

THE PROMISE

The Declaration of Independence

Lead Paragraphs

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.

Main points:

- ◆ *Recognition of God's Sovereignty*
- ◆ *Rights of Independence and Self-rule*
- ◆ *Equality of Man*
- ◆ *Blessings of Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness Unalienable*
- ◆ *Purpose and Authority of Government*

The Fulfillment

The Constitution of the United States

Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Great American Miracle

As the people accepted the responsibilities of self-rule, blessings of Heaven flowed. The most common American enjoys blessings greater than those of kings of the past. God's rule is self-rule [The Ten Commandments and Sermon on the Mount]. Rejection of the responsibilities of self-rule is a rejection of God [1 Samuel 8:6,7 and 10:9].