

Decision Making in  
the Voting Booth

Lesson #01

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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.  
A DECLARATION  
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

# Decision

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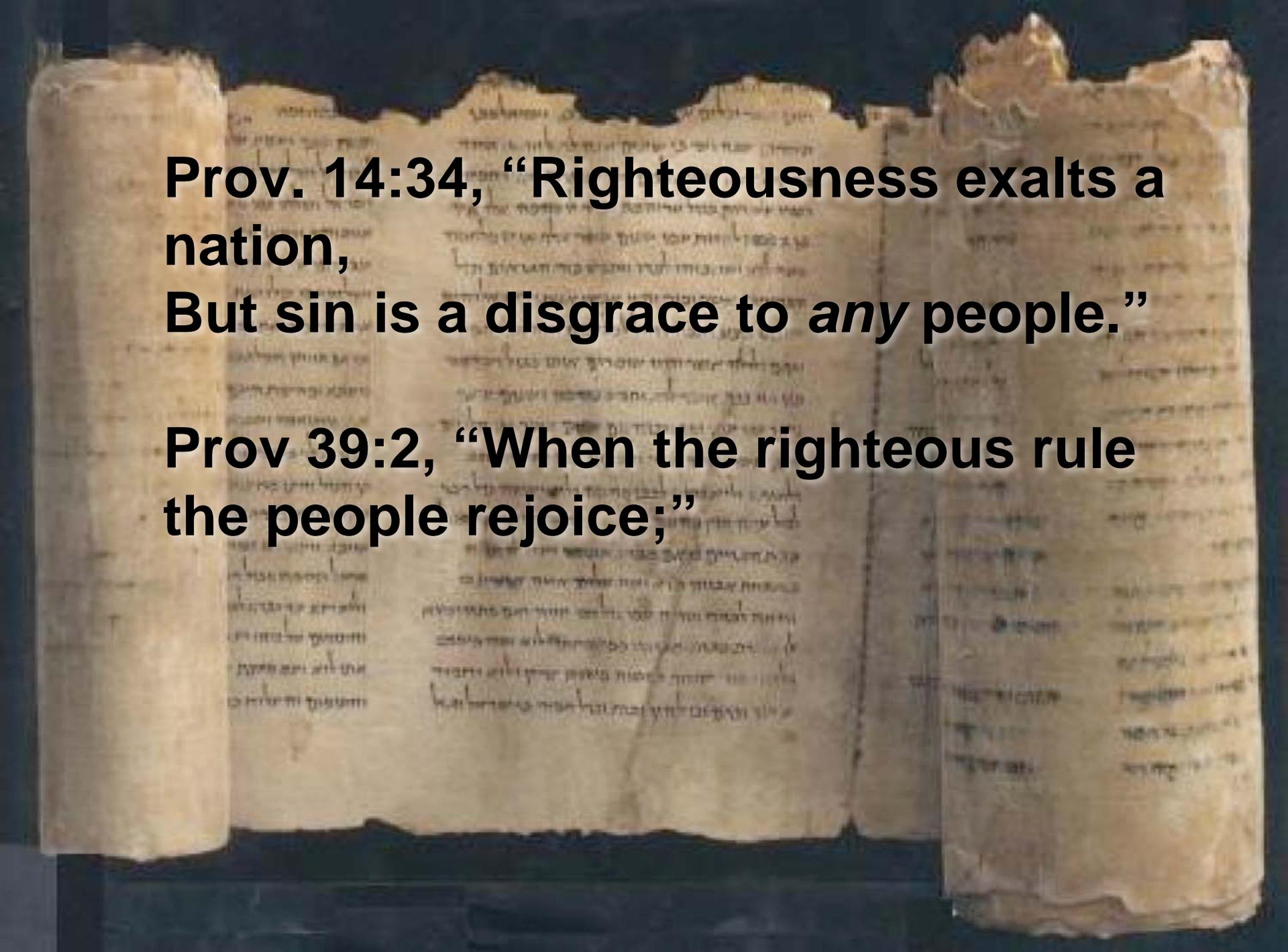
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## Part 1





