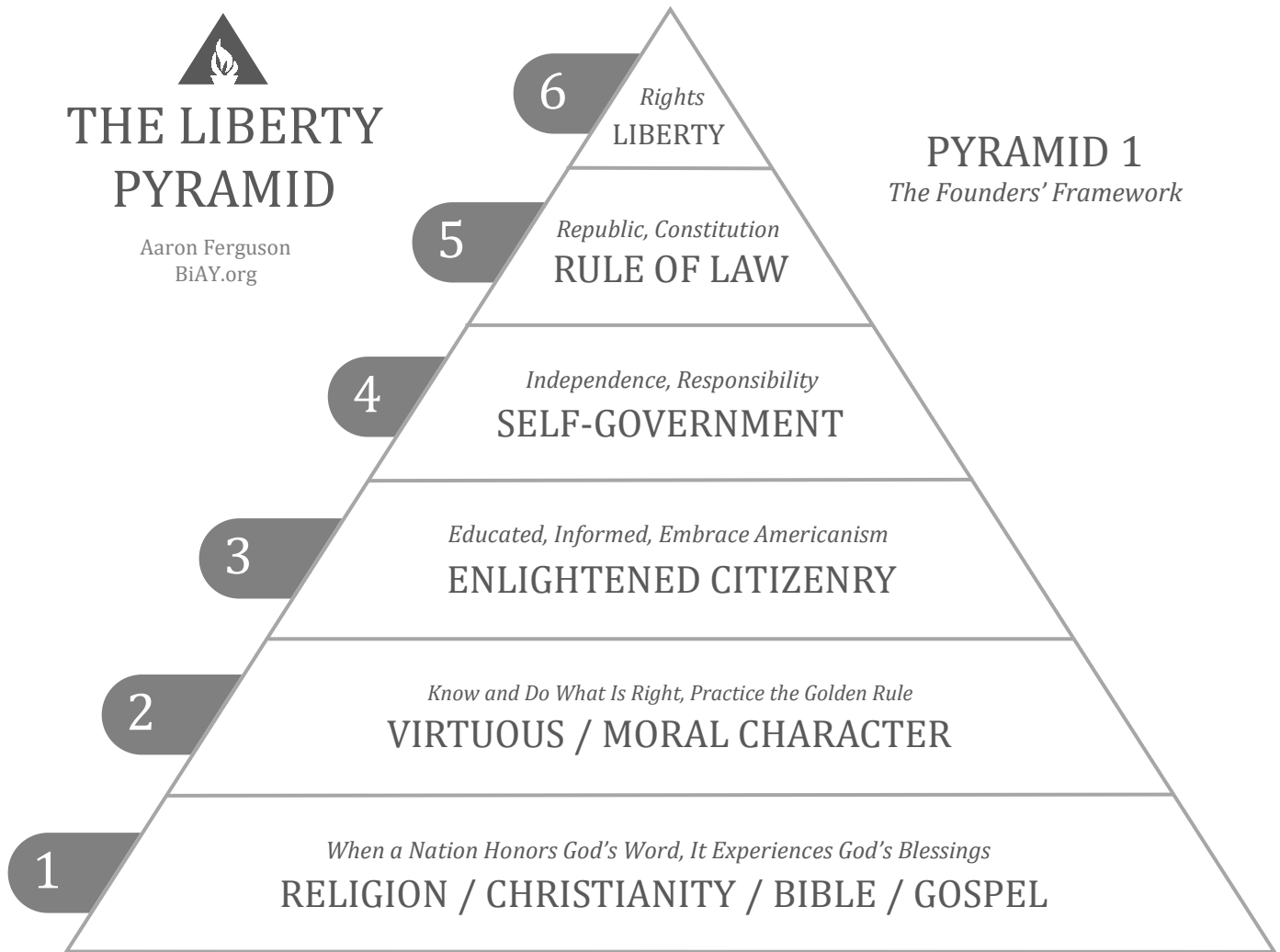




THE LIBERTY PYRAMID

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PYRAMID 1 *The Founders' Framework*



Liberty is a gift of God but the responsibility of men.

Level 6 — Liberty

God created people to possess liberty, but their sin ruined everything, jeopardizing life, liberty, and property. Only by the grace of God, through His Son Jesus, did mankind rediscover the secret to liberty.

Liberty 5 — The Rule of Law

Liberty cannot exist apart from law. Sinful people need regulation and restraint. Even rulers need rules. Thus, societies must establish a fixed common law, grounded in the laws of God.

Level 4 — Self-Government

With limited civil government, people are free to govern themselves. Therefore, people must have the ability to do what is right without coercion. They must be controlled by a force within them (conscience).

Level 3 — Enlightened Citizenry

If people are the highest authority, then they must be educated in truth. Only enlightened citizens will protect their God-given liberty.

Liberty 2 — Virtuous / Moral Character

If people are free to govern themselves, then their conscience must be informed by moral standards. People must learn and do what's right, as their duty to God and their service to one another.

Level 1 — Religion / Christianity

Human beings are created by God, and they are under His authority. Each person bears His likeness and has value, purpose, and rights. However, people are also imperfect, and restoration is only possible through Christ. Salvation in Him transforms individuals, and transformed individuals transform societies. Liberty is the result of the Gospel.