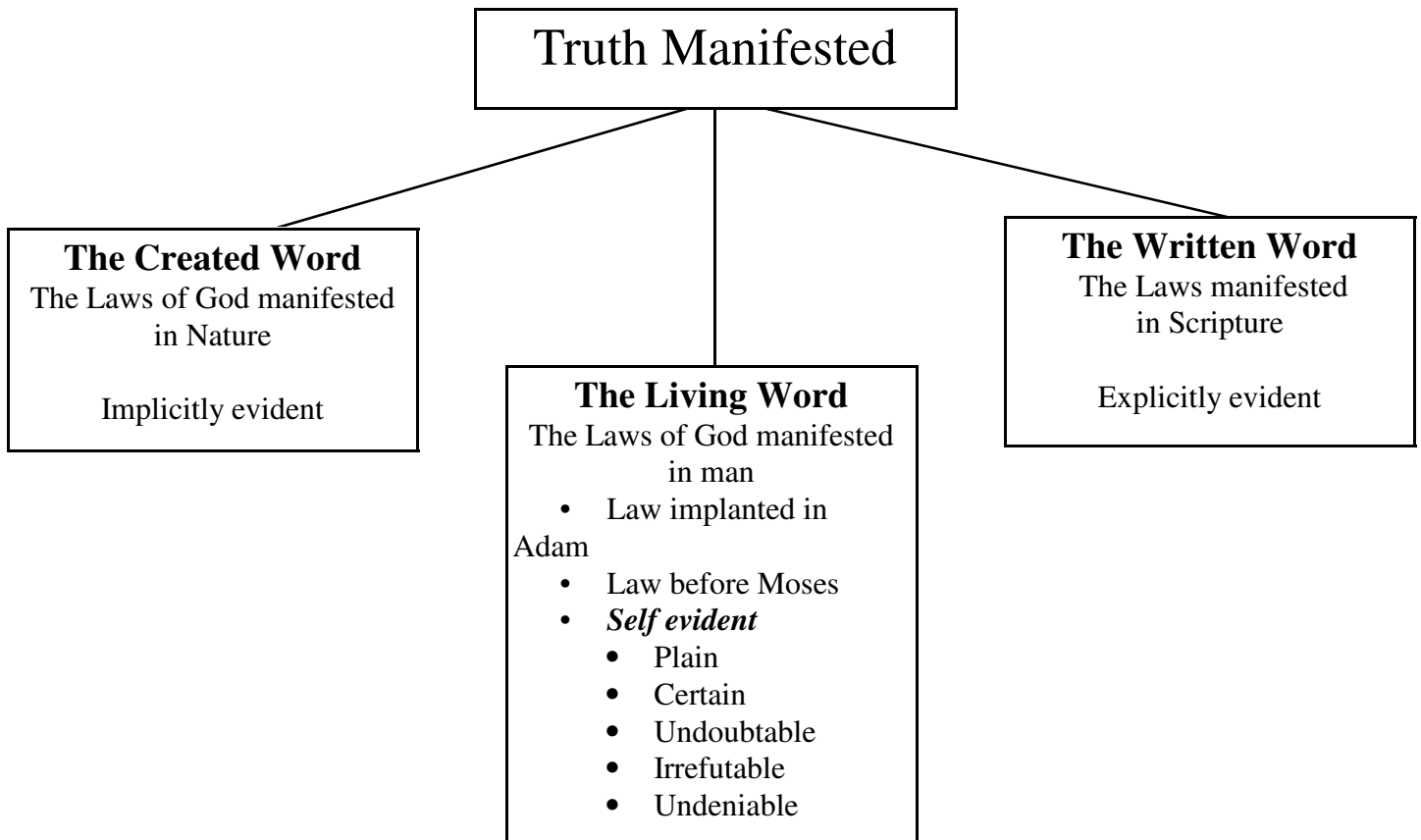


# SELF EVIDENT TRUTH

“We hold these truths to be self evident. . . .”

—*Declaration of Independence*, July 4, 1776



“( . . . For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, *do by nature the things contained in the law*, these having not the law, are a law unto themselves. Who show the work of *the law written in their hearts*. . . .” ) Romans 2:14, 15

1.  
There Exists A Supreme Power

**Romans 1:22**

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And *changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man*, and birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

**Acts 17:22, 23**

“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, *TO THE UNKNOWN GOD*. Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.”

