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What is Christian About Christian America?

REVELATION 13:11-12

Then I saw another beast coming up from the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but was speaking like a dragon. He exercised all the ruling authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and those who inhabit it worship the first beast, the one whose lethal wound had been healed.

A close-up photograph of a lamb's face, showing its eyes, nose, and two small, curved horns. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple gradient.

TWO LAMB LIKE HORNS

- Horns a symbol of power
- Two horns, indicate a separation of power
- Separation of powers, i.e., executive, legislative, judicial; also, federal, state and local powers
- Separation of civil and religious authority, i.e., the separation of church and state
- This is what makes America great, unique, and lamb like.

christian Imperialism

When Christians become antichristian by embracing the offer of empire which Jesus rejected...

led to the *Doctrine of Discovery* ..

The right to depopulate an entire continent in the name of Christ , i.e.,

The dragon heart of the second beast which had little use for indigenous peoples, and so imported slave labor from across the ocean



DRAGON SPEAKING

- In the Greek, a past imperfect tense, i.e., action begun in the past but not complete, continuing into the present and future

Examples abound:

- America's treatment of ... Native Americans, imported African slaves, imported Chinese laborers who built the railroads; internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, modern day abuse of Mexican and Latin American immigrants who are scapegoated
- A.T. Jones cited American imperialism against Spain as evidence of dragon speaking. What would he say today about wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?





VIRGINIA STATUTE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Whereas, Almighty God hath created the mind free;

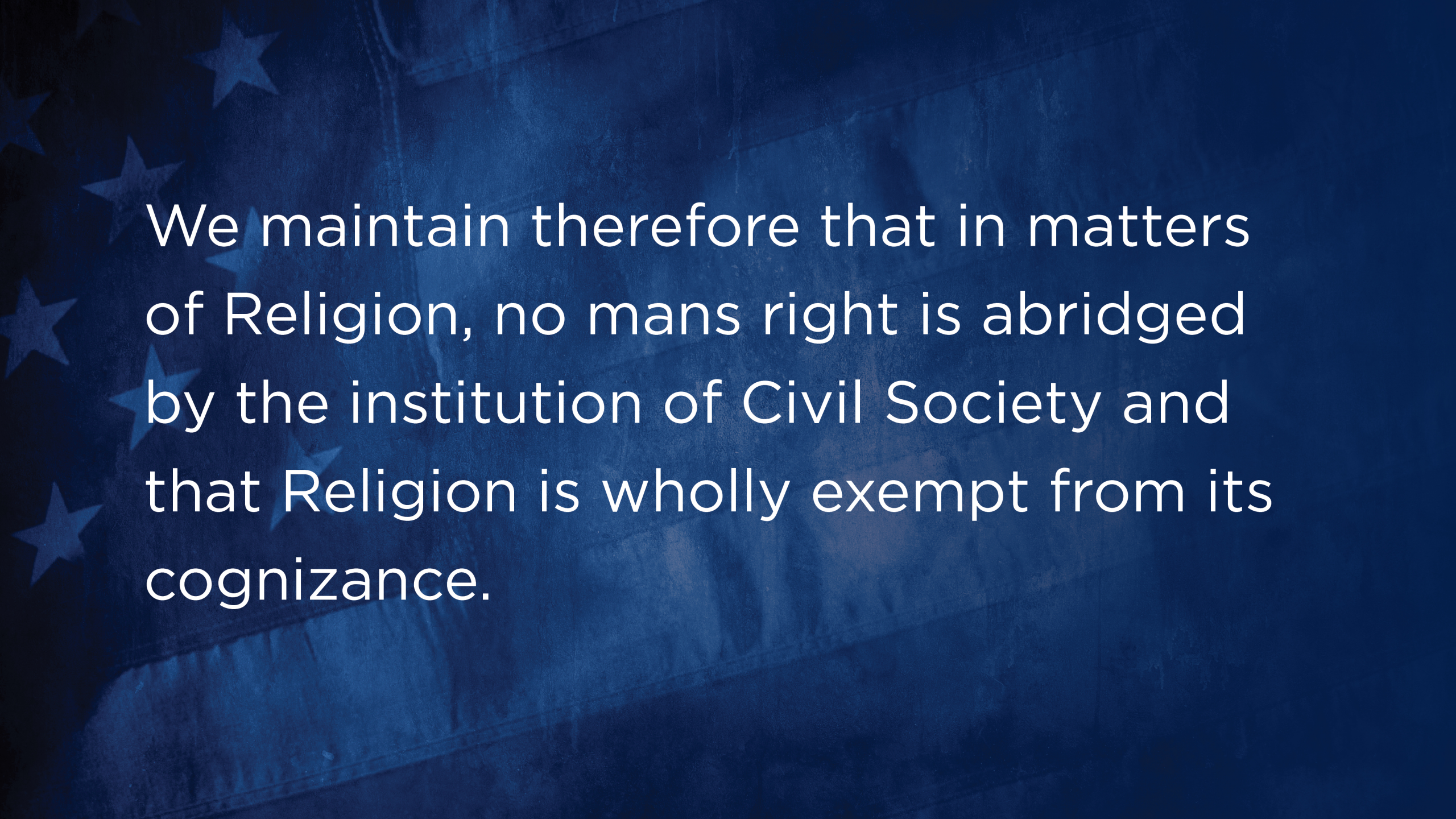
That all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burthens, or by civil incapacitations tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and therefore are a departure from the plan of the holy author of our religion, who being Lord, both of body and mind yet chose not to propagate it by coercions on either, as was in his Almighty power to do,

