

Marriage and Freedom
in America

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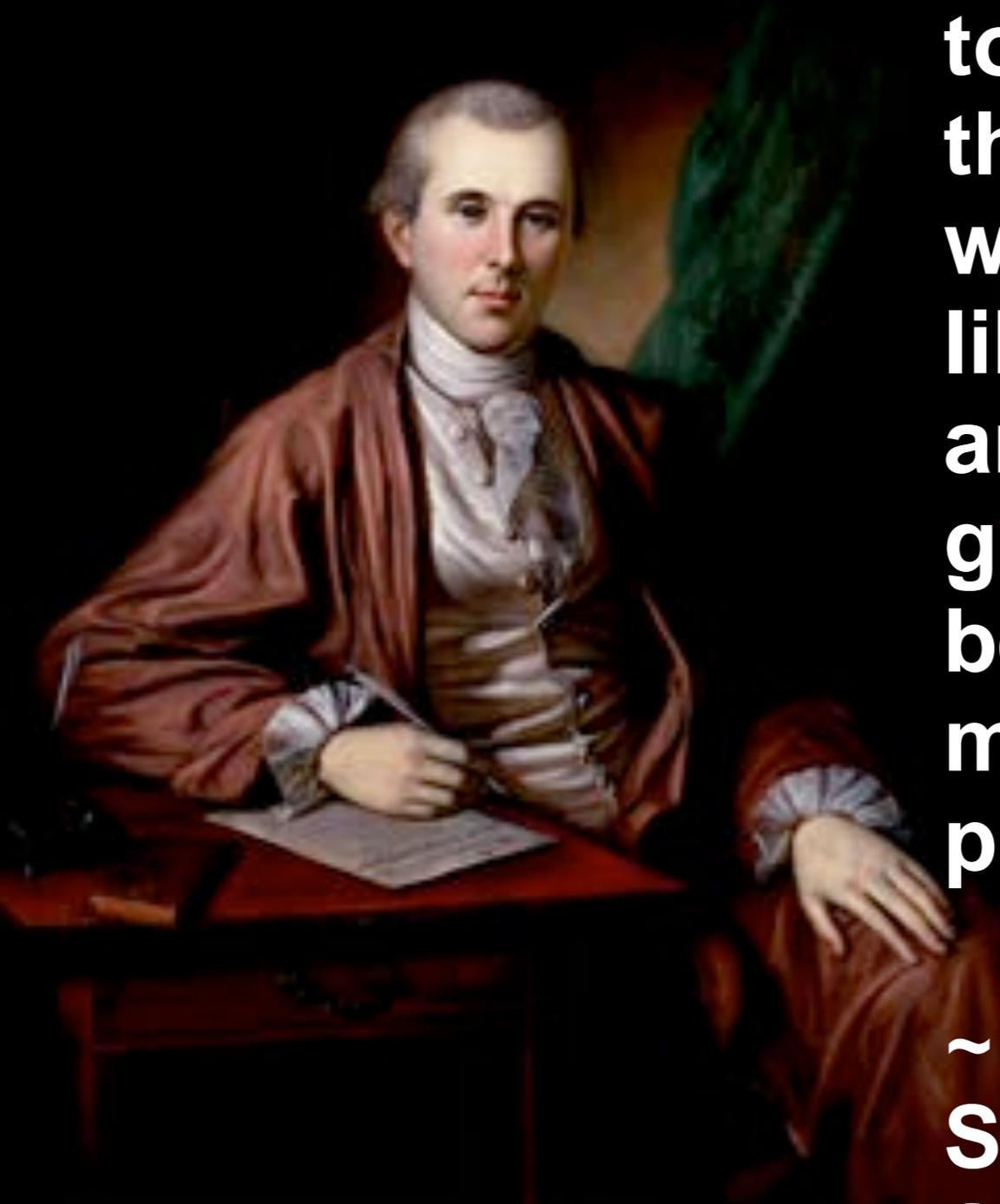
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INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL:



**MARRIAGE
AND FREEDOM
IN AMERICA**

**ATTACKS ON MARRIAGE
DESTROY CIVILIZATIONS**



“The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be aided in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments. Without religion, I believe that learning does real mischief to the morals and principles of mankind.”

**~Benjamin Rush (1745–1813),
Signer of the Declaration,
Served in three administrations**

“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”

**~John Adams
Signer of the Declaration
of Independence, First
Vice President of the U.S.
and Second President of
the U.S.**



“[W]e have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion”

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“He is the best friend to American liberty, who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion, and who sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down on profanity and immorality of every kind. Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy to his country.”

**~John Witherspoon
Signer of the Declaration of
Independence**

Black's Law dictionary, 1891:

Marriage is: “the civil status of one man and one woman united in law for life.”

