THE BIBLE AND VOTING



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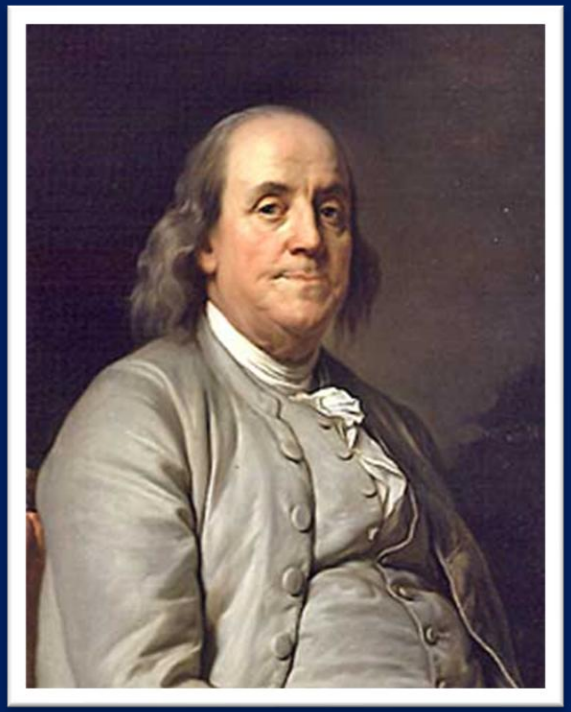
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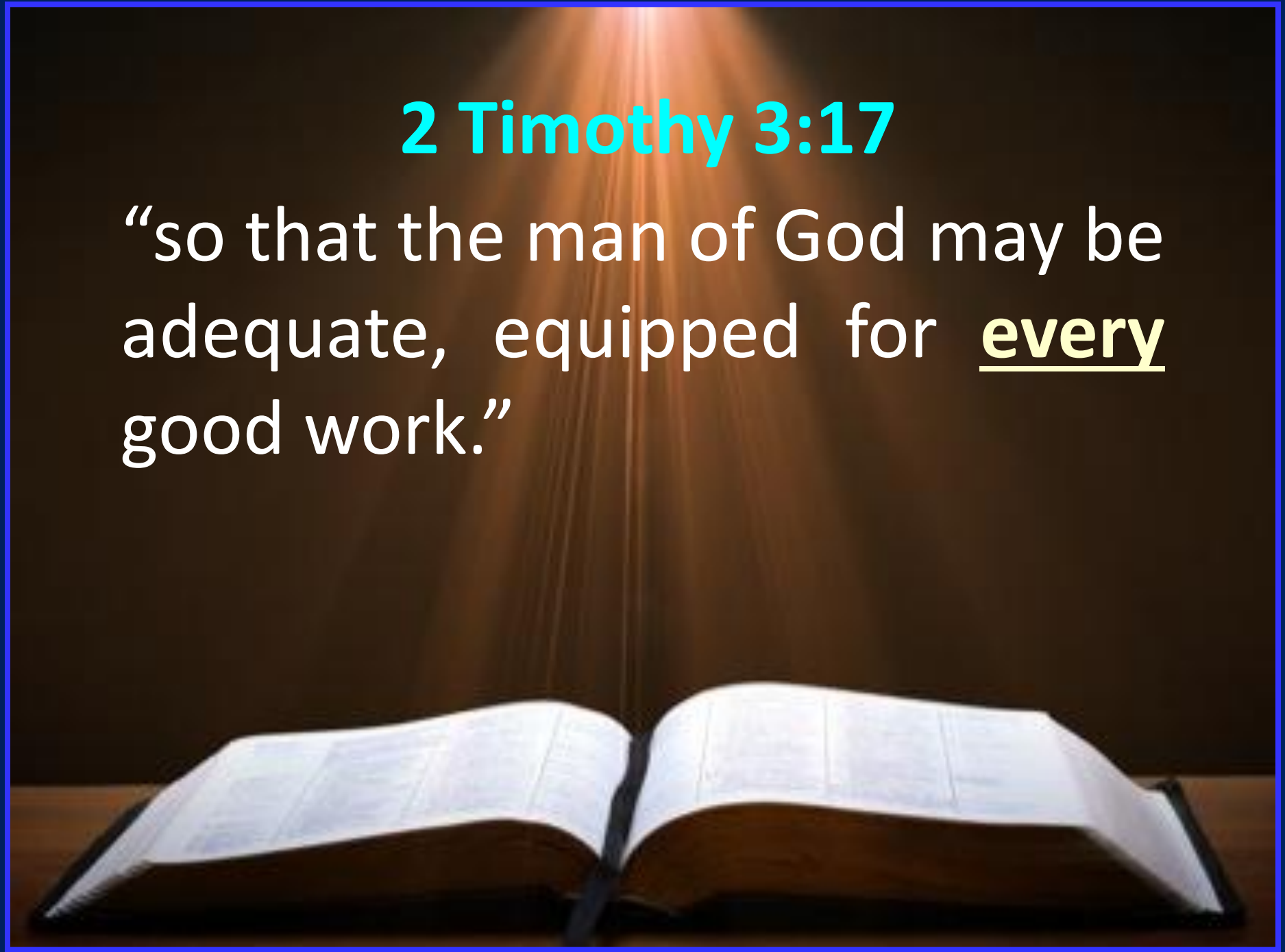
At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when queried as he left Independence Hall on the final day of deliberation (in the notes of Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland's delegates to the Convention) a lady asked Dr. Benjamin Franklin, "Well Doctor what have we got a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic replied the Doctor **if you can keep it**."

