

Part One, American Government and U.S. Constitution

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Part II: The Founders' Basic Principles – 28 great Ideas that Changed the World

2nd Principle : A Virtuous and Moral People

Reading Assignment: *The 5000 Year Leap*: (pages 25-49)

Lesson 3 objectives:

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You should be able to:

1. Describe _____ *Cicero*, The R_____ S_____ (page 37-39)
 - a. His Life:
 - b. His Writings:
 - c. His Fundamental teachings:

2. The Main Characteristics of Natural Law: (pp. 39-40)

3. The Unique trait that God and Man have in Common: (according to *Cicero*)? (p.41)

4. The Concepts of Natural Law are closely aligned with C_____ beliefs. Why? (P.42-43)

5. *Cicero* would give what advise to modern L_____ and C_____ of nations?

6. Concepts of our American System of Government have their basis in N_____ Law. Name some of them:
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.

Answer Key

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1. Describe *Marcus Tullius Cicero*, The Roman Statesman (page 37-39)

a. His Life:

Law in Rome, Philosophy in Athens, Lawyer rising to highest office Rom. Consul, exiled after 5 yrs, murdered after 6th, resisted trend toward dictatorship.

b. His Writings: *Republic, Laws*

c. His Fundamental teachings:

Right Conduct = *Laws of Creator,

*Recognized intelligent design of the Universe,

*Called the Creator's order of things Nat. Law.,

*Common-Sense and reasonable.

*Laws of Nature and Nature's God.

2. The Main Characteristics of Natural Law: (pp. 39-40)

p.40 *True Law is righteous and agrees with Nature.

* External, universal, reasonable, cannot be altered or repealed, comprehensible, totally correct.

* "True law is right reason in agreement with Nature....".

3. The Unique trait that God and Man have in Common: (according to *Cicero*)? (p.41)

<Divine Gift of Reason>

* Only Man shares "reason" with God.

* Perfect reason = wisdom.

* Reason and Law are common to God and man.

4. The Concepts of Natural Law are closely aligned with Christian beliefs. Why? (P.42-43)

<The First Great Commandment>

* A lawyer's confrontation with Jesus

- What is the greatest commandment?

- Love God totally = love all truth, right laws

- recognize the significance of obedience

< The Second Great Commandment>

* All are equal before God

* Love thy neighbor as thyself

* The Golden Rule

* Neighborly love and kindness is the glue which holds society together

5. Cicero would give what advise to modern Lawmakers and Citizens of nations?

<Legislation>

- * “If it violates Natural Law, it is no law” – quote [no more gravity=changes not reality!]
- * “All laws should be measured against Natural Law” - quote
- * Cicero’s vision of an ideal society (quote) p 46

6. Concepts of our American System of Government have their basis in Natural Law. Pp. 46-47.
Name some of them:

<Examples of Natural Law>

- * Unalienable rights property
- * Unalienable duties
- * Habeus Corpus - [right to know accusers claims]
- * Limited Government
- * Separation of Powers
- * checks and Balances
- * Self preservation
- * Right to Contract
- * Family & Marriage
- * Reparation to Victim
- * No Tax without Representation