

Decision Making in
the Voting Booth

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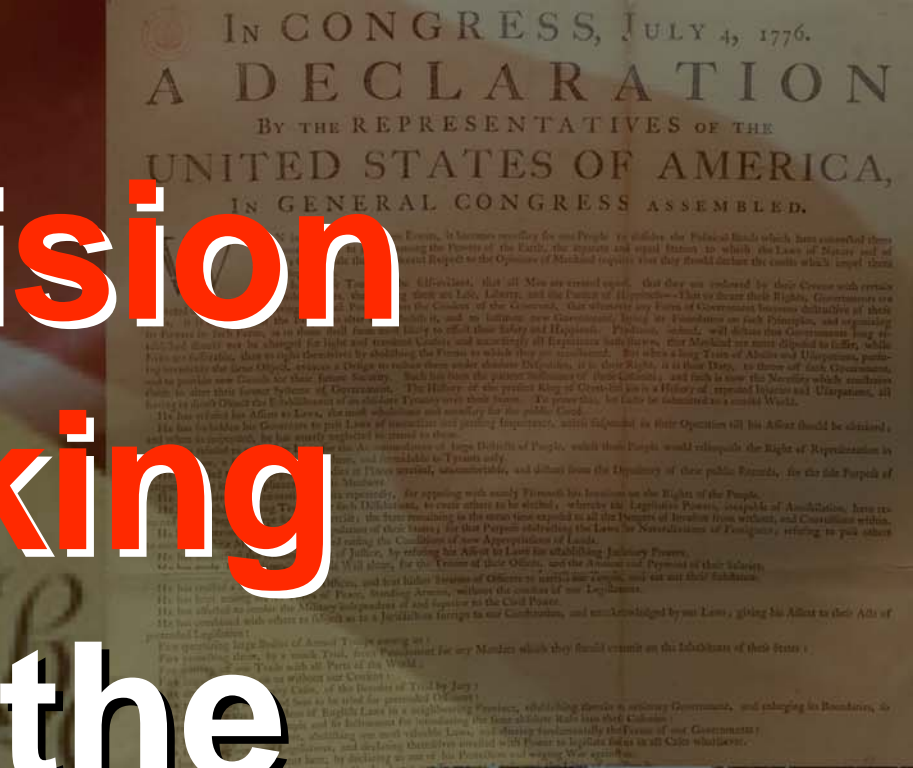
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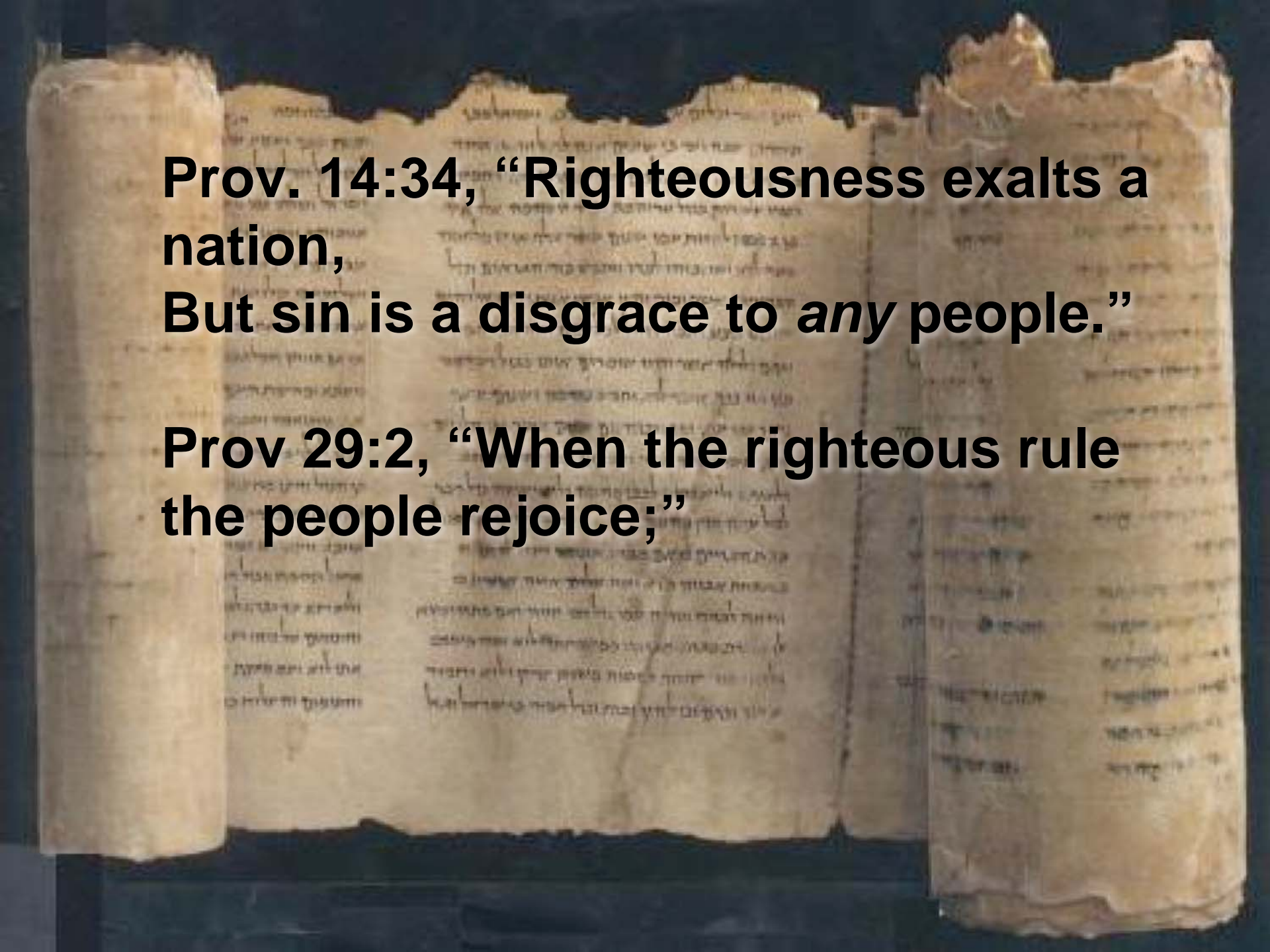


