

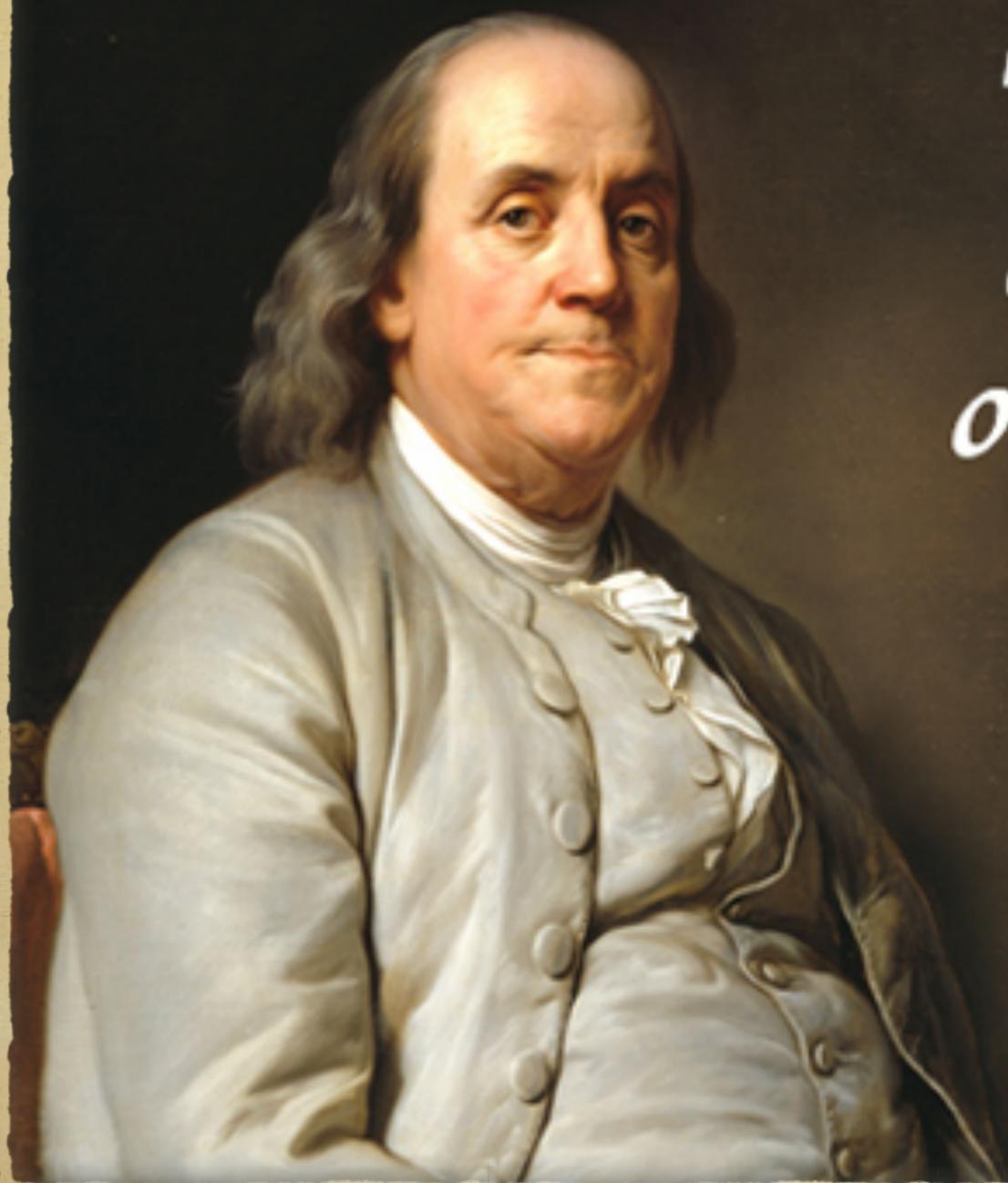
# Fundamental Principles

The Personality of God and Christ – part 1

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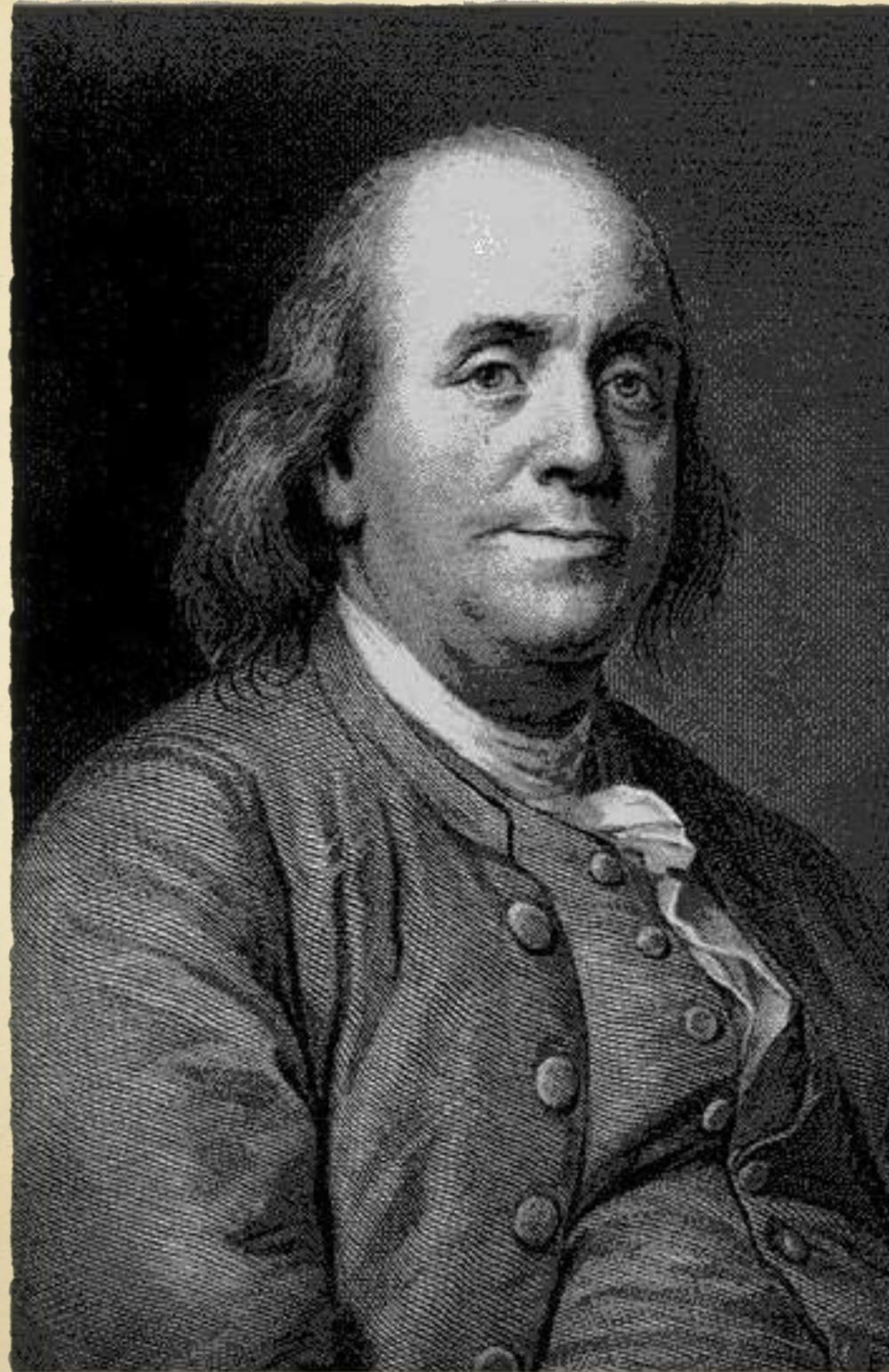
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Where 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. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experienced men have judged that the most safe course is to suffer the ills which they are accustomed to, rather than to rush into new experiments, the success of which is uncertain. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate



*"We must, indeed,  
all hang together  
or must assuredly,  
we shall all hang  
separately."*

