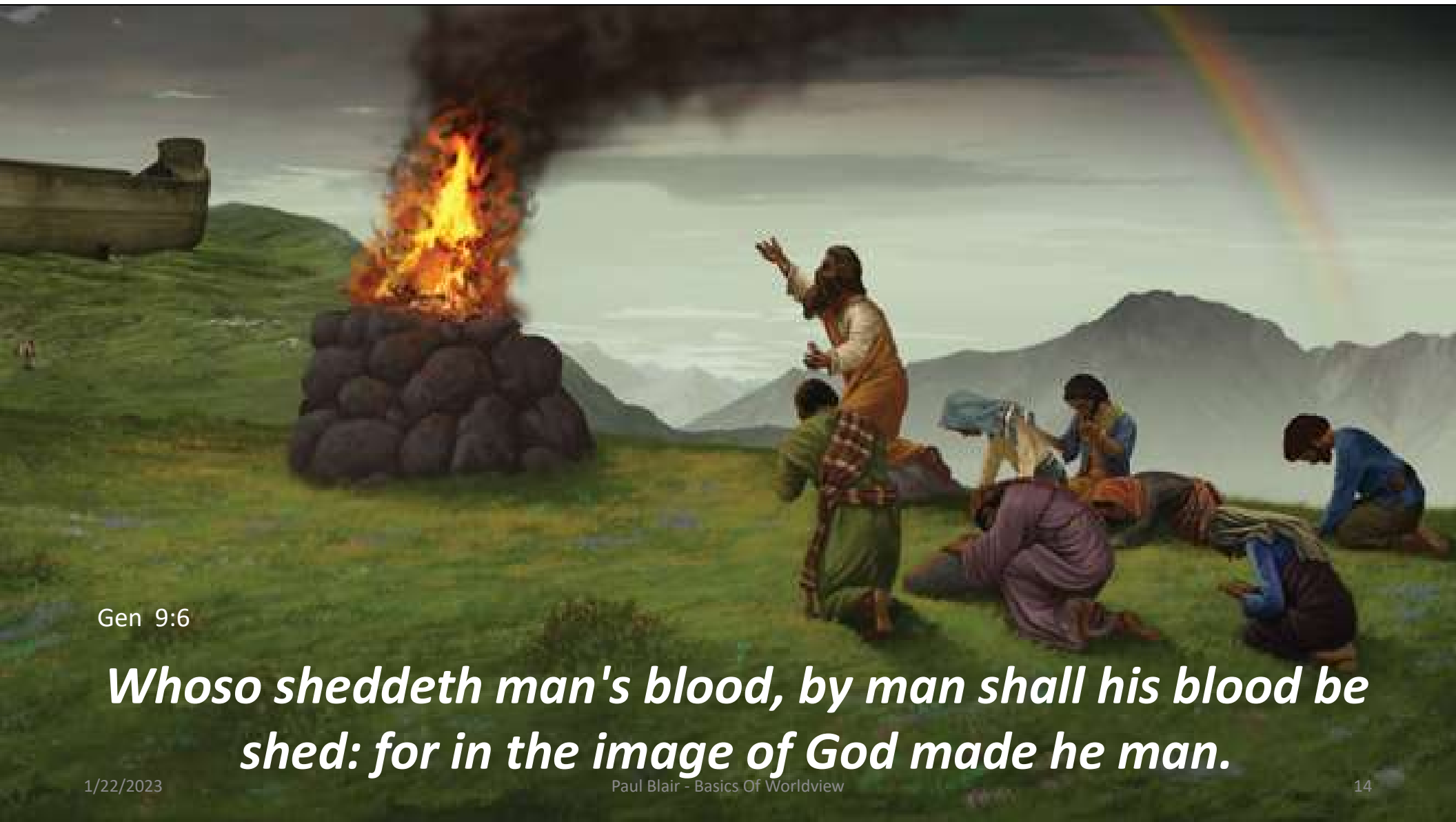
Romans 13:1-4

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 are not a terror to good works, but to the evil...For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.