Summary:

Conclusion: All Christians who are citizens of the U.S., should vote wisely and intelligently to preserve and defend the Constitution for this glorifies God.

Therefore, the U.S. Citizen, in order to vote intelligently and wisely, must understand the thinking embodied in the U.S. Constitution so that he can vote in a way that preserves and protects our heritage.

By understanding this biblical framework which informed the thinking of the Founding Fathers, a Christian can then vote more intelligently and wisely to preserve and protect the Constitution and the freedoms it recognizes.



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

**Prov 29:2, “When the righteous rule
the people rejoice;”**

“Let me put it this way; there are really only two ways to interpret the Constitution – try to discern as best we can what the framers intended or make it up.”

–Justice Clarence Thomas

“The Constitution can be interpreted in so many ways... We need somebody who's got the heart, the empathy, to recognize what it's like to be a young teenage mom. The empathy to understand what it's like to be poor, or African-American, or gay, or disabled, or old. **And that's the criteria by which I'm going to be selecting my judges.”**

–Senator Obama

The Divine Institutions

The term “divine institution” has been used by Christians to speak of those absolute social structures established by God and embedded within the social structure of the human race. Thus these are for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike. These are unbreakable realities.

Modern paganism views them as by-products of man’s psycho-social evolution, “cultural conventions.”

