

# Inspired Documents

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Most people started their 4th of July holiday weekend today. We plan to gather with family and friends to enjoy our tradition of watching the neighborhood fireworks display from the front porch of my Mom's house just after dark tomorrow. It goes without saying that this will be the most bittersweet "celebration" of our national and personal independence.

If you put yourself through the depressing task of staying current with national and international events, you are well aware that the United States is hurrying to adopt practices and ideologies foreign to the constitutional constraints traditionally understood. To confuse the matter further, we find the Dept. of State and indeed the administration apparently siding with dictatorial regimes that have been long recognized to be enemies of the United States and the American way of life.

Good commentary, in more detail on that subject is in the update penned by Murray Allatt this week.

At a time when some of the most important developments in our national history are underway, we can't escape breathless new developments in the Michael Jackson story! There is the coming "carbon credit" debacle, and the encroachment of authoritative agencies into aspects of life and business once thought to operate on principles of the free market and the private sector. The way things are headed, given the make up of current legislative bodies, hardly any enterprise or activity imaginable will fall beyond the purview of federal regulation. There is nomenclature that attaches to governmental behavior of the type we see attempted and or tolerated by leaders of both American political parties, and those designations have bad reputations. Only those prepared to live lives behind walls of physical and financial security dare breathe them.

We have a peculiar perspective on what is transpiring on the national scene. The identity shift being perpetrated upon our unsuspecting and distracted populace was visited upon Christianity long ago, and remains to this day. The laws of God which were the bedrock of life ancient Israel, and in the early (pre-Constantine) Christian church have long since been discarded in favor of a religious identity that empowers clergymen with authority that supercedes even the Ten Commandments.

The Bible, God's own word, has been subjugated to the whims of deeply flawed Church leaders decked out in religious garb. When it comes to mainstream Christianity, many of its utterly unbiblical doctrines, its steeples and crosses, it's hard not to realize that all roads lead to Rome.

What we've seen happen to the application of clear biblical language in mainstream Christianity is now happening to the clear language of another document believed to be the result of divine inspiration. At least our founders thought so, and said so. But we live

in the age of social and financial planners who have better ideas. Just as those in control of Rome so long ago believed their need for unquestioned authority trumped scripture, our political leaders seem to believe their presumably noble intentions trump the constraints of the U.S. constitution and the wisdom of the Delr of Independence..

Crushing debt is universally recognized as tantamount to slavery. There is little if any dispute that the flood of spending instigated by elected officials to prop up an economy failing in large part because of the ruinous effects of federal mandates will be visited upon future generations. Our children and grandchildren will inherit the incalculable debt along with the realization that, after all the expended blood and treasure, the personal sacrifices and divine intervention, that our generation failed to preserve the greatest and most basic blessing ever offered any nation or people. That is the right, granted by God and not by men, of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The beauty of that concept and all that it entails has been defended by all the strength and grit our fathers, grandfathers and forefathers could muster, in countless cases, to the death. May we honor them and the peace, prosperity and freedom we have enjoyed due to their resolve.

In the case of those future generations that will not only inherit our debt, but reminisce in wonder at the lives we lead and the debacle that altered the county's identity on our watch. Then again, we are living at a time so dangerous that dire concerns over the inheritance of future generations could be vastly overshadowed by events in the immediate future. Let's hope and pray not.

While contemplating the peace and freedoms we yet enjoy, along with the day off and the family gatherings, we must also soberly contemplate what's happening in our domestic society and around this troubled world and realize that God's favor will surely be our best hope amid the troubles to come. And they surely are coming.

Mark

P.S. We gave the staff the day off, as have most businesses and institutions. Statistics for the GTA telecast will be included with next week's update. Happy Sabbath and happy 4th of July.

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AUSTRALIA REPORT by Murray Allatt

Greetings brethren and friends,

This past week seems to have disappeared very quickly and still so many things to do - next week. Hopefully by this time, already into the Sabbath you have wound down and are taking your rest.

