Fellow Citizens

Of the

United States of America.

I put the following work under your protection. It contains my opinion upon Religion. You will do me the justice to remember, that I have always strenuously supported the right of every Man to his opinion, however different that opinion might be to mine. He who deserts to another this right, makes a slave of himself to his present opinion, because he precludes himself the right of changing it.

The most formidable weapon against errors of every kind is Reason. I have never used any other, and I trust I never shall.

Your affectionate friend and fellow citizen.

THOMAS PAINE

Luxembourg, (Paris,) 8th, Prudence.  
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