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## **America's Great Religious Document**

The Fourth of July is America's birthday. The anniversary of the declaring of the Declaration of Independence gives us a good chance to reflect our nation's religious roots. The best way to observe our nation's birthday is to reread and re-examine our Declaration of Independence and to rededicate ourselves to the principles of our nation's founding document.

### Did you know that the Declaration of Independence is America's great religious document?

The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God's existence as a "self-evident" truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God's country. The rights it defines are Godgiven. The actions of its signers are God-inspired.

### The Declaration of Independence proclaims God as Creator.

The Declaration contains five references to God – God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all rights, God as the

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They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings, like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)



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world's Supreme Judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely.

The Declaration of Independence declares that each of us is created. If we were created, we must have had a Creator. The Declaration of Independence declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities, as obviously they are not. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. Obviously and realistically, as the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God's creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person who has ever lived or ever

will live on this earth.



## The Declaration of Independence proclaims natural rights as gifts of God.

The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God – natural rights – which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history.

### Knowledge of our Declaration of Independence should be required of all schoolchildren.

The unchangeable Declaration of Independence forever pledges the firm reliance of the American people on the continued protection of God's divine providence. School children should be taught that many of the men who signed it pay dearly for their courage – and that's why we are able to enjoy our freedom and independence.

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