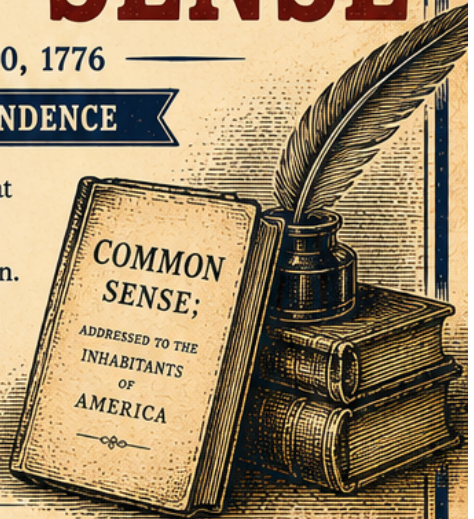


★ THOMAS PAINE'S ★ COMMON SENSE

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A POWERFUL CALL TO INDEPENDENCE

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★ KEY POINTS ★



1 AGAINST MONARCHY
Monarchy and hereditary rule are unjust and unnatural. America should not be ruled by a king.



6 KINGS ARE NOT NECESSARY
Society has been long enough under the delusion that kings are necessary. The time for a change is come.



2 INDEPENDENCE IS NATURAL
It is the natural right of the people to be free. No nation has the right to rule another.



7 A NEW WORLD, A NEW BEGINNING
America is a new world, and should have a new system of government suited to it.



3 AMERICA CAN GOVERN ITSELF
We are capable of self-government. The world is our stage, and we have a right to act our part.



8 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
Government has no right to interfere with religion. Religion is a matter between man and his God.



4 UNITY IS ESSENTIAL
The colonies must unite. "United we stand, divided we fall."



9 DO NOT WAIT
"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph." Now is the time to secure our freedom.



5 GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSE
The sole end of government is to protect the natural rights of life, liberty, and property.



10 THE CAUSE IS JUST
The cause of America is the cause of all mankind. It is the cause of liberty and of God.

★ POWERFUL PHRASES FROM COMMON SENSE ★

- ★ "These are the times that try men's souls."
- ★ "The cause of America is in a great degree the cause of all mankind."
- ★ "My country is the world, and my religion is to do good."
- ★ "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."
- ★ "Let us not be afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead."

