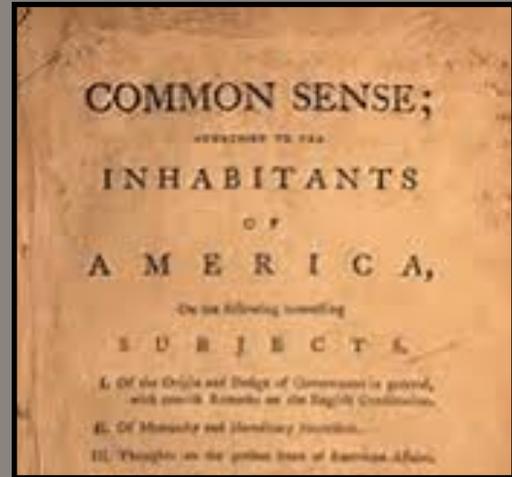
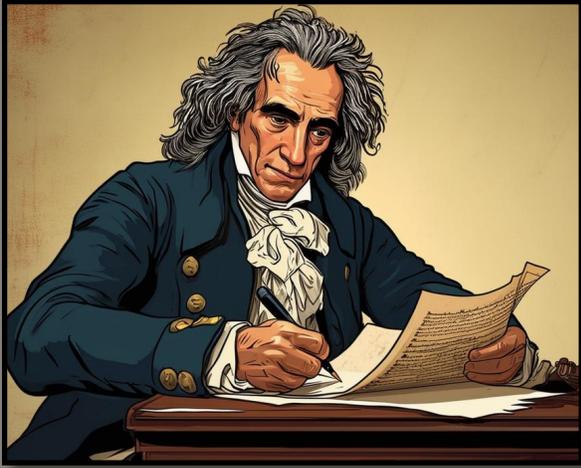


# Common Sense (1776)



"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right."

"Time makes more converts than reason."

"The author is ... under the influence of reason and principle."

"The palaces of kings are built on the ruins of the bowers [shady forests] of paradise."

"Bound together in a common cause."

"A thirst for absolute power is the natural disease of monarchy."

"Of more worth is one honest man to society and in the sight of God, than all the crowned ruffians that ever lived."

"The sun never shined on a cause of greater worth."

"Now is the seed time of continental union. . ."

"A new method of thinking hath arisen."

"The time hath found us ... Common sense will tell us."

"There should be diversity of religious opinions among us."

"The present state of America is truly alarming to every one who is capable of reflexion."

"We have it in our power to begin the world over again."

"Independence is the only bond that can tye and keep us together."

"Let none other be heard among us than ...a virtuous supporter of the rights of humanity, and the free and independent States of America."