

Our Common Faith!

THE CONSTANT reading of the American Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, will more than anything else help the man and woman, native or foreign born, seeking to attain sound and intelligent citizenship, to gain possession of an Americanism in which there is no flaw or fault.

It should not merely be on Constitution day that a thought is given to our precious constitutional covenant, nor on the Fourth of July that the priceless document, the Declaration of Independence, comes to our mind, if at all, but these precepts and principles of rights, justice, liberty and human equality should be to all Americans an ever constant source to spiritual edification in citizenship, the source to humility, honor, integrity and civic conduct, a source to tolerance and friendship kindling that lofty concept of human brotherhood that should know no east nor west, nor north nor south, race religion or nationality, among the people who compose the hundred millions or more who live under the sheltering fold and insignia of our common faith—the Stars and Stripes.

To understand these documents right the reader must divest himself of all prejudices and put his very soul, as far as possible, in tune with the spirit of those noble Americans who penned these soul-stirring and inspiring covenants of American faith, and whose spirit speaks from every page, outlining the true course of America.

If the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of America had the place in the American home that they ought to have and given the proportionate consideration accorded the American flag, which they surely desire, there should be little need of apprehension at the present time lest the spirit of true American democracy is losing ground. Let us read these documents often, over and over again, and all hostility towards our fellowmen will be dispelled and the current din and strife will vex and vain no more.

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