Early in the week, Sunday, the June letter from Mark Armstrong was posted and we have

had a reasonable strong flow of requests for the offered GTA DVD, "The Blessings of Freedom". With the 4th of July coming up during the course of this Sabbath this GTA sermon is particularly apt on the matter of freedom.

Also Sunday the latest weekly DVDs were sent to the DVD mailing list. As always there are more on the way.

Once again the state of the world hotspots remain as usual - hot. North Korea seems determined to test Obama's and US limits, Iran sails on despite Obama finally finding words of condemnation and then little Honduras seems determined to resist UN, US and regional pressure to reinstate it's deposed president, who was, it seems, deposed for attempting to tamper with the Honduran constitution in an attempt to extend his term of office and perhaps emulate his fellow traveler Chavez, now widely seen as a dictator. Chavez of Venezuela, another socialist, already has achieved that constitutional change.

It is interesting at least to note that under Australia's Westminster parliamentary system we have had two Prime Ministers who have served in that position for longer than the two term Presidential system allows in the US. Robert Menzies for 16 years straight, 1949 to 1966. John Howard served 1996 to 2007, 11 years. Both were conservatives. Also Bob Hawke, Labor (socialist) Prime Minister, 1983 to 1991, 8 years. No one could have ever complained about notions of "dictator" or power grab in respect of any of them. All were elected leaders of their parties, all lead their parties to successive electoral victory, without credible, (though sometimes minor, nothing that affected the outcome) complaint of election irregularities - at least up until they were defeated at the polls (Howard), resigned the leadership to a younger man (Menzies) or was deposed (reasonably ruthlessly) by his deputy leader (Hawke deposed by Keating).

The fact is you have to go back a long way in English history (and so Australian, New Zealand, Canadian - even South African history), let alone American history (it's not there), to find any semblance of rule by dictator. Cromwell perhaps? That is one reason why the Anglo/American world has been at the forefront of the "free" western democracies for so long. It is therefore always surprising when the leaders of the Anglo/American world appear to side with would be or actual dictators, even when the political winds deem it expedient.

The GTA telecast last Sunday covered the topic that is increasingly filling TV screens with expectant advertising of the next big movie deal - the latest (and last?) Harry Potter film. For the week we have had **53** program responses with **12** of those first time contacts. As the program airs again on TVS at 5.00am tomorrow (Saturday) morning we may have a few more as we did last week for "The ANSWER to unanswered prayer".

The GTA telecast program this Sunday is on the topic of law. Specifically, was the Law in force before Sinai?

Enjoy your Sabbath break.

Murray Allatt  
Sydney, Australia

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The Declaration of Independence: A Transcription

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IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and 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, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy

scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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The 56 signatures on the Declaration appear in the positions indicated:

Column 1

Georgia:

Button Gwinnett

Lyman Hall

George Walton

Column 2

North Carolina:

William Hooper

Joseph Hewes

John Penn

South Carolina:

Edward Rutledge

Thomas Heyward, Jr.

Thomas Lynch, Jr.

Arthur Middleton

Column 3

Massachusetts:

John Hancock

Maryland:

Samuel Chase

William Paca

Thomas Stone

Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia:

George Wythe

Richard Henry Lee

Thomas Jefferson

Benjamin Harrison

Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

Carter Braxton

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Pennsylvania:

Robert Morris

Benjamin Rush

Benjamin Franklin

John Morton

George Clymer

James Smith

George Taylor

James Wilson

George Ross

Delaware:

Caesar Rodney

George Read

Thomas McKean

Column 5

New York:

William Floyd  
Philip Livingston  
Francis Lewis  
Lewis Morris

New Jersey:

Richard Stockton  
John Witherspoon  
Francis Hopkinson  
John Hart  
Abraham Clark

Column 6

New Hampshire:

Josiah Bartlett  
William Whipple

Massachusetts:

Samuel Adams  
John Adams  
Robert Treat Paine  
Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island:

Stephen Hopkins  
William Ellery

Connecticut:

Roger Sherman  
Samuel Huntington  
William Williams  
Oliver Wolcott

New Hampshire:

Matthew Thornton