

We the People

of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute and establish the Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I

A GOVERNMENT  
UPON HIS  
SHOULDERS

Part 2

We were created in the  
image of God, and given  
assignment to have  
dominion over all the  
works of God's hands  
(angels included).

The natural condition of our existence is to be a free, self-governed people. However, since sin exists, governments exist to protect us from evildoers.

26 and He made from one *man*  
*every nation* of mankind to live on all  
the face of the earth, *having*  
*determined their appointed times*  
*and the boundaries of their*  
*habitation,*

Acts 17:26–27

27 *that they would seek God*, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Every nation has an obligation to seek God, and the purpose of every government must be to make it easy for its citizens to do so.

A people who reject God's  
direct authority will  
always seek the authority  
of a ruler to stand in His  
place.

33 who *by faith conquered*  
*kingdoms*, performed acts of  
righteousness, obtained  
promises, shut the mouths of  
lions...

**Hebrews 11:33**





*What, my old friend, is this world about to become? **Is the millennium commencing?** Are the kingdoms of it about to be governed by reason? [We] have set the universe in motion. Everything will be pulled down. So much seems certain. But what will be built up? Are there any principles of political architecture? What are they?*

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...*

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...

...when a long train of abuses and *usurpations*, ...The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and *usurpations*...We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity...to disavow these *usurpations*,

A government that seeks to displace or replace God has set its "throne" above God's, and is no longer acting as a minister of God for the people, but rather their Lord and master.

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*I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.*



***I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages.***



*And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven,*



*and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.*

1. A government with 3 equal branches:

22 For the LORD is our judge,  
The LORD is our lawgiver, The  
LORD is our king; He will save  
US...

Isaiah 33:22



## 2. Strong limits on the authority of Government:

9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

**Jeremiah 17:9**

**3: Churches will be exempt from paying taxes**

**24 "We also inform you that it is not allowed to impose tax, tribute or toll *on* any of the priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim or servants of this house of God.**

**Ezra 7:24**

## 4. *All in authority are subject to the Law of the land*

**14** “When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,’

**Deuteronomy 17:14–20**

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, *one* from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.

