

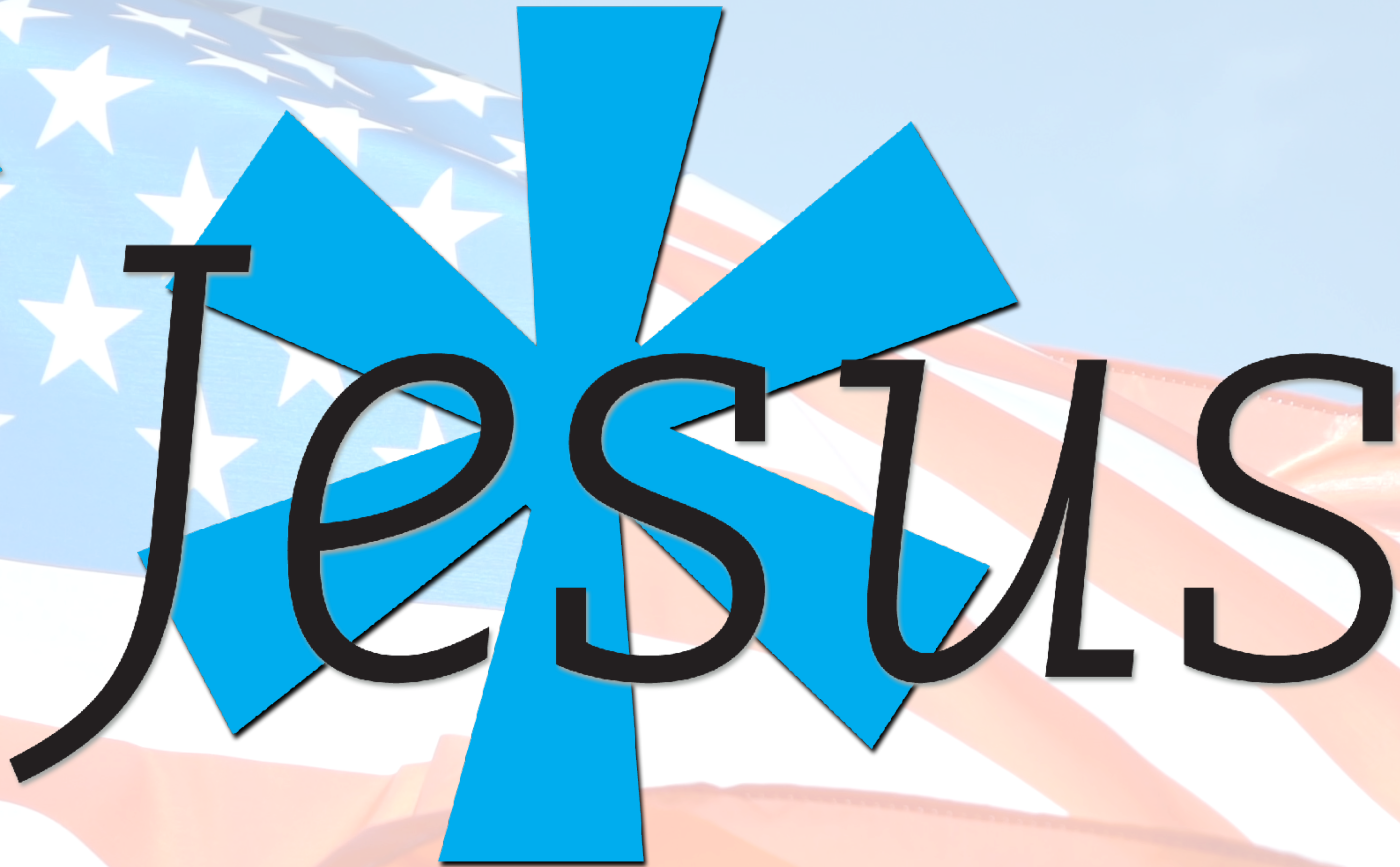


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First Amendment rights
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Thomas Jefferson:

“We hold these truths to be self evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

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, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

. . . And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”

New Hampshire:

Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts:

John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island:

Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut:

Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New York:

William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey:

Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania:

Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware:

Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

Maryland:

Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia:

George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

North Carolina:

William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina:

Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia:

Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton



Romans 13:1-2

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.





