

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

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be admitted into or excluded from this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including Indians bound to Service, three fifths of all other Persons who are held as Servants, Apprentices or Indentured Servants, under the Laws of the State in which they shall reside, as they shall be determined by the Census, or Enumeration, which shall be taken every ten Years, in such Manner as they shall be directed by the Legislature of the United States, but the Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall be directed by the Legislature of the United States.

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6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And *the government will rest on His shoulders*; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6–7

7 There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To *establish* it and to *uphold it with justice and righteousness*. From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.



1 "Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; ***He will bring forth justice to the nations.***

Isaiah 42:1-4

**2 "He will not cry out or raise
His voice, Nor make His voice
heard in the street.**

3 "A bruised reed He will not
break And a dimly burning wick
He will not extinguish; *He will
faithfully bring forth justice.*

4 **"He will not be disheartened
or crushed Until He has
established justice in the earth;**
And the coastlands will wait
expectantly for His law."

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

James 3:13–16

14 But if you have ***bitter jealousy*** [“zelos”] and ***selfish ambition*** [“eritheia”] in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that
which comes down from above,
but is *earthly, natural [sensual],
demonic.*

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is *disorder and every evil thing.*

It is a poor witness to Christ
when Christians become
involved in dirty politics and
vengeance.

It is also a poor witness of Christ when the Church fails to take responsibility and act when lawlessness prevails.

Being "wise as serpents and
harmless as doves" means
using every legal and morally
upright means necessary to
maintain a consistent and
righteous standard in our land.

A responsible Citizen of Heaven is the best citizen a righteous government could ask for, but is a thorn in the side of a government that embraces unrighteousness.

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For *there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

Romans 13:1–7

2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

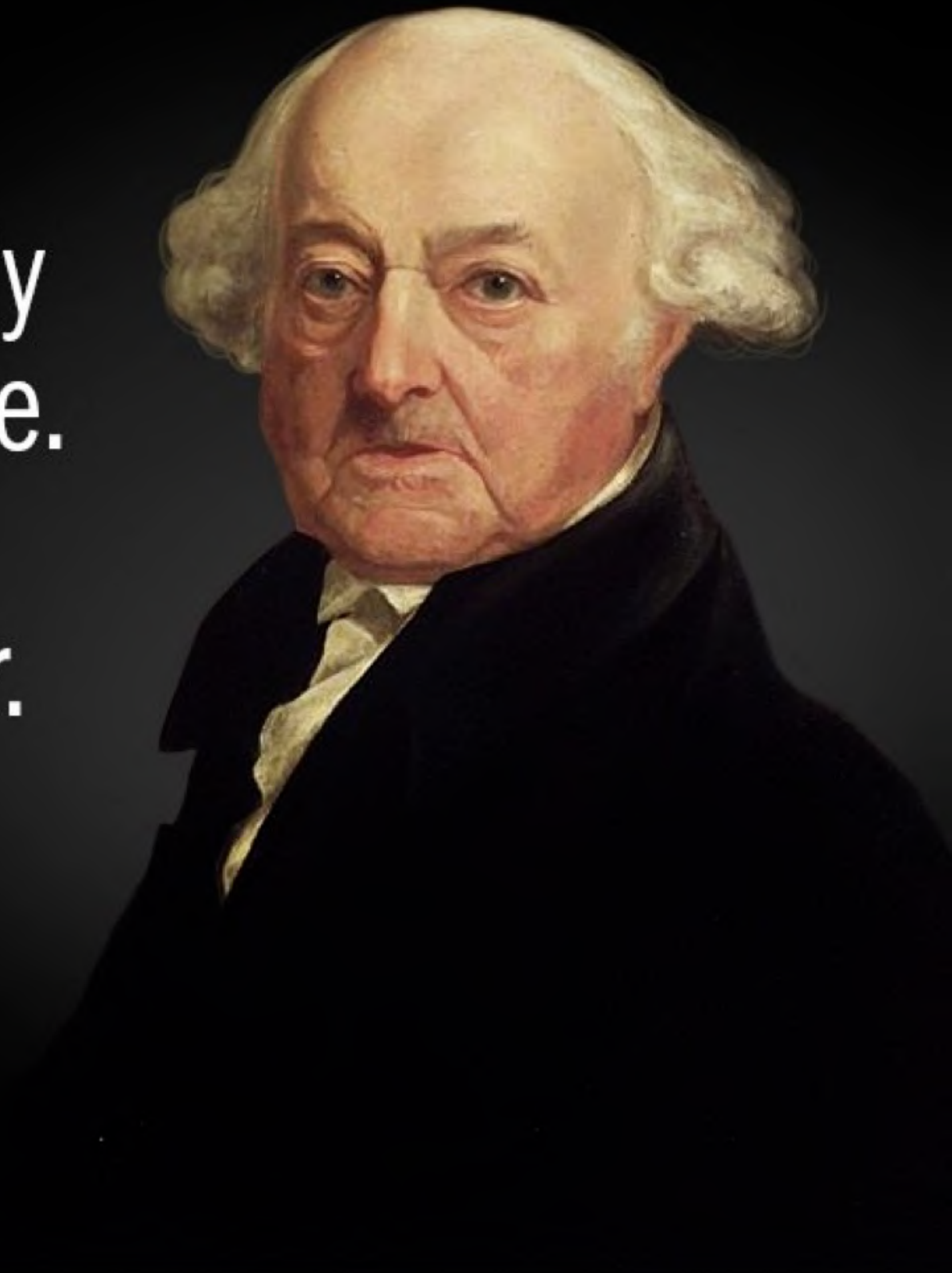
4 for *it is a minister of God* to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for *it does not bear the sword for nothing*; for it is a minister of God, *an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.*

Self-Government is a return to the order of things as it was in the Beginning, and is the only sanctioned and necessary government in Paradise.

Where there is a lack of self-government, Civil Government becomes a necessary Ministry of the Lord.

Our Constitution was made only
for a moral and religious people.
It is wholly **inadequate**
to the government of any other.

– John Adams



The mission of God's
Government in the earth (the
ekklesia/ church) is to raise up
disciples in nations who will
self-govern, and have no need
of law (external restraint) or
sword.

One responsibility of the
ekklesia is to ensure Civil
Government upholds its
responsibility to act as God's
minister, and not as a means of
controlling others.

Our nation was birthed during
a Great Awakening. It cannot be
restored to its godly
foundation without an
awakened church.

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, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism...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 His servant to the people, but rather their Lord and master.

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.**"*

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

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

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

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