

The Declaration of Independence upholds the efforts of a people “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.”

This *assumes* or *presupposes* that the people involved are not acting arbitrarily, but in accord with God and His revealed will.

- We know the Founders believed God existed because they wrote of Him, mentioning Him early, without hesitation, and without embarrassment.
- The term *laws* indicates they believed God was and is a God of order and purpose.
- The term *laws* further indicates they believed God had and has moral and ethical expectations of humanity — in other words, that men and women are accountable to Him.
- The phrase “the laws of nature and of nature’s God” indicate that the Founders believed God’s existence was evident in nature, or, put another way, in the world around them.