The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, ed. Max Farrand, vol. 3, appendix A, p. 85 (1911, reprinted 1934).



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2 Timothy 3:17
“so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

2 Peter 1:3-4

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent **promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.



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John Adams



“The moment the idea is admitted into society, that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. If "Thou Shalt Not Covet," and "Thou Shalt Not Steal" were not commandments of Heaven, they must be made inviolable precepts in every society before it can be civilized or made free.”

John Adams, *A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*, 3 vols., American Constitutional and Legal History, ed. Leonard W. Levy (London: Dilly, 1787; reprint, NY: Da Capo, 1971), 3:217

Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto 1848

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Genesis 8:21

*The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for **the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth**; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].*



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*While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And **cold and heat**, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease.*



Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

	Noahic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant
Human instrument	Noah	Abraham	Moses
Scripture	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
People	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
Israel	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel
Conditional or unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
Promises	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
Sign	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
Purpose	Restraint	Redemptive	Redemptive

Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
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LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**





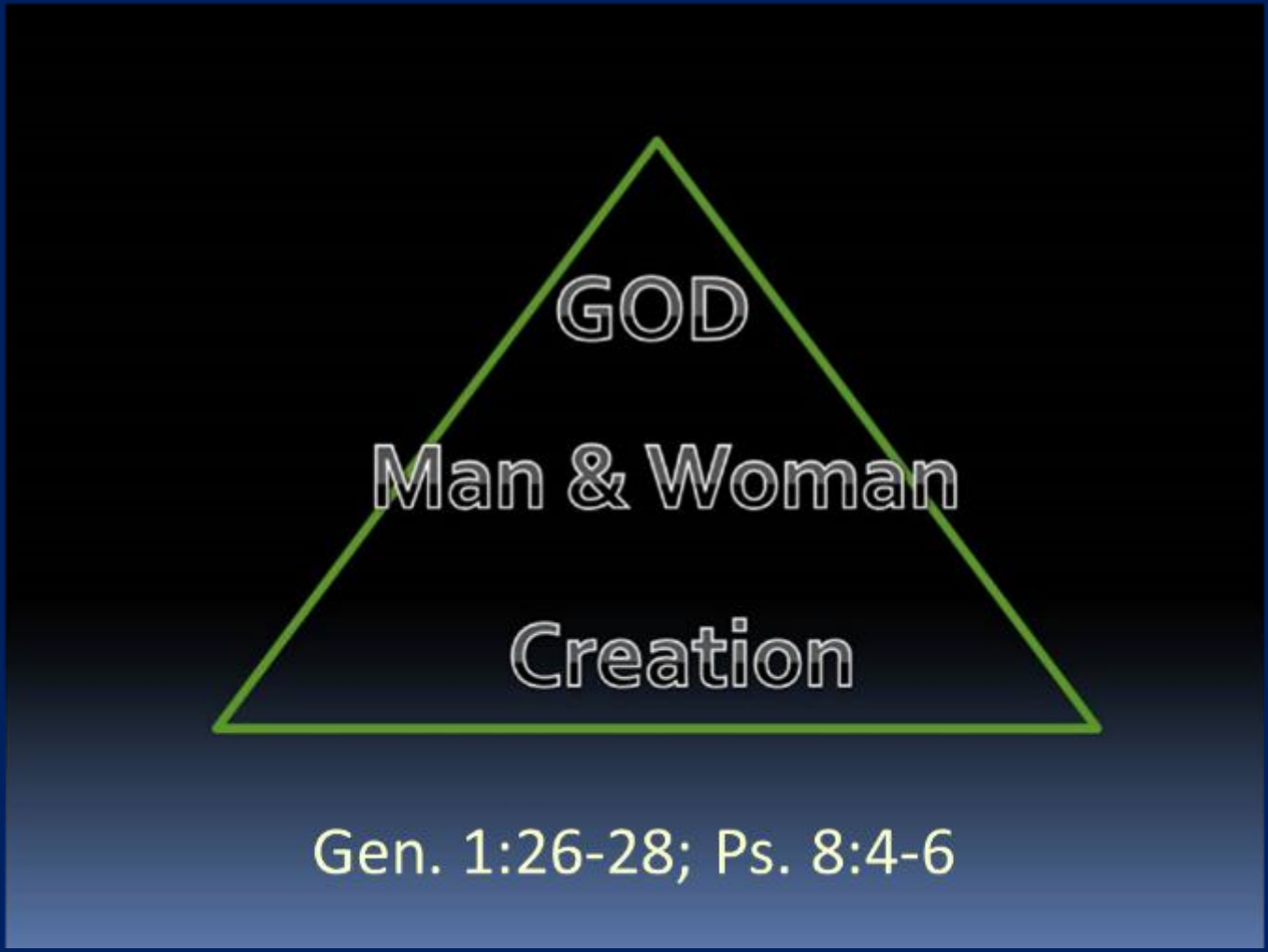


Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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Theocratic Administrator



The Earth has a Fever



Mother Earth



Gaia Hypothesis



"According to the Gaia Hypothesis, we are parts of a greater whole. If we endanger her, she will dispense with us in the interest of a higher value–that is, life itself."

Vaclav Havel, "What the World Needs Now," *New Age Journal* (September/October 1994): 162; quoted in William Grigg, *Freedom on the Altar* (Appleton, WI: American Opinion, 1995), 161.