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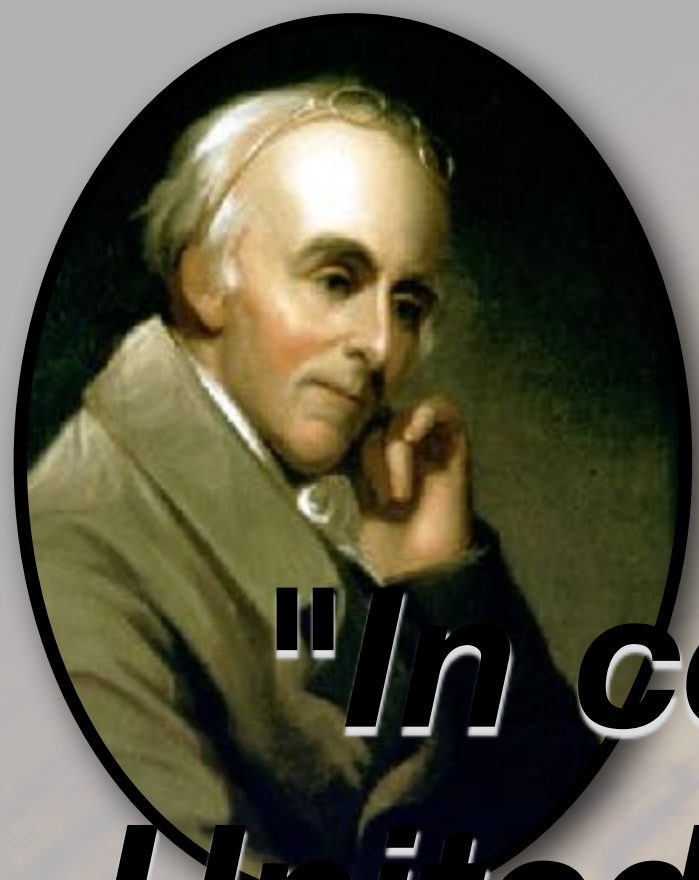
“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles to this we owe our free constitutions of government.”



Noah Webster:

“The Christian religion in it’s purity is the bases and source of all genuine freedom in government. I am persuaded that no civil government in the republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of Christianity are not a controlling influence.”

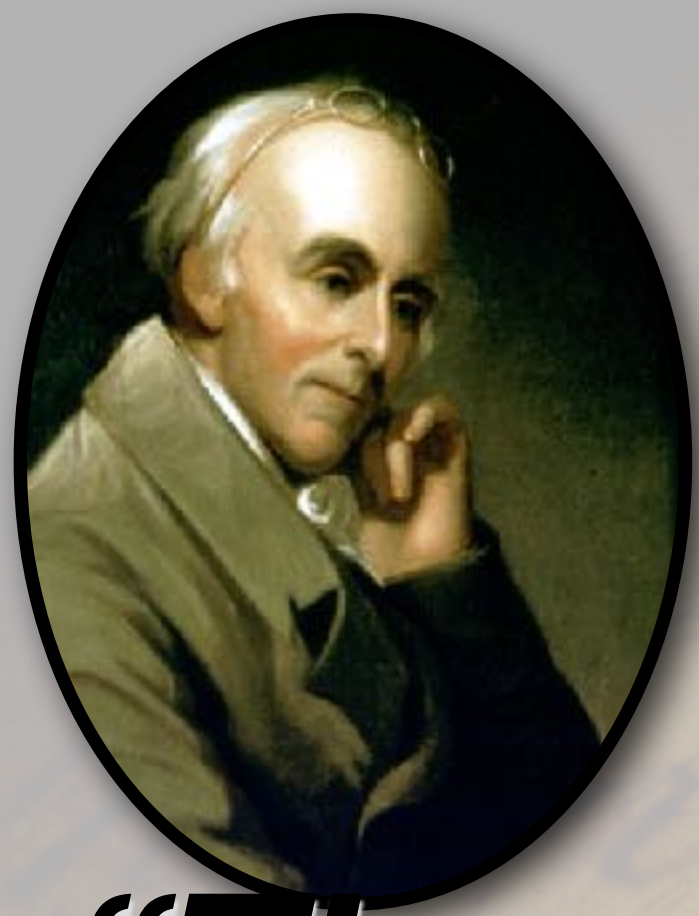
(Noah Webster in a letter to James Madison)



Benjamin Rush:

"In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes, and take so little pains to prevent them. We profess to be republicans and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government. That is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible."

