

**Lesson 16: *The Preamble***

(Lesson Time 51:46)

[for Sunday, April 12, 2015]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 230-247

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**From Chapter 9 – *Baptism of Fire: The Preamble***

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Pre-lesson questions for homework study and review: [*Supplemental* notes are bracketed]

[286 constitution provisions “principles” in text.]

The Preamble

Writing the Preamble

- o first draft did not sell
- o Gouvernor Morris wrote new preamble
- o Included 6 blessings of good government
- o Best learned with sign language

1. WHAT UNALIENABLE RIGHT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE PHASE "WE THE PEOPLE"?

[the right of self-government]

Provision 1

“We the people”

- o All authority belongs to the people
- o People are only safety
- o Education is true corrective of abuses
- o Constitution not adopted by states but by the people, [p 234 col2]

TELL WHAT JOHN LOCKE SAID ABOUT THE "DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS." (PAGE 233)

[there is no such a thing!]

2. WHAT RIGHT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE "MORE PERFECT UNION" CONCEPT?

WHY IS IT SUCH A FRAGILE AND DELICATE IDEA FOR PEOPLE TO ADOPT AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN? (235)

Provision 2

“A More Perfect Union”

- o 50 previous proposals failed
- o Simon Bolivar failed
- o Advantages of Union
  - common defense
  - control internal convulsions
  - regulation of commerce
  - prevent territorial wars in west
  - people will give up some liberty to be united and safe
  - Mission of the Rising Generation

3. WHAT RIGHT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE PHRASE "ESTABLISH JUSTICE"?

WHAT ELEMENTS MUST BE PRESENT IN A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL? (239)

Provision 3

“Equal Justice for All”

- o Unalienable rights protected
- o Innocent until proven guilty
- o Justice:
  - place to complain
  - machinery for a remedy

o Must have a large union

4. WHAT RIGHT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE PHRASE "ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY"?

HOW IS THIS RIGHT TO BE ENFORCED? (241)

Provision 4

"Ensure Domestic Tranquility"

- o Law and Order
- o Need division of powers

5. WHAT RIGHT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE PHRASE "PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE"?

DESCRIBE THE FEELINGS OF TWO OF THE FOUNDERS AS TO WHY THE "COMMON DEFENSE"

CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM "DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY." (243) [Washington & Hamilton]

Provision 5

"Provide for Common Defense"

- o against external threat [Washington: being prepared for War is surest peace policy.]
- o against internal subversion [Britain, Spain & Indians – all threats to peace]

6. WHAT RIGHT IS ANTICIPATED IN THE TERM "GENERAL WELFARE"?

HOW HAS THIS EXPRESSION BEEN INTERPRETED BOTH AS A GRANT OF FEDERAL POWER AND AS A RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL POWER? (244)

Provision 6

"Promote General Welfare"

- o General not special needs [must benefit all– not at all practiced much today! E.g. Fed 'local' disaster proclamations, or, farm pricing support]
- o No private welfare
- o No favoritism

7. WHAT RIGHT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE WORDS "SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY"?

WHAT DID THE FOUNDERS SAY WAS NECESSARY TO THE CONTINUATION OF THESE BLESSINGS?

ACCORDING TO ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, WHAT WERE AMERICANS DOING IN THE EARLY 1830'S TO PERPETUATE OUR SYSTEM? (245) [training the youth in schools]

Provision 7

"Secure Blessings of Liberty"

- o Protect future generations
- o Gov to be divided, balanced, limited
- o Maintain a virtuous people [by electing the same]

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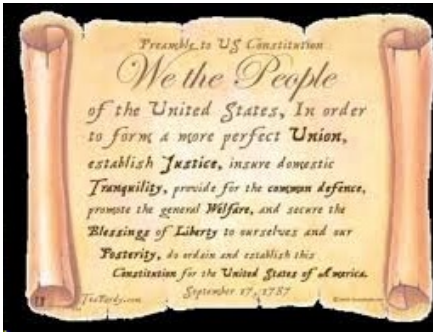
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**QUIZ Lesson 16 Chapter 9 – *Baptism of Fire: the Preamble***

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**Quiz - Lesson 16**

1. We, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_,
2. In order to \_\_\_\_\_
3. A more \_\_\_\_\_,
4. Establish \_\_\_\_\_,
5. Insure \_\_\_\_\_,
6. Provide for the \_\_\_\_\_,
7. Promote the \_\_\_\_\_,
8. And secure the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
9. To \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do ordain and \_\_\_\_\_
11. This \_\_\_\_\_
12. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Why did the Founders say “We the People”?
14. Why did they want a more perfect union?
15. When does a nation provide real justice?
16. Who wrote the Preamble?
17. The Preamble can best be learned with \_\_\_\_\_ language.



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