16 "Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

**17 "He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.**

**18** "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

19 "It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes,

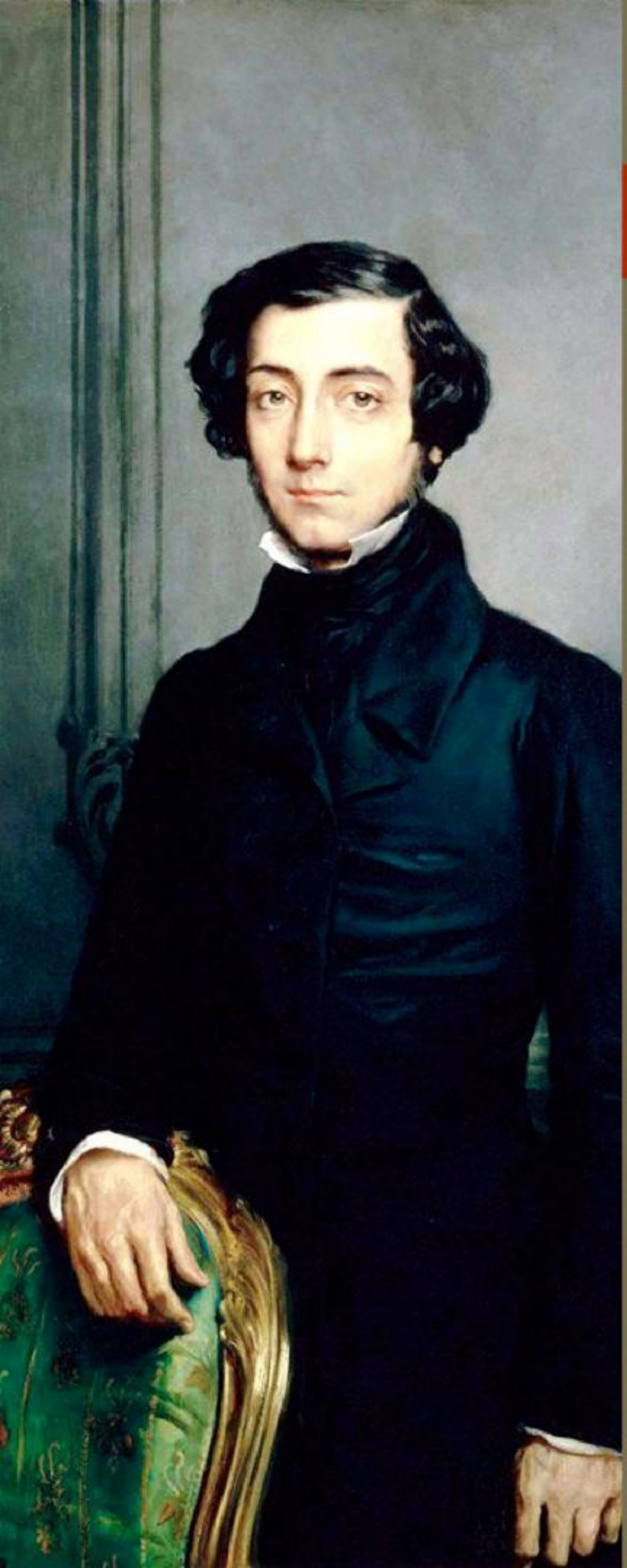


20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

## The testimony of Alexis de Toqueville (1830's)

*Upon my arrival in the United States the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more I perceived the great political consequences resulting from this new state of things... In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country...*





Religion in America...must be regarded as the foremost of the political institutions of that country; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of it. ...I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution... Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power...



America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." The safeguard of morality is religion, and morality is the best security of law as well as the surest pledge of freedom. The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other... Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts -- the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims.

5 ...and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now *appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations.*"

**1 Samuel 8:5–9**

**6 But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD.**

7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but *they have rejected Me from being king over them.*

8 “Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that *they have forsaken Me and served other gods*—so they are doing to you also.



9 "Now then, listen to their voice; however, *you shall solemnly warn them* and tell them of the procedure of the king who will reign over them."

19 Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "**No, but there shall be a king over us,**

1 Samuel 8:19–20

**20 that we also may be like all  
the nations, that our king may  
judge us and go out before us  
and fight our battles."**

Those who desire a king  
are not willing to take  
personal responsibility for  
the authority we have been  
given by God to govern  
ourselves.

