

## **WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS**

"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."

This opening statement of the Declaration of Independence reveals the views held by our founding fathers. Those words are not legalese. They do not require a lawyer to explain them. They do not quote any human authority, -any judicial opinion, nor any philosopher. They do not quote anyone.

They wrote and believed things that are from outside of the finite boundaries of everyday thought. They thought on a scale that was above and beyond the authority of the government that had ruled them for many, many generations. They thought about the source of the rights which they intended the new national union to secure for them and their posterity. They believed fully that that source was not human. Rather, it was divine. It was eternal and unchanging. Its work was permanent and never ending. The rights bestowed upon the creation by "the Creator" are immutable until the end of the world.

The authors of the Declaration of Independence did not write about holding opinions to be self-evident, but holding "Truths" to be so. That is an unequivocal absolute when it comes to the subject being expounded on. Truth is not dependent on human opinion, action, or agreement. It is what it is. They believed certain Truths were known to all and confirmable by all and those Truths are the principles of **Natural Rights**.

The justification for the treasonous rebellion of the citizens of the colonies was based on self-evident natural rights, -which were being grievously violated by the henchmen of the King & his Parliament. The colonists asserted that those rights not only exist but that they are the only legitimate basis for government.

Those rights cannot be legitimately rescinded by government because they are not bestowed by government. They are bestowed by "the Judge of the World" who made all men free, -but subject to moral laws and the responsibility to live an upright and conscientious life.

Without **Divine Authority** as the source of the unalienable rights and responsibilities with which humans are born, the basis of a free democratic republic would crumble into the amoral rule of ~Rules & Bureaucracy, with no principles whatsoever behind the rules, nor a moral population willing to adhere to them.

There are societies in today's world where corruption is so ingrained into the psyche of the people that there is no outrage when it occurs because it is what everyone else would do. **Moral Law** has no preeminence there and therefore neither do Natural Rights.

First came the principles, then came a people willing to risk all to obtain the chance to employ those principles in a new form of government that would protect and support those unalienable natural rights with which all men are created.

One of those rights is membership in the group into which one is born. In contrast to *unnatural* groups whose membership is based on merit, -like Spartan warriors or Navy Seals, or sports teams, everyone possesses the natural right to membership in their parents' natural, cultural, ethnic, or national group. If one's parents belong to a group in which they have a natural right to be a member, then their child is born with that membership and becomes a member by nature.

That membership is their natural right. It can't be granted to them by kings or governments because no one has any right to "grant" unalienable rights with which everyone is born.

No one has a right to grant you the natural right to live, to be free, to own property, to marry and have a family, to pursue happiness, nor to be a part of the group or nation into which you were born. Rights that no man can bestow cannot be canceled by any legitimate government. The founding fathers felt that since all men are created equal, men have no moral authority to grant natural rights to other men, therefore it follows that governments also have no moral authority to grant such rights. And so they avoided doing that.

Consequently, there is no law by which you are an American citizen, -unless you were not born to American parents. Nothing in the Constitution delineates who is and isn't an American. The delineations of U.S. citizenship in U.S. Law were written later for those born to foreign fathers or mothers, and those who married foreign men; -or for foreigners who sought to become Americans, -or were "Native Americans", or natives of American territories. All who were granted U.S. citizenship by U.S. law are "*legal citizens*". Some of them possess Certificates of U.S. Citizenship. Do you have such a certificate? Are you a "legal citizen" or something else?

All those for whom there is no law are natural citizens. They're the 97%. Congress was not granted any authority regarding citizenship except over those who were not natural Americans. The Constitution granted Congress authority to write a uniform naturalization law and nothing else regarding citizenship. Natural American citizens are free of the authority of Congress in regard to their citizenship because they are the natives of the nation, -they are "the naturals" or "natural born citizens" and they created the Constitution and the government. They are exempt as the lone exception to the Constitution's prohibition against anyone else serving as the President and Commander-in-Chief.

Those who are "legal citizens" are not exempt from its prohibition because they are *man-made* citizens who gained their citizenship via human law. Natural-ization is the human attempt to make a person into something they are not by nature, -into a *natural* member of a group to which they don't naturally and fully belong. But they are equal to the natural members in every way...-except one. They're forbidden to serve as President and Commander-in-Chief since that's in violation of the United States Constitution. (Article II, Section I)