



The Framers appealed to the “_____” and of _____

Two key influencers had great impact on the Framers:

“Man, considered as a creature, must necessarily be subject to the laws of his Creator, for he is entirely a dependent being ... And consequently, as man depends absolutely upon his Maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his Maker's will. ... This will of his Maker is called the law of nature ... The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures...no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.”

Blackstone Commentaries on Law, Book 1, Section 2, 1753

“Reason lays down that there must be some superior power to which we are rightly subject, namely God who has a just and inevitable command over us” John Locke, *Essays on the Law of Nature* IV, 1676

“To establish morality, therefore, upon its proper basis, and such foundations as may carry an obligation with them, we must first prove a law, which always supposes a law-maker: one that has a superiority and right to ordain, and also a power to reward and punish according to the tenor of the law established by him. This sovereign law-maker, who has set rules and bounds to the actions of men, is God, their Maker.”

John Locke, “Of Ethics in General”

“Thus the Law of Nature stands as an Eternal Rule to all Men, Legislators as well as others. The Rules that they make for other Men's Actions, must ... be conformable to the Law of Nature, i.e. to the Will of God, of which that is a Declaration, and the fundamental Law of Nature being the preservation of Mankind, ...” John Locke, *Two Treatises of Civil Government*, 2nd, 1689

“Such a law of morality Jesus Christ hath given us in the New Testament; but by the latter of these ways, ... We have from him a full and sufficient rule for our direction, and conformable to that of reason ... Here morality has a sure standard, ... from God, the great lawmaker.”

John Locke, *The Reasonableness of Christianity*, 1695

God designed both _____ laws and _____ laws into creation

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"[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity." Daniel Webster, Address to the New York Historical Society, Feb. 23, 1852