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Greatest revolution in human heritage for social historians is Meditation Age social behavior. Cultured North Asians ‘understand with teacher’ natural Nature’s reason from 500sBCE to 500CE that becomes Religious South Asians ‘believe with clergy’ supernatural God’s revelation medieval 500CE-1400 as religions adopt ‘4principles’, adapt it to their supernatural intervening God worldview system, and adeptly bring it to all by paid priests birthing-marrying-burying everyone in the name of God \_\_. Home of *world humanity* [‘ameriren’] is Chinese nation with ‘ren’ first word for humans with ‘humanity’ and Confucius first teacher of revolutionary reciprocity principle. Asking Nature Confucius-Buddha-Classical citizens of new natural literate 3cultures are established in people chosen ‘4principles’- tolerance & truth, compassion & equality [keeping Ancient Age renien yang/yin equality]. Home of science [Thales], democracy [Solon] and world citizenry [Socrates] is Greek nation. Recorded by social historian Thucydides, Pericles Funeral Oration [431BCE Athens] summarizes important natural law & order rational ideas- social spirits- universal principles appropriate to social-rational-natural citizens of natural culture who reference openly-freely-joyfully together universal experience. Pericles’ speech ...

*“point[s] out by what **principles** of action we [Athenian citizens] rose to power.”*

**Tolerance** Liberty *“Our form of government does not enter into rivalry with the institutions of others. We do not copy our neighbors but are an example to them.”*

**Truth** Integrity ... *“while the law secures equal justice to all alike in their private disputes, the claim of excellence is also recognized;”*

**Compassion** Fraternity *“We alone regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs, not as a harmless, but as a useless character.”*

**Equality** yang/yin *“Neither is poverty a bar, but a man may benefit his country whatever be the obscurity of his condition”*

Pericles talks of empire [“*our empire became great*”]; and then loses the very 4principles of Mediation Age social ideology, tolerance-truth-compassion-equality, he espouses. Surely, Pericles does cultural democracy’s human heritage in domestic affairs, but changes to imperial dictator in foreign affairs. Different city-state democracy policy and foreign policy! For empire Pericles’ economic foreign policy sadly becomes domination over cooperation with his neighboring city-state democracies, who eventually return his failed foreign policy in violent Athenian destruction. [Let this lesson live with every democracy.] People-rule, written above, reflects social behavior ‘4principles’ of human homelife with cultural democracy. Not careful, citizen culture dies, as medieval dark age destroys classical and hierarchs have hegemony. Cultural democracy is lost until Magna Carta, oldest living freedom charter in human rights written, 15 Jun 1215 England. AMERican Homelife ® 2003 mBook: Meditation Age social behavior americanhomelife.org p. 2

Before Classical Athenians and Pericles, there was self-separating city-state democrat Ionian Classical Greeks who flee from Continental European Greece for freedom to think/feel and do away from their royal/religion hierarchs. Going to Ionian Mideast frontier, located along eastern coastal Mediterranean Sea, native Greeks create in city-state democracies our first home of literate people-rule democracy and tolerant asking liberty science with intuitive/rational/empirical Thales, citizen scientist/philosopher.

Natural critical enquiry is human curiosity/ consequence activity/ story. Cultured North's literate people asking natural laws isn't Religious South's priest praying supernatural God activity/ story. Cultured North natural science gives us elements of air/ water/ earth/ fire to which Chinese add metal. This harmonizes with other peoples' findings worldwide, thereby joining *basicAncient* firebringers and *socialMeditation* cultured elemental scientists to the long art of everyday humans physically asking natural law for those who have eyes to see. The Cultured North, Confucian-Buddhist-Classical citizen, chooses same social universal principles from universal experience for human home behavior, with citizen 'social homelife'. People chosen principles tolerance/ truth/ compassion are joined to yang/ yin equality. Cultures are many. Not all cultures are *socialMeditation* conscious in '4principles'.

By Ancient middle merchant's Byblos alphabet gift empowered, European Greek citizens in principle and with alphabet writings/ readings, create/ record/ live city-states direct democracy. Not waiting for royal/religion to take care of them, they take responsibility for taking caring of themselves for well and woe in public service and voting. Citizen scientist/philosopher is naturally born asking natural laws in self-evident truths physically for common sense science, socially for empathetic society. Cultured Old Democrat, city-state citizen, in truthintegrity principle share written consensus common sense common law from natural law, learn compassionatefraternity human rights/ public service, love asking tolerant skepticism liberty principle that overcomes powers violent and superstitious, and live yang/yinequality in economic/educational opportunities. Buddhist clergy-teacher and Confucian administrators to emperor embody the '4principles' ideology.

From city-state Miletus Thales, Milesian meditator, with native Greek Ionian thinkers begins the long art of science in 'asking' physical universal principles of natural laws from universal experience. Over time we modern Milesian meditators with Thales continue the 'asking physical universal experience' approach that develops and becomes intuitive with Thales, rational with Plato, and empirical with Aristotle. Intuitively, Thales suspects natural pattern and predictability in Nature energy/force. Natural law/order can be understood by common sense Platonic rational strategy, coupled with Aristotelean empirical accurate up-to-date facts, and hypothesizing with Thales natural intuition. We are modern Milesian meditators, citizen scientists who ask natural law & order Nature. From classical culture to American culture, ask questions all.

#### *Father of Science Thales*

Ionian thinkers give the world its first community of scientists with Father of Science Thales. Thales is first among Ionian thinkers to give US all in cultural democracy the 'why' in natural law & order Nature with science. Thales begins first science tradition called the Ionian Thinkers. Thales, native European Greek, is born in city-state democracy Miletus, Asia Minor about 625-545BCE. He is the earliest physical philosopher [scientist], the founder of philosophy [kindly wisdom in natural law & order], and the father of deductive geometry. He teaches the universe is water in the generalization 'All is Water' and that all things are filled with gods 'vital force or life force'. [To the mind of a Greek the distinguishing mark of a 'god' was unending life and perpetual activity.] Involved in politics and commerce [human home], asking to understand and master his natural environment [nature home], Thales represents the Old Democrat, asking everyday citizen scientist/philosopher. Thales is respected throughout Greece and becomes chief representative of the 'Seven Wise Men', a group selected for their practical wisdom and statesmanship.

Miletus is a trading center. There can be found a world of ideas literate city-state citizens access, freely and openly questioning to obtain information power in understanding, whole information, and truth given without facts hidden. Greek Thales learns from our middle famili the astronomy of Babylonia, the navigational methods of Phoenician, and the geometry of Egypt. Thales makes solar observations to determine the length of the periods between solstice and equinox. By waiting for the time when his own shadow is equal to his height, he paces out the shadow cast by Egyptian pyramids to calculate the height. Thales discovers some elementary theorems, like a circle is bisected by its diameter and the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are equal.

Intuitively, Thales senses there is regular pattern underlying occurrences of eclipses, and accepts they depend on orderly movements of heavenly bodies rather than on capricious and unpredictable will of a god. Placing his confidence in the uniformity of natural law & order, Thales predicts a solar eclipse in a given year. It happens, and his intuitive hypothesis is proven correct in physical fact. Middle Eastern Lydian and Mede armies are about to do battle 28 May 585BCE when Thales' eclipse occurs for all to see! Medes and Lydians brake off hostile fighting and make a peace treaty because they are superstitious and afraid of solar eclipses. Interestingly, this is the oldest historical event that can be dated to the exact time! May 28 is the birthday of science. With Thales solar hypothesis, science is born from this very special eclipse of our sun on May 28, 585BCE, birthday of science that welcomes physical universal principles, natural law & order.

Science is born with Thales who is trying to understand events in universal experience rather than personal prophecy, in natural pattern rather than supernatural intervention, in thoughtful rational understanding rather than revelation belief. Thales' thinking has a conceptual consistency simply not found in myth. Thales detaches principle from its mythological trappings and provides natural explanations of natural events. Less dramatic fantasy! More consistent reality! Thales outlines a daring and unified scheme of natural law process that is thought out along rational lines. This is an intellectual insight that marks the arrival of natural law & order culture. [[An Introduction to Greek Philosophy](#), J.V. Luce, London: Thames and Hudson Ltd., 1992]

*Anaxagoras/ Anaximander/ Anaximenes and Aristotle/ Archimedes equals A+ effort*

Anaxagoras/Anaximander/ Anaximenes are native Greek Ionians Thinkers before the later and greater Aristotle and Archimedes. Birth of physical philosophy, or science, is with Thales' Ionian Thinkers including Anaxagoras/ Anaximander/ Anaximenes.

Anaxagoras 428BCE advances theory that all matter is composed of tiny particles called atoms, at first in chaos, then brought into order by a superior spiritual force called *Nous* [mind]. His theory of the universe is much like our own. Priests try him for impiety, but Anaxagoras is saved by Pericles, who is his student along with Euripides and Socrates.

Anaximander [born 611BCE], like Father of Science Thales, does the practical affairs of city-state democracy Miletus as well as asking natural law & order Nature to give a rational account of the world that becomes his *On Nature*. He applies his reason to the facts as he sees them, and is regarded as the originator of theoretical physics. He rejects elemental masses of Fire, Air, Earth, and Water and chooses his first principle on 'apeiron'-'boundless'- 'unlimited'- an inexhaustible reservoir for the stuff of the visible world. This is similar to the contemporary panspermia theory that life on earth originates in space. Anaximander sees the apeiron in cosmic vortex. There is the principle of self-regulating balance of things expressed in his own words rather poetical:

“Things render due recompense to one another for their injustice  
in accordance with the arrangement made by time.”