**Prov. 14:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation,  
But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.”**

**Prov 39:2, “When the righteous rule  
the people rejoice;”**

# How Do We Prioritize the Issues?

- **Economics**
- **Social issues**
- **Foreign policy**
- **Government**
- **Morality and spirituality**

## Eight reasons you should not use when vote for a candidate:

1. Political party affiliation
2. Physical appearance
3. Speaking ability
4. What he promises you he will do for you or your special interest group
5. Gender
6. Ethnicity
7. You think their side should have an opportunity
8. Desire to change in reaction to the current administration

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

–John Jay (1745–1829),  
a president of the Continental  
Congress, first Chief Justice,  
cont. *The Federalist Papers*





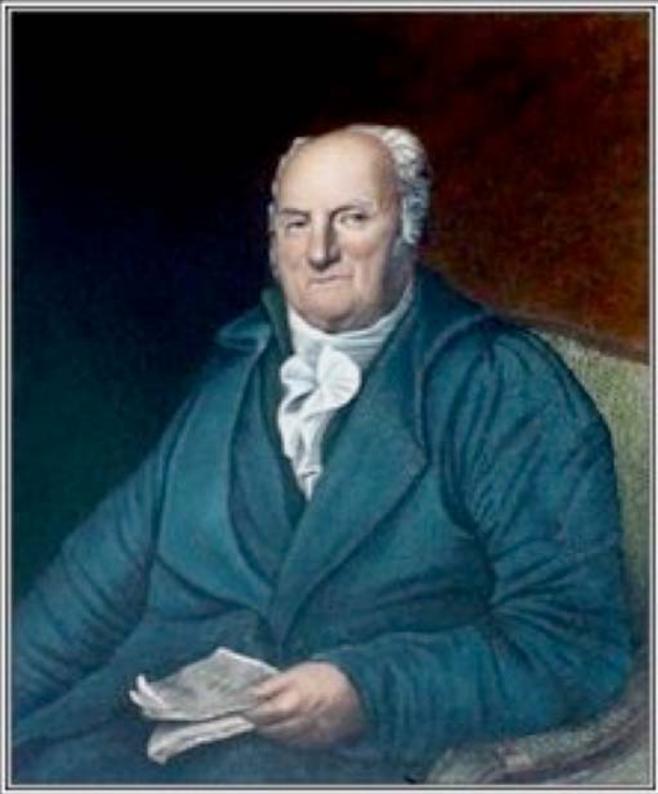
“Every citizen of a republic must watch for the State as if its liberties depended upon his vigilance alone.”

Benjamin Rush (1745–1813), signer of the Declaration, served in three administrations

“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we are about.”

Woodrow Wilson (1856–1924), 1911 rally in Denver, who would later become our nation’s eighteenth president.





**“If the moral character of a people once degenerates, their political character must follow... These considerations should lead to an attentive solicitude to be religiously careful in our choice of all public officers... and judge of the tree by its fruits.”**