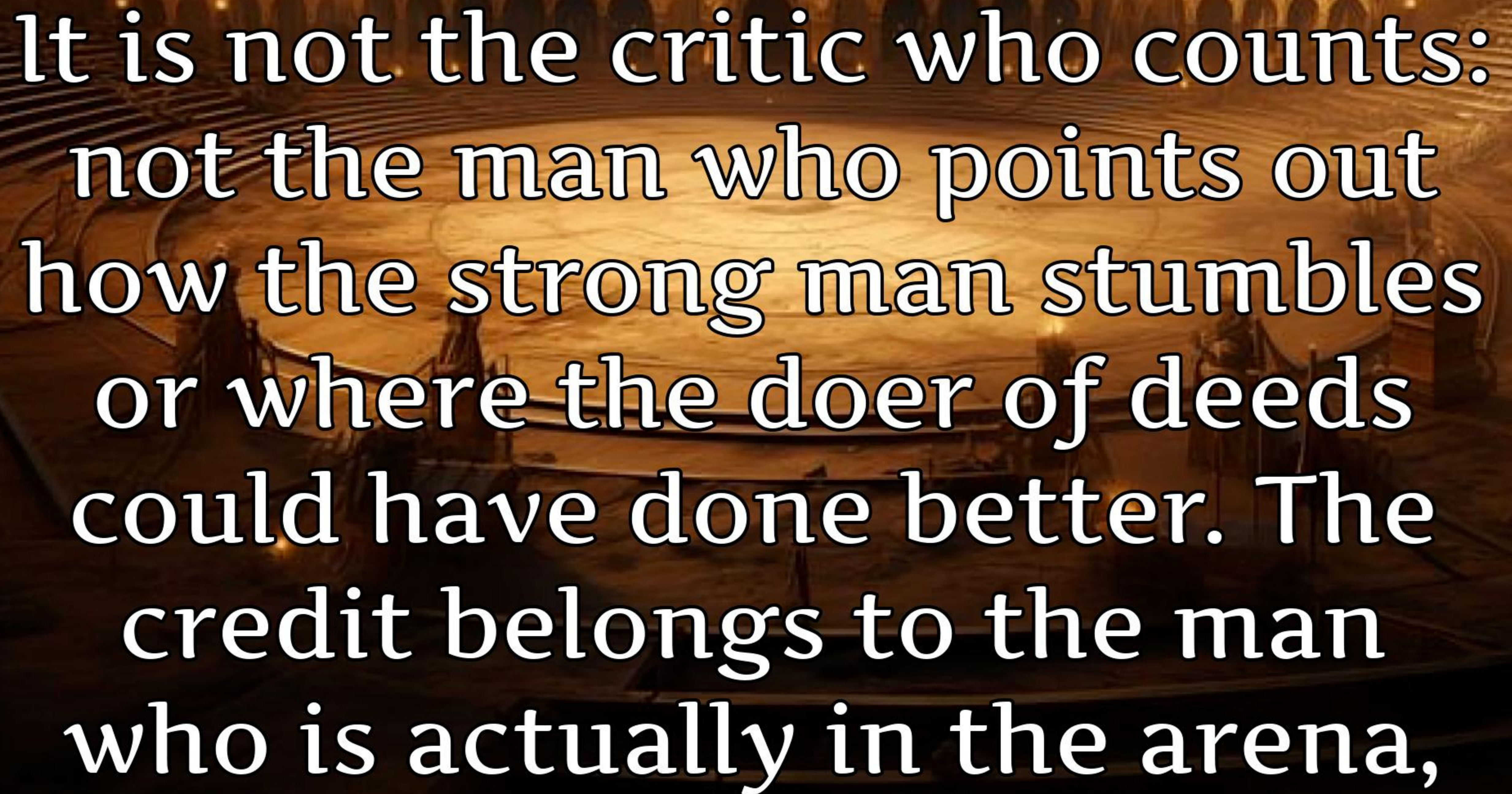
It is the church's  
responsibility to stand as  
priests and prophets —  
to pray without ceasing  
for those in authority,