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual responsibility

PRE_FALL

2. Marriage

Designed to promote

3. Family

**productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

POST-FALL

5. Nations

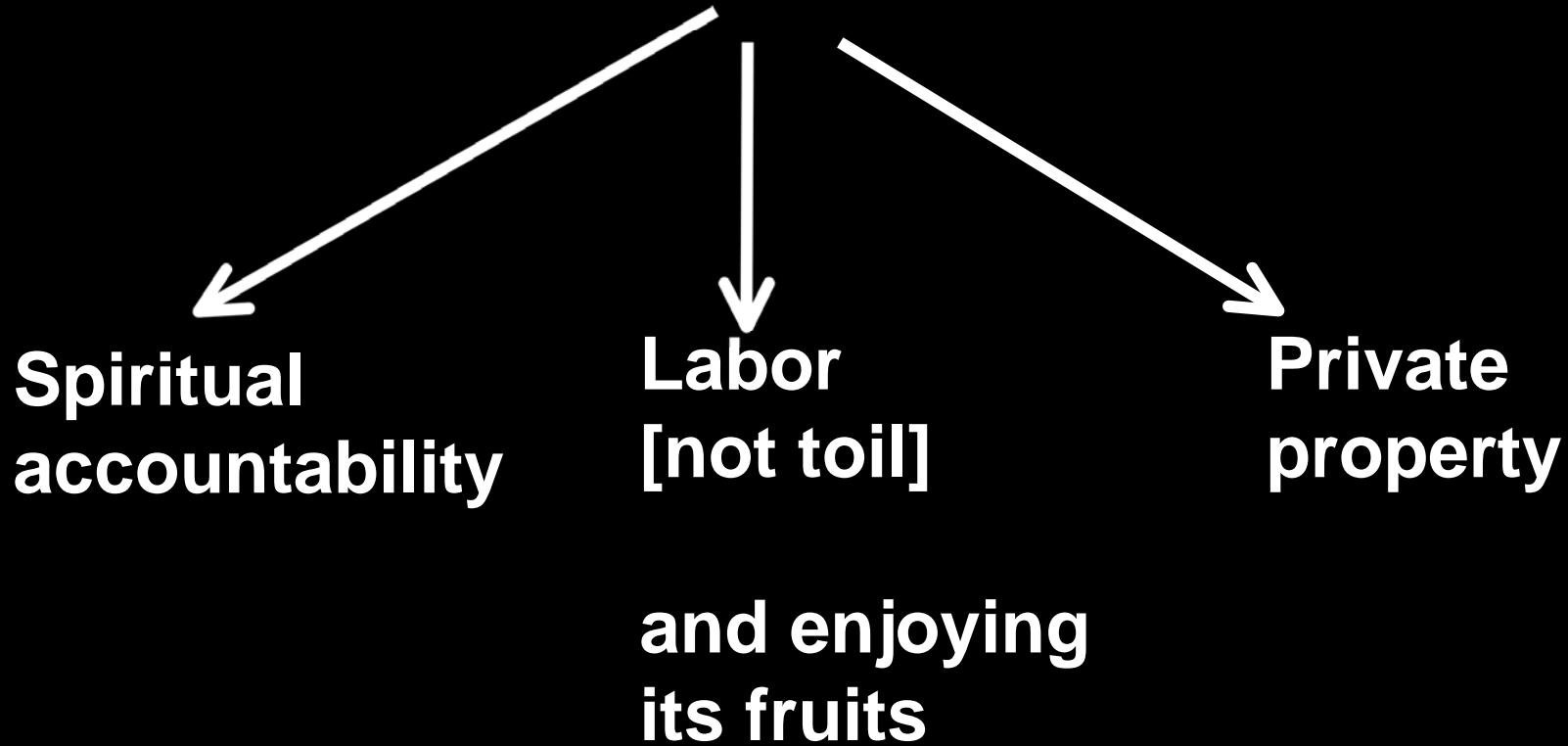
Designed to restrain evil

Gen. 1:27, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, “God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be **fruitful and **multiply**, and **fill** the earth, and **subdue** it; and **rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”**

Gen. 2:15, “Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”

DI #1: Individual Responsibility



Lk 22:36, “And He said to them, ‘But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.’”

Eph. 4:28, “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.”

2 Th. 3:10, “For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

2 Th. 3:11, “For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

2Th. 3:12, “Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.”

Lk 22:36, “And He said to them, ‘But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.’”

Matt. 20:15, “Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?”

Prov 13:22, “A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”

2 Cor 12:14, “Now *for* the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.”

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?”

Lev. 20:10, “If *there is* a man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, one who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Lev. 20:11, “If *there is* a man who lies with his father’s wife, he has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Lev. 20:12, “If *there is* a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

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. 20:14, “If *there is* a man who marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality; both he and they shall be burned with fire, so that there will be no immorality in your midst.

