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Preamble to the United States Constitution:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Firmly rooted in the laws of Nature and Nature’s God, our founding documents, the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights, shun the chaos, immorality and nihilism ever present in a universe where evil exists as surely as good. The guiding and steadying influence of these documents is the result of their foundation in principles of morality reflecting this country’s Judeo-Christian roots. Some of these guiding principles are:

- The only reliable basis for sound government and just human relations is Natural Law which Thomas Jefferson referred to as the law of nature and nature’s God
- “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.” – Benjamin Franklin
- “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports....” – George Washington
- “The fabric of American empire ought to rest on the solid basis of the consent of the people. The streams of national power ought to flow immediately from that pure, original fountain of all legislative authority.” – Alexander Hamilton
- “If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary.... [But lacking these] you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.” – James Madison
- The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” -The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution
- **“I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant, and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth.” – John Adams**

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