Marriage is

“a civil status, existing in one man and one woman legally united for life for those civil and social purposes which are based in the distinction of sex.”

~J. Bishop, *Commentaries on the Law of Marriage and Divorce*, 1852.

“Ease and prosperity (though pleasing for a day) have often sunk a people into effeminacy and sloth. The man who meanly will submit to wear a shackle, condemns the noblest gift of heaven, and impiously affronts the God that made him free ... Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of. Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.”

**~Dr. Joseph Warren
Founding Father, killed at Bunker Hill**

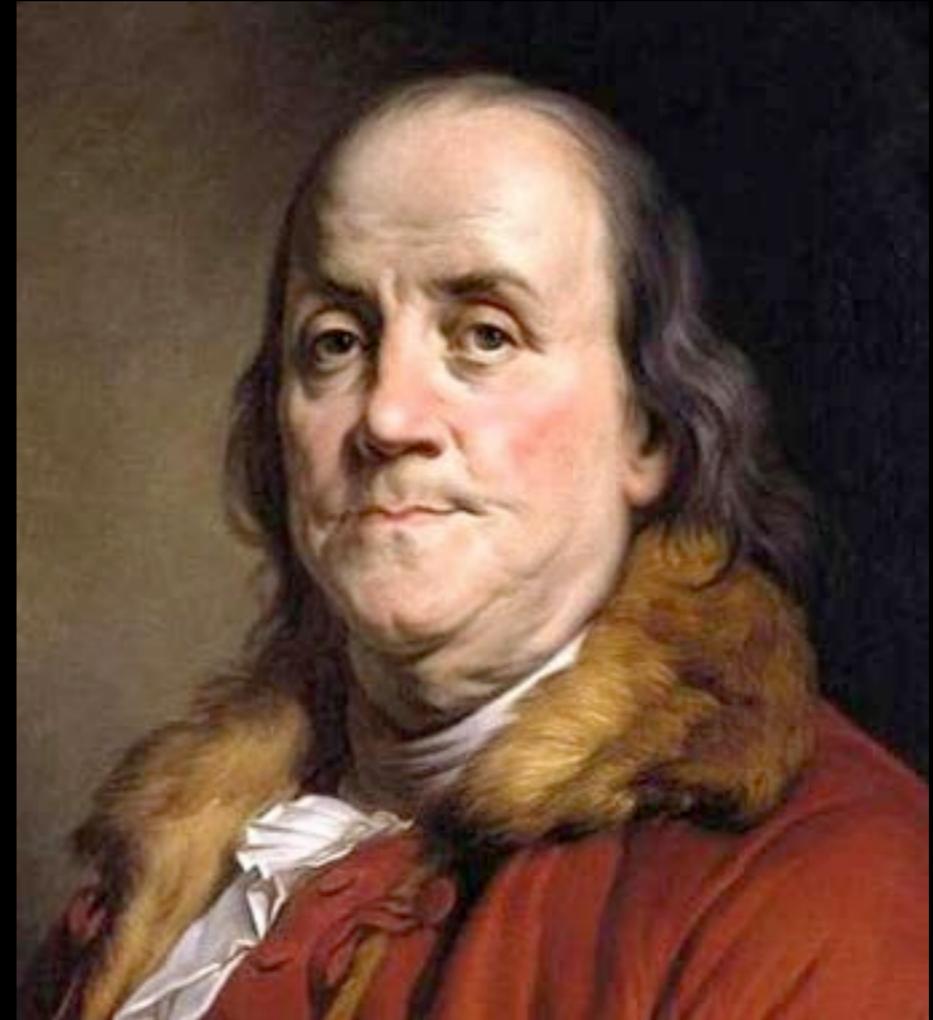
**“Without virtue,
happiness cannot
be.”**

~Thomas Jefferson



“[O]nly a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”

**~Benjamin Franklin,
Signer of the
Constitution and
Declaration of
Independence**



The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

POST-FALL

Designed to restrain evil

Purposes of Marriage

- 1. To enable the human race, as male and female, to complement each other to achieve God's purpose to rule over creation. This enables two human beings to become one in every way possible.**
- 2. Biblical marriage is focused on procreation. Heterosexual marriage enables the fulfillment of the divine mandate to multiply and fill the earth, to spread out over the earth and to develop the resources which God created.**
- 3. Marriage provides a regulation for sex within an environment to protect men and women from abuse and opportunism.**
- 4. Marriage provides an environment to domesticate the male nature and to protect and empower women relationally.**

Purposes of Marriage

- 5. Marriage comes with the expectation of permanence which provides a framework of security within which greater productivity can occur.**
- 6. To provide love, protection, and education for children which they require in order to grow to be responsible, productive members of society. Children are best nurtured by their biological parents, same-sex marriage separates children from at least one parent.**
- 7. From a biblical perspective, marriage is an institution created for all human beings and not only for Christians.**
- 8. Therefore, marriage is not a political institution developed by government, it is pre-political.**

Purposes of Marriage

- 9. Sin, corruption, and failure do not negate marriage's design or value.**
- 10. Marriage between a male and female is the picture of Christ and the Church.**
- 11. Marriage is the basis for the next Divine Institution of family.**

Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deut. 6:8, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”

Gen. 4:19, “Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.”