Lev. 20:15, “If *there is* a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal.”

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

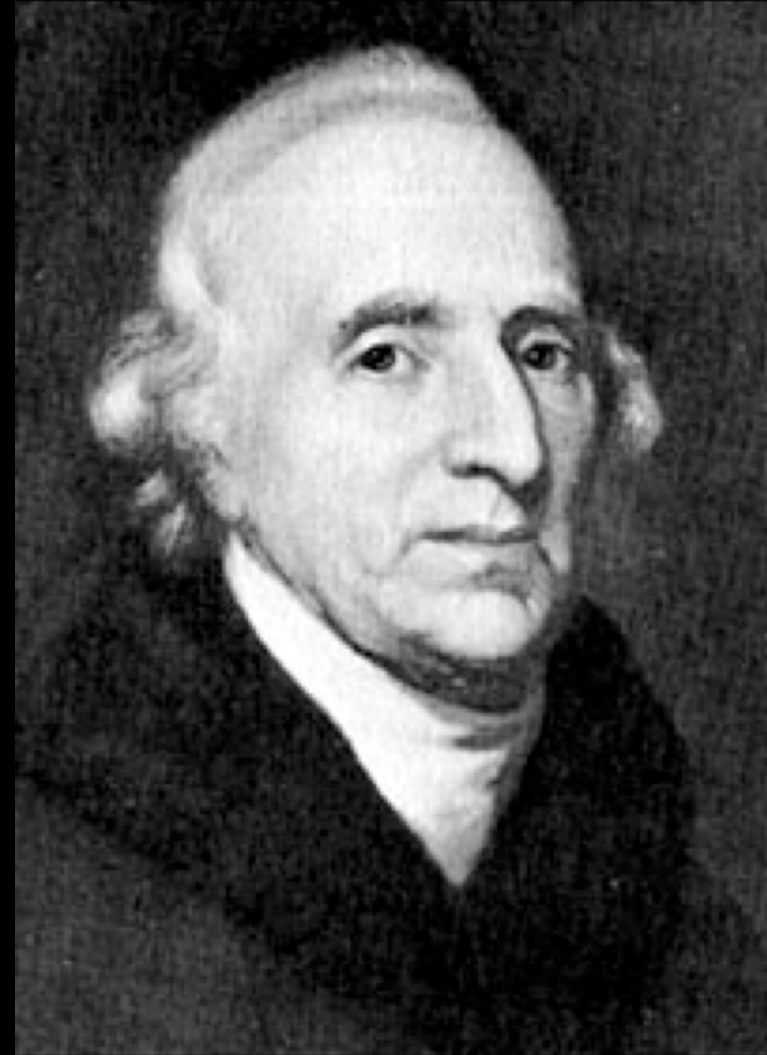
1 Tim. 1:10, “and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,”

“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**

“Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time;”

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



“The morality of the country is deeply engrafted upon Christianity. The people whose manners and morals have been elevated and inspired by means of the Christian religion.”

–New York Supreme Court

“The Christian concept of right and wrong, or right and justice, motivates every rule of equity. It is the guide by which we dissolve domestic frictions and the rule by which all legal controversies are settled.”

–Florida Supreme Court

“For if it [sodomy] once begins to prevail, not only will boys be easily corrupted by adults, but also by other boys; nor will it ever cease—more especially as it must thus soon lose all its shamefulness and infamy and become fashionable and the national taste; and then... national weakness (for which all remedies are ineffectual) must inevitably follow; not perhaps in the very first generation, but certainly in the course of the third or fourth...”

“Whoever, therefore, wishes to ruin a nation has only to get this vice introduced for it is extremely difficult to extirpate it where it has once taken root because it can be propagated with much more secrecy... and when we perceive that it has once got a footing in any country, however powerful and flourishing, we may venture as politicians to predict that the foundation of its future decline is laid and that after some hundred years it will no longer be the same... powerful country it is at present.”

—John David Michaelis

***Commentaries on the Laws of Moses*, legal text, 1814**