

Thomas Jefferson directed that on his tombstone three of his accomplishments be remembered: that he was author of the Declaration of Independence, author of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, and father of the University of Virginia. What these three items have in common is that each was an essential part of founding republican government in America, which in order to sustain itself would have to rely to a surprising degree on political and religious principles upheld and transmitted by public education.

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