[Separating/ balancing powers royal/ religion/ republic is in harmony with natural law & order Nature.] Anaximander becomes successor of Thales, head of physical school of philosophy [or science school in physical universal principles of universal experience]. He discovers the obliquity of ecliptic and teaches it. Anaximander invents world map based on travelers and sailors' information. Anaximander applies 'gnomon' [style set] on horizontal plane to determine solstices/equinoxes.

Anaximenes is Miletian son natural philosopher, or scientist 556BCE. He teaches that all matter is derived from air, formed by compression or rarefaction. Pliny says Anaximenes invents sun dial.

After Ionians, Athenians create center for early science schools, including Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum. Greeks asking for physical and social cause and effect in natural law & order Nature create 'a Greek free man's education' of...

universal math/ science, ethics/ ideas

social history/ literature, art/ sports

global languages/ geography/ asking adventure.

'A Greek free man's education' is lost when classical culture evaporates [due to lose of advocacy] and is partially appropriated by NT biblical religion that saves its own stories in divine heritage. To access the Cultured North, one needs a human heritage approach and advocacy. Contemporary classical education or 'freedom education' is *socialMeditation* 'a Greek free man's education'. Returned to literate everyday world citizen people of self-governing common sense common law authority in natural law & order Nature authentication is human tradition 'freedom education'.

Aristotle is born 384BCE in Thrace. His father is court physician to Macedonian King Amyntas. At eighteen he goes to be educated at the school of Plato in Athens for twenty years. In 343BCE he returns to Macedonia and becomes tutor to Alexander the Great, the fourteen year old son of Philip of Macedon and future conqueror of continental homeland Greece and South Asians. With his father's well-trained army Alexander leaves Macedonia, kills his travel teacher for being too Greek, and conquers 16 countries in South Asia. Classical culture ideas are long being cared/ shared with no need for militancy. Not traveling with Alexander, Aristotle returns to Athens to start his school, the Lyceum, where he teaches and directs scientific activities 335-323BCE. He separates philosophy into branches: logic/ metaphysics/ physics/ ethics/ politics/ art philosophy.. Christians embrace Aristotle's earth-centered universe a divine medieval millennium that is dogma unquestioned/ unrealistic/ unacceptable. Israel Bible NT medieval Christians praise intervening God and pray for liberty in heaven while they with their shepherding clergymen discard as irrelevant classical culture. Citizen science/philosopher is by clergy forgotten.

Archimedes 287-212BCE, is the most celebrated of ancient Greek mathematicians. The Archimedes principle of hydrostatics is a theorem that says: when a solid is immersed in a fluid, it loses a portion of its weight, and this portion is equal to the weight of the fluid which it displaces. Archimedes' screw is a pump cylinder machine that spirals, raises water from level to level until it flows out at the top: It's a revolving screw for raising water.

Asking tough questions long/hard enough classical citizen scientists of milesian meditation learn the good news, the greatest discovery of all Greek science and math, and that is father sky and I on earth are one in natural law & order Nature ['the father and I are one' discussing reality poetically]. Over AMERI Ages the long art of science is with every human baby asking reality around him/her growing in consciousness of *basicAncient* firebringers/farmers – *socialMeditation* Chinese/Buddha/ Classical citizen elemental natural world- *physicalEducation* modern German science university gravity concepts taught- *civilRepublican* public schools' electron magnetism in lights/computer-*universalInformation* nuclear wonder.

Asking physical cause and effect in natural law & order gives US all in culture democracy the Meditation Age science of the Cultured North in our elemental **nature home** ...

**h**<sub>air/air</sub>+ **O**<sub>cean/water</sub>+ **m**<sub>ountain/earth</sub>+ **e**<sub>nergy/fire</sub>= **nature home**.

The new word 'homelife' reminds US all in cultural democracy that our human heritage includes everyday citizen people asking about their natural environment or nature home untouched by human hand and their human environment or human home touched by our family/family bearers, whom we remember to say 'thanx' for their hard and loving work in efforts natural and human for their children and children's children forever cultured in the common good of rational ideas- social spirits- universal principles.

Pre-Socratics are citizen scientists with Thales' Ionian thinkers. Socratics are citizen philosophers with Solon/ Socrates, asking <sub>social</sub> universal experience. Thales milesian meditators wax toward science. Solon/ Socrates athenian meditators wax toward philosophy. Father of Science is Thales. Father of Democracy is Solon. Home of science and democracy is native Greek nation.

*Mainland Athenian democracy is documented brilliance, too.*

Socially asking civil law to be in harmony with natural law, Athenians give US all in cultural democracy their record of unfolding literate citizen people empowerment. Mainland Athenian democracy is documented brilliance, including Athenian favorite son Solon, Father of Democracy. We see social human homelife in citizen people chosen '4principles' of tolerance/truth/compassion/equality written into Athenian social historical record. We see the natural prosperity of cultural democracy unfold in Athens, model *socialMeditation* consciousness in classical culture as U.S. America from Washington to Warren models *civilRepublican* awareness in american world citizen culture. After monarchy/ aristocracy/ tyranny fail to deliver freedom, Greek nation {asking just integrity in social cause from natural law & order} birth literate people economy/ political democracy in asking tolerant liberty with human rights. Democracy, literate people-rule, is introduced to Athens in 508 BCE. Asking tolerant liberty for human homelife citizen culture, Athenians create ostracism that banishes for ten years any citizen deemed dangerous to the liberty of their city-state (Clisthenes). Asking for truth integrity for human environmental home of citizenry, all Athenians rich and poor agree to make and live under the same written common law (Draco), serve on the Assembly (Solon), and serve on the important Council-- the policy making administrative body (Clisthenes). Asking for compassionate fraternity, all Athenian men participate on jury duty to protect the human rights of all (Solon). Asking social equality, Athenians have their public officials receive a salary thus enabling poor male citizens to accept jury duty and other government service (Pericles).

Interfering with equality principle, that we all are equal in universal experience, 'classism' is deemed unjust and so is stopped. For the equality principle all citizens [only Greek men at this time] read, write, and engage in economic efforts from their individual ability and choice, not from birth or class. All Greek men are equal under their city-state's people-made consensus common law written in principles. Women-slaves-aliens are not allowed citizen belonging rights. Integrity principle's inclusion of citizen waits for *civilRepublican* awareness with american world citizen, modeled by U.S. American Experiment in new first republic after old Roman Republic.

*Social homelife is with cultured Athenian citizen people in tolerance/ truth/compassion/equality:*

Looking for **tolerant** liberty... Athenians create ostracism.

Looking for **truth** integrity...Greeks create written rule of common law from natural law.

Looking for **compassionate** fraternity...Athenians create jury public service.

Looking for Ancient equality... Athenians pay government officials, have open literacy,  
and encourage open access economy for all Greek male citizens.

Pericles speech 431BCE [Meditation Age], recorded by social historian Thucydides, summarizes important rational ideas-social spirits-universal principles of Athenian citizen culture. Citizen scientist/philosopher is unique, though, in that he joins physical/social principles in natural law & order Nature critical enquiry appropriate to every freedom loving citizen person. Cultured people live human home tolerance/ truth/ compassion/ equality ideology in natural world of human environment, with citizen culture in homelife. Pericles describes our social human homelife of citizen culture as a community of flexible people receptive to new ideas, lovers of liberty, and doers of their own people-rule democracy. As an enduring wartime statement of social cultural democracy in Meditation Age, Pericles' Funeral Oration is often compared with Republican Age Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Asking tolerant liberty freedom overcomes powers violent and superstitious in universal principles from universal experience of natural law & order Nature's reason. Greeks do natural culture of citizen people, not supernatural religion of clergy priest.

*From Socratic culture to Christian religion*

First to identify himself as a citizen of the world, Socrates defines and dreams the classical culture carefully in principles for sharing worldwide among people equally. Physically cultured are pre-Socratics. Socially cultured are Socratics. When Classical culture is brought to world by Socratics, they are called Stoic philosopher, Sophist scholar, and Cynic preacher. Socratics carry forward the Classical citizen culture approach to Timeless Truth in physical/ social/ natural critical enquiry with asking everyday honest people.

The native european Greek **does not** bring their rational-natural-classical citizen culture ideology to native european Continentals, who are poor and lost in freezing weather with only bonfire relief. Rather, peaceful Socratics [as well as militant Alexander the Great who is himself questionably classical] take their treasures of natural spirited thoughts to the middle famili of Middle Easterners and Middle Indians, who have the better weather, prestigious goldlife wealth, and ways for travel/ passage uncluttered by dense forests of Europe. Native Greeks are encouraged to marry among middle famili for the purpose of better bringing Classicism. However, instead of extending among a growing world citizen, new cultured Socratic Classicist, these decisions result in the opposite, a failed foreign policy that only disperses and weakens the nation of Greece and is responsible for them becoming lost and forgotten a religious Biblical Christian medieval millennium. Gone is classical citizen culture's natural advocacy and support. So, we go to the faith priest divine nation of Israel chosen by God Jehovah and its Biblical New Testament theology of God Son Jesus to learn what was originally Greek in principles with the Cultured North ideology in Classical citizen. Indeed, in the ideas alone Classical /Christian are so similar.