That the impious presumption of legislators and rulers, **civil as well as ecclesiastical**, who, being themselves but fallible and uninspired men have assumed **dominion** over the faith of others, setting up their own opinions and modes of thinking as the only true and infallible, and as such endeavouring to impose them on others, hath established and maintained false religions over the greatest part of the world and through all time;

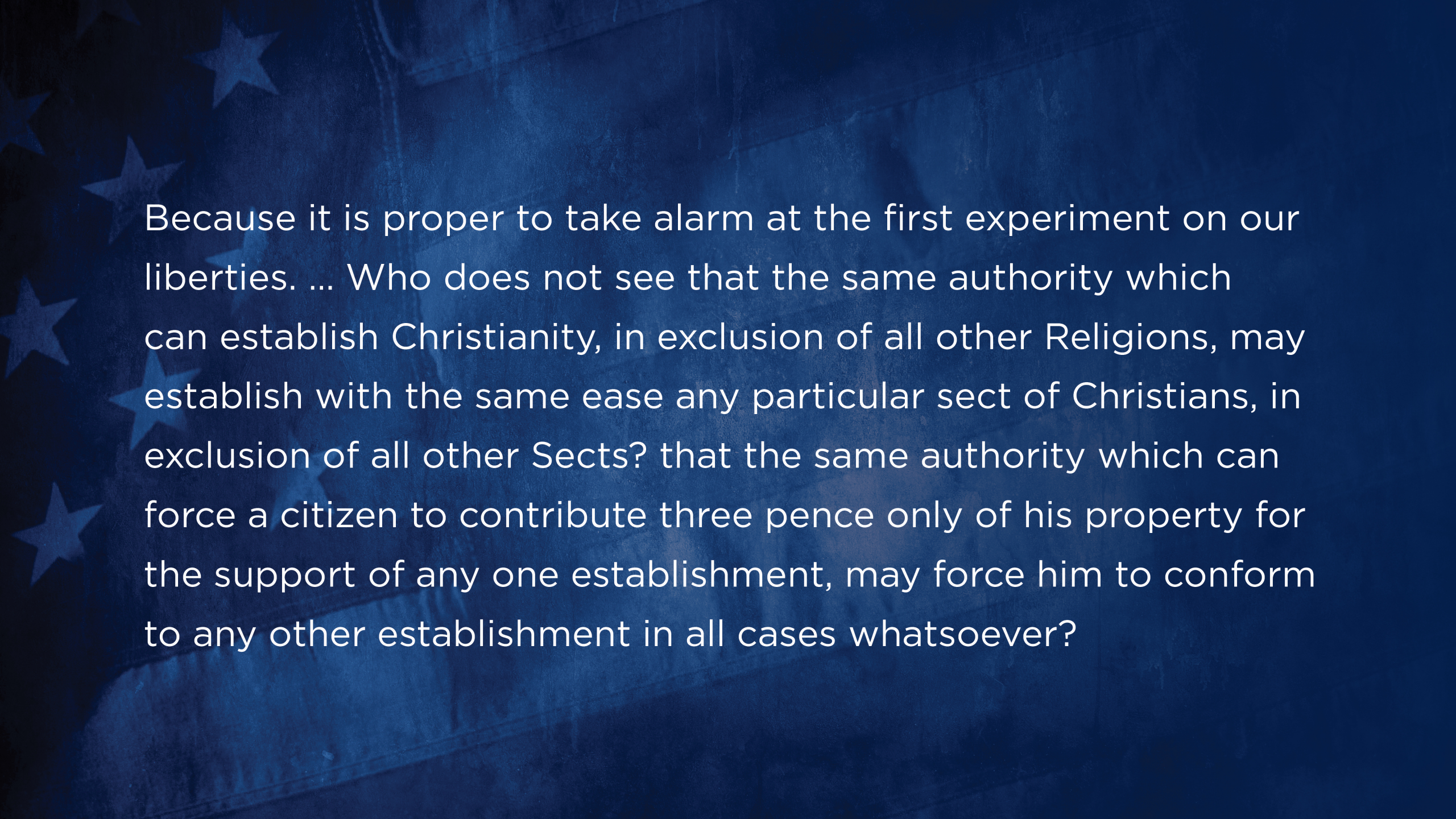


We hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth, “that Religion or the duty which we owe to our Creator and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence.” The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.

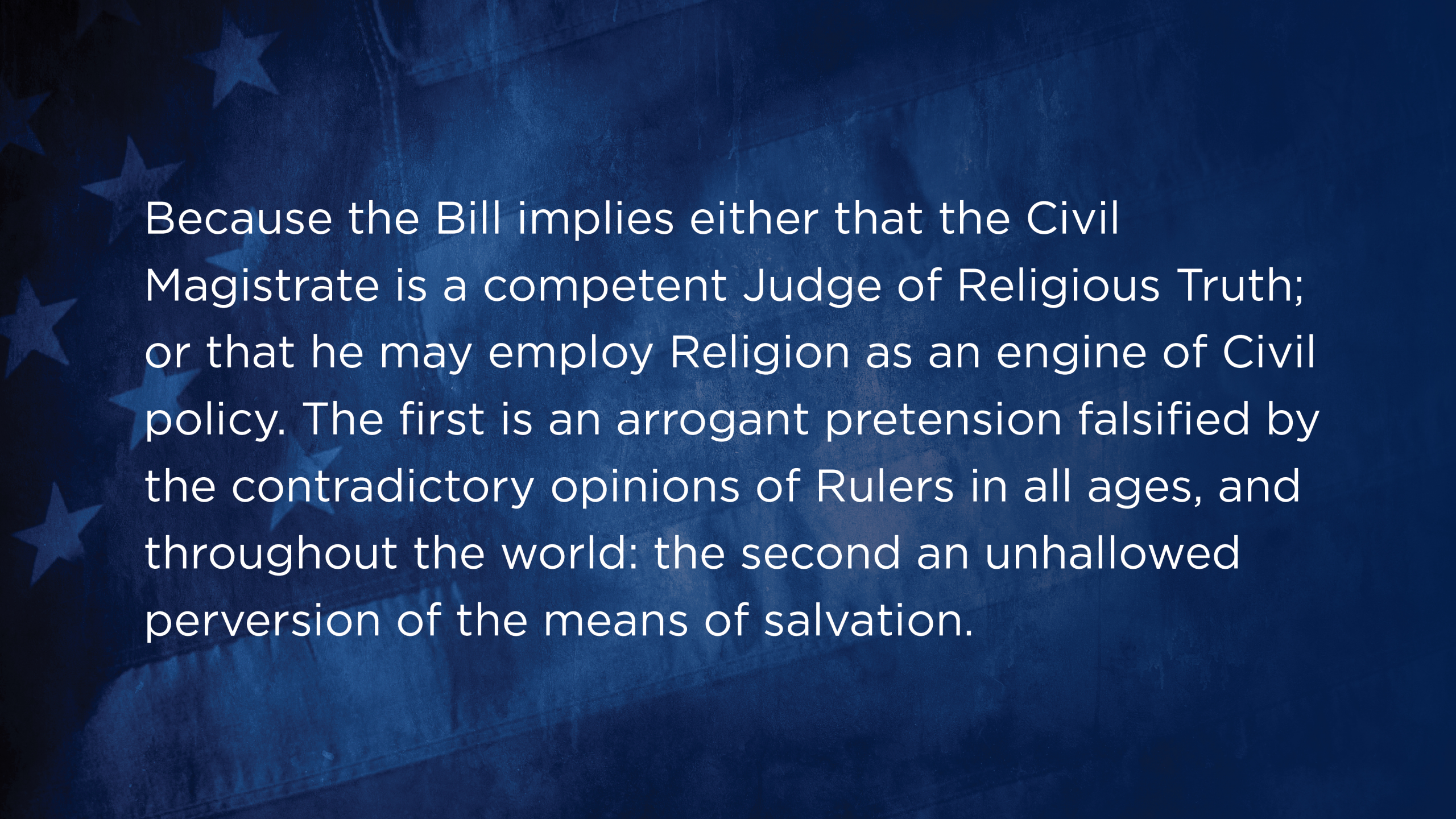
JAMES MADISON, 1786, “A MEMORIAL AND REMONSTRANCE”