(Benjamin Rush, "A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book", 1798)



Benjamin Rush:

“The only foundation for...a republic is to be laid in Religion . . . Christianity is the only true and perfect religion; and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts they will be wise and happy.”

(Benjamin Rush, “A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a School Book”, 1798)



Charles Carroll:

“Without morals, a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion . . . are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments.”

(Charles Carroll Letter to James McHenry, November 4, 1800)



Patrick Henry:

“The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor . . . and this alone, that renders us invincible.”

(Patrick Henry Letter to Archibald Blair, January 8, 1799)









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Benjamin Franklin:

“He who should introduce into public affairs the principles of Christianity should change the face of the world.”

Freedom of Speech

Freedom of Religion



Noah Webster's Dictionary:

Freedom Of Speech =

“The right to express facts and opinions subject only to reasonable limitations (as the power of the government to protect itself from a clear and present danger) guaranteed by the 1st and 14th amendments to the U. S. Constitution and similar provisions of some state constitutions.”



Thomas Jefferson:

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The First Amendment:

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First Amendment Freedoms

- The right to establish religion.
- The right to free exercise of religion.
- The freedom of speech.
- The freedom of the press.
- The right to peaceably assemble.
- The right to petition or protest.

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Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

**Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him,
*“Where are you?”***

So he said, *“I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”*

Genesis 2:19-20a

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.





Genesis 2:9-13

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him,
“Where are you?”

So he said, *“I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”*

And He said, *“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”*

Then the man said, *“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”*

And the LORD God said to the woman, *“What is this you have done?”*

The woman said, *“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*







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Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