**Elias Boudinot, a President of the Continental Congress**

**Non-literal  
Allegorical  
Idealistic/Rationalist  
Marxist**

**VS**

**Literal, historical,  
grammatical  
interpretation**

**Evolution**

**Man-basically good**

**Virgin birth: a myth**

**Human Jesus**

**Atonement: example**

**No miracles**

**No literal second  
coming**

**Man brings in the  
kingdom-utopia**

**Creation**

**Man-a sinner**

**Virgin birth**

**Deity of Christ**

**Substitutionary**

**atonement**

**Miracles**

**Literal second  
coming**

**Loose  
Constructionist  
Revisionist  
Liberal**

**VS**

**Originalist  
Strict Constructionist  
Textualist  
Conservative**



**Obama**

**Consistent revisionist  
Affirms judicial activism**

**McCain**

**Inconsistent originalist  
Rejects judicial activism**

**“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. Now I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”**



**–John Adams**

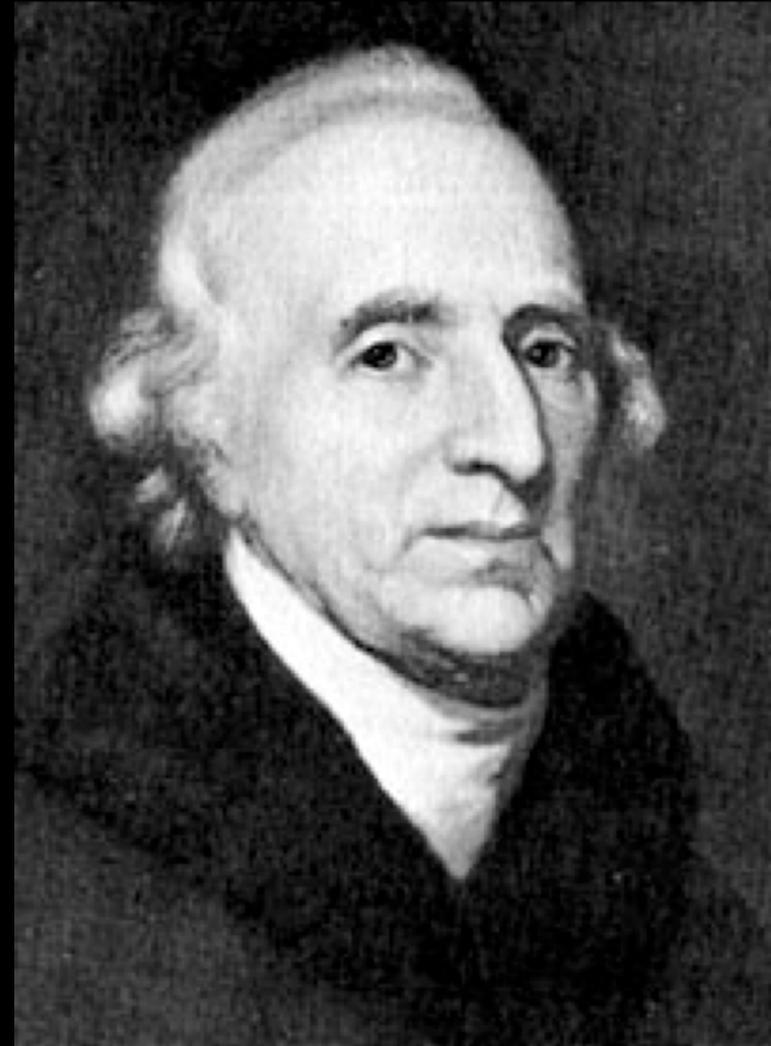
**“I . . . recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”**