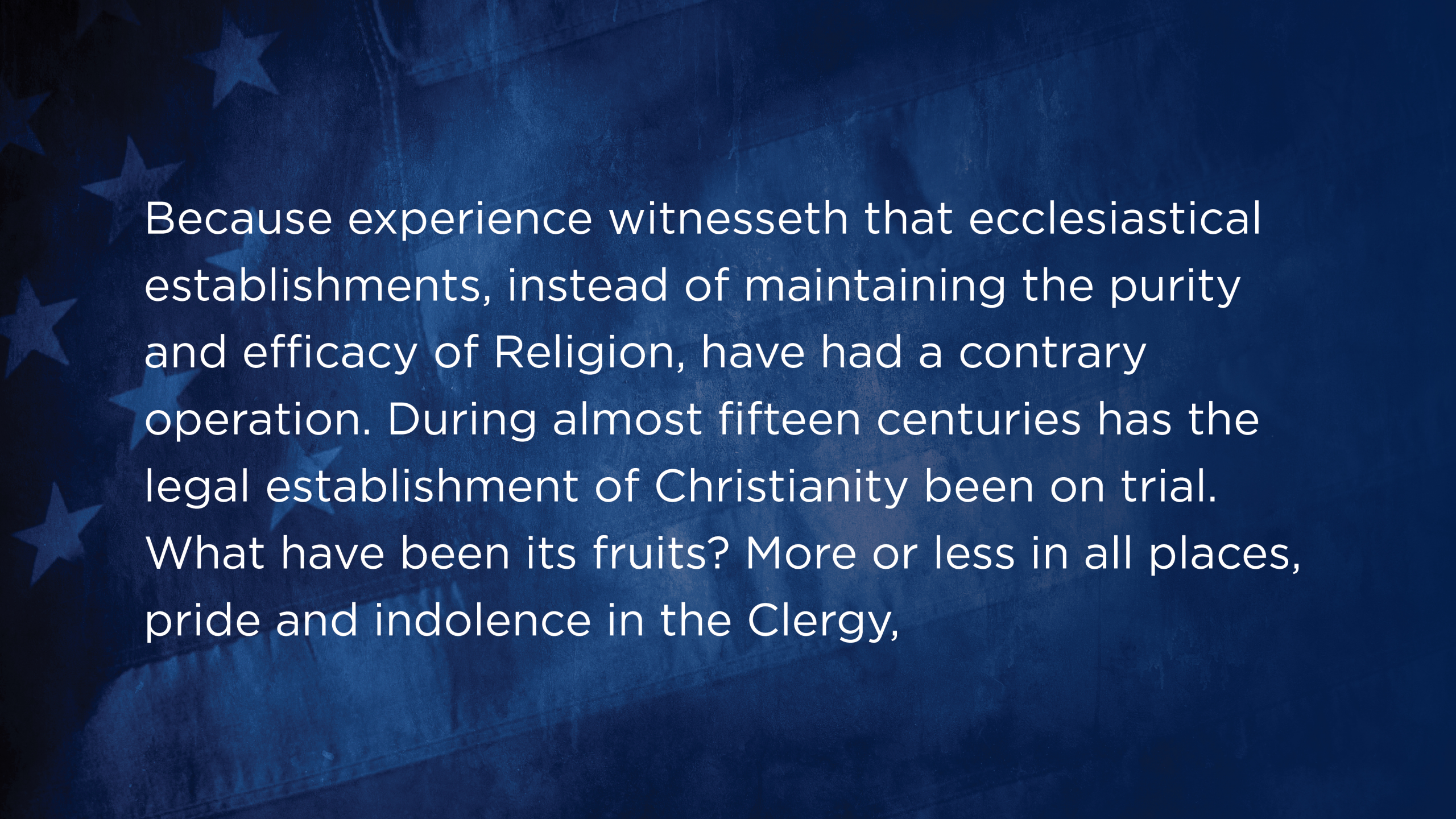
We maintain therefore that in matters of Religion, no mans right is abridged by the institution of Civil Society and that Religion is wholly exempt from its cognizance.



