

Law Form of our American Republic



Renewal of the Covenant

Destiny and Heritage of our Nation

The objective of this paper is to clarify what the law form for our American Republic is and its roll for all Americans. The difference between "law" and "law form" will be explained. How and why this law forms works will be demonstrated. But first, what is the law form of our American Republic? And how it was established by our founding fathers?



Statue of Law, Pilgrim Monument, Plymouth, Mass.

Our Constitution is an important part of our law form. It is the operating document for the governing bodies of our American Republic. It functions to ensure the law form and the principles of self- governance are equally effective for all people in this American union of States. You might say that the Constitution is the manifestation of the law form and the principles of self- government in law. Our Constitution establishes law and the boundaries of government; the law form is the foundation on which it is built. The Constitution is not greater than the law form; we must consider and comprehend the effect that the law form has on it.

Why is it so important to understand the difference between law and law form? Without the law form as a guide, law can be random, self-indulgent and disorderly serving only those in power. In fact, without the law form serving as the guide for our laws, government will tend to create dictatorial style power structures.

When writing the [*Declaration of Independence*](#); the decision of law form had to take center stage. The fifty six signers of this Declaration understood our law form; that its very existence implored them to establish this Nation under the protection of its divine wisdom. They understood that the law form they acknowledged would be required to protect the equality of all men. It would have to defend every man's right to pursue and apprehend justice, life, liberty, the unfettered ownership of real property. They understood that everyone must be able to worship God without the dictates of a government in any form interposing its doctrines or opinions. What they recognized was that Nature's God, the Divine Creator; the Supreme Judge of the world has in the very essence of His being these laws and principles. These principles are undeniable, unchangeable and universal. Ultimately, no system of rules, regulations or governance can escape the reality of this law form. Every other law form known to man that is directly opposed to these principles has at its core the enslavement and abuse of those under its control.

We see in the *Declaration of Independence* that the founding fathers sought liberty from slavery, oppression and abuse for all people, not just a select few. In fact, the law form of our American

Republic is found in the *Declaration of Independence*: the founders acknowledged that their right to self-govern came from the “Laws of Nature and Natures God”. They also established that the principles of good government are for the benefit of the people to, “*secure these rights*”, their God given *unalienable* rights.

“That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,”

Here, they laid the foundation for the establishment of a totally new form of government. This form of government would require those in positions of authority to govern first by the principles of the “Laws of Nature and Natures God and secondly by the consent of the people. The Republican form of government the founders built through our Constitution does this. This was accomplished in the style of a representative Republican form of government unlike any other known to mankind.

In part, its restraint is to prevent large groups of the society or any one single entity from trampling or removing any of the “*certain unalienable Rights*”, of a minority of people or even just one individual. This was contrary to the democracies and monarchies of some European countries that were thought to be somewhat free societies. A democracy cannot and will not protect the rights of an individual or a small minority of people if a larger group or majority chooses to vote their rights away.

By declaring the Creator as the source of their unalienable rights and acknowledging that the right to self-govern comes from the “Laws of Nature and of Natures God,” they accepted the Laws of Nature and Natures God as the “Law form” which guided them. Therefore the Laws of Nature and Natures God became the foundation for our law. The Laws of Nature and Nature’s God are simply put: God’s law. So our law form is God’s law. Despite arguments to the contrary this fact is undeniable. As our founding fathers might say, it is “*self-evident*”. By establishing God’s Law as their guiding foundation and acknowledging that their rights are endowed to them by their Creator they obtained lawful spiritual and moral standing to appeal to God for help. Therefore all law created by the government of the people, by the people and for the people must conform to the principles of God’s Law. They acknowledged that God's favor and intervention would be required in order for them to succeed in this grand experiment.

They clearly had no thought of the establishment of a religion by government. Religion is simply the way men and women choose to worship God. That right was reserved to the people and preserved for them. Besides, the law form was also acknowledged by the people at large. The *Declaration of Independence* was written of, by, and for the people; it is not a governmental document. The law form and the rights therein acknowledged belong to the people. The Declaration proclaims to the world, the people’s right to form a righteous government and to lay its foundation on the foundation of God’s law and principles.

Again, the government did not establish a religion. Simply stated, the people chose the principals of God’s law, the law of nature as the fundamental basis for their liberty. They recognized that the Sovereign Creator imparted the desire to govern themselves according to His principals (His law) in all mankind; the innate concept that there should be “liberty and justice for all.” These

principals establish and uphold life, they promote harmony and equality and they maintain lawful order, peace and justice among His creation. This is not a religion; this is Gods divine order of things. It does not require a belief in Him or even recognition of His existence to be true. It does require that the people abide by the law form in order for our nation to be protected by God. In short, it is our duty to treat each other as we desire to be treated. This is not a hard concept to grasp.



So, our forefathers purposed to establish a nation of people abiding by the principles of the Supreme Judge of the world. Such a Nation would protect our God given rights and the right of self-government. That Nation would recognize that self-government is not the people acting unilaterally in selfish ambition or irresponsibly to do whatever they please without consequence to others. Nor is it the people saying that no one has the right to tell them what to do or that everyone is free to do what is right in their own eyes. The precepts of God's Law establish the dos and don'ts for the

benefit of all creation. In so many words, the people accepted the fact that God's Law was their guiding light.

