

STRONGER MAN NATION
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RISE OF THE STATESMAN

**The George, Washington Declaration of Freedom
A Summons to Christian Statesmanship
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*“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”
Leviticus 25:10²*

When, in the course of human events, those who fear God and love their nation discern that the moral foundation of their freedom is being eroded, or destroyed, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires they declare the principles to which they are resolved to return and reaffirm the self-evident truths upon which our ordered liberty and national flourishing must rest.³

Two hundred and fifty years ago, our forefathers⁴ declared independence, rightly throwing off the bonds of tyranny and securing the blessings of liberty.⁵ They took that course of action with sober-minded resolve, pledging their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor.⁶ They established one Nation under God⁷ and framed a constitutional order for a free people, anchored in the laws of nature and nature’s God.⁸ We assemble now as Christian statesmen to declare that our nation cannot long endure⁹ if it abandons the truths that gave it life.

Ours is an age of confusion: a people forgetting their history, a nation neglecting its foundations, a culture forsaking the law of God. The **common worldview**¹⁰ that once united us has faded under the scorching blaze of militant secular humanism.¹¹ The **shared story** that once shaped us has been stolen by history revisionists. An apathetic populace has traded **honorable citizenship** for entitlement and victimhood. **Noble public service** has too often been abandoned by honorable men, and **political leadership** surrendered to those who distort truth, despise virtue, and reject the fear of God.



This degradation must not be tolerated. Perpetual moral virtue is not the natural disposition, nor liberty the guaranteed future, of any nation. Freedom is hard. It demands knowledge, it requires sacrifice, it must be guarded vigilantly.¹² It is not self-sustaining, but rather sustained by men with the resolve to destroy evil. It takes no stomach to agree wickedness is wrong; it does take stomach to stop it.

The state of the modern political Left, ideologically indistinguishable from the Democrat party, is enmeshed with devastating socialist policies and deadly Marxist doctrines.¹³ The results¹⁴ are the proliferation of pornography, the butchering of pre-born humans, the sexualization of innocent children in state funded institutions, the mutilation of vulnerable youth, the celebration of sexual perversion, the denial of our Creator's good design of biological differences between men and women, the destruction of enterprise through crushing regulations hindering man's ability to be fruitful, the systematic plundering of private property through ever-increasing confiscatory taxation robbing our posterity of their rightful inheritance, the erosion of religious liberty, the unconstitutional harassment perpetrated by unelected bureaucrats, the inability of the governed to redress said harms, the refusal to ensure election integrity, the deliberate unwillingness to secure our borders, the relentless stripping of our Second Amendment rights essential to upholding our First Amendment rights, the mockery of law and order through failing to punish criminals, the propagation of feminism, the perversion of marriage, the usurpation of God-ordained parental authority, and the ever expanding, unsanctioned reach of the administrative state violating the sovereign rights of Church, Family, and Individuals.¹⁵

All of this culminates in the insidious dismantling of the first human government, the nuclear family.¹⁶

This is a betrayal of American citizens, a severing from the indispensable cords of human order, and a suicidal descent onto a path incompatible with the Christian West.¹⁷

What more would have to happen to motivate men to act? How low would the flame of liberty have to flicker? To what depths of depravity would we have to sink before awakening the sleeping patriots of America and eliciting righteous indignation?

Platitudes about patriotism, catchphrases about freedom, and repeated denunciations of public corruption have proven insufficient to arrest national decline. The hour does not merely require louder sentiment, but Stronger Men.



We therefore issue this declaration as a summons to the Christian men of America.

