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Represent myself

Attachment F

From the works of Thomas Paine
(The Rights of Man, Common Sense)

I was a full-time ^{graduate} student
receiving my masters less than
4 yrs ago

We did not enter into society to become worse than we were before, nor to have fewer rights than we had before, but to have those rights better secured. Our natural rights are the foundation of all our civil rights.

Every generation is equal in rights to generations which preceded it, by the same rule that every individual is born equal in rights with his contemporary.

Natural rights are those which belong to Man by right of his existence. Of this kind are all the intellectual rights ... and also of all those rights of acting as an individual for his own comfort and happiness, which are not injurious to the natural rights of others.

Political Liberty consists in the power of doing whatever does not injure another. The exercise of the Natural Rights of every Man, has no other limits than those which are necessary to secure to every other Man the Free exercise of the same Rights.

The law ought to prohibit only actions hurtful to society. What is not prohibited by the law should not be hindered; nor should anyone be compelled to that which the law does not require.

A Declaration of Rights is, by reciprocity, a Declaration of Duties also. Whatever is my right as a man is also the right of another; and it becomes my duty to guarantee *those Rights* as well as to possess *them*.

The duty of man is plain and simple, and consists but of two points: his duty to God; and with respect to his neighbor, to do as he would have done. If those to whom power is delegated do well, they will be respected: if not, they will be despised.

Alas! it seems by the particular tendency of some part of ^{today's} your testimony, and ~~other parts of your conduct~~, as if, all sin was reduced to, and *realized* in, THE ACT OF BEARING ARMS, and that by the people only. *You* appear to us, to have mistaken party for conscience; because, the general tenor of your actions wants uniformity – And it is exceedingly difficult to us to give credit to many of your pretend scruples; because, we see them made by the same people, who, in the very instant that they are exclaiming against the mammon of this world, are nevertheless, hunting after it with a step as steady as Time, and an appetite as keen as Death.

Def. Mammon - material wealth or possessions especially as having a debasing influence