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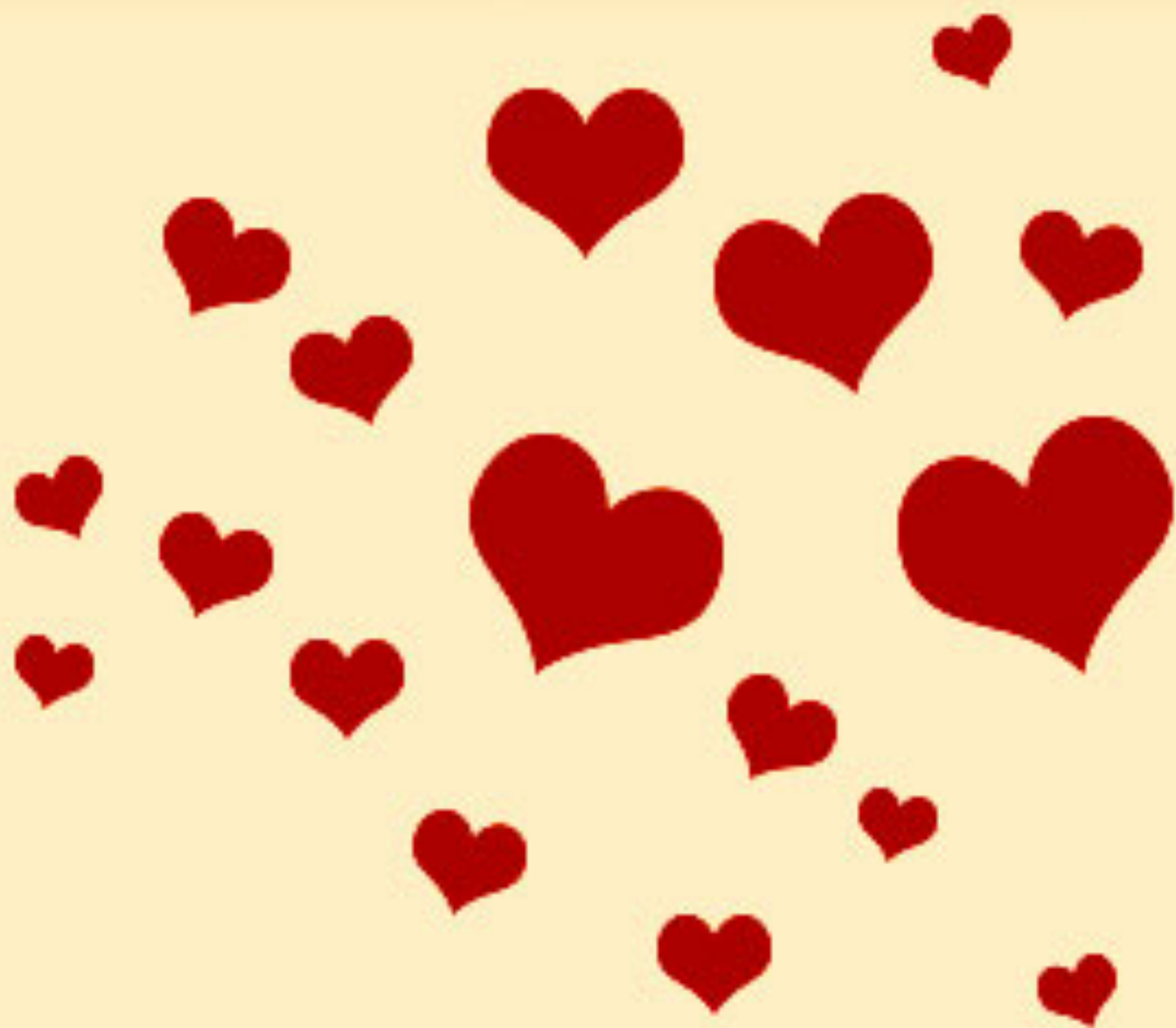
2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

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Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.



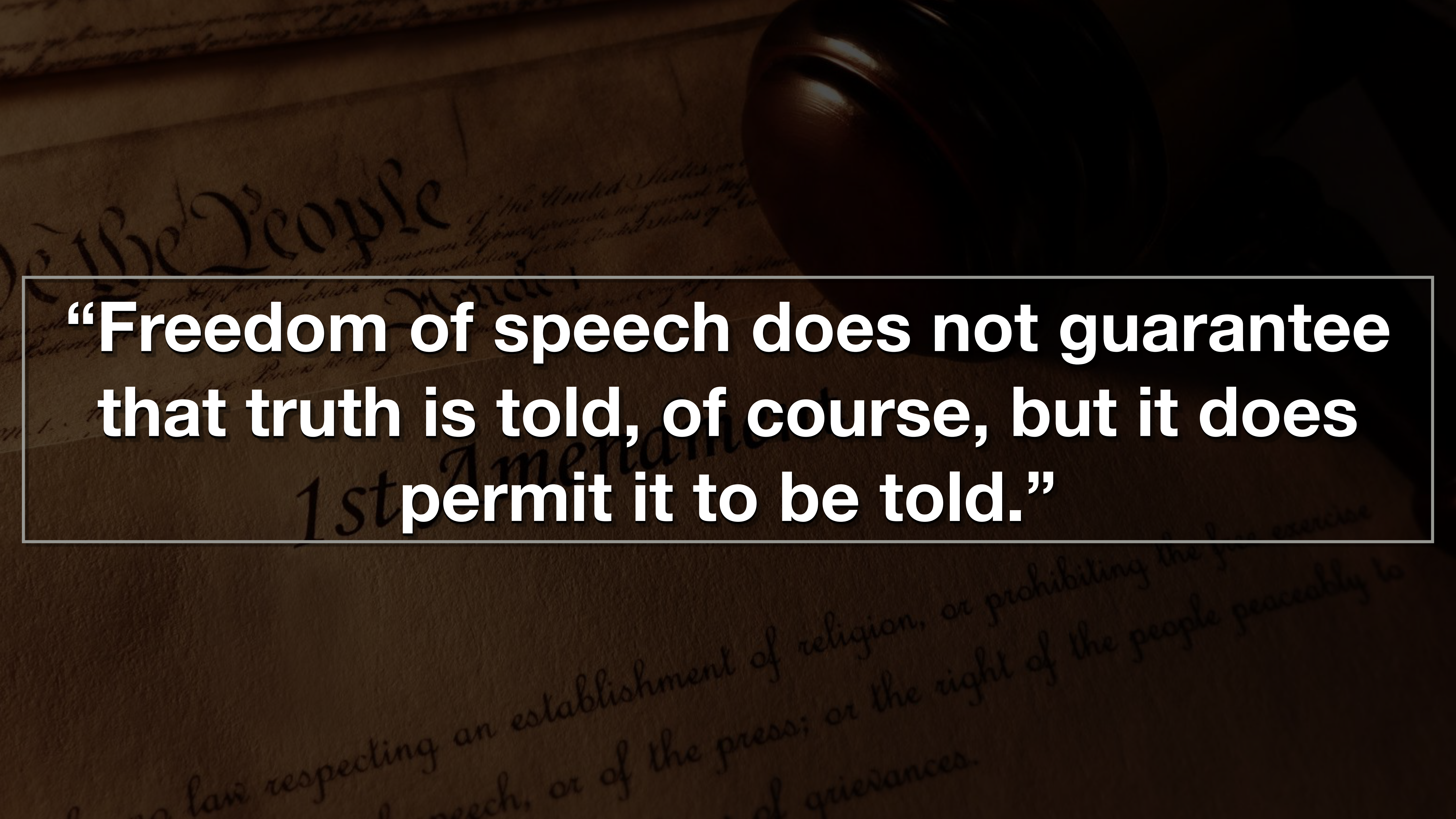
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Ephesians 4:15

