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Our Declaration displays a collective portrait of our expectations for a full, enriching life. Marvel at the shear genius behind our Founding Fathers' choice of words. Do not for one second think this is trivial.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with <u>certain</u> unalienable Rights, that <u>among these</u> are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness - ..."

"All Men" are born with "certain unalienable Rights":

Certain – certain as the sun rising every morning - The next phrase in the Declaration starts with "among these". There is no mistaking that certain means expansive. "Certain" cannot mean specific or limiting and logically coexist with the next phrase "among these".

Unalienable – cannot be lost through limiting law, misapplication of law, improper procedure, misunderstanding, ignorance, or manipulation

Rights – Natural born, not given to us by government, but secured by constitutionally directed government

"Among these" - [not limited to these] are "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness":

These words are broad, all encompassing, and not limiting. "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" sums it all up in one phrase. As long as it does not infringe upon any other human being, the meaning is all encompassing, expansive - left to each person to define for himself.

- Life (existence) The Right to Life originates with our parents desires, their "*Pursuit of Happiness*". Once alive, you have the Right to stay alive until natural death.
- Liberty *opportunity: independence, freedom of choice, freedom*¹. Independence from anyone else, not sustained by anyone, including government, hence Sovereignty. From this evolves the Right to work to support yourself and maintain your family's Freedom.
- Pursuit of Happiness The Right to pursue our purpose in life, the pure enjoyment of the other two categories. The Right to evolve, to seek our Soul's essence. The Evolution of our species.

Evolution: the gradual development of something into a more complex or better form

Their words covered it all:

"that <u>among these</u> [certain as the sun rising] [unlimited unalienable Rights] are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness".

What else would you need to add? Detoxifying [emphasis] is added to counter the effects of long standing, now commonplace, word manipulation destroying their true meaning.

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"All Men's" birth automatically establishes these "Rights" (collectively termed Freedom), authorized by God alone. The one word, Freedom, does not transmit the vastness of its meaning. Focusing on our founders' term "Unalienable Rights" gives you a glimpse at their resolve to accurately transmit precise meaning.

Unalienable - see inalienable - not transferable or assignable

Inalienable Right – A right that cannot be transferred or surrendered; esp., a natural right such as the right to own property

Our "*Creator*" gave us our Freedom, which precedes the U.S. Constitution and formation of government. Freedom always transcends government, no matter how big. Freedom is outside government's authority to define or modify.

"As in our intercourse with our fellow-men certain principles of morality are assumed to exist, without which society would be impossible, so certain inherent rights lie at the foundation of all action, and upon a recognition of them alone can free institutions be maintained. These inherent rights have never been more happily expressed than in the declaration of independence, that new evangel of liberty to the people: 'We hold these truths to be self- evident'--that is, so plain that their truth is recognized upon their mere statement--'that all men are endowed'--not by edicts of emperors, or decrees of parliament, or acts of congress, but 'by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.'--that is, rights which cannot be bartered away, or given away, or taken away, except in punishment of crime--'and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and to secure these'--not grant them, but secure them--'governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.' Among these inalienable rights, as proclaimed in that great document, is the right of men to pursue their happiness, by which is meant the right to pursue any lawful business or vocation, in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights of others, which may increase their prosperity or develop their faculties, so as to give to them their highest enjoyment." Butchers' Union slaughter-House v. Crescent city livestock landing, 111 U.S. 746, 4 S.Ct. 652 (1884)

These "Rights" exist despite government. They are not a function of, controlled by, or in any way qualified or quantified by government.

"...that to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, ..."

It is self-evident within the Declaration of Independence that it is the first fundamental American law of the People.

"... do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, ..."

This law existed (Jul 4, 1776) before, and independently of the U.S. Constitution (Sep 17, 1787), and before government. There are no provisions within this document for alteration. Each document's date proves government cannot create law defining, diluting, or in any way hampering this "specification" for Freedom.

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Our fundamental document is chock-full of spiritual basis. There is no separation of "*church*" and "*state*". Church references a place for contemplation, a devotion of time to a higher purpose. It is a trusting place for mind's repair, authorized only by your personal consent, and revocable in the instant you stop contemplating (prayer). Many religions designate the spot for prayer an "alter".

Alter: change: to make changes to something or somebody, or be changed or become different Prayer:

- 1. communication with God or other being: a spoken or unspoken communication with God, a deity, or a saint. It may express praise, thanksgiving, confession or a request for something such as help or somebody's wellbeing.
- 4. earnest request: an earnest request for something
- 5. something wished for: something that is wanted or hoped for very much My only prayer is to see grandchildren before I die.
- 7. LAW request in petition: a request contained in a petition

The essence of Prayer is change, improvement. Reviewing our actions, separating evil (wrong direction) from our desires and dreams, organizing them into coherent thought (plan), scrutinizing them under the Supreme Authority of Humanity ("*Morality and Reason*"), we may pursue understanding (enlightenment) and nurturing (Inspiration) to further creativity, the spirit's essence.

Prayer is a private, individual informal request for alteration of current conditions to a higher, completely unbiased, unpaid, nonpolitical judge. It is the lone, personal voice seeking fairness and validity. It is a cry from darkness to whoever might listen, provide help (enlightenment).

Contemplating this section, you develop your own personal image of what soul's essence (Freedom) is supposed to be. You must defy prior misconceptions and government manipulation. Establish in your own mind its vastness. Do not settle for government's translation. Do not settle for anyone else's.

America's morality rests on your vision. Freedom exists naturally pure, unrestricted, and complete. Freedom needs no construction. It needs nothing added, nothing written. It is an intangible abstraction, the host for "Morality and Reason" and personally varying desires in every human's mind. It only requires the act of conscious living to manifest.

Freedom only has one requirement; humans must respect all life and treat one another equally. In morally advanced society, the only law required is "The Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would have others do unto you*", equalizing everyone's enjoyment of Freedom. This law supports evolution, the improvement toward a perfect society. It is from intrusion into Freedom that all government, all law is formed.

Freedom's expanse is in daring the odds, striving for the unattainable. Freedom thrives on dreams and inspiration.