Gen 9:6

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

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1 Timothy 2:1-2

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Peter 2:13-14

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them **that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.**”

Pastor Nathaniel Appleton

Boston, 1757



“Government was instituted by God for the good of mankind. If a ruler acts selfishly or oppressively, He acts quite contrary to the original Design of Government and contrary to the express Will of Him from whence all Power and Authority are derived.”

POINT 1:

The will of God for government is to punish the evil and protect the good that we may live peaceably in all godliness.

Remember!

Government is for the good of man.

#2) There is a standard of Absolute Truth. Man is Subject to Natural Law.

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)

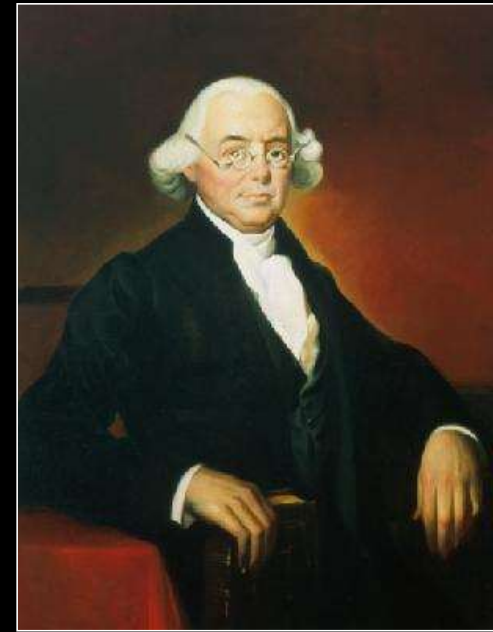
“LAWS OF NATURE AND NATURE’S GOD”

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.”

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

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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



POINT 2

**There is absolute truth.
There is right and wrong.
There is a foundation upon
which America was built.**

**That is “The Laws of Nature and Nature’s
God” – a Biblical Worldview.**

3) The Importance of a Written Constitution Defining the Rule of Law for Everyone

Deut 17:18-20

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left:

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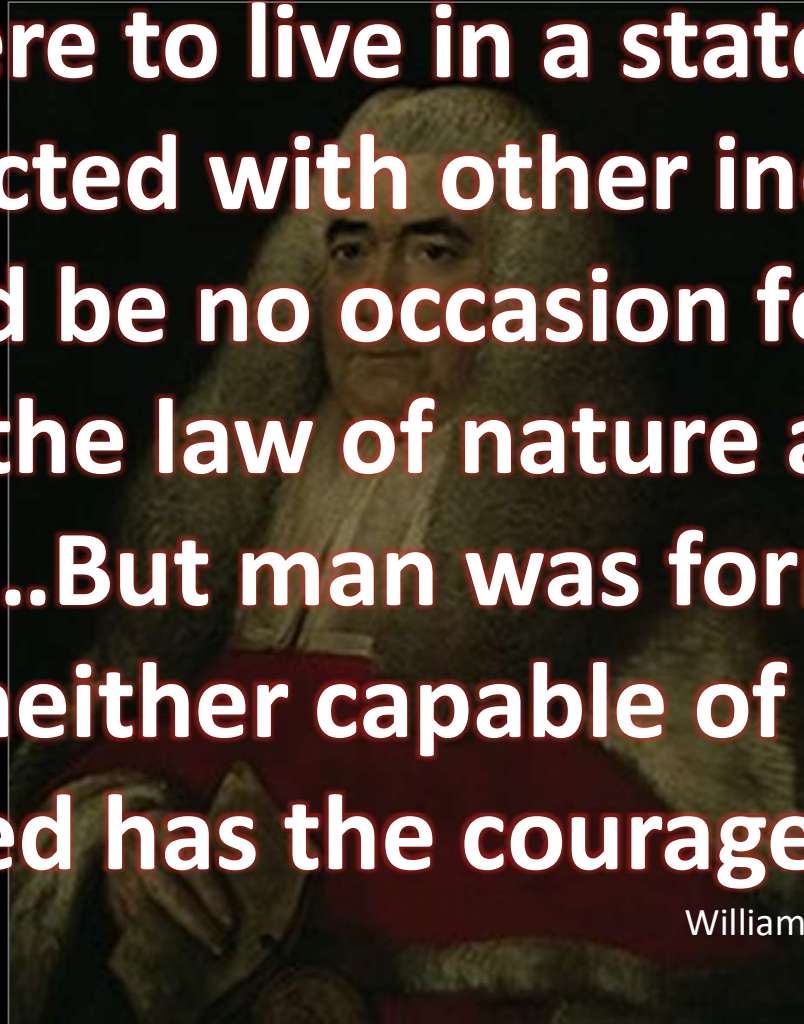
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**“If man were to live in a state of nature,
unconnected with other individuals,
there would be no occasion for any other
laws, that the law of nature and the law
of God...But man was formed for
society...is neither capable of living alone,
nor indeed has the courage to do it.”**