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ

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“Freedom of speech does not guarantee that truth is told, of course, but it does permit it to be told.”



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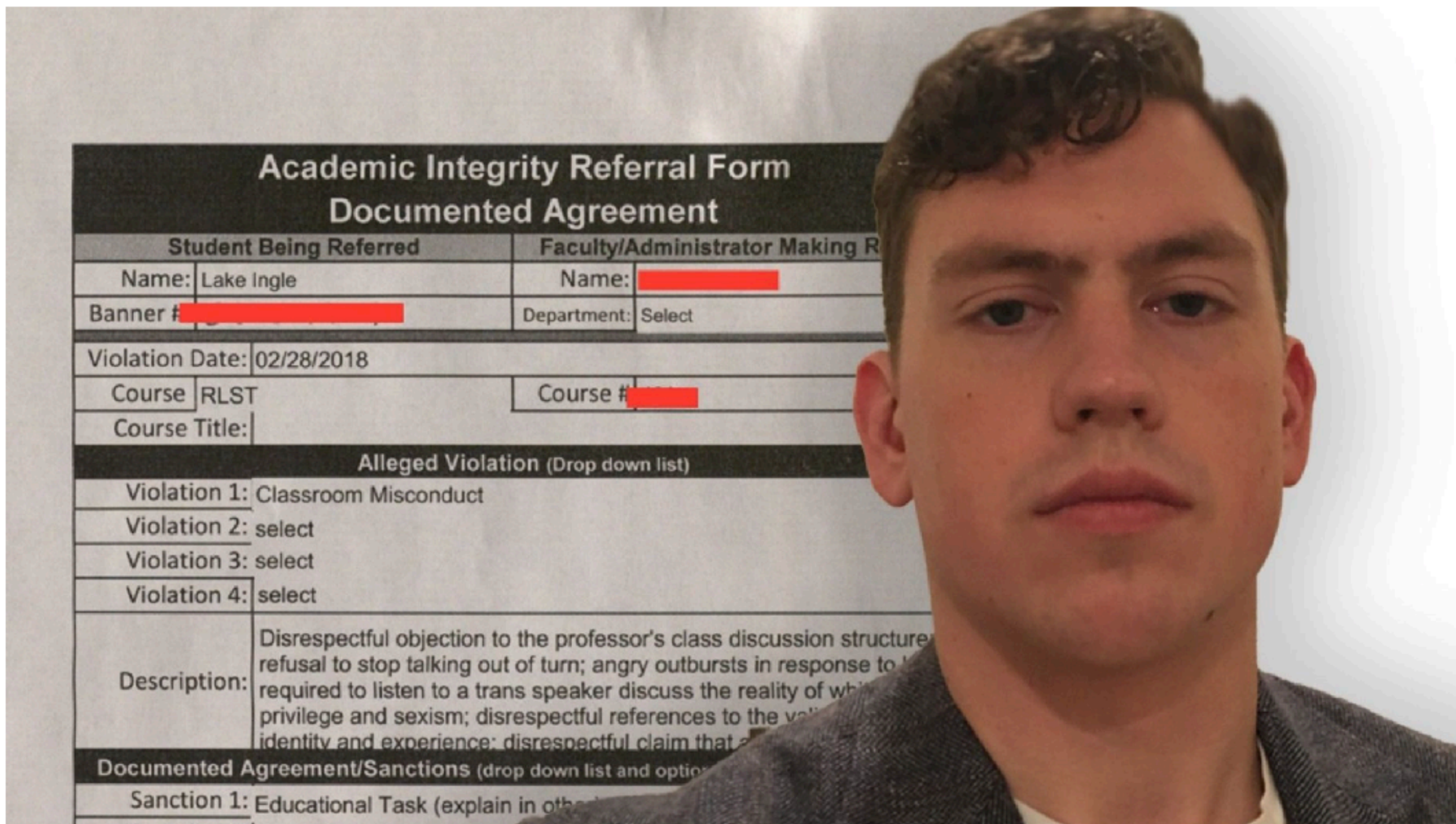




