

Endorsement Letter for *Principles of Liberty* Small Group Curriculum

There are essentially three types of people in the United States (and the world):

1. Those who believe *individuals* give permission for the government to exist;
2. Those who believe *government* gives permission for the individual to exist;
3. Confused “moderates” who pretend both of those contradictory galaxies can exist at the same time.

Americanism is exclusively connected to the type 1 citizen described above. *Americanism* is the belief that every single human being is sacredly-created, is of infinite worth, is unique, and is awarded priceless rights exclusively bestowed from Heaven by the Creator. Therefore, the *individual* (who is granted rights by God) and his or her fellow citizens give permission for the government to exist. The Constitution merely organizes power granted it by the permission of “We, the People.” The power the people have is borrowed from the *Creator* of those same people, who then supply the Constitution with limited jurisdiction in order for it to organize the power it receives.

Let me break this down. Don’t miss this. Paper and ink have no innate power. Paper and ink only bind us to the reality of how that power was originally organized for the defense of legitimate human liberties. Proper authority flows from God to individual citizens, through the Declaration of Independence, and is finally limited and distributed through the Constitution. The Creator shares His authority with “We, the People,” and “We, the People” supply the Declaration, which supplies the Constitution with limited organizational controls. God granted power to us; we granted—and grant—limited power to the government. Just because you’re a secular humanist or an atheist doesn’t give you the legal or moral right to ignore or reject the organic law of

these United States. You must abide this legal principle whether you agree with it or not, else you self-identify, by your contempt for these truths, to be a progressive usurper of classic *Americanism*.

Americanism accepts the existence of legal and moral absolutes. It realizes that powers granted from God to individuals must comport with His creative laws. These laws are enshrined within nature and clarified by the written revelation of His own laws, which we know as the Bible. They flow, under borrowed authority, into the man-created ordinances of our legislative, judicial, and executive arenas.

From this point of reference, the following terms were used in the organic law of the United States, known as the Declaration of Independence:

1. “Nature and...Nature’s God;”
2. “Creator;”
3. “Supreme Judge of the world;” and
4. “Divine Providence.”

These are four deliberate references to the inflexible Source of the knowable standard of both legal and moral absolutes. Judging by these unyielding standards, the signers of the Declaration deemed the wicked King George III morally and legally “unfit to be the ruler of a free people.”

Therefore, both then and today, if a silly man-created ordinance does not comport with natural law realities upheld in the Declaration and the Constitution, it is always *bad law* and *harmful* to the public good. (Think budgets that defy the natural *law of mathematics*, or building codes that ignore the inflexible natural *law of gravity*. Think property, inheritance, divorce, and custody laws that refuse to comport with the natural-law-realities of male and female sex as it relates to *pregnancy, birth rates, property*

rights, inheritances, child-custody, and divorce.)

Against the backdrop of this landscape, the modern Christian has an extraordinary responsibility and duty to understand the legal scaffolding through which his or her forefathers affirmed a right to exercise faith in the Lord Jesus Christ on a daily basis. It is a particularly incredible irony that in our modern American world, where the heresy of pietism flourishes (*pietism* is the belief that the church should avoid politics) we also find a naturally occurring extraordinary ignorance of these legal realities among most modern Christians. This overwhelming ignorance is found in direct proportion to our ongoing deconstruction as a free society. In other words, the more Christians stay out of politics and the public policy debate, the more society unravels. Thus, the freedom resulting from old Christian theology that affords modern Christians the religious freedom to express unbiblical, and generally bad ideas of civic abandonment, now threatens to end religious freedom as we know it. Some Christians are sawing off the very branches they themselves, but others as well, are sitting on!

It was, after all, the worldview of the Christian patriot—more specifically, the covenant theology of a local church assembly applied to a growing village—that was solely responsible for the creation of the world’s first “constitution” in all of world history. Constitutionalism was born as the “Code of Pilgrim Law” on November, 15, 1636.¹ Were it not for a uniquely Christian philosophy of what is called “covenant theology,” Americanism would never have existed in the first place. Without a vibrant repentance and return to that same basis for civil authority—built upon the Ten Commandments—Americanism soon will be extinct.

Were the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution written as Biblically perfect documents? Not by a long-shot. Were they

heavily and positively influenced by Christian thinking leading up to the Declaration’s adoption in 1776 and the Constitution’s ratification in 1789? Yes, they were. Does the modern Christian need to understand the basics upon which our Republic still rests during such tumultuous hour? Unquestionably and emphatically, *YES!*

Nathaniel Sullivan’s *Principles of Liberty* curriculum is a beautiful, high quality presentation of the foundational truths of the American Republic for modern Christians. The truths within are valuable, of course, because they did not originate in 1776 (or, in the case of the Constitution, in 1787 when it was drafted and in 1789 when it was ratified). Rather, these principles originated in eternity past in the very character of God. They are reflected in the Holy Bible from whence the scaffolding of our nation was inspired scores of decades before 1776 and 1789.

I wholeheartedly endorse *Principles of Liberty: Ten Biblical Truths Embedded in the Declaration of Independence* as a rare and valuable source of instruction for the modern Christian—one most needed during this troubling hour!

Only through a merciful interposition of Almighty God can America be saved from its present and ongoing suicide. Only through massive repentance from studious “Berean” Christ-followers² can we expect for such a merciful interposition to take place. Take this great work and learn from it, then share it with all your family and friends. Then pray for God to use you as the salt and light America needs and God requires from obedient disciples!

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¹ <https://bit.ly/38fWj1N>

² See Acts 17:10-11