

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and **(1) 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.

(2) 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 experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. 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...(27 grievances or serious complaints are then listed).

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, **(3) appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions**, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, **(4) with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

(Signed by the 56 delegates who attended and became the Founding Fathers of the Nation.)

QUOTES FROM FOUNDING FATHERS ABOUT WHAT IS CALLED INTELLIGENT DESIGN TODAY

By Mario Seigle, April 25, 2026

- **George Washington** – “It is impossible to account for *the creation of the universe without the agency of a Supreme Being*. It is *impossible to govern the universe* without the aid of a Supreme Being. It is *impossible to reason without arriving at a Supreme Being*” (*Maxims of George Washington*, John F. Schroeder, 1942, p. 274, emphasis added throughout).
- **Thomas Jefferson** – “When we take a *view of the universe in its parts, general or particular, it is impossible for the human mind not to perceive and feel a conviction of design, consummate skill, and indefinite power in every atom of its composition*. The *movements of the heavenly bodies*, so exactly held in their course by the balance of centrifugal and centripetal forces; the structure of our earth itself, with its distribution of lands, waters, and atmosphere; animal and vegetable bodies, examined in all their minutest particles; insects, mere atoms of life, yet as perfectly organized as man or mammoth; the mineral substances, their generation and uses – it is impossible, *I say, for the human mind not to believe that there is, in all this, design, cause, and effect, up to an ultimate cause, a Fabricator of all things from matter and motion, their Preserver and Regulator* while permitted to exist in their present forms, and their regeneration into new and other forms. We see, too, *evident proofs of the necessity of a superintending power, to maintain the universe in its course and order*” (*The Writings of Thomas Jefferson*, The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, 1904), XV:426-427, letter to John Adams, April 11, 1823.”
- **Benjamin Franklin** – “I shall therefore proceed to observe that He must be *a being of infinite wisdom (as appears in His admirable order and disposition of things)*, whether we consider the heavenly bodies, *the stars and planets and their wonderful regular motions*; or *this earth, compounded of such an excellent mixture of all the elements*; or the *admirable structure of animate bodies* of such infinite variety and yet every one adapted to its nature and the way of life is to be placed in, whether on earth, in the air, or in the water, and so exactly that the highest and most exquisite human reason cannot find a fault; and say this would have been better so, or in such a manner which whoever considers attentively and thoroughly will be *astonished and swallowed up in admiration*” (“A Lecture on the Providence of God in the Government of the World,” *The Works of Benjamin Franklin*, Tappan, Whittemore, and Mason, 1836, Vol. II, p.526).
- **John Witherspoon** – “The other medium of proof...*begins with contemplating the universe in all its parts*; observing that it contains many irresistible proofs that it could not be eternal, could not be without a cause; that this cause *must be intelligent*; and from the astonishing greatness, the wonderful adjustment and complication of things, concludes that we can set not bounds to the perfection of the Maker, because we can never exhaust the power, intelligence and benignity that we see in his works” (*Lectures on Moral Philosophy*, Princeton University Press, 1912, p. 38).
- **James Wilson** – “When we view the inanimate and irrational creation around and above us, and contemplate *the beautiful order observed in all its motions and appearances*, is not the supposition *unnatural and improbable that the rational and moral world should be abandoned to the frolics of chance or to the ravage of disorder*? What would be the fate of man and of society was every one at full liberty to do as he listed without any fixed rule or principle of conduct – without a helm to steer him, a sport of the fierce gusts of passion and the fluctuating billows of caprice?” (*The Works of the Honorable James Wilson*, Philadelphia: Lorenzo Press, 1804), Vol I:113-114.”