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The United States Declaration of Independence reads in part:

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.**



Key Understanding: “*Whosoever will save his life shall lose it*” vs. *the natural birthright to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*. The doctrine that all men have a *natural birthright to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness* – simply because they are born as human beings – cannot be found in the Bible. In fact, scripture says exactly the opposite – that whosoever will save his life shall lose it.

*Mark 8:34-35 (KJV) And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
35 FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.*



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