-Benjamin Franklin

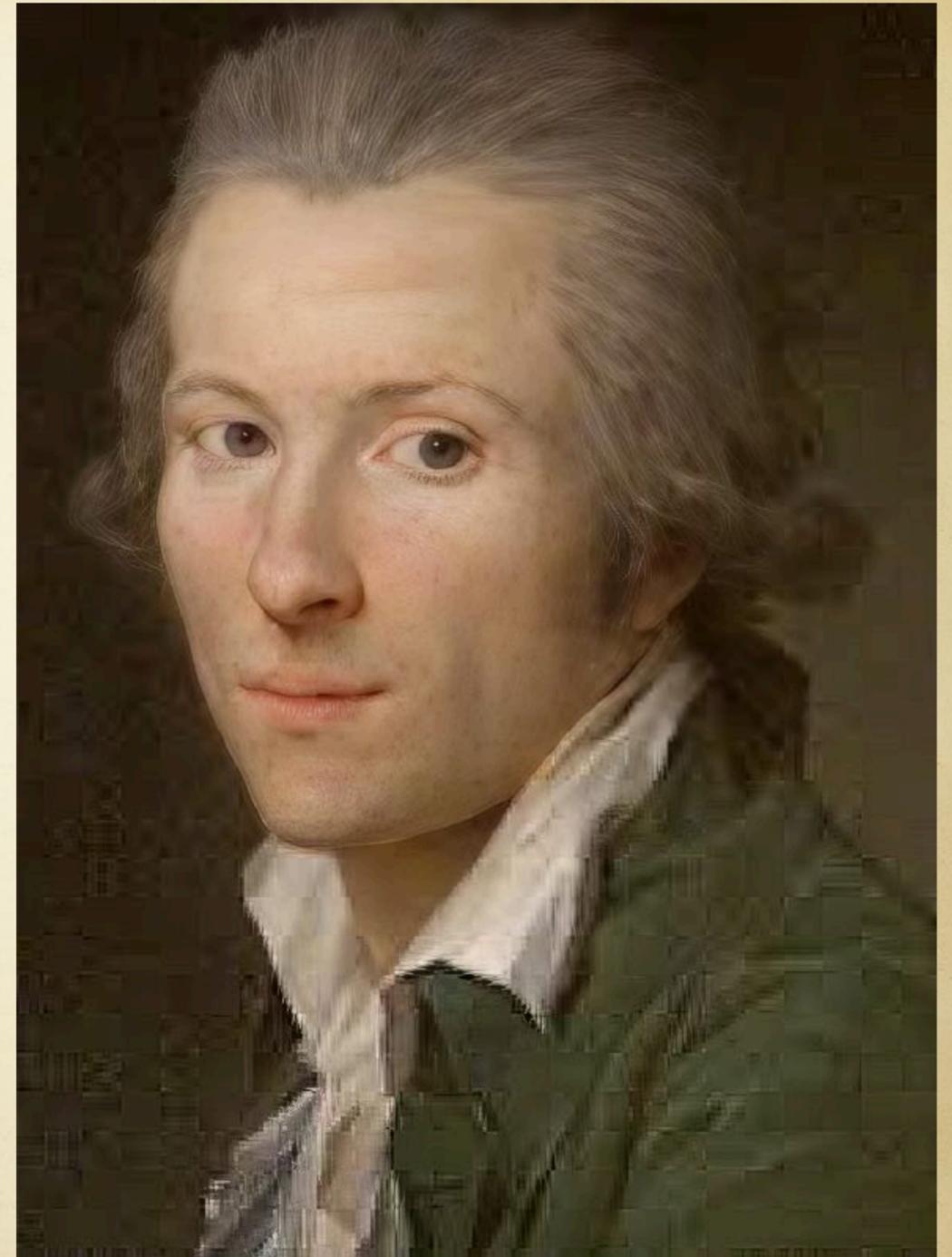


“Democracy is two  
wolves and a lamb  
voting on what to have  
for lunch. Liberty is a  
well-armed lamb  
contesting the vote.”

**-Benjamin Franklin**

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Thomas Jefferson

**Genesis 1:1 (KJV) — 1 In the beginning God . . .**

**Genesis 1:26 (KJV) — 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**Hebrews 1:1–2 (KJV) — 1 God, who at sundry times  
and in divers manners spake in time past unto the  
fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken  
unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all  
things, by whom also he made the worlds;**

**John 3:16 (KJV)** — 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave **his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 10:30 (KJV) — 30 I and my Father are one.**

**John 17:22 (KJV) — 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:****

**John 14:9 (KJV)** — 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

**John 1:18 (AV) — 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

**Psalm 90:2 (KJV) — 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**

**1 Timothy 6:16 (KJV) — 16 Who only hath immortality,**  
dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;  
whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour  
and power everlasting. Amen.

**1 John 4:8 (KJV) — 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.**

**1 John 4:16 (KJV) — 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**1 John 4:9-10 (KJV)** — 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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**Leviticus 11:44 (AV) — 44 For I am the LORD your God:  
ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy;  
for I am holy: . . . .**

**Psalm 33:5 (AV) — 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.**

**Malachi 3:6 (AV)** — 6 For I am the LORD, I change not; . . .

**James 1:17 (AV)** — 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is **no variableness**, neither shadow of turning.

**Hebrews 13:8 (KJV) — 8 Jesus Christ the same  
yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

**Exodus 34:6–7 (KJV)** — 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

**1 John 3:4 (KJV) — 4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

**Romans 3:23 (KJV) — 23 For all have sinned, and  
come short of the glory of God;**

**Romans 6:23 (KJV)** — 23 For the wages of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**1 Timothy 2:5 (AV)** — 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**1 Corinthians 1:3 (AV)** — 3 Grace be unto you,  
and peace, from God our Father, and from the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:8–10 (KJV)** — 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**Isaiah 55:1 (KJV)** — 1 Ho, every one that thirsteth,  
come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money;  
come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and  
**milk without money and without price.**

**John 17:3 (AV)** — 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**John 10:10 (KJV)** — 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have **it more abundantly.**

**περισσός (perissos).**

. . . pertaining to a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate—‘that which is more than, more than enough, beyond the norm, abundantly, superfluous. (Louw Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains*, vol. 1, p 599, 600)

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) — 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for **the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV) — 26 A new heart** also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

**Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV)** — 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and **write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**1 John 5:10–13 (KJV)** — 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.** 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.