The first aspect of self-government is that the people accept the responsibility to govern themselves in accordance with these principles. The second is the people's right to mutually consolidate their inherent authority to create government that functions within these principles, (*"That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men."*) Our Constitution was created to do just that, utilizing the principles of God's Law as its foundation (law form). The intent was that the people would live responsibly by these principles so that the government will function in the same manner while protecting the people and their rights equally. This is why John Adams and others stated that our form of government would only work for a religious (righteous) and moral people.

It is also important to understand the law form of our American Republic because it establishes the intent of our founding fathers in the Constitution. Without first understanding the law form, it may be hard to comprehend their intent as they developed the Constitution. Without understanding intent and law form the "law" can become elevated above the law form and the law becomes legalistic and perverted. The application of law becomes an instrument of harm instead of the securing mechanism for justice, liberty and equity as it was intended. At the very least, law becomes incapable of upholding its originally designed purpose. **Law must be defined and bridled by the law form and the intent of the founding fathers in order to be justly written and applied.**

How can we know with confidence that the founder's meant God's Law when referencing to the Laws of Nature and Nature's God? They also refer to Him as the Creator and the Supreme Judge of the World. There is only one being throughout history who can answer affirmatively to all of those descriptions at the same time. The last phrase of the *Declaration of Independence* is as follows: *"with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."* This single statement gives us clear

evidence of the God they were referring to throughout the document. It also provides us with a picture of the unique destiny of the American Republic and the reason for the effectiveness of its law form. Let's look at Webster's definition of the words "Divine" and "Providence".

Webster's 1828 Dictionary (excerpts):

DIVINE, adjective [Latin , a god.]...*Pertaining to the true God; as the divine nature; divine perfections...*

PROVIDENCE, noun [Latin providential.]...*the care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures...*

In the *Declaration of Independence* it is unmistakably evident that they were referring to the God whom they and their fathers before them worshiped. Before the first pilgrims braved the turbulent waters of the Atlantic to come to the "New World", the God who their fathers worshiped was the God of the Bible. Moreover this last phrase of the document opens the doors of understanding to our destiny as a Nation and the profound intent of our Creator to establish His law form among the nations of the world. That is not all, it is a manifest demonstration of what it will take to secure and apprehend the blessing of the God of the Bible, "*the Supreme Judge of the world*".

What is so important about this and why is this so special? Having established that the law form for our American Republic is God's Law and the God we are talking about is the God of the Bible, we can be more definitive about its importance and how the destiny of our Nation is also our heritage. America has an ordained destiny to be a blessing to all the nations of the world because of the Godly heritage of our forefathers, the founders of our Republic. The founders followed through on the examples they learned from their fathers and recognized God's Law as foundational to all law. As established, they were divinely inspired to adopt His Law as the foundational law form for our American Republic. They had witnessed the blessings of submitting to and living by these divine principles. This is the key to comprehending the providential destiny of this Nation and the manifest fullness of the blessing of liberty our founding fathers envisioned when they wrote; "*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 ...*"

Our founding fathers made a covenant relationship with God by placing their lives and fortunes into His hands, "*with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence.*" It is from this covenant relationship with the Creator of all of Nature from which the blessings of His Liberty flows. What better foundation on which to build a Nation than on this covenant relationship with the Creator of the world.

"Ye stand this day all of you before the Lord your God;....That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God,....That He may establish thee today for a people unto Himself,...Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that

standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day” Deuteronomy 29: 10-15

No longer would Americans be subjects of aristocrats, but co-heirs of this covenant relationship. Our fathers understood that the blessings of God would flow on America ONLY if the American people abided by the divine principles required by this covenant relationship.

“...but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.” Deuteronomy 29: 29 NLT

When President Adams stated that “this form of government would only work for a religious and moral people” he had a great understanding of the following definition.



Webster’s 1828 edition, second definition of religious is: *“Pious; godly; loving and reverencing the Supreme Being and obeying his precepts; as a religious man.”*

These are clearly the kind of men and women President Adams was talking about. It was these kind of people he described that would have the appropriate respect and reverence for the principles that make our system of government work. Because he, himself, was a Godly man he knew that these individuals would have an appropriate fear of the God of the Bible. This is God’s divine order of things.

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”.

The fear of the Lord demonstrated by a “...religious and moral people” was, and remains, the foundation of the nation that President Adams was acknowledging. Knowing that great wisdom and understanding would be required to honorably implement this form of government, President Adams' profound statement makes perfect sense. This statement identifies the key to our Nations relevance, destiny and existence.

Our law form is not only the foundational key to our system of government but it is paramount in the lives and hearts of the American people to ensure that the government remains as intended and ordained. This is what makes it so important, this is why it is special and this is what makes it work. It is this law form and a love for its Creator that inspires men and women to selflessly “pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor” to defend it.

John 8:32, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36, If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

In closing, clearly our founding fathers realized that we have a choice between two law forms. We can submit to the *ruler of this age* or to the God of the Bible. Submitting to the *ruler of this age* always brings tyranny, oppression and bondage; submitting to the God of the Bible always brings liberty. Choose liberty and justice for all.

“.....I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live” Deuteronomy 30: 19

[Deuteronomy Chapters 28-30](#)



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