Greek Epictetus, Stoic philosopher, proclaims brotherhood of man [*ren-right behavior-agape*], as does Judeo-Christian. Naturally cultured Epictetus talks understandings with teacher Socrates his world citizen role model in Classical human story. Supernaturally religious Christian talks belief with clergy in the divinity of God Son Jesus [God Savior of Israel, God Messiah, only begotten God Son of God the Father Jehovah] as God role model in other than human Biblical clergy story. Thoughts 161CE of Marcus Aurelius, Classical Roman philosopher-emperor, is forgotten and Classical cultured citizen, Old Democrat [Greek] and Old Republican [Roman]. Adept organizational power and paid priests save clergy story better than volunteer philosophers with human story. God of Israel Jehovah & prophets [Old Testament Bible] and divinity of Jehovah God's only begotten son Jesus & disciples [New Testament Bible] is with clergy worldwide.

Faith priest divines always save words/ activities of intervening God's revelation to messenger prophets in holy story, never original natural human agents of change in human story with interconnections among different humans and nations and world famili. This is the difference between natural culture and supernatural religion. While culture is done in principles, spirited thoughts, and ideas... religion is done in the name of God, who is the supernatural intervening power who comes into the natural world and does His [usually a male] own thing. Then too, religious Bible clergy regard Socratic skeptics as cynical /arrogant because they engage in natural critical enquiry. Today, asking natural law Nature is O.K., even encouraged by teachers who want their students to think naturally/ critically.....in the asking tolerant Socratic skepticism of Liberty.

From famous and long Greek fishermen tradition possibly original fishers of men, Socratic Cynic preachers, reach out to middle famili nations. Their good news of sky/earth joined in the Laws of Nature and their social homelife citizen cultured principles join in words and ministry of Jesus, Israel's savior Messiah supernatural who later inspires Prophet Mohammed. Jesus and Saul of Taurus are students of Greek classical reason and Israeli biblical revelation [later with Hillel]. Next to Jesus' boyhood town Nazareth is Sepphoris, new classical town with many teachers of citizen culture. Cynics evaporate along with the rest of literate citizen culture. Social religion with clergy and without citizen culture memory is medieval time 500-1400CE of socialMeditation Age 500BCE-1400CE. Not until physicalEducation Age 1400-1700CE [Renaissance/Enlightenment joined] do european Continentals begin the process of returning to themselves their lost european classical culture that finds completion in civilRepublican Age with literate Old American then american, world citizen. Citizen people are empowered to rule their own independent democracies in separate authority [literate people-rule democracy] /authentication [civil law from natural law]/ tradition [human heritage]. This is NOT authority/authentication/tradition of rich royal land monopolists, nor divine 'by God' clergy. In miracle intervening God chooses nations and people in national prophets of personal prophecy. In wonder people choose universal principles of universal experience, with citizen people too.

Reading Saint Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologica one might see along with this saint, elements of the philosophy of Aristotle in Saint Paul's Christianity. There is a nondisclosure problem where Christian saints take Aristotle without reference. Although Alexander Museum Library [built to save Aristotle] is no longer with us, Aristotle lives in middle nation Israeli Bible NT Christian religion. Divine heritage has human heritage hidden/ unreferenced/ intertwined.

Teacher Socrates embodies and dies for asking tolerant liberty in chosen principles cultured ideology. Theologically speaking, Jewish Jesus dies for sins of world in Israeli Bible New Testament. Naturally speaking, Jesus may have had trouble joining reason and revelation in Jewish religion. Teacher Hypatia embodies and dies for universal science/math education and women's human right to rationally think/feel and do. Probably, authority of natural rational classical teacher Jesus is made unwelcome by Jerusalem rabbi clergy authority of supernatural revelation Bible authentication.

So, Jesus' crime of bringing citizen culture to nation of Israel is crucifixion. Later, German Moses joins reason and revelation for Israel nation. Consciousness takes time. Much like Lincoln who dies for citizen inclusion integrity, it is the later Warren/ Du Bois/ Thurgood Marshall who effect the hard win citizen inclusion integrity principle. Jesus embodies social homelife with the added dimension of the Divine.... with Israeli national prophets of personal prophecy. Human homelife tradition thus becomes clergy godlife tradition in agents of change and other than human story.

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Home of science and democracy is the Greek nation. It becomes the european famili's good global gift given when europeans themselves decide they want their **lost** classical culture from native european Old Democrats [Classical Greeks] and Old Republicans [Classical Romans]. This is not Imperial Roman Empire of caesars for riches. This is not Bible theocracy of clergy with Constantine/ Charlemagne/ Hapsburg [taken to the Americas]. This is rather *physicalEducation* rebirthing classical culture supports for rational people and expanding in *civilRepublican* Old American and american. Old Democrat expands to Old Republican. Old American expands to american world citizen. Socratic skepticism and Roman republicanism is cherished cultural democracy.

People-rule democracy is natural because literate citizen people choose principles they want to live. Divine right of king/ priest clergy theocracy is supernatural rule for intervening God tells them what to do, when to do it, and what laws they should have. Human heritage cultural democracy is created in natural culture that asks not wealth of king, nor intervening God, but rather the universal principles/concepts of universal experience in natural laws & order Nature. Citizen people find common ground and the common good for common sense consensus people rule. Imperial behavior is done by dictators/divines/democrats, violating code of conduct [tolerance/truth/compassion /equality] at home and abroad in foreign policy. Quality democracy countries remember to carefully care citizen culture not only at home but abroad in foreign policy.

*Some Dynamic Old Democrats ...*

Rational individual natural critical enquiry is the engine of dynamic democracy. 'Father of History' Herodotus embellishes facts with fable/superstition/hearsay. 'First Scientific Historian' Thucydides writes I M P A R T I A L account of Peloponnesian War. Writings are metaphorical, unreferenced, and with much license given over fact. After Herodotus-Thucydides truth is effort, social history is born, and facts/original source material referenced is required. Hippocrates 'Father of Medicine' asks physical natural cause and effect for disease even as many continue to do divination for health. Hippocratic Oath, taken by modern doctors of medicine, he authors.

'Ask' is unique wonderful Greek word, the Grecian key for natural critical enquiry, physical for science and social for society. Before Baconian method of scientific enquiry, strategy is 'ASK'. Ask honestly-Seek courageously- Knock temperately. [-Socrates] Seeking eternal truths of reason, people '**ASK**'. For the Laws of Nature to be with human homes of humanhood- our citizenry- my family/famili- each '**ASK**'. Individually/ rationally/ naturally citizen people **ASK**. Greek's most

amazing discovery is, again, the sky [Father] and I [on earth] are one [in the Laws of Nature]. Here's the good news. The Father and I are one... becomes a science lesson joined in poetical word to share the Greeks' good news: Nature home/human home, sky/earth are joined in natural laws.

Teacher Socrates 469-399BCE is sculptor, soldier at the battle of Delium 424BCE, and takes part in Athenian politics before finding his work as social natural law & order philosopher. He becomes teacher to youth to revive moral feeling and to erection of a scientific foundation for social ideas. His living style is simplicity itself with food in minimum, clothing for comfort, and marriage fidelity to his wife, a difficult woman. Socrates affirms that virtue is capable of being taught and that all problems/sorrows result from ignorance, or lack of understanding. Socrates is first to self-identify as being a citizen of the world. Socratic Method is naturally 'ask' Nature for timeless Truth wherever you find yourself...in streets and marketplace [as Agora of Athens], in school and bus, in politics and news, in privacy of my family and in public of our citizenry, etc. 'The unexamined life is not worth living.'- Socrates. A typical Socratic Method question is: What does it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul? Embodying soulful integrity-truthful honesty is central to Socrates who puts his truth in timeless Truth. For Socrates/ Diogenes/ Cato to act it is not for belief of future reward, but rather for the convictions that virtue is its own reward because it is intrinsically good and desirable. Socrates is responsible for focusing on rational behavior. From Socrates comes the importance of the inner life, of spiritual culture. Socrates is carried by Cynic School, Platonism, Stoic thinking, and is adopted by Israeli Bible religion in the ministry of Jesus. Stilpo the Socratic is asked by the victorious general who lays waste Megara to send an account of goods destroyed, to which Stilpo replies: "No one looted my inner resources." Cultured Stilpo embodies ideals of Socrates and Cultured North *social Meditation* consciousness.

Uncomfortable with rational ethics teacher Socrates, Athenian revelation priests lean on city-state and have him killed. He is accused of not worshipping Athenian gods and corrupting youth with his constant unrelenting questioning. Needing scapegoat for failed Peloponnesian War God Zeus clergy, working within Democratic Party, do their aggression on innocent Logos teacher Socrates, Athens' son. In prison among friends old teacher Socrates takes hemlock and dies 399BCE. So sad for his teacher Socrates, deist/ naturalist/ rationalist Plato changes from politics to philosophy to take care of the memory and continuance of his teacher while also making his own contribution to citizen culture, homelife. Naturalist/empiricist Aristotle continues Plato's work and is teacher to Alexander the Great, who builds Alexander Museum Library to save the work of his teacher Aristotle.

Divines attack: Athenian divines- Socrates, Jerusalem divines- Jesus, Alexandrian divines- Hypatia, Catholic Vatican divines- Galileo. Hemlock- Cross- Torture- Inquisition respectively are all the same distrust of citizen people who find comfort-pattern-predictability in asking natural law & order Nature-Logos-rational universal experience. Citizen culture meditates/asks: Clergy religion praises/prays. The medieval caesars and clergy derail Classicism and set cultural democracy's science and citizenry behind two thousand years.