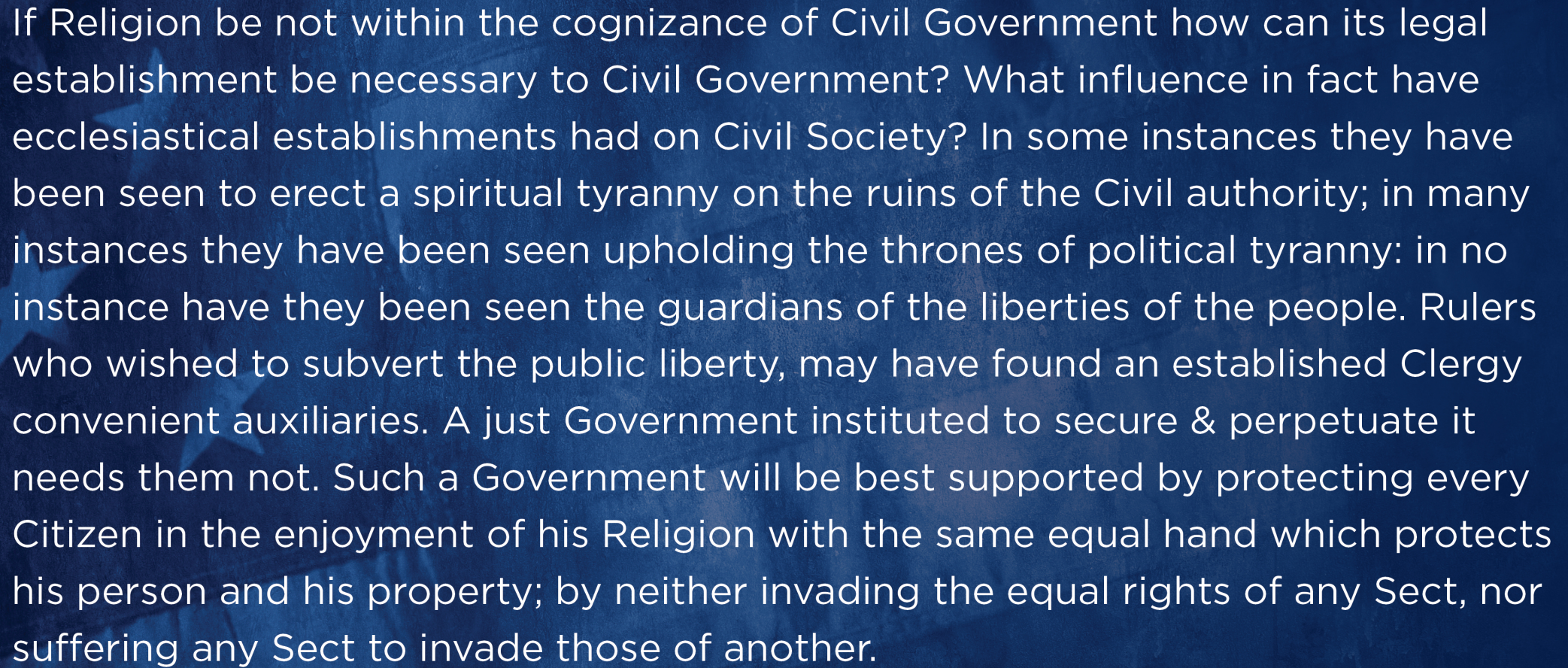
Because it is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties. ... Who does not see that the same authority which can establish Christianity, in exclusion of all other Religions, may establish with the same ease any particular sect of Christians, in exclusion of all other Sects? that the same authority which can force a citizen to contribute three pence only of his property for the support of any one establishment, may force him to conform to any other establishment in all cases whatsoever?