to exhort and admonish  
God's people toward  
righteousness, and

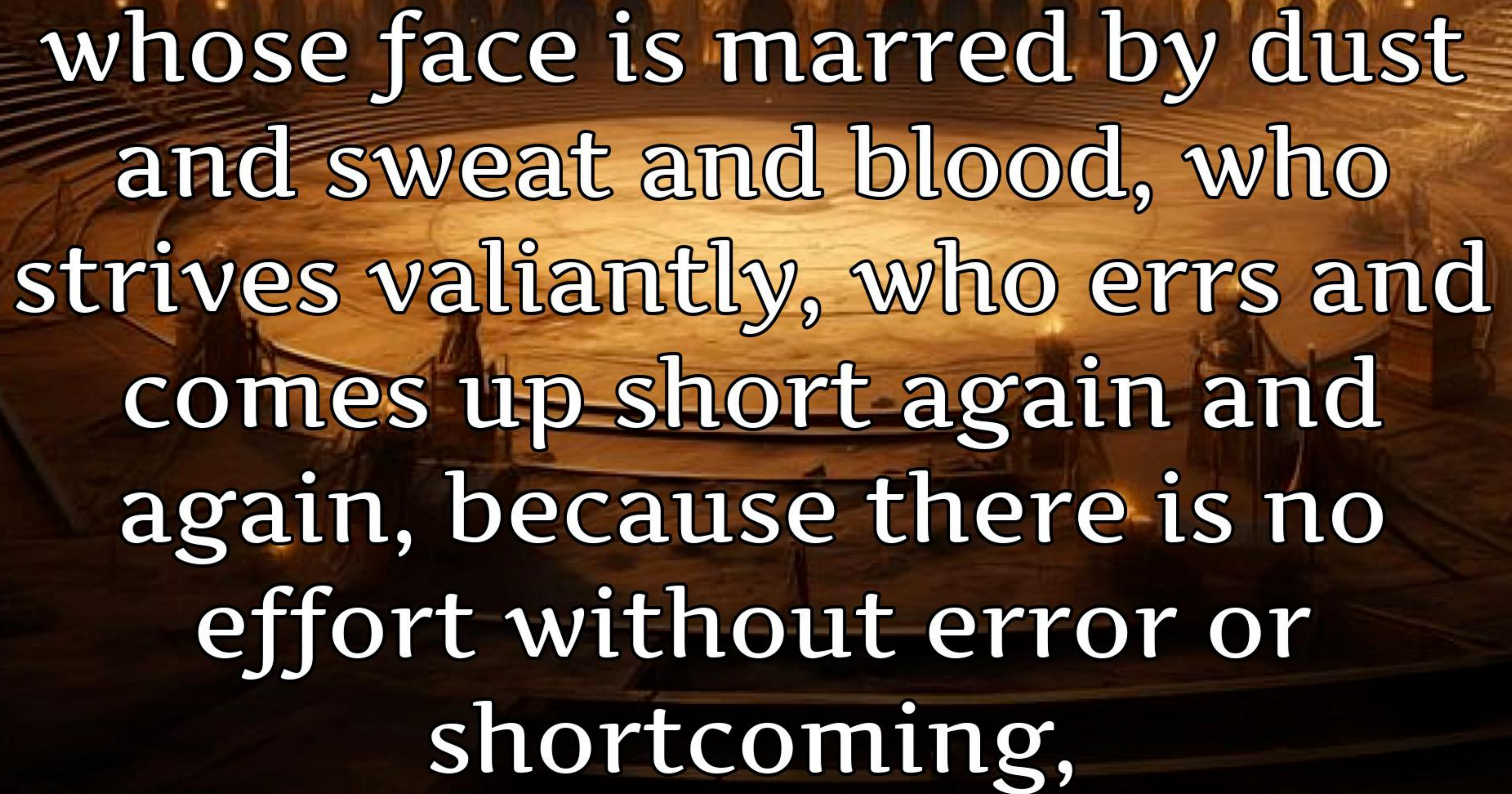
to stand firm in fearlessly  
proclaiming His truth to  
His ministers of  
government.

and to prayerfully  
consider whether it is  
your time to step into the  
arena.