To Plato Socrates is "the wisest, most just, and best man." Diogenes' Cynic preachers spread the world citizen culture of natural critical enquiry physical and social. Socrates teaches classical culture in universal brotherly love- fraternity- 'agape' that becomes part of the Cultured North *socialMeditation* tradition along with Buddhism established in cause and effect and Confucianism established in natural law & order with the primacy of the ren reciprocity principle - first word for humanity 'ren' - humans with humanity. Remember, 500BCE is revolutionary in principled cultures extended with 'ren' Confucianism- 'right' Buddhism- 'the common good' Classicism, all defining *socialMeditation* new natural order consciousness. socialMediation Age in principles

*tolerance /truth/ compassion* is considered by social historians as THE greatest achievement-awakening- unfolding awareness experience ever within our human heritage home. We are here to help, not hurt. Period! 'Manhood' is no longer defined by killing, Ancient savage definition.

With Socratic Method in asking natural questions physical and social for discovery of reality in timeless Truth, Socrates enjoys finding good pattern and predictability that can be repeated again and again with each new child learning again and again natural law & order Nature from universal experience referenced. Socrates says to Ask honestly- Seek courageously-**Knock** temperately. Sincerely, Socrates opposes ancient Hesiod and Homeric supernatural stories of sons killing fathers in Savage rites of human sacrifice chaos. Socrates says such ideas are inappropriate and corrupting to youth of Athens. [Universal ethics is the branch of natural philosophy (or early morality in kindly wisdom) that deals with values and is concerned with distinguishing between good and bad here on earth, between right and wrong human actions, and between virtuous universal principles and non-virtuous universal principles characteristic of humanhood.] Pre-socratics are scientists comfortable with natural pattern and predictability. In asking and parable, Socratics are philosophers comfortable with natural pattern and predictability.

Socrates defines world citizen culture with Ancient equality in universal experience, compassionate fraternity in word 'agape', truth integrity in his own soulful quest for timeless Truth, and asking tolerant liberty that overcomes powers violent and superstitious. Thales physically and Solon/Socrates socially establish classical human homelife, in cultured principles accepted and chosen by people for their living together in better ordering, survival, and peace.

After Socrates we see ourselves as citizen scientist/socratic asking nature home physically and human home socially. Scientist naturally/physically asks universal experience for natural law & order ideas/principles/concepts of nature home **heir/air- ocean/water-mt./earth- energy/fire**. A Socratic naturally/socially asks universal experience for natural law & order idea/ principle/ concept/ ideology appropriate to and chosen by people for our human home environment. socialMeditation Age Cultured North chooses social human home in tolerance/truth/compassion with Ancient equality principle, including classical citizen social homelife.

Citizen people live their life in Life, their truth in timeless Truth, and are naturally both scientist and kind wisdom philosopher. Religious pray God \_\_\_\_\_. Cultured ask Nature. Supernatural heaven and intervening God is religious talk with clergy. Natural law & order Nature is cultured talk with teacher/ people. Natural culture/ supernatural religion are different categories that often agree.

Social Socrates' two famous students, rational Plato and empirical Aristotle, show differences in their natural asking approaches. Deduction is a process of reasoning that moves from general to specific. This is rationalist Plato's style of logic. He begins with an idea real or imaginary and reasons his way down to the specifics and details. Induction on the other hand is a process of reasoning that moves from specific details and facts to general idea or overall design. This is empiricist Aristotle's more firm but slower style. He is very careful to observe, record, and collect up-to-date facts. Aristotle is the empiricist who aggressively seeks accurate information from which he slowly builds his larger structure or idea in natural laws. Rational Plato and empirical Aristotle are limited by the technology of the time in which they live. Empiricism is very important, even more important than reason because when your facts are inaccurate all is wrong no matter how logical ones reasoning. This is the case with Plato whose reasoning is perfect but his facts are incorrect. Aristotle is an empiricist, but his work is flawed by the technological limits of his time. Some old illusions promoted with lies are corrected by physical milesian meditators

with Thales and social athenian meditators with Solon/Socrates. With intuitive Thales-rational Plato-empirical Aristotle do your own natural ASKing meditation around issues and problems of your own life.

Alexander the Great is student of Aristotle. Honoring his teacher, Alexander makes city of Alexandria and Ptolemy builds Alexander Museum Library. Alexander Museum Library is a special place to save Aristotle's works and a world of ideas for free and open world reference and enjoyment of world human heritage. Here are works of Plato the rationalist, many other great global thinkers from Ancient Age Old Worlds and socialMeditation Age works as well.

### *Greatest Library of Human Heritage*

On African Egyptian side of Mediterranean Sea Greeks build Alexander Museum Library to honor Aristotle, Alexander the Great's teacher. Alexander Museum Library is the meeting place for global people to read and write, see and listen, talk and share. Alexander Museum Library becomes the third research community after Ionian School and Athenian Schools for asking Nature and saving human heritage memory. Nature home physical scientist/ human home social philosopher [social scientist] are the *novus ordo seclorum* of honest/asking citizen scientist/philosopher. Adventuring Alexandrian scholars move knowledge ahead to the 1900CE level of sophistication! Here about 700,000 handwritten scrolls contain the world's Ancient Age and Meditation Age of human heritage, perhaps even including native american original source information. Why? We know native american tobacco finds its way into the wrappings of late Egyptian mummies. It's possible there's a scroll or two about the inamerican famili in social history. Here are scrolls from middle famili Babylon astronomers and Middle Indian mathmaticians [numbers with zero and decimal], renien Chinese astronomers, and myriad other good global idea gifts given from native african and native european. Alexander Museum librarians love learning about our nature/human homes.

In global adventure of early scientific research the Alexander Museum librarians, financed by pharaoh, send ship captain african Rata around continental Africa on a voyage of early exploration a thousand years before Portugal's Prince Henry the Navigator. Prince Henry the Navigator in early 1400CE of physicalEducation Age sets up a school to teach navigation, map making, and other skills of seamanship, that allow Portugal's sailors to be among the first to brave unknown seas and oceans and find all water route to India around Africa's Cape of Good Hope. Columbus owes much to the years he lives in the Portugal of Prince Henry the Navigator. Dias/ Cabral/ Vasco da Gama are Portugal's ship captains, much like african Rata who sails one thousand years before them for his meditating/asking Alexander Museum librarians of natural law & order classical culture.

Adventuring/ asking/ exploring brave cause and effect in universal experience for natural law & order ideas/principles/concepts, men/women in early science community at Egypt's Alexander Museum Library become famous science research global community, even surpassing excellence of Athen science schools of Plato/Aristotle on mainland Greece. Located where Mediterranean Sea touches African Egyptian coastline, meditating/asking Alexandrian librarians record human home heritage of global community. Their legacy belongs to US all in cultural democracy wherever we live and ask our questions of natural law & order Nature and of human home with homelife.

Ancient Age and Meditation Age writings on scrolls in worldwide human heritage story is gone forever along with grand old Alexander Museum Library. On military campaign emperor Julius Caesar

accidentally burns copies [not originals] waiting to be shipped at port. Burning scrolls of human heritage is not on Julius' agenda. Later, however, Emperor Theodosius of Constantine Bible Theocracy purposefully for religion attacks everything from original handwritten scrolls to Library building to librarian scientists to math teacher Hypatia. Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria, Egypt with his warrior desert monks and uncle do Emperor Theodosius' destroy order. For the terrorism Cyril is sainted. For 'trashing' human heritage and classical culture in Alexandria Cyril is sainted. This militant political activism is a follow up to closing Athen science schools 529CE by military soldiers sent from Emperor Justinian of Constantine Bible Theocracy for religion. At this time in social history clergy want nothing to do with physical or social natural critical enquiry. Nothing! Athen schools closed/ Alexander Museum Library burned/ teacher Hypatia tortured ...thrice is horror of theocracy [union of king and clergy] visited upon our human home heritage! A little later illiteracy is made law for all but clergy; thereby, making it impossible to have citizen culture.

Neat and tidy is the uprooting of unsuspecting citizen people, Old Democrat and Old Republican, by rich plutocrat and divine priest working purposefully together toward their own hierarchal hegemony. People are reduced to peon of plutocrat and sheep of clergy. Disenfranchised, former few national citizens instead of growing more nations in their joy of citizen culture live limited lives until finally they again decide to take responsibility for their well and woe and do something about it with *physicalEducation* and *civilRepublican*. Rejecting people-rule democracy, clergy-rule give former citizens enforced illiteracy. Rejecting science, clergy close Athen schools of Plato/ Aristotle. Rejecting human tradition, clergy burn Alexander Museum Library. Religion leans on Constantine Bible Theocracy and has caesars do its godly imperial agenda in military political activism. Clergy in the name of God and caesars in resources monopoly abuse people who have stopped asking Nature, stopped being citizen. Royal/divine traditions overcome human tradition at Alexander Museum Library. Never again! In separation and balance of powers plutocrat/priest/people we the people can have human homelife, forbearers' memory, and dignity stories. Overwhelmed, citizen people wait a dark age for return of enlightening reason with natural human homelife.

World community student/teacher Alexander Museum librarians of meditating/asking Nature adventurers are too few in number. In last 200 years of existence they become elitists, proud/ remote/ exclusive. They stop sharing their learning with everyday people near and far. By not sharing information in the normalcy of giving and receiving, as Ancient vital merchant, librarians destroy themselves. When Alexander Museum librarians are attacked, few care because they have become irrelevant to everyday people, and people fear for the safety of their own lives. Theocracy of imperial royal/religion combines and overcomes small community of Alexander Museum librarians. Theocracy champions intolerant/ illiterate/ irrational medieval minded millennium in blind obedience to their hierarchal rule. Alexander Museum librarians among others loose their rational support structure and their very jobs of being a natural critical thinker. Meditation Age [500BCE-1400CE] natural/social/cultured changes to medieval supernatural/social/religious [500CE-1400CE].