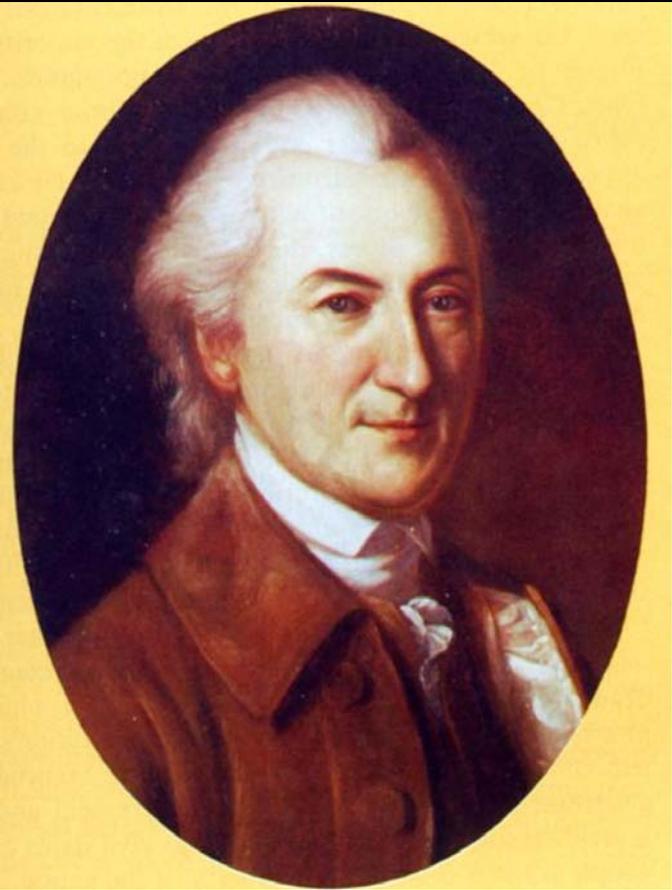


**–Will of Samuel Adams**

**“On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.”**

Letter from Charles Carroll to  
Charles W. Wharton, Esq.,  
September 27, 1825

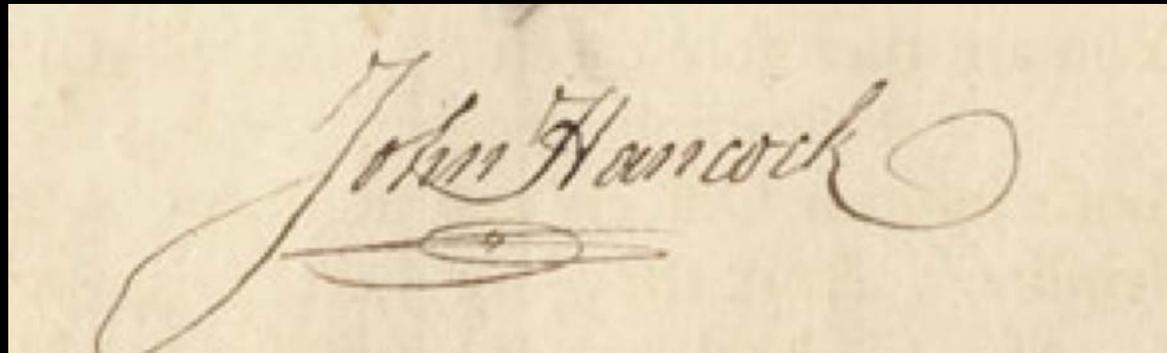




**“Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.”**

**–Will of John Dickinson,  
Signer of the Constitution**

**“I John Hancock, ... being advanced in years and being of perfect mind and memory-thanks be given to God-therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die [Hebrews 9:27], do make and ordain this my last will and testament... Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommend to the earth... nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God...”**

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Hancock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, aged piece of paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Hancock".

**“Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved son. He has been pleased to bless me with excellent parents, with a virtuous wife, and with worthy children. His protection has accompanied me through many eventful years, faithfully employed in the service of my country; His providence has not only conducted me to this tranquil situation but also given me abundant reason to be contented and thankful. Blessed be His holy name!”**

**–Will of John Jay**

**“I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing me my birth in a land of Gospel Light where the glorious tidings of a Savior and of pardon and salvation through Him have been continually sounding in mine ears.”**

–Robert Treat Paine, *The Papers of Robert Treat Paine*

**“[W]hen I consider that this instrument contemplates my departure from this life and all earthly enjoyments and my entrance on another state of existence, I am constrained to express my adoration of the Supreme Being, the Author of my existence, in full belief of his providential goodness and his forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state, acknowledging with grateful remembrance the happiness I have enjoyed in my passage through a long life. . . .”**

**–Will of Robert Treat Paine, signer, Declaration**

**“My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!”**

**Benjamin Rush, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Rush***