College student kicked out of class for telling professor there are only two genders



By Caleb Parke | Fox News



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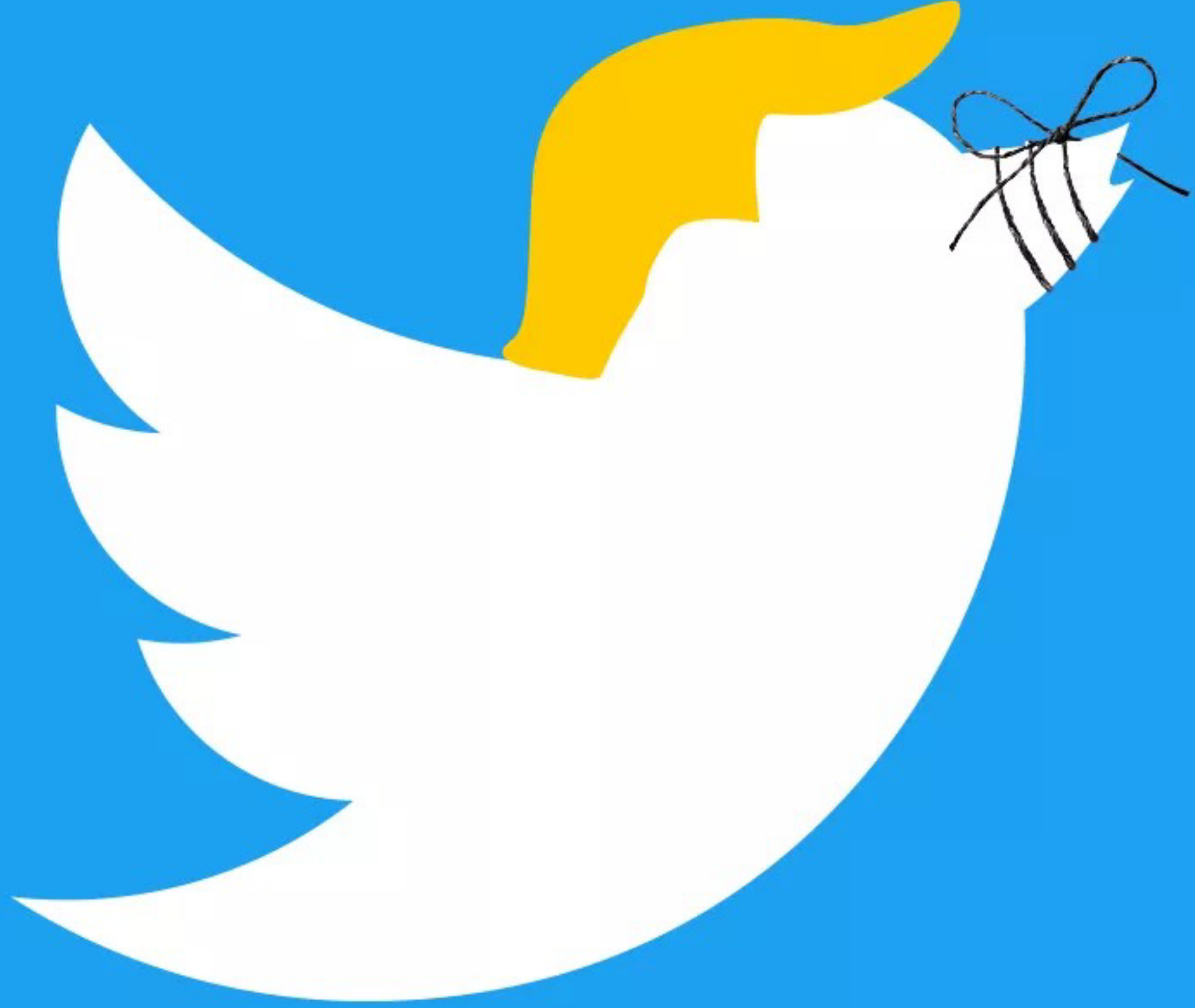
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Ephesians 6:19-20