Kiss the Cross/Koran or die. Intolerant medieval mindedness shocks mutual moderns and causes american, world citizen, to make firm individual human right to freedom to think-freedom of conscience- freedom of religion with constitutional check on royals/religions in amendment one awareness. In consensus people write self-determined common law from natural law. Natural law says to US all in cultural democracy that human affairs can be governed by ethical principles that are part of the very nature of things and that can be understood by Plato's ideas in eternal truths of reason, Aristotle's empiricism in accurate up-to-date facts, and Thales' natural intuition. Intuitive/rational/empirical thinking is with all honest asking citizen scientist/philosopher, you.

*Middle Eastern University Arabs Joyfully Join in Asking Nature*

Knock-on-effect of Alexander Museum librarians inspires medieval university Arab scholars, who join the adventure of enjoying and exploring the intuitive/ rational/ empirical natural law & order enquiry. Universities at Cairo in Egypt, Baghdad in Mesopotamia, and Cordova in Spain preserve and teach Greco-Roman Meditation Age 500BBCE-1400CE. Classical science learning provides a foundation for further advances by Middle Eastern scholars, who are permitted to study and write in tolerant freedom. University Arabs move the world ahead in math/ languages/ industry/ navigation/ medicine/ social literature/ architecture. Middle Easterners introduce Arabic numerals from India, replacing the clumsy Roman numbering system [I-II-III-IV-V...] and further algebra/ geometry/ trigonometry. Middle Easterner scholars use their Arabic language and give US all the words sofa and syrup, coffee and cotton, almanac and alcohol. Middle Easterners produce famous Damascus steel/ damask cloth/ crystal glass/ smooth paper/ delightful rugs/ Cordovan leather. Middle Eastern scholars think the world is round not flat, disagreeing with their *Word of God* Koran that says world is flat. Middle Easterners adapt Chinese compass to mariner's compass to better see their direction at sea. Middle Eastern scholar Avicenna 980-1037CE utilizes Classical Greek sources for his encyclopedic medical text, *Canon of Medicine*, where eye operations are done, and anesthetics are used to ease the patient's pain during surgery. Scholar Averroes 1126-1198CE writes famous commentaries upon the works of Aristotle. Scholar Maimonides writes *Guide for the Perplexed* to reconcile the human heritage of Aristotle with his nation Israel's Torah/ Bible religion. *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam* gives in poetic form truisms about life. In Granada, Spain is the *Alhambra* palace, the model of Moslem architecture with rounded domes, tall splendid minarets, and delicately carved lacelike patterns called 'arabesques' that has same spirited moving vital force as their beautiful written Arabic language. Brilliance! Energy!

Backward Bible Crusaders see Middle Eastern brilliance and are inspired to trade and learn from middle/ renien famili. Trade in turn brings on physicalEducation Age in global learning and exploratory voyages to the Americas, for people want to know physical reality of world in which they live. All people come to Arabs to enjoy science universities, saved classical subjects, and utilization of Greco-Roman rational culture! Arab universities keep Nature asking alive and well.

*Supernatural and natural approaches to understanding Vital Force*

Savage and Ancient peoples search for timeless Truth with gods, heroes, and stars. They relate to the environment of sky & sea, earth & fire through the eyes of divine clergy who tell other than human supernatural stories to help us humans exist with some level of comfort/ community/ divine memory. God or gods is the name given to mystery. Everything we can't understand or explain becomes divine knowledge. Clergy are intermediaries [middle men] between intervening supernatural world of mystery and the human world of everyday. Clergy are the 'go-betweens', the middle man, between the Divinity and everyday human. Vedic/ Bible/ Koran religions come from the middle famili because they are first to achieve literacy. With increase of pattern seen, gods become one God. Literate clergy control remembrance and memory, records and writings. Clergy save memory in sun/ moon/ star sky sighting charts, loved supernatural heroes, and stories of their gods or one God. Religion helps humans worship and communicate with the supernatural intervening. Different than natural culture in meditating/ asking universal principle of universal experience saved by teacher, supernatural religion is praising/ praying national prophets of personal prophecy saved by clergy. Today's major religions are from middle famili: Middle Indian Hinduism and Middle Easterner Judaism- Christianity- Mohammedan. The major middle famili religions deal with Savage Age bloody divine holy rite animal and human sacrifice, slowly taking humans to conscious cessation of savage sacrifice. Into this savage, chaotic, and supernatural Ancient Age religious world of gods, heroes, and stars comes something new—the discovery by the Cultured North Asians of meditation/asking natural law & order Nature reality around everyone.

Confucianism/ Buddhism/ Classicism bring conscious natural culture joined in ideology of truth/ compassion/ tolerance/ equality meditation for natural human home [with citizen human homelife] different than supernatural heavenly godlife. Confucian students are emperors' administrators, the 'ren' gentlemen treating others as his brother in revolutionary reciprocity principle of Confucius written in Analects 15:24. Buddhist students, some future teacher and some future clergy, are 'right' focused and authenticated in cause and effect. Classical citizen scientist/philosopher are 'the common good' motivated and authenticate in universal experience, too. While the Cultured North does natural search for timeless Truth, the Religious South does supernatural search.

Middle East searches for timeless Truth in better understanding the vital force around US all. Intervening God supernatural in divine heritage and approach is oldest effort to understanding; and we have its continuance today with our religions, our communities of saints, our Word of God saving national prophets of personal prophecy, our holidays [holy days], and our clergy rule under God's Holy Scripture in varying scriptures and interpretations, etc. Ancient long-skirted farmers in community with their Sumerian priests are among the oldest noble savages of Middle Eastern divines, who pray intervening supernatural for Truth. Later, Babylonian priests see some order in the world, some order in the vital force. So, Babylonian divines arrange the stars into twelve parts of the sky, create our twelve months, and put Marduk (their supreme God) over the others gods who are now up in the arranged stars of the sky. Zodiac and our world clock of twelve hours come from the middle famili Babylonian divines. Understanding stars is for Sumerians and later Babylonians communicating with gods. This is religious life from middle Mesopotamia. The idea of 'order in life' is expressed as one 'God', and today called 'monotheism'. Divine heritage/ approach/ language for timeless Truth says 'everyday life has order' and 'vital force has order' with many names and images for supernatural worship.

Religious life is godlife of heaven and intervening God in miracle to praise/ worship with clergy. Cultured life is homelife of natural law & order Nature in wonder to meditate/ask with teacher and people chosen ideology of truth/ compassion/ tolerance/ equality in universal principles from universal experience. Godlife is seen in Ancient Egyptian Africa. In Ancient time Egypt is one of the great teachers to world with math and words born, explored, and enjoyed for the first time in human heritage. Egypt sees order in life or order in the vital force as one God, monotheism, with Pharaoh Amenhotep III 1407BC-1379BC who encourages worship of Amon-Ra as the one God of Egypt. His son, Amenhotep IV 1379BC-1362BC violently tries to force Egypt to worship his one God. He changes Amon-Ra's name to Aton "the sole God, beside whom there is no other." Aton is a God of kindness-love-mercy. Amenhotep IV changes his name to **Ikhnaton** and does his contradiction in violent destruction to the many other ancient Egyptian gods. Here, Amenhotep IV establishes tradition of violence with monotheistic religions. Pharaoh Ikhnaton goes too far-too fast-too often and offends the many powerful priests of the many old gods. Pharaoh Ikhnaton's reforms die with him. After Ikhnaton's death, priests are proactive in opposing the pharaoh's reform, fear the loss of their power, and fear the wrath of their traditional gods. Priests aggressively and violently erase all memory and monuments to Ikhnaton after his death. Priests return violence for violence. With Amenhotep IV the intolerant precedence of violent monotheism is established and returns again and again whenever clergy believe godlife violence is necessary. Pharaoh/clergy have no human rights restrictions because humans have no right to rule. Pharaoh Tutankhamen, or king 'Tut' as moderns reference him, returns Egyptians to Amon-Ra and many gods, and dies an early death. Imperial politics by rich royals and religious clergy play itself out in Ancient Egypt to the loss of Egyptian monotheism.

Aton, one God, is lost to Egyptians, but not to world. It may indeed inspire Moses one hundred years later, educated in thousands year tradition of priests in land of Egypt and with Amenhotep

III and IV thoughts added and reflected in Torah 3113BCE [first five books of Bible], considered Holy Scripture- supernatural revelation-Israel identity-national divine law-foundation of Israel Bible religion. Nation Israel takes good care of its gifts from Egypt and possibly Egypt's clergyman Moses fleeing for his life, escaping with Israel in first proletarian revolution recorded. In Torah is written the noble savage who must do his bloody holy rite animal sacrifice to please intervening God supernatural for forgiveness of sin: It's the blood law. So, when Jews first wear yamaka, it becomes reminder to them that they are 'under obligatory blood law sacrifice for sin' written in Leviticus, later changed to 'under God'. Ancient Egyptian math and words intertwine to make an alpha-numeric delicate text of carefully crafted clergy verses that may too be with Torah. Meditation Age Greek Pythagorians are doing the same secretive activity, mixing math and holy words. The Torah number for first women is [19], first man[45], supernatural [26], child [62]. Hidden math underpinning priestly stories in other than human stories reflects high math accomplishments of Egyptian, who even find 'pi'. Intervening God and woman make man, [26 + 19 = 45]. Child is reflection of intervening God [62? , 26? ]. So, supernatural story in alphanumeric words and verses unfold. Intervening supernatural text and/or Egyptian clergy text is cherished by Israel in faith hierarchy Judaism, extended with Socratic Messiah New Testament that is again extended in Islam of Prophet Mohammed in Middle Eastern godlife stories. On the other hand, Egyptian math and words in the more free and open Greek society of asking everyday rational individuals becomes citizen scientist/philosopher in natural homelife culture physical and social. Mathematically, Teacher Euclid and his students openly build their geometry on Egyptian first teachers in free and open reference and multinational thansgiving.

