

# Part One, American Government and U.S. Constitution

Lesson 3 of 27:

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Principle : A Virtuous and Moral People

**2. A free people cannot survive under a republican constitution unless they remain virtuous and morally strong.**

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

Lesson 3 objectives:

[*Natural Law* mystifies most Americans—even though the founding fathers mentioned it often. It is because Americans today have never S\_\_\_\_\_ *Natural Law*.]

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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\* External, universal, reasonable, cannot be altered or repealed, comprehensible, totally correct.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