

reads: "We the people of the State of Maryland, grateful to almighty God for our civil and religious liberty, and taking into our serious consideration the best means of establishing a good Constitution in this State for the sure foundation and more permanent security thereof, declare," and so on. Thereafter, in our Declaration of Rights, follow all the great principles which have guided us through the years in our quest of the ideals of democracy and freedom. There is the freedom to worship God as one pleases. There is the freedom of speech and debate, the freedom of the press, the liberty of every citizen to speak, write or publish his sentiments on all subjects. There is the statement of the equality of all persons under the laws and the right of citizens to a redress of grievances. There is the principle of "free and frequent" elections and the right of all citizens to participate therein. There is the protection against destruction or deprivation of life, liberty and property and the right to a fair trial, including a trial by jury. And so on goes the recital of these great principles.

They are words written by men with an understanding of the importance of spiritual ideals in the lives of human beings. They are thoughts that defy the materialistic, un-Christian doctrine that men can live by bread alone. It is a concept of a way of life which must be preserved with great care—recaptured if necessary. This can be done, I firmly believe, if we turn back to the simple philosophy and faith of our fathers.

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It is always a delight to me to be able to meet and converse with Methodists. I am told that members of my staff who assist me in the preparation of speeches are making quite a joke of my Methodist engagements. I have had so many in the past few weeks that they say they are going to have to revise the filing system to accommodate the correspondence and the speeches. But as one's church should be, the Methodist Church always has been close to my heart, and my association with its communicants always has been pleasurable and profitable. I can think of no institution to which I am more deeply indebted, and