Gen. 6:2, “that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

Gen. 6:3, “And the LORD said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’

Gen. 6:4, “There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”

Gen. 19:4, “Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house.

Gen. 19:5, “And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.’ ”

Ezek. 16:49, “Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Ezek. 16:50, “And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.”

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Ezek. 16:2, “ ‘Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,’ ”

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Ezek. 16:46, “Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters.

Ezek. 16:47, “You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways.”

Jude 6, “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Jude 7, “as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

2 Pet. 2:4, “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

2 Pet. 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;”

2 Pet. 2:6, “and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

2 Pet. 2:7, “and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

2 Pet. 2:8, “(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—

2 Pet. 2:9, “then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,”

Deut. 4:5, “See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.

Deut. 4:6, “So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

Deut. 4:8, “Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?”

The crime

Lev. 18:22, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”

The punishment

Lev. 20:13, “If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.”

Lev. 18:26, “You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you.”

תועבה *to‘evah*
**abomination,
abhorrence**

**Prov. 6:16, “These six things the LORD hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:**

**Prov. 6:17, “A proud look, A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,**

**Prov. 6:18, “A heart that devises wicked
plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,**

**Prov. 6:19, “A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.”**

**Prov. 8:7, “For my mouth will speak truth;
Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.”**

Prov. 11:1, “Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.”

Prov. 11:20, “Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.”

Prov. 12:22, “Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.”

Prov. 15:8, “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

Prov. 15:9, “The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.”

Prov. 15:26, “The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.”

Jer. 32:35, “And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.”

Rom. 1:26, “For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

Rom. 1:27, “and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.”

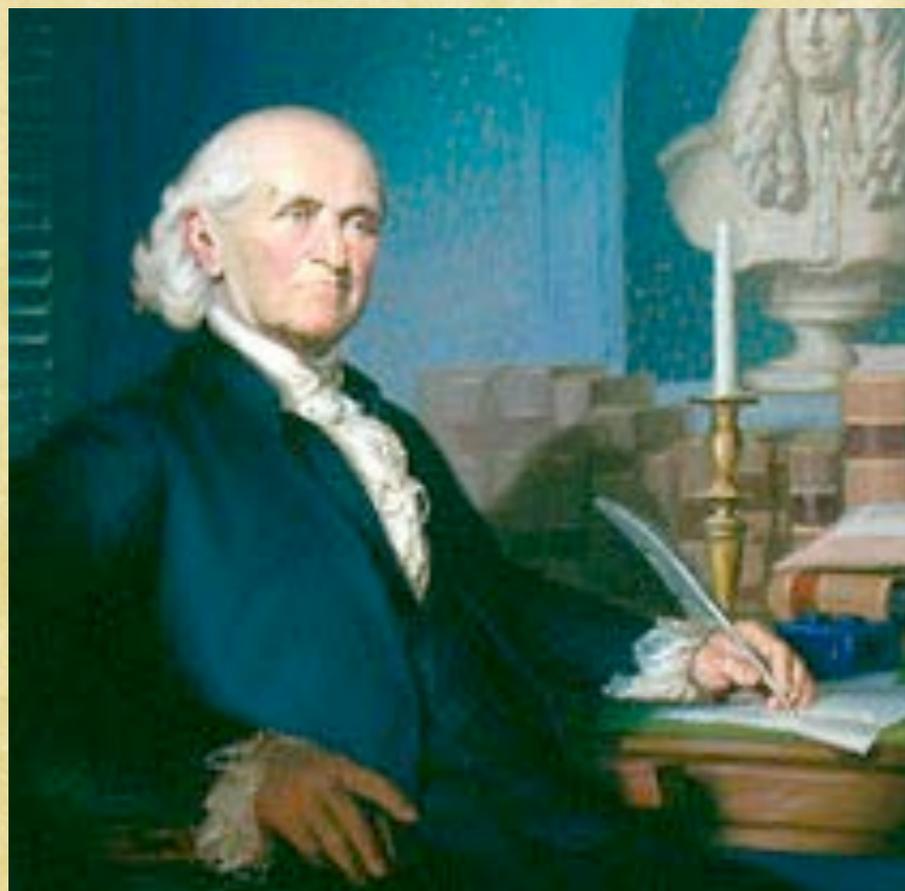
1 Cor. 6:9, “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