William Blackstone, Commentaries on Law

If there is no “divine right of kings” and
since all men are created equal...



**Who has the
right to rule?**

We the people...**constitute**

give legal or constitutional form to (an institution); establish by law.
synonyms: inaugurate · establish · initiate · found · create · set up ·
start · form · organize · develop · commission · charter · invest · appoint · install ·
empower

- a limited civil government,
- delegating few and defined powers to that government of our creation
- and pledge to submit to the proper...**rule of law.**

We are not subjecting ourselves to the unlimited rule of man/men. WE ARE A REPUBLIC, not a democracy.



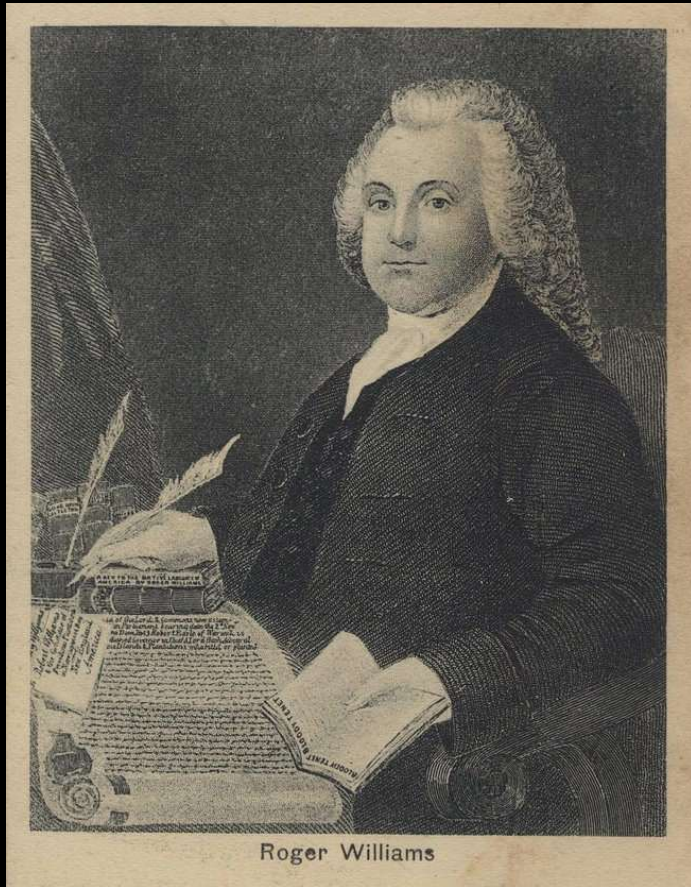
Thomas Hooker in a letter to John Winthrop in 1638:

**“...the foundation
of authority is
laid, firstly, in the
free consent of
the people.”**



Roger Williams:

“The sovereign, original, and foundation of civil power lies in the people; and it is evident that such governments as are by them erected and established, have no more power, nor for no longer time, that the civil power or people consenting and agreeing shall betrust them with.”