**Acts 17:28**

“For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. . . .*we are the offspring of God.*”

2.

## Natural Distinctions Between Masculine And Feminine Traits

### **I Corinthians 11:14**

“Doth not even *nature* itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?”

### **Psalms 103:13–14**

“Like *as a father pitieth his children*, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”

### **Hebrews 12:7**

“ . . . for what son is he whom *the father* chasteneth not?”

### **Matthew 23:37**

“ . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even *as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings*. . . .”

### **Isaiah 49:15**

“Can a *woman forget the sucking child*, that she should not have compassion on *the son of her womb*?”

3.

## Knowledge of Personal Disobedience

### **Genesis 3:8,10–11**

“. . . And Adam and his wife *hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God* among the trees of the garden. . . I heard thy voice in the garden, and *I was afraid, because I was naked*; and I hid myself. And he said, *Who told thee that thou wast naked?*”

### **Job 31:33**

“If I covered *my transgressions* like Adam, by *hiding mine iniquity in my bosom. . . .*”

### **Luke 23:40–42**

“. . . Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we, indeed, justly; for *we receive the due reward of our deeds*. But this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

### **Romans 2:15**

“( . . . their *conscience* also *bearing witness*, and their thoughts the meanwhile *accusing or else excusing one another?*)

### **Romans 7:15**

“For that which I do *I allow not*; for what I would, *that do I not*; but *what I hate, that do I*.

4.

## All Men Die

### **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and *the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it.*”

### **Job 1:21**

“. . . *Naked came I out* of my mother’s womb, and *naked shall I return* thither.”

### **Job 24:15**

“*All flesh shall perish* together, and man shall turn again unto dust.”

### **Ecclesiastes 5:15**

“As he came forth of his mother’s womb, *naked shall he return to go as he came*, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that *in all points as he came, so shall he go*. And what profit hath he that hath labored for the wind?”

### **Psalms 49:17**

“For *when he dieth* he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him. . .”

5.

## Pity The Miserable

### **Exodus 2:5, 6**

“And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river. . . and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child; and, behold, *the babe wept. And she had compassion on him. . .*”

### **Acts 10: 3, 4**

“. . . an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What it is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and *thine alms* are come up for a memorial before God.”

6.

## Favor and Honor In Purity and Virtue

### **Esther 2:15–17**

“Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai, the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther *obtained favor in the sight of all them who looked upon her*. So Esther was taken unto King Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. And *the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins*, so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.”

7.

## Man Created With Natural Rights

### Life

#### Psalm 100:3

“Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is *he who hath made us, and not we ourselves. . .*”

#### Psalm 139:14

“. . . I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are thy works, and that *my soul knoweth right well.*”

### Liberty

#### Proverbs 1:10

“My son, if sinners entice thee, *consent* thou not. . . My son, *walk not thou* in the way with them; *refrain* thy foot from their path. . . .”

#### Genesis 39:7–8

“And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But *he refused. . . .*”

#### Exodus 19:8

“And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken *we will do. . . .*”

#### Romans 7:16

“If, then, I do that which I would not, *I consent* unto the law that it is good.

### Personal Property

#### Acts 5:4

“While it remained, *was it not thine own?* And after it was sold, was it not *in thine own power?*”

## Observations

- Self evident truths are what bind mankind into one common humanity.
- Common bond of self evident truths are substantial principles for national unity.
- The unity of self evident truths is the foundation for establishing common laws for men with common natures.
- America's Constitution is established upon the self evident truth that all men are created equal with certain unalienable rights.
- America's Constitution is non-sectarian, but rather encompasses every individual under the Law of Nature, the Will of his Maker.

## Historical Application: England and The United States

*Common Law*, in Great Britain and the United States, the unwritten law, the law that receives its binding force from *immemorial usage* and *universal reception*, in distinction from the written or statute law. That body of rules, principles, and customs which have been *received from our ancestors* and by which courts have been governed in their judicial decisions. The evidence of this law is to be found in the reports of these decisions, and the records of the courts. Some of these rules may have originated in edicts or statutes which are now lost, or in the terms and conditions of particular grants or charters; but it is most probable that many of them originated in judicial decisions *founded on natural justice and equity, or on local customs*.