1 Cor. 6:10, “nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Tim. 1:9, “realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers

1 Tim. 1:10, “and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,”

**John 2:11, “This beginning of His signs
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested
His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”**

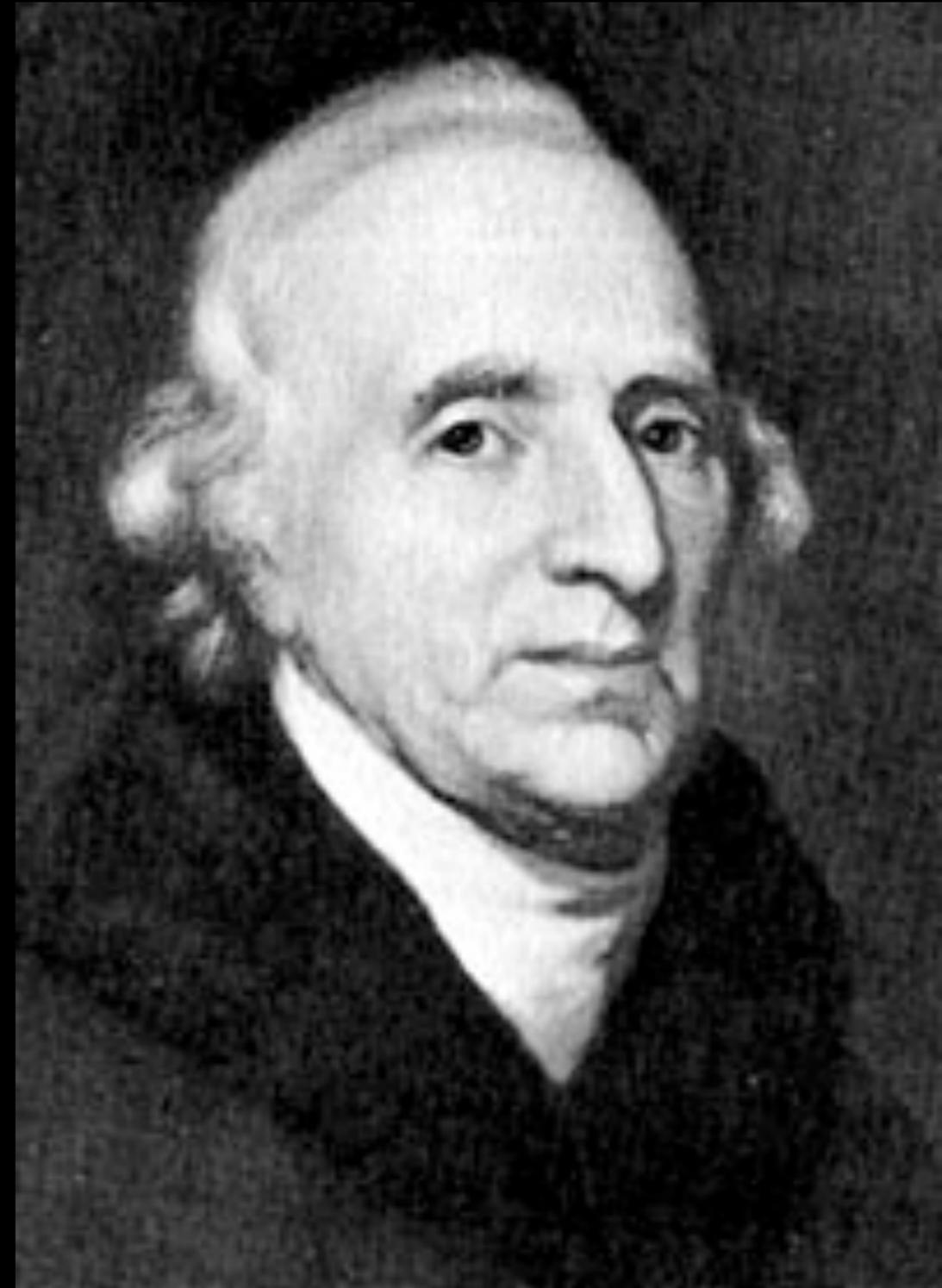


“It [sodomy], though repugnant to every sentiment of decency and delicacy, is very prevalent in corrupt and debauched countries where the low pleasures of sensuality and luxury have depraved the mind and degraded the appetite below the brutal creation.”

~Zephaniah Swift, Author, America’s first legal text in 1795, as well as *A Digest of the Laws of Connecticut*

“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... are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.”

~Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration of Independence; [Letter to James McHenry on November 4, 1800.]



“When a man’s will and pleasure is his only rule and guide, what safety can there be either for him or against him but in the point of a sword.”

**~James Otis,
Founding Father
Wrote to extend
Natural Law rights
to all races.**



John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:17, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:19, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”