

**Suggested Web Links and Readings: Spiritual Destiny of America and the West
Webinar Session 2 - Dr. Reba Carruth - Sunday, February 4, 2018**

***Building World Commonwealth: Common Norms, Science, National Policy and
Regulatory Standards for Sustainable Natural Resources***

**I. Historical Contributions to Development and Evolution of Western Christian
Nations in Europe and the Americas**

Burger, Michael, (2013), **The Shaping of Western Civilization: Volume I From
Antiquity to the Mid-Eighteenth Century**, University of Toronto Press, Toronto,
Canada

Evolution of Civilization Mural – Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/highsm.02071/>

Glimpse of Law Series – Library of Congress By Elihu Vedder

<https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2012/06/glimpse-of-law-series-installment-2-the-east-corridor-paintings/>

Good Administration and Government

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/ppmsca.07352/>

Peace and Prosperity

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/highsm.02038/>

Corrupt Legislation

library of congress - corrupt legislation mural - reading room

**II. European Government: National Governance, Regional and International Policy
Cooperation**

1. Magna Carta = The Great Charter in England (1215): King John of England and Barons Establish Rights and Responsibilities of Rulers to Subjects, Citizens and the Nations. Balances power of monarchy, executive rulers and serves as foundation for representative government

<https://www.bl.uk/magna-carta/articles/magna-carta-an-introduction>

<https://www.bl.uk/magna-carta>

2. Peace Treaty of Westphalia 1648 (Germany): Establishes European peace and reconciliation of peoples, faiths and nations through diplomatic relations and cooperation, ends religious war in Europe, establishes system of recognition and formal cooperation by sovereign nation-states

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Peace-of-Westphalia>

<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0073.xml>

III. Spiritual and Scientific Enlightenment in Europe

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Enlightenment-European-history>

<http://www.history.com/topics/enlightenment>

<http://www.ushistory.org/gov/2.asp>

<http://www.ushistory.org/us/7a.asp>

IV. Creation of America: American Revolution, Independence and Union Seven Years War in Europe

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Seven-Years-War>

French and Indian War

<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1750-1775/foreword>

<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1750-1775/french-indian-war>

<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1750-1775/albany-plan>

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/french-indian-war/>

Anderson, Fred, (2006), **The War That Made America: The French and Indian War**, Penguin Books, New York

Revolutionary War

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/>

Fischer, David Hackett, (2004), **Washington's Crossing**, Oxford University Press, New York

Continental Congresses

<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1776-1783/continental-congress>

<https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwjc.html>

Constitutional Convention – Creating Union

<http://www.mountvernon.org/site/animated-washington/a-more-perfect-union/>

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/constitutional-convention/>

George Washington, Commander and Chief of Continental Army - Farewell– (1783)

www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/amrev/peace/circular.html

President George Washington's Farewell Address (1796) – Circular Letter to 13 Governors

www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/washingtons-farewell-address-1796/
<http://www.mountvernon.org/digital-encyclopedia/article/circular-letter-to-the-states/>

1. Proclamation of universal norms and principles in the **Declaration of Independence** is a spiritual revolution “

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration>
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

2. **The Constitution of the United States** articulates American, European and Western Values and Norms that are based on Christian faith values, beliefs and universal spiritual principles

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America”

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution>
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/more-perfect-union>

Congressional Recognition of Iroquois Indian Confederation in the development of US Constitution

<https://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/hconres331.pdf>

Iroquois Confederation of Indian Tribes provide a model used for the creation of state and federal system of government by the Founding Fathers – Common national norms, rules and laws are used to uphold and protect the union of united states

3. **Bill of Rights – First Ten Amendments to Constitution**

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights/what-does-it-say>