*To remember: **Christianity*** is not confined to one's private life alone, but comes with the mandate to influence every sphere. Christians do not trade allegiances when moving from home to public square. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Church and State.¹⁸

*To remember: **government*** is not an authority unto itself. It is ordained by God to reward good and punish evil as God's avenger on earth. Government must submit to the moral law of God as revealed in the Bible, without which it does not act with legitimate moral authority.¹⁹

*To remember: **liberty*** is not freedom from law, but freedom under God's law; that no people can remain free once they have rejected moral order that makes freedom possible; and that self-government is the indispensable foundation of national government.²⁰

*To remember: **our nation*** did not arise from moral neutrality but from an explicitly Christian framework in which rights were understood to be endowed by the Creator, and that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.²¹

*To remember: **patriotism*** is not idolatry, but rightly ordered love expressed as gratitude for one's heritage, fidelity to one's people, and a willingness to sacrifice for the common good.²²

*To remember: **the Church*** must not be passive in the face of public evil, for when she abdicates her prophetic witness, a nation loses its moral conscience.²³

*To remember: **we are men accountable to Jesus Christ**,* the Creator and sovereign Lord of Heaven and Earth, who reigns supreme above all human authority.²⁴

*To remember: it is the **duty*** of free and virtuous citizens of a republic to abide by these stated truths and to remind, with consent or the withholding thereof, their government of the same.²⁵



Therefore, this declaration calls men to rise as statesmen. To recover the history and principles of this nation. To labor in their homes, churches, and communities, for what is true, good, and beautiful.

Let it be said of us that we did not surrender our liberty through apathy, nor abandon our posterity through cowardice, nor avoid bold action in the name of prudence, nor become complicit in evil with our silence.

As long as it depends on us, history will not tell the story of a nation lost on our watch. We will keep our Republic.²⁶ We will fan the flame of liberty bright. We will leave our homeland better than we found it.²⁷ We will reclaim our blood-bought American inheritance of freedom.

And for the support of this declaration, with reliance on Divine Providence, we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor—so help us God.²⁸

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM.”

II Corinthians 3:17



¹ This declaration was first publicly presented to and signed by the men who attended FREEDOM CON at the Gorge Amphitheatre in the town of GEORGE, WA. June 19, 2026 was the 251st anniversary of George Washington's official commission by the Continental Congress to lead the Continental army in what became the the War for American Independence. June 20, 2026 was the 244th anniversary of the adoption of the Great Seal of the United States by that same congress.

² This is the same verse inscribed on the Liberty Bell.

³ This declaration intentionally opens with certain phrases found at beginning of the Declaration of Independence precisely because the principles articulated in that great American document are the same enduring principles needed today.

⁴ A tribute to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

⁵ A phrase from the preamble of the United States Constitution.

⁶ The closing pledge of the Declaration of Independence.

⁷ The phrase "this Nation, under God" originates in the Gettysburg Address and served as the inspiration for "one Nation under God" being added to the Pledge of Allegiance by President Eisenhower on June 14, 1954.

⁸ Although most recognizable from the Declaration of Independence, the concept of "the laws of nature, and nature's God" represent the deep influence of centuries worth of Christian theology that the Founders drew from. See especially William Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1765), 1:38–42.

⁹ A final tribute to the Gettysburg Address.

¹⁰ "Now I will avow, that I then believe, and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity, are as eternal and immutable, as the Existence and Attributes of God; and that those Principles of Liberty, are as unalterable as human Nature and our terrestrial, mundane System." Adams, John. Letter to Thomas Jefferson. 28 June 1813. *The Adams-Jefferson Letters: The Complete Correspondence Between Thomas Jefferson and Abigail and John Adams*, edited by Lester J. Cappon, vol. 2, University of North Carolina Press, 1959, pp. 338-340.

¹¹ Secular humanism is a complete divergence from the common worldview of Christianity that built western civilization. It seeks to replace the Triune God of the Bible as the sovereign of the universe with man at the absolute center of reality.

¹² "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Adams, John. "To the Officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts." 11 Oct. 1798. *The Papers of John Adams*, Digital Edition, Massachusetts Historical Society.

¹³ We intentionally speak here of the *modern* political Left in conjunction with the *modern* Democrat party. We recognize that it is reasonable to acknowledge that there was a time when the philosophical and political identifiers of Right and Left were less diametrically opposed and incompatible with one another. This is, once again, because the shared worldview of a broad Christian consensus was the governing superstructure in the West. This has changed, and the divide now goes all the way down to the worldview level. For a detailed, historical study of the Christian consensus, see Francis Schaeffer's *How Should We Then Live* and *A Christian Manifesto*.