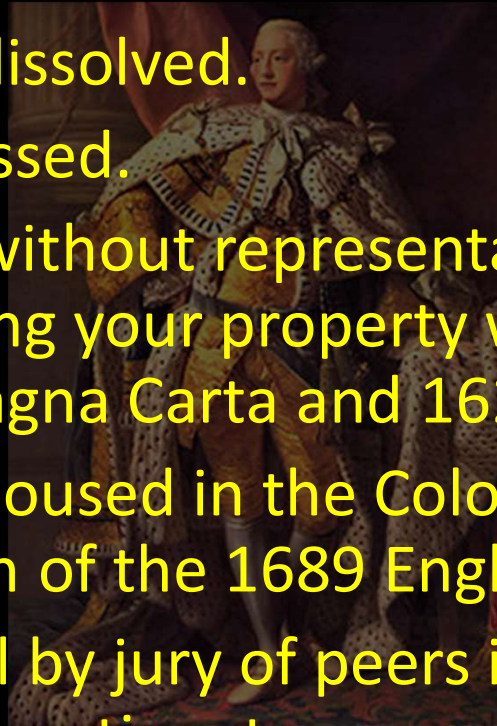
Biblical Worldview of Civil Government

- 1. The purpose is for the good of mankind, not tyranny. Punish evil and protect the good that we may live peaceably in all Godliness. Secure Life, Liberty & Pursuit of Happiness.**
- 2. God is the Ultimate Law maker. The foundation of truth for America is “the laws of nature and nature’s God.”**
- 3. All power comes from the people. *They* create a limited government, delegate few and defined powers for that government and must pay for the government they create.**

England's Acts of Tyranny

Civil Liberty Violated

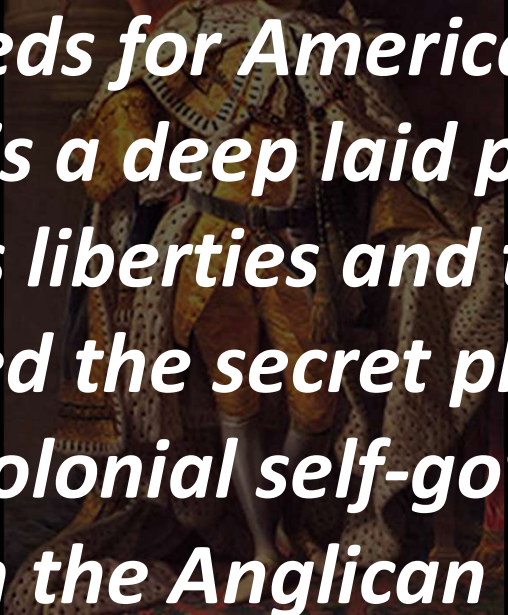
- Charters were broken.
- Legislatures had been dissolved.
- Trade had been suppressed.
- Taxes had been levied without representation – which was like unto stealing – taking your property without consent – and was against the Magna Carta and 1628 Petition of Right.
- Standing armies were housed in the Colonies when there was no war – a violation of the 1689 English Bill of Rights.
- There was no more trial by jury of peers in the colony of the offense or even on the continent.



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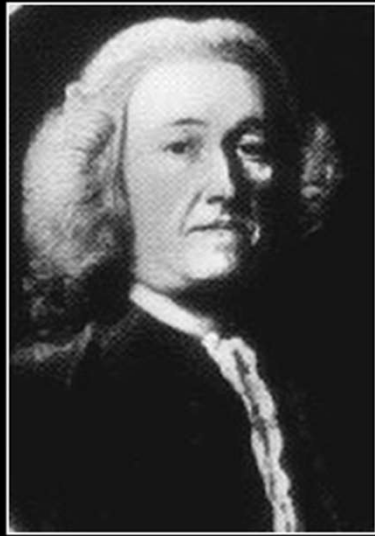
Religious Liberty Violated

The Declaratory Act – a declaration of the King's right to absolute tyranny and even the establishment of the Church of England.

A portrait of George III, King of Great Britain, wearing royal robes and a crown, standing in a formal setting.

“My heart bleeds for America. O poor New England! There is a deep laid plot against your civil and religious liberties and they will be lost.’ Whitefield outlined the secret plans of the British Ministry to end colonial self-government and to establish the Anglican Church”

(1764) (William Gordon, The History of the Rise, Progress and Establishment of the United States (2nd Ed, 3 vols. New York Samuel Campbell, 1794)




Peter Oliver

(Loyalist)

Chief Justice of the Colony
of Massachusetts

1772 - 1775

“The Black
Regiment ... have
been unceasingly
sounding the Yell
of Rebellion in the
Ears of an ignorant
& deluded People.”



What about the 21st Century Church?