'Life is one' says Monist School of Greeks. To old milesians earth/ sky/ human are united in one rational natural law and order, the Logos, what Nature tells us about itself in natural principles. Asking Nature Heraclitus says:

*"This universe, which is same for us all, has not been made by god or man, but it always has been, is, and will be, an ever-living fire, kindling itself by regular measures and going out by regular measures."*

Meditation milesians and modern milesians look for timeless Truth in universal experience intuitively with Thales, rationally with Plato, and empirically with Aristotle in observable up-to-date facts. Before Meditation Age milesian approach all illnesses are given moral cause by clergy. Greek Father of Medicine Hippocrates and later Galen with humors research give natural cause for illnesses. Clergy pray things as result of the pleasure or displeasure of intervening God. Cultured, including citizen, ask cause and effect, natural law & order authentication. Different.

Enjoying wonder, physical milesians and social athenians-confucians-buddhans of all Ages ask natural law & order for timeless Truth. For cultured human ones truth is a part of Truth, so we must live with individual common sense and empathy. Our partial truth lives in the whole Truth. Moderate and open sharing allows US all in cultural democracy to see the whole over partial viewpoints. In the eternal universe our lives reside within the Infinite, like a drop of water is joined to the ocean. We are a part of everything, and everything is a part of us individually.

Natural selection may be engine of evolution, but Nature 'asking' is engine of physical principled science and social principled societies, including confucian-buddhan-citizen cultures in human homelife truth/compassion/tolerance/equality of human heritage. Asking universal experience we become co-creators of our own lives by deciding for ourselves the laws/values/ideas/principles we want to live within our own human homes of humanhood-our citizenry-my family/famili-each individual with chosen friends and endeavors. Individually, knocking on door of Logos [reason, not revelation],

we get a world of ideas from direct experience as well as from the good global gifts given by forbearers that make up our human environmental home. Surely, world citizenry is unfolding awareness and expanding potentialities from Ancient famili basics to Meditation social in truth/compassion/tolerance/equality. We live a harmony of opposites. We live the Hegelian human heritage home of progress. When Nature asking is lost, books become buildings of stone. When Nature asking stops, the light of reason changes to dark age, leaving people another 900 years to rebirth reason in dawning enlightenment. Truth!

Without ones truth in timeless Truth is without Meditation culture-social principles-human homelife. Social homelife cultures, beginning with confucian-buddhan-classical citizen, meditate/ask timeless Truth in law & order Nature.

*Theists join Thales a medieval millennium later.*

Thales from democratic city-state Miletus is the first milesian meditator, early scientist who finds order in nature home [natural environment]. Thales is confident and documents his intuitive prediction of pending solar eclipse that happens 28 May 585 BCE. This is the birthday of science, [then called natural philosophy] when citizen Greek Thales places his confidence in the uniformity of nature and in the accuracy of Babylonian clergy facts to give US all in cultural democracy the natural prosperity of logos [reason-natural law & order-universal principles-rational ideas & meaning to our own lives]. Thales' intuition senses a regular pattern that is underlying sky occurrences. He states his hypothesis, openly predicting that on May 28, 585BCE there will be a solar eclipse. Thales chooses not to see our world under capricious, unpredictable will of God intervening. Thales' choice is natural, not supernatural.

His is an epoch-making change of attitude and orientation away from only having capricious supernatural revelation religion to having the revolutionary new approach to timeless Truth in orderly natural rational culture. Cultured confucian-buddhan-citizen ask universal experience that finds natural law & order. This is not belief of national prophets, but rather provable understandable universal principles. Natural culture is human heritage story and principled truth/compassion/tolerance/equality homelife the best part of it. Supernatural religion is divine heritage story in godlife with your own clergy.

Thales asks to understand his world in terms of natural law & order Nature. Thales is respected in all Greece. He is made chief representative of the 'Seven Wise Men', a group 'canonized' for practical wisdom. Social Meditation Age in 500sBCE begins with Confucius and Buddha and classical citizen Thales [of Miletus-Father of Science-citizen scientist/philosopher] cultures. Human home cultures vary greatly and widely, but in ideas like ones truth in timeless Truth there is homelife unanimity. Logos, rational ideas, is the culture quest. Religious theists have an intervening supernatural worldview that is different than cultured naturalists.

Theists are convinced that a Supreme Being intervenes in our lives with revelations/ miracles/ angels. Natural wonder may exist, but holy miracles are the only thing worthy of memory to clergy who record the holy writ. Clergy see natural as a lower level than supernatural. So, sometimes violence is justified when promoting the supernatural vision with clergymen or the royal desires of rich kings. This is unchecked until legal limits are placed on king with Magna Carta and clergy with Amendment One by we the people of literate citizen culture. The milesian approach of asking natural law & order is considered inferior even irrelevant to the clergy approach of obeying God intervening, so medieval clerics overlook and overcome support structures for asking milesians.

One hundred years before Thales, a Greek Ionian poet Archilochus expresses the pre-Thales-theist- godlife worldview:

*‘Anything can happen—  
Zeus has darkened the sun at noon.’*

While citizen Greek Heraclitus awakens us to the principles- meaning- rational order revealed in nature [logos], Thales establishes it with his solar eclipse prediction; and Classical culture science tradition is born. Greeks give US all natural laws in eternal truths of Nature. Before Thales it is Zeus and my gods do whatever. After Thales 2000 years later it is God \_\_\_ of natural laws, does whatever. Theism and Thales are joined when clergy say at very end of Education Age ‘God of natural laws’, and clerics put nature home and human home in law & order Nature asking under their divine home in God intervening prayer. People find gravitation and evolution, then priests join in the asking Nature game for timeless Truth.

Classical Greek Heraclitus, too, sees divine intelligence steering the universe. A person today is often theist and naturalist, or godlifer and homelifer, by joining theism and Thales, or supernatural religion and naturally cultured science and philosophy. Conway Morris, evolutionist and paleontologist, joins theism and Thales in his book Life’s Solution: Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe (Cambridge University Press, 2003). He sees significance of evolutionary convergence overcoming randomness of Darwinian evolution. Progress is our reality; and he sees divine arranger of natural laws set ‘purposeful directionality’ in evolution, knowing we would emerge. Distancing himself from creationism and intelligent design theory, Mr. Morris writes: “Evolution is true, it happens, it is the way the world is, and we too are one of its products.” After studying the Burgess Shale of the Cambrian explosion, Conway Morris is convinced that far from being a random-directionless-mindless process, evolution shows deep patterns, convergence, and perhaps even purpose. Change in nature home and human home from Cambrian seas to our day in his view is preordained by God intervening. Do you agree/disagree with Conway Morris?

*‘Civil Season Greetings’*

Nature home is **seasonal** / elemental. Human home in principles is **civil** / hapi together in meditative/ asking common citizen culture. Join nature home and human home in universal experience for seasonal/ civil greetings, hapi american. Long live ‘Civil Season Greetings’.

<b>winter- spring- summer- autumn</b>		4Seasons
<b>heir/air-ocean/water-mountain/earth-energy/fire</b>		4Elements
<b>compassionate fraternity/ yang-yin equality/ tolerant liberty/ truthful integrity</b>		4Principles
winter, 12-1-2	Dec-Jan-Feb, in base pair ‘ <b>ef</b> ’, <b>energy</b> fire & compassionate <i>fraternity</i>	<b>homelife.</b>
spring, 3-4-5-	Mar-Apr-May, “ “ “ ‘ <b>he</b> ’, <b>heir/air</b> & yang-yin <i>equality</i>	<b>homelife.</b>
summer, 6-7-8	Jun-Jul-Aug, “ “ “ ‘ <b>ol</b> ’, <b>ocean</b> water & tolerant <i>liberty</i>	<b>homelife.</b>
autumn, 9-10-11	Sep-Oct-Nov, “ “ “ ‘ <b>mi</b> ’, <b>mountain</b> earth & truthful <i>integrity</i>	<b>homelife.</b>

Outside and in me is natural prosperity with US all. Civil season! Hapi months! Hapi homelife!  
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Nurture yourself in the logos of law and order Nature awareness around you in season and social citizenry. Join joy of **season element** and *socialMeditation* [with *Freedom Homelife*]... **he-ol-mi-ef**. Nature home/human home are natural human heritage homelife. Meditation Age social behavior of Cultured North's '4principles' *truth/compassion/tolerance/equality* are appropriated by S. Asian divines.

*'In Natural Prosperity'*

*Winter homelife encircles me  
In natural prosperity.  
Nature home is energy-bonfire.  
Human home learns compassionate ? fraternity.*

*Spring homelife encircles me  
In natural prosperity.  
Nature home is clean heir/air.  
Human home lives yang-yin ? equality.*

*Summer homelife encircles me  
In natural prosperity.  
Nature home is ocean-warm water.  
Human home loves asking tolerant ? liberty.*

*Autumn homelife encircles me  
In natural prosperity.  
Nature home is mountain- earth harvest.  
Human home laughs truthful ? integrity.*

Life moves in circles.

Put a wealth on your door that is appropriately decorated in the seasonal quarter.

Visually share hapi season in hapi homelife naturally.