¹⁴ While this is not an exhaustive list of harms, we seek to indicate, without hyperbole, the practical consequences that have been experienced as a result of Leftist ideology applied to the political sphere.

¹⁵ "That perfect and absolute Sovereignty of the sinless Messiah at the same time contains the direct denial and challenge of all absolute Sovereignty on earth in sinful man; because of the division of life into spheres, each with its own Sovereignty." Kuyper, Abraham. "Sphere Sovereignty." *Abraham Kuyper: A Centennial Reader*, edited by James D. Bratt, W.B. Eerdmans, 1998, pp. 461–490.

¹⁶ It is no coincidence that the dismantling, or disruption of the nuclear family has been the publicly stated goal of Marxist organizations for decades. For an historical example of this fact, see Mallory Millet's article, *Marxist Feminism's Ruined Lives*, in which she recounts a personal story of attending feminist meetings in the 1960's with her sister, prominent feminist activist and author, Kate Millet.

¹⁷ We do not say this flippantly, but are rather endeavoring to accurately articulate the stark reality of the consequences of the agenda of the modern Left.

¹⁸ See Psalm 2:8, Revelation 11:15



¹⁹ "A power ethical, politic, or moral, to oppress, is not from God, and is not a power, but a licentious deviation of a power; and is no more from God, but from sinful nature and the old serpent, than a license to sin." Samuel Rutherford, *Lex, Rex: The Law and the King* (Moscow, ID: Canon Press, 2020), 149. See also Romans 13:1-7

²⁰ "But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary." James Madison [Publius], "Federalist No. 51," in *The Federalist Papers*, ed. Clinton Rossiter (New York: Signet Classics, 2003), 322. See also Romans 6:15-19

²¹ "Men being, as has been said, by nature, all free, equal, and independent, no one can be put out of this estate, and subjected to the political power of another, without his own consent." John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, ed. C. B. Macpherson (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 1980), 52. See also Psalm 33:12

²² "But a man who lives according to God's standards, not man's, must needs be a lover of the good... so that he may not love what he should not love, or fail to love what he should love, or love more than he should love... This is what is meant by 'ordered love'." Saint Augustine, *The City of God*, trans. Marcus Dods (New York: Modern Library, 2000), XV.22.

"Man becomes a debtor to other men in various ways, according to their various excellence and the various benefits received from them. On both counts, God holds the highest place... In the second place, the principles of our being and government are our parents and our country, that have given us birth and nourishment. Consequently, man is debtor chiefly to his parents and his country, after God." Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, trans. Fathers of the English Dominican Province (New York: Benziger Brothers, 1948), II-II, q. 101, a. 1.

See also Matthew 22:36-40

²³ "Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing but that which is ecclesiastical: and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary; or by way of advice, for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the civil magistrate." Westminster Assembly, "Chapter XXXI: Of Synods and Councils," in *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1647; repr., Atlanta: PCA Christian Education and Publications, 1990), 31.4. See also Matthew 5:13-14

²⁴ See Colossians 1:15-20

²⁵ "The people have a natural power of self-defense to preserve themselves from destruction... The power of a tyrant is not from God, but is a licentious deviation; therefore, the people may resume that power which they loaned to the ruler, for the safety of the commonwealth is the supreme law." Samuel Rutherford, *Lex, Rex: The Law and the King* (Moscow, ID: Canon Press, 2020), 126–129. See also Proverbs 31:8-9

²⁶ James McHenry, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, famously recounts that a lady asked Benjamin Franklin at the close of the convention, "Well Doctor, what have we got - a Republic or a Monarchy?" To which, Franklin replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." James McHenry, "Papers of Dr. James McHenry on the Federal Convention of 1787," in *The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*, ed. Max Farrand (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1911), 3:85.

²⁷ "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations." Deuteronomy 7:9

²⁸ We intentionally echo the closing pledge that the Founders made, and as a tribute to them and the 250th anniversary of their courageous act, the word count of the body of this declaration is 1,070 words; exactly 250 words less than the Declaration of Independence.