and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.







Thomas Jefferson:

“Religious freedom is the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights.”





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Romans 13:3-4

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

New Governmental Roles Established

- Punish evil deeds.
- Reward good deeds.
- Render justice where it needs to be.



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World Religions

What can we learn from other faiths?



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Buddhism



Islam



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4 Precepts for the Freedom of Religion

- God Himself offers the freedom of religion.

1st Amendment

...law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise
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Matthew 19:16-23

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

He said to Him, “Which ones?”

Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ . . .

Matthew 19:16-23 . . . Continued

. . . 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." . . .

Matthew 19:16-23 . . . continued

. . . But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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Matthew 19:22

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

KINGDOM
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Matthew 23:37

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!





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Genesis 1:26

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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Genesis 13:8-12

So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.” . . .

Genesis 13:8-12 . . . continued

. . . And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom.

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

4 Precepts for the Freedom of Religion

- God Himself offers the freedom of religion.
- The freedom of religion respects the image of God in man.
- The freedom of religion acknowledges that it is the Holy Spirit Who changes man's heart, not the government.

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John 6:36

But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.



John 18:36

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

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Ephesians 2:8-8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



4 Precepts for the Freedom of Religion

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- The freedom of religion respects the image of God in man.
- The freedom of religion acknowledges that it is the Holy Spirit Who changes man's heart, not the government.
- The freedom of religion concedes that it's not about religion, but a personal relationship

JESUS

is my SAVIOR,
NOT my RELIGION.

Matthew 15:7-8

**Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you,
saying:**

**‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.**





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George Washington:

“ . . . And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

(George Washington Farewell Address, September 17, 1796)

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



Abraham Lincoln:

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God . . .



Abraham Lincoln:

. . . We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us...and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own . . .



Abraham Lincoln:

***. . . Intoxicated with unbroken success,
we have become too self-sufficient to feel the
necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too
proud to pray to the God that made us! It
behooves us, then to humble ourselves before
the offended Power, to confess our national sins,
and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”***

(Abraham Lincoln, “Proclamation Appointing A National Fasting Day”, 1863)

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; . . .



