

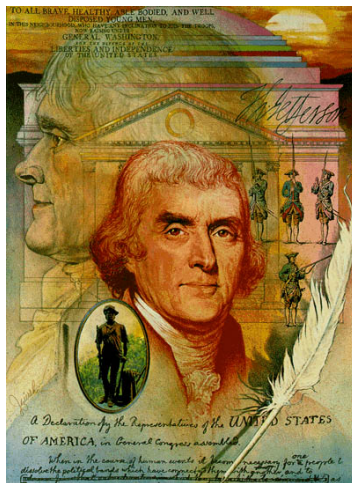
#271 The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man – Thomas Jefferson’s false doctrine of “God-given unalienable rights”

You have probably many times heard the term “God-given unalienable rights.” It comes from the Declaration of Independence of the United States.

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** [and thus “God-given Unalienable Rights”], that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Age of Reason. The doctrine of “God-given unalienable rights” is the basic premise behind the birth and foundation of the United States of America. The problem is that the doctrine of “God-given unalienable rights” does not come from scripture, nor from the Holy Spirit. The doctrine comes from the philosophies and wisdom of the world about *natural rights* that developed over the course of time (1600-1800) during what was called the Age of Reason and the Age of Enlightenment. The *natural rights* doctrines were consolidated in the mind of the chief author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, and became its foundation. Jefferson was not a Christian, and in fact was rather opposed to various parts of scripture.

Key Understanding: *Thomas Jefferson’s false doctrine of “God-given unalienable rights.”* Thomas

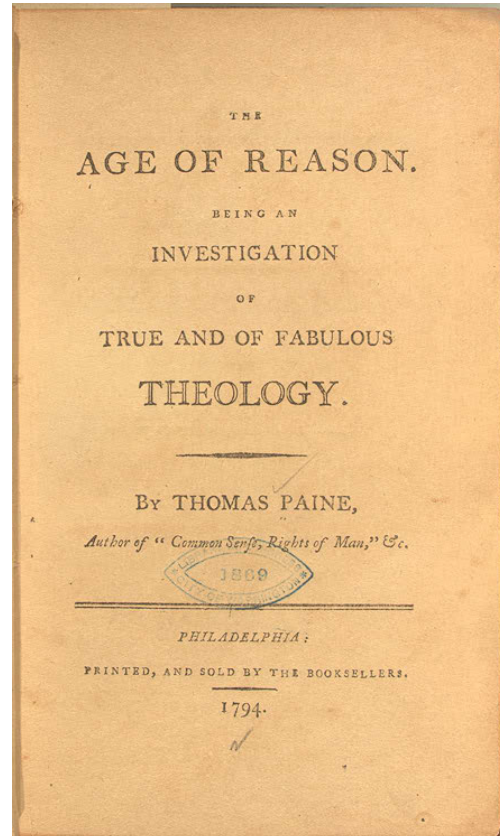


Jefferson (pictured) could endorse the *natural rights* doctrines of the Declaration of Independence as the foundation for a kingdom of *this* world, but could not endorse Jesus Christ, or true Christianity, or the Kingdom of God that is not of this world (John 18:36). Thomas Jefferson was a natural man, not a spiritual man. He worshipped the fallen ‘Age of Reason’ reasonings of the deceived human mind, not the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (KJV) NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED, NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SPIRIT WHICH IS

OF GOD; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



*14 But **THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

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