



## Rights and Responsibilities: Thomas Jefferson

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- By our political compact we gain "our equal right to the use of our own faculties, to the acquisition of our industry, to honor and confidence from fellow citizens." What must we give to secure such rewards? Faithfulness to our "benign religion" in what is common to the various forms: "honesty, truth, temperance, gratitude, and love of man." – Thomas Jefferson, 1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural (1801)