

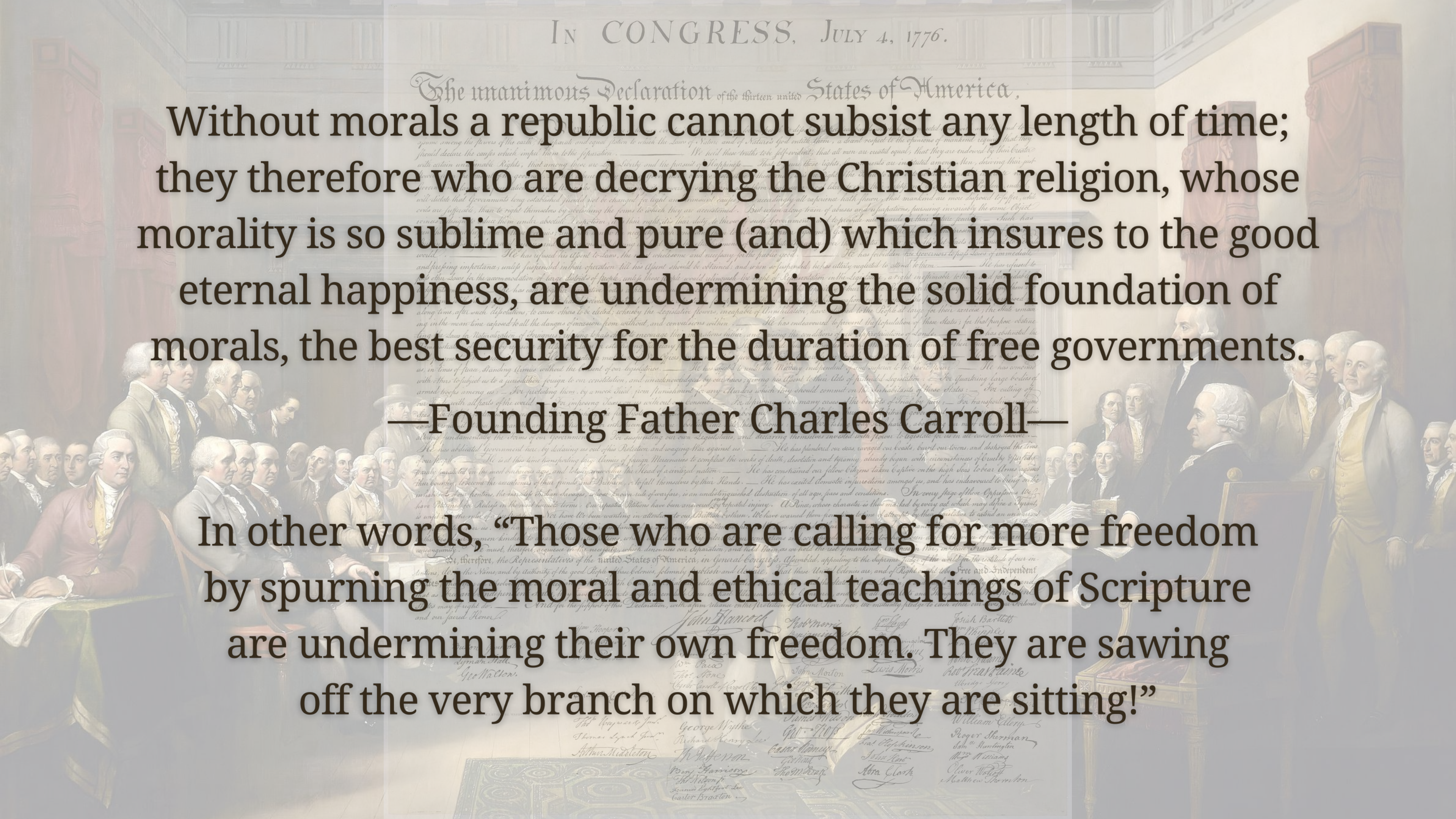
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure (and) which insures to the good eternal happiness, are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.

—Founding Father Charles Carroll—

In other words, “Those who are calling for more freedom by spurning the moral and ethical teachings of Scripture are undermining their own freedom. They are sawing off the very branch on which they are sitting!”



*[Faint, ghosted text from the original Declaration of Independence document is visible in the background, providing historical context to the scene.]*

*[Handwritten signatures of the delegates are visible at the bottom of the image, including names like John Hancock, George Washington, and others.]*