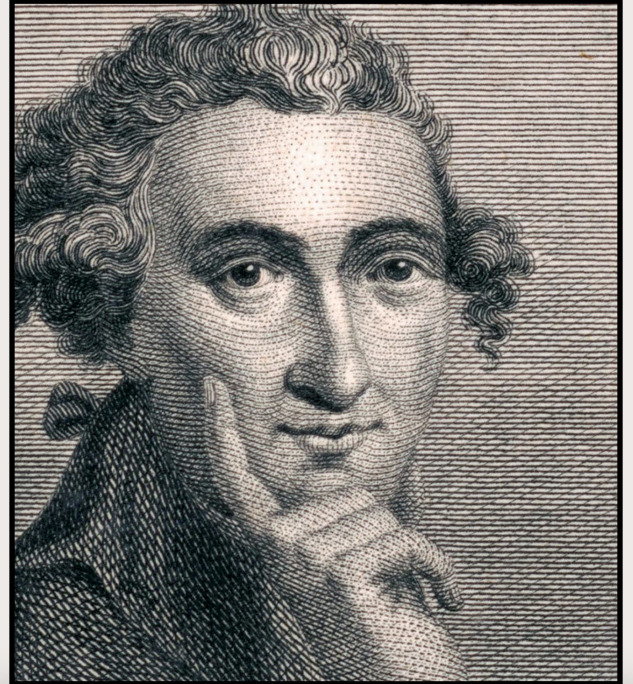


Thomas Paine

World Citizen, Painful to the Powerful



"Reared an Englishman, adopted by America, and honored as a Frenchman, Paine often called himself a 'citizen of the world.' But the United States always remained paramount in his thoughts and evident in his labors, and his later writings continued to shape the young nation's events and developments. And yet as great as his contributions were, they were not always appreciated, and his affections were not always reciprocated. Paine's democratic arguments, style and appeal—as well as his social background, confidence, and single-mindedness—antagonized many among the powerful, propertied, prestigious and pious, and made him enemies even within the ranks of his fellow patriots."

~Harvey Kaye, *Thomas Paine and the Promise of America*