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in shades of blue and white. The text is overlaid on this background.

Because the Bill implies either that the Civil Magistrate is a competent Judge of Religious Truth; or that he may employ Religion as an engine of Civil policy. The first is an arrogant pretension falsified by the contradictory opinions of Rulers in all ages, and throughout the world: the second an unhallowed perversion of the means of salvation.



Because experience witnesseth that ecclesiastical establishments, instead of maintaining the purity and efficacy of Religion, have had a contrary operation. During almost fifteen centuries has the legal establishment of Christianity been on trial. What have been its fruits? More or less in all places, pride and indolence in the Clergy,



If Religion be not within the cognizance of Civil Government how can its legal establishment be necessary to Civil Government? What influence in fact have ecclesiastical establishments had on Civil Society? In some instances they have been seen to erect a spiritual tyranny on the ruins of the Civil authority; in many instances they have been seen upholding the thrones of political tyranny: in no instance have they been seen the guardians of the liberties of the people. Rulers who wished to subvert the public liberty, may have found an established Clergy convenient auxiliaries. A just Government instituted to secure & perpetuate it needs them not. Such a Government will be best supported by protecting every Citizen in the enjoyment of his Religion with the same equal hand which protects his person and his property; by neither invading the equal rights of any Sect, nor suffering any Sect to invade those of another.



**A FALSE HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:
AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION**

United States Treaty with Tripoli, 1796:

ARTICLE 11.

As the government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion,-as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion or tranquility of Musselmen,- and as the said States never have entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mehomitan nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries.

It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants **worship** the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to **make an image** for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that **the image** of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not **worship the image** of the beast to be slain.

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.



NEBACHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

Worship of the American god

- Idolatry — Worship a beast / nation
- Love of country /patriotism taken to an idolatrous extreme
- “Many will come in my name and deceive many” Mt 24
- Blending of God and country, faith and patriotism



Worship of the American god

- Church and State United, working together
- The portrait of the woman riding the beast in Revelation 17 – the church is on top, holding the reins of power
- Use of legislation to impose the will of the church, “to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees”
- Intolerant and exclusive – persecutes dissenters / “others”
- Fear based



Worship of the American god

**Persecutes those who don't worship
the image**

- Exclusive
- us and against them
- My way or the highway
- Fear Based
- Violent

Unites Church and State



JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

An illustration depicting the biblical scene of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus, on the right, is shown in a dark robe with a white sash, gesturing with his right hand towards a man lying in a stone tomb. The man is wrapped in a white shroud. A group of people, also in robes, stands around the tomb, watching the scene. The background features a large, dark rock formation and a bright, glowing sun or light source in the upper right corner, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene.

JOHN 11

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**THE JESUS OF GRACE,
OR THE JESUS
OF POWER?**



Thesis

- The religion of Revelation 13 is fully formed
- The image of the beast is fully formed
- The three-fold union is fully formed
- American religion worships the American god, an idolatrous counterfeit