*How does Confucian reciprocity principle come to Middle Eastern early Christians?*

Social history of an idea is difficult to follow. What begins in NE Asia as Confucian [Analect 15:23] reciprocity principle- humans with humanity- 'ren', [first word for humanity] becomes very important to all Asians: Central with Buddhans, NW with Classical citizen, South with religions. Why do you do what you do? In humanity with Confucians [What you yourself do not desire, do not lay before other people.]! In the right with Buddhans! In the common good with Old Democrats and Old Republicans! It's social culture to think/feel and do from principles you want to embody.

When you do what you do to please God intervening, you are religious. Social religion in Christian has same reciprocity principle, but call it the 'Golden Rule', written in Luke 6:31 Sermon on the Plain and Matthew 7:12 "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do so even to them." [KJV] This is the positive expression of Confucian reciprocity principle.

There is an anecdote about Hillel and the Golden Rule [Bavli Shabbat 31A (A-F)]. (D)... a certain heathen came before Shammai and said to him: "Make me a proselyte on condition that you teach me the whole Torah while I stand on one foot. Shammai drove him out with the builder's cubit which was in his hand. When he went before Hillel, he made him a proselyte. He said to him, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah. The rest is commentary. Go and learn!" A similar story is told in Avot deRabbi Natan B26 about Aquiva,

and may be an Aqivan story, transferred over to Hillel by the Babylonian redactor of the tradition. Could both Hillel and Aquiva have said the religious Golden Rule from the reciprocity principle? Wanting to share revelation Torah with others outside nation of Israel, Hillel and his descendants are believed to have been rabbi clergy to Jesus and Saul of Tarsus who were also students of rational Classical culture. Perhaps, even as Hillel tries to bring the Cultured North to the Religious South in cultured Confucian reciprocity principle that becomes the religious Golden Rule, perhaps too Jesus tries to bring Classical reason to Jewish revelation religion and is crucified for his efforts.

*How do Classical Greeks give US all in cultural democracy their great gift of democracy?*

Before today in the long ago and far away a single nation of people creates democracy for the first time. Seeking freedom from mainland politics of clergy and king, everyday Greek people cross their Aegean Sea. They go to the Ionian area of coastal Asia Minor, or Middle East. There, in their many small independent city-states they make a new idea, 'democracy' or people rule with written consensus common law. 'Demo' means 'people' and 'kratein' means 'rule' in the Greek language. 'Democracy' is a Greek word and creation, born among natural law & order asking citizen scientist/philosophers of classical Greek everyday people. All Greek male citizens rule themselves together in equality and take responsibility for their literate people economy and literate people rule under their own written self-made self-help integrity common law written for all to read and heed. Each city-state makes its own common law in natural law as citizenry sees it, not clergy nor king. Common law varies from independent city-state to independent city-state. Common law is clearly written and centrally, publicly posted for all Greek men to read and live respectfully.

Greek men are literate, but their slaves are not permitted by public law to read. So, one of the main differences between a free man and a slave is literacy. Literacy opens a person to a world of ideas, broadened their perspective, and invites reality liberty thinking. Slave Aesop is a wonderful exception because his Greek master decides to include Aesop in the privilege of literacy and teaches Aesop to read and write. We have Aesop's Fables today. Greeks make an energized and successful classless society with their creation of natural citizen culture democracy where people are self-determining, ruling themselves. Classism stops, and citizens within their city-state feel more kindly toward each other regardless of wealth or family because the law of the land makes all men equal. Greek problem is seeing beyond their city-state. All Greek men rich and poor are citizens of *agapic* compassionate fraternity (brotherly love) and make their common written law together. This is everyday people rule or democracy. This is city-state civil civilian society authority in cultural democracy tradition under common law from natural law authentication. Hierarchal kings and clerics frown upon natural culture democracy until they see the happiness it brings. Honest enquiry opens. Everyday citizen is engine that grows human homelife.

Greeks create 'direct democracy', or one man one vote. Direct democracy is done aboard ship Mayflower by literate Pilgrims who bring self-determining democracy citizen culture from England to the New World. Representing change, two books are aboard the good ship Mayflower that brings Pilgrim across the Atlantic Ocean- medieval Bible and Enlightened Age Shakespeare of English social literature. Direct democracy is done on lonely frontiers by pioneers in wagon trains expanding from Atlantic coastal original 13 states of the U.S.-- first Conestoga wagons and later prairie wagons. Direct democracy is being enjoyed in U.S. New England town meetings and anywhere small groups of literate people who want to live in harmony and self-determination as team players with agreed upon common law from natural laws' principles written/ respected. Old Democrat direct democracy is for small citizen populations as Thales' Miletians,

but Old Republican [Roman] show US all how to make it workable for larger populations of people. Greek is the Old Democrat, but Roman is the Old Republican. Greek creates democracy direct: Roman nation creates democracy representative, extending cultural democracy's human heritage.

*How do Classical Romans give US all in cultural democracy their great gift of the republic?*

Everyday people of Roman Republic create a classic new idea called representative democracy. Only Roman men (the native national Italians of today) are citizens. They are too numerous to have direct democracy, so they create representative democracy. Representatives are freely elected by all Roman male citizens to represent their constituency at smaller power meetings where common laws under natural law is made/ written. There is division of civil power among consuls/ senators/ people. People and senators propose new law; but a consul can 'veto', refusing to make it law with his written word 'veto' on the paper. 'Veto' is a Latin word for 'I forbid'. Sharing power, everyday people create their republic in common law. Republican democracy makes Rome strong by making individual citizens strong in self-governance. Military leader Julius Caesar takes all power unto himself. Using his army of men, Caesar abuses his own Old Republicans. Plutarch's Lives writes and saves stories of some great Greeks and great Romans.

Many follow Julius and call themselves 'caesar' or emperor-dictator-absolute ruler. Showing that absolute power corrupts absolutely, later caesars extend typical economic imperialism that makes people exist for purpose of giving money to imperial caesars. Economic domination dehumanizes all. Then, union of altar and throne [theocracy] follows. Caesars Empire becomes Constantine Bible Theocracy. Israel Bible religion clergy support caesars. Caesars support Bible clergy. Citizen has no support except other citizens. Emperor Justinian has his soldiers close doors of Athens' science schools 529 CE, including Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum. So ends cultured Meditation Age social behavior, but begins religious medieval millennium 500CE-1400CE.

*The Irony.*

Human story can be stranger than fiction. Giving US all logos in homelife a 1000 years, popular Greek language of culture becomes clergy language of religion. Septuagint Bible is written in Greek at Alexander Museum Library with librarian help. Septuagint saves Israel's holy story. While Torah is untouched, Israel's son and scholar Philo of Alexandria rewrites at Library some Bible text to harmonize with Classical. Helping human have written memory dignity, Alexandrian librarians too help Israel by writing Septuagint at their Museum Library of 700,000 scrolls. Only Septuagint survives Bible Archbishop Cyril's fire that burns 700,000 scrolls. Clergy truly say, 'It is written' in *Word of God*. Clergy story is supernatural stories. Also, of the hundred gospels, all are burned but four. Imperial religion and royals take power in medieval millennium and give little to no regard to everyday human with illiteracy enforced upon them by their own clergy. Seminary schools not science university are built for seminarians not citizen scientist/civilian. Rabbi clergy - Catholic clergy - Protestant clergy regard Septuagint as most important primary source. Septuagint is the major tool for study of Hebrew Bible text, today. With Septuagint Greek written. Greek language is used for supernatural theism praise while natural critical enquiry is forgotten. The irony! **Thal es'** language intervening God theists use, while denying people the logos and literacy of citizen culture. Incomprehensible!

## ‘Citizen *SocialMeditation*’

### ‘*On Becoming*’

[summer] I’m becoming tolerant **Liberty**,  
rejecting violent, superstitious, hidden hierarchy.  
My intelligence is in Infinite Intelligence.

[autumn] I’m becoming true **Integrity**,  
Thinking/feeling, doing/understanding  
without additions reality.  
My truth is in Timeless Truth.

[winter] I’m becoming compassionate **Fraternity**,  
Co-creating my human home in reciprocity.  
My conscience is in Cosmic Conscience.

[spring] I’m becoming ancient **Equality**,  
Reading/ meditating/ producing natural prosperity.  
My life is in Long Life.

[Who’s hot? – me becoming. Who’s not? –me running. ‘To be or not to be’...that is the question.- William Shakespeare]  
When ‘my Big Man comes down for me’ I’ve supernatural religion’s clergy story.  
When ‘my meditation helps center me’ I’ve natural culture’s human story.

## Hapi Winter!

Embody... the brotherhood of man- the common good- compassion fraternity

### ‘**Agape**’

### ‘**A**’

Agape, american!

## Hapi Autumn!

Embody ... truth integrity

### **Honesty-**

### ‘**H**’

Honesty, homemaker!

## Hapi Spring!

Embody... yang/yin equality

### **Principle**

### ‘**P**’

Principle equality, citizen person!

### ‘**I**’

## Hapi Summer!

Embody... tolerance liberty

### **Independency**

Independency, intelligent lover of liberty!



**!For forthright forbearers who give US all treasures of spirited thought to care/ share/ understand in world citizen culture!**

Keep the socialMeditation culture!

Welcome to ‘democracy’s playground’. Enjoy/ explore world citizen cultural democracy’s long human heritage. To Life, homelifer!  
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### *Pericles' Funeral Oration*

Pericles speech **431BCE** [Meditation Age], recorded by social historian Thucydides, summarizes important rational ideas-social spirit-universal principles of Athenian citizen. Home of democracy and science is Greek.