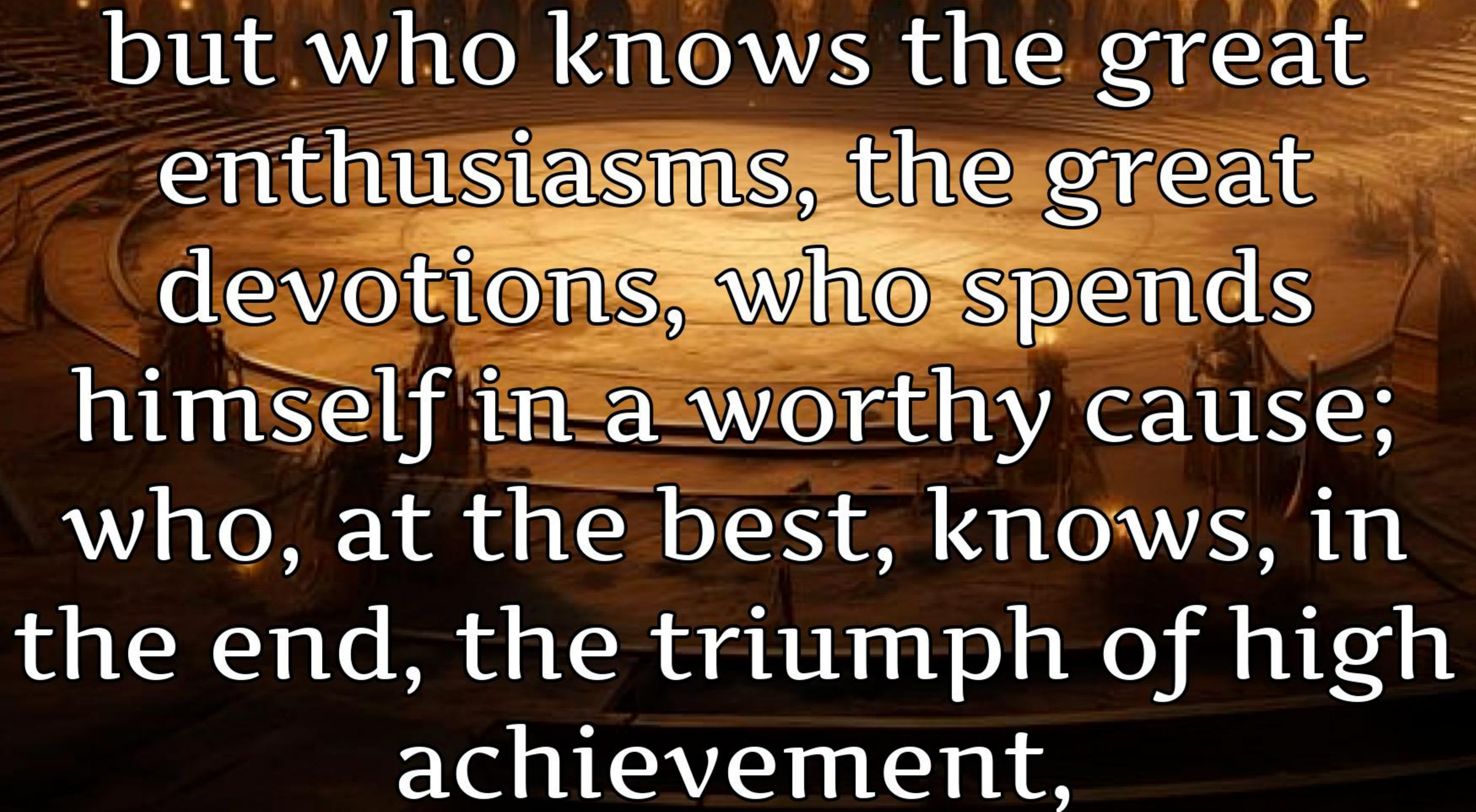




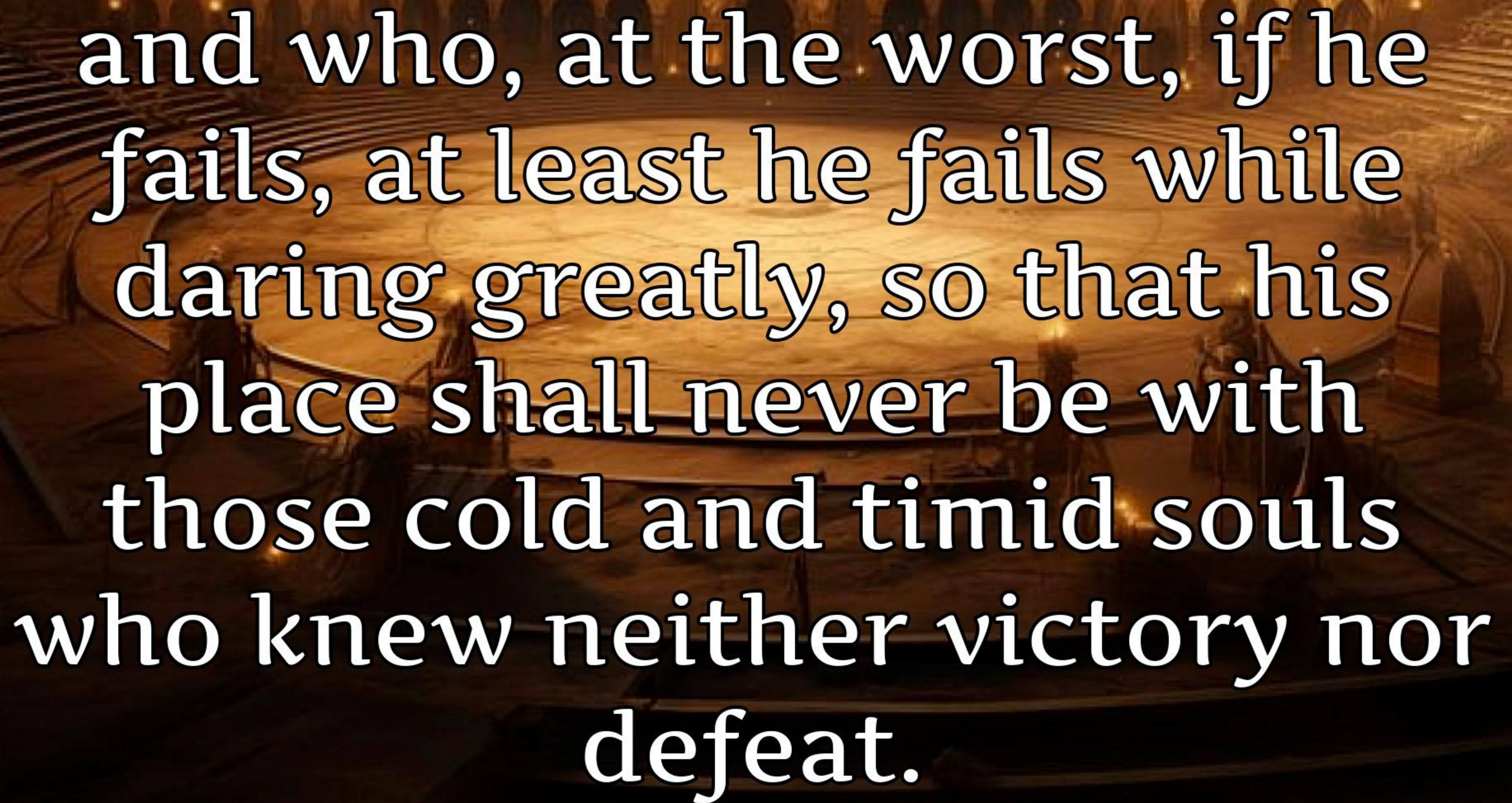
It is not the critic who counts:  
not the man who points out  
how the strong man stumbles  
or where the doer of deeds  
could have done better. The  
credit belongs to the man  
who is actually in the arena,



whose face is marred by dust  
and sweat and blood, who  
strives valiantly, who errs and  
comes up short again and  
again, because there is no  
effort without error or  
shortcoming,



but who knows the great  
enthusiasms, the great  
devotions, who spends  
himself in a worthy cause;  
who, at the best, knows, in  
the end, the triumph of high  
achievement,



and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.

Our nation was established in  
the afterglow of a Great  
Awakening by courageous men  
and women who put their  
faith into action by serving in  
the ministry of government.

For our nation to be revived,  
the same must occur again.