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THE CONSTITUTION

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To understand the origins of “the great American experiment”, go back in time to learn of the people, their events, what drove them here in the first place, and ask yourself is it possible that Providence (God) had a hand in all that transpired and does Providence have reason to care today?

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

Thomas Paine

Early immigrants were not much different than immigrants today, in that many wanted a new life where they could own property, live their religion, enjoy economic prosperity, escape from political oppression and maybe even family. Sometimes crop failures played a big role.

No matter the reason, everyone sooner or later comes to realize that attached to Freedom is Responsibility. The greater the freedoms, the greater the responsibilities.

As for Providence, well take your time and learn, what role Providence played in the helping the colonists secure victories during the Revolutionary War, and then later seeing the 13 Colonies agreeing to the **Constitution** and **Bill of Rights** as they formed the new Constitutional Republic, we call The United States of America. **Does Providence have reason to care today?** You decide. If the simple answer is that we can be a force for good in blessing the world, to bring greater freedoms to all of Gods children, to live in Peace; then yes, I would say that Providence cares today and will guide each of us in our journey. Shoulder your responsibility and do your part. **Ask, what will I leave for future generations?** *If God exists, will my report be one that I and he will be proud to review?*



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

What was the cause of the Continental Congress? In 1774, the colonists met to discuss what could be done to improve their representation with Great Britain. Britain's taxes and treatments of the colonists under the "Coercive Acts or Intolerable Acts" was unbearable in the view of the colonists. Simply the Colonists wanted to meet, organize, and find a way for all of the colonies to reach agreement and to move forward in a unified manner. Taxation without representation is key to the discussion, which many believed to be a right enshrined in the Magna Carta. The Magna Carta (10:00) has been at the core of the basis of most Government's as a means to establish justice and in recognizing both rights and freedoms.

What options did the first Continental Congress Consider? 1) Unifying as one body in carrying their grievances to Great Britain, 2) To seek a resolution with England, 3) Separation from Great Britain, 4) finding a means to communicate with both their own citizens and the rest of the world. For further insights click here.