*“But before I praise the dead, I should like to point out by what principles of action we rose to power, and under what institutions and through what manner of life our empire became great...”*

*Our form of government does not enter into rivalry with the institutions of others. We do not copy our neighbors but are an example to them. It is true that we are called a democracy...But while the law secures equal justice to all alike in their private disputes, the claim of excellence is also recognized; and when a citizen is in any way distinguished, he is preferred [sent] to the public service, not as a matter of privilege, but as the reward of merit. Neither is poverty a bar, but a man may benefit his country whatever be the obscurity of his condition...*

*An Athenian citizen does not neglect the state because he takes care of his own household; and even those of us who are engaged in business have a very fair idea of politics. We alone regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs, not as a harmless, but as a useless character.”*

Confucian-Buddhan-Classical citizen natural culture established in Meditation Age 500BC-500CE with social behavior defined in principles changes to medieval millennium 500CE-1400CE with supernatural religion the dominant institution.

*“...There are two powers, august Emperor, by which this world is chiefly ruled, the sacred authority of the **priests** and the **royal** power. Of these, that of the priests is the more weighty, since they have to render an account for even the kings of men in the divine judgment...” - Pope Gelasius I's Letter to the Emperor, 494CE.*

**Wow!** The medieval divines rule with so great an authority that kings are made or broken by them. **People**-rule democracy in public consensus from rational public space discussion of issues is not even on the horizon of medieval awareness. Canossa Story shows clearly the power and importance of medieval divine clergymen. So great is clergy power that Emperor Henry IV of Germany goes barefoot in the snow for three days to the pope at Canossa and begs forgiveness. Canossa 1077CE is a papal triumph of medieval divine clergy rule over state king rule.

Intolerant and irrational, spirited and anti-intellectual clergy rule medieval millennium of brutal barbarian, superstitious serf, and illiterate noble on isolated manor. Barbarian savages everywhere in the world do animal/ human sacrifice and hurt rather than help people. The midasian clergy of intervening supernatural Allah *God*, Jehovah *God*, Jehovah's only begotten son Jesus *God*, and Vishnu *God* stop bloody sacrifice and help people to help others. Clergy offer hope in a world of fear and uncertainty, spirited local social worker, and life after death. Faithful Muslim is promised luxury in eternity. Faithful Christian is promised by Jehovah's Jesus a heavenly life everlasting. Faithful Jew, Jehovah's nation, is given his/her eternity. Nirvana is sought by Hindu as final beatitude, place or state that transcends care-pain-external reality.

A Greek slave, Epictetus is a Stoic Philosopher, who references 60CE Classical teacher Socrates. Epictetus affirms 'agape'-brotherhood-humanhood- [compassionate fraternity] that is original to humanitarian Confucius and his written/ revolutionary reciprocity principle, joined with Buddha and Classical citizen as appropriate principle for social behavior in Meditation Age 500BC-500CE. In timeless Truth is written 'God', maker-father-guardian, by Epictetus who may himself believe in an intervening God. Greek Epictetus and Judeo-Christian both hold that all men are brothers, for all are God's children. Christian omits Classical teacher Socrates and the connection with Jesus, gentle rabbi and 'asking' Classical teacher.

*“ If the things are true which are said by the philosophers about the kinship between God and man, what else remains for men to do than what Socrates did? Never say, in reply to the question, To what country do you belong? That you are an Athenian, or a Corinthian, but that you are a citizen of the world...He who has observed with intelligence the administration of the world, and has learned that the greatest and the supreme and the most comprehensive community is that which is composed of men and God,... why should not such a man call himself a citizen of the world, why not a son of God, and why should he be afraid of anything which happens among men? Is kinship with the emperor or with any other of the powerful in Rome sufficient to enable us to live in safety, and above contempt and without any fear at all? But to have God for your maker, and father, and guardian, shall not this release us from our sorrows and fears?*

The Human Side of World History, Edited by Ralph O. West, Boston: Ginn and Company, 1971, p. 34. Whose original source is: *Dissertationes (or Enchiridion)*, Book I, Chapters 30 and 9; translation from the Greek of Arrian by G. Long in the Bohn Library. Quoted in Robinson, James Harvey, *Readings in European History*, Volume I, pp. 16-17, Ginn and Company, Boston, 1904.

Roman philosopher-emperor, Marcus Aurelius leaves his kindly wisdom philosophy in Thoughts 161CE. Here is an extract of that work. He writes in principle. He does the Cultured North's social '4principles' tolerance-truth-compassion-equality in the selection below. These '4principles', we call social citizen culture, define appropriate social behavior for we humans in carefully chosen universal principles with cultured human story in the Meditation Age social behavior 500BCE-500CE that are continued with clergy story in medieval religion 500-1400CE.

*[In tolerance liberty principle]* “Begin the morning by saying to thyself, I shall meet with the busybody, the ungrateful, arrogant, deceitful, envious, unsocial. These are so by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil. But I who have seen the nature of the good, that it is beautiful, and the bad, that it is ugly, and the nature of him who does wrong, that he is akin to me, ... I can neither be injured by any of those I meet, for no one can fix on me what is ugly, nor can I be angry with my kinsman, nor hate him.

*[In compassionate fraternity principle]* “For we are made for cooperation, like feet, like hands, like eyelids, like the rows of the upper and lower teeth. To act against one another then is contrary to nature; and its is acting against one another to be vexed and to turn away...

*[In truth integrity principle]* If thou workest at that which is before thee, following right reason seriously, vigorously, calmly, without allowing anything else to distract thee, but keeping thy present activity according to nature, and with heroic truth in every word and sound which thou utterest,...

*[In equality principle]* thou wilt live happy. And there is no man who is able to prevent this.

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*The Magna Carta {June 15, 1215CE at Runnymede, England} puts legal check on king power. In this olde medieval promise Englishmen are put up front and enabling them to participate in the Education Age, becoming human rights and self-governance leaders first within their island homeland and then with their English U.S. American son Mr. Madison, who writes new first republic Constitution for our Republican Age in a model that purposely separates legislative/executive/judicial powers and authority/authentication/tradition of citizen rule from royal and religion for republican culture.*

This oldest living freedom charter we celebrate in June for common cultural democracy. With this early start in human rights written it is not surprising England has the first human rights written guarantee when Parliament passes the British Bill of Rights 1689CE. What makes *The Magna Carta* awesome is that it is written during the medieval millennium when people-rule is nearly none existent.

Know ye, that We (the king), in the presence of God...by this our present Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs for ever-

1. That the English Church shall be free, and shall have her whole rights and her liberties inviolable...We have also granted to all the Freemen of our Kingdom, for us and our heirs for ever, all the underwritten Liberties...

2.If any of our Earls or Barons shall die, his heir may obtain his inherited lands and property by the payment of the ancient relief (inheritance tax).

3.and 5. If the heir be under age he shall have his inheritance without tax. The guardian of such an heir shall keep up the lands and return them to the heir in the original condition when he comes of age.

7. A widow after the death of her husband shall without difficulty receive her marriage dower and her inheritance.

9. Neither we nor our Bailiffs will seize any land or rent for any debt, while the belongings of the debtor are sufficient for the payment of the debt.

10. and 11. If any one hath borrowed money and die before the debt be paid, the debt shall pay no interest as long as the heir shall be under age. The widow shall have her dower and shall pay nothing of the debt. Necessaries shall be provided for the children; and out of the residue the debt shall be paid.

12. No taxes shall be imposed in our kingdom unless by the common council of our kingdom, except to ransom our person, to make our eldest son a knight, and to marry our eldest daughter once, and not for these unless a reasonable tax shall be demanded.

13.City of London and all cities, burghs, towns and ports shall have their ancient liberties and free customs.

15. No noble may ask a tax of his own Freemen except for his own ransom, making his eldest son a knight, or marrying once his eldest daughter.

18. Trials shall not be held but in their own local counties. We will send two Judiciaries into each county four times in the year, who with four knights of each county, chosen by the county, shall hold the trials within the county.

20. A Freeman can only be fined according to the degree of his offense, and not taking this from his lands. A merchant shall be fined in the same manner, without taking his merchandise; a farm hand without taking his cart.

23. No town or person can be forced to build bridges or embankments excepting those which anciently and of right are bound to do it.

27. If any Freeman shall die intestate, his belongings shall be distributed by the hands of his nearest relations and friends.

28. 30. and 31. No Constable nor other Bailiff of ours (the king's) shall take the corn or other goods of any one without instantly paying money for them. Nor shall he take the horses or carts of any Freeman without the consent of the said Freeman. Nor shall he take another man's wood for our castles or other uses unless by consent of him to whom the wood belongs.

35. There shall be one measure of wine throughout all our kingdom, and one measure of ale, and one measure or cloth. Also it shall be the same with weights as with measures.

38. No Bailiff shall put any man to law upon his own simple affirmation without credible witnesses produced for that purpose.

39. No Freeman shall be seized, or imprisoned or dispossessed or outlawed or in any way destroyed, nor shall we condemn him, nor shall we commit him to prison, excepting by the legal judgment of his peers, or by the laws of the land.

41.Merchants shall have safety and security in coming into England and going out of England excepting in time of war.

42. It shall be lawful for any person to go out of our kingdom and to return, unless it be in time of war, excepting prisoners and outlaws according to the law of the land.

48. All evil customs of Forests and Warrens and of Foresters and Warreners, Sheriffs and their officers, shall be immediately inquired into by 12 knights of the same county; and within forty days after the inquisition is made they shall be altogether destroyed by them never to be restored.

52. If any have been dispossessed by us without a legal verdict of their peers, or their lands, castles, liberties or rights, we will immediately restore these things to them. Any dispute on this matter will be settled by a council of 25 Barons. We will also do justice to those who may have been illegally dispossessed by King Henry, our father, or King Richard, our brother.