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***“First they came for the Socialists and I didn’t
speak out because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists and I didn’t
speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews and I didn’t
speak out because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me . . .
And there was no one left to speak for me.”***

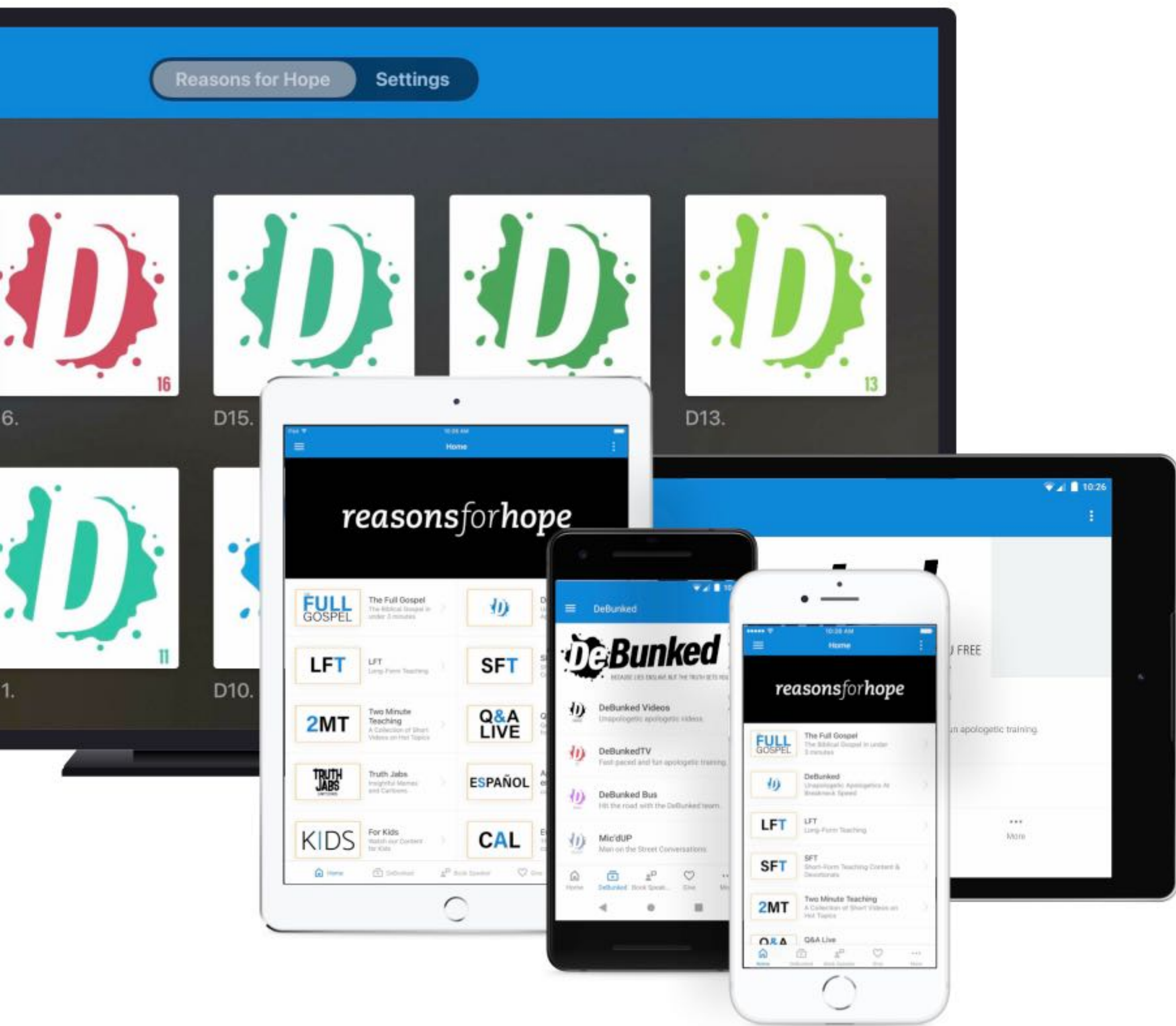
(German Pastor Martin Niemoller)

Isaiah 43:10a

“You are My witnesses”, says the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen” . . .



Benjamin Franklin:
We are all born ignorant,
but one must work hard to remain stupid.



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