

It is clear that both Madison and Jefferson based their arguments for religious freedom upon the concept of natural law — that which is discernible to reason as originating in the nature of the world.

Their thesis has four parts:

1. No man shall be compelled to comply with any form of religion.
2. No man shall be molested nor made to suffer because of his religion.
3. The profession of religious conviction shall not diminish civil rights.
4. Any act which attempts to repeal or narrow the operation of these rights shall be considered as an infringement upon the natural rights of man.

These concepts are the tenets of the American belief and practice regarding the freedom of religion. But the restrictions outlined in the article relating to religion in the United Nations Covenant would supply the legal sanction for full and complete destruction of the freedom of religion now possessed and enjoyed by Americans.

The Covenant on Human Rights of the United Nations would give to government the power to limit the freedom of religion, under pretext of the protection of the public safety, order, health, and morals. This is a clear and present danger to the life and liberty of every American citizen, for the First

Amendment to our Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Freedom of the Press

THE COVENANT is just as destructive of freedom when it comes to its declarations concerning the status of the press.

This wording is found in Article 14 of the Covenant:

"Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.

"The right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas carries with it special duties and responsibilities and may therefore be subject to certain penalties, liabilities and restrictions, but these shall be such only as are provided by law and are necessary for the protection of national security, public order, safety, health or morals, or of the rights, freedoms or reputations of others."

Let us study the implications of these words as they relate to an actual incident. A short while ago all believers in the freedom