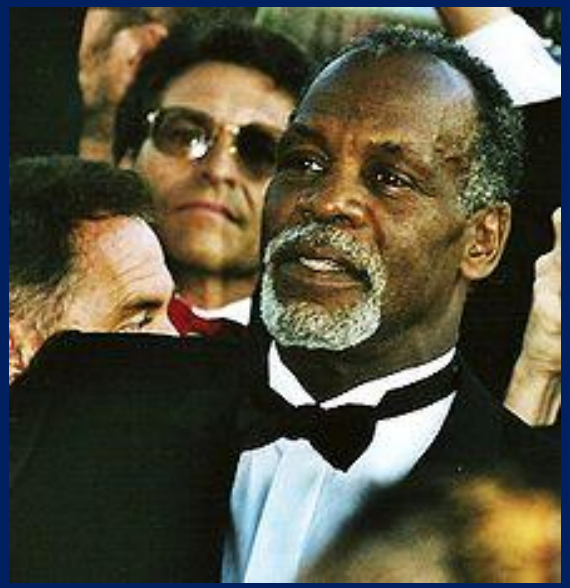
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"Gaia is Mother Earth. Gaia is immortal. She is the eternal source of life. She does not need to reproduce herself as she is immortal. She is certainly the mother of us all, including **Jesus…Gaia is not a tolerant mother. She is rigid and inflexible, ruthless in the destruction of whoever transgresses**. Her unconscious objective is that of maintaining a world adapted to life. If we men hinder this objective we will be eliminated without pity."

James Lovelock, Orion Nature Quart 8, no. 1 (1989): 58; quoted in Coffman, Saviors of the Earth, 145.

Gaia Hypothesis

"What happened in Haiti could happen to anywhere in the Caribbean because all these island nations are in peril because of global warming…When we see what we did at the climate summit in Copenhagen, this is the response, this is what happens, you know what I'm sayin'?"



www.huffingtonpost.com/.../**danny**-**glover**-**haiti**-earthq_n_425160.html

Gaia Hypothesis

"In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill..."

Alexander King and Betrand Schneider, *The First Global Revolution* (New York: Pantheon, 1991), 115.

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According to Al Gore, “we must make the rescue of the environment the central organizing principle for civilization.”

Al Gore, *Earth in the Balance* (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1992), 269.

Management by Crisis

"You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." Rahm Emanuel



www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb-YuhFWCr4



Remarks on Climate Change

"When I think about the array of…**global threats –… terrorism, epidemics, poverty, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction** – all challenges that know no borders – the reality is that **climate change ranks right up there with every single one of them**...Or think about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It doesn't keep us safe if the United States secures its **nuclear arsenal**, while other countries fail to prevent theirs from falling into the hands of **terrorists**…"

http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/02/221704.htm

UN Globalism Conferences

UN Conference	Stated Goal
Earth summit, Río de Janeiro, 1992	Protect the environment
Human rights conference, Vienna, 1993	Protect human rights
Population Conference, Cairo, 1994	Prevent starvation and poverty

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Habitat conference, Istanbul, 1996	Provide global housing for all
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Conclusion:
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