

## Founding Day Address

# The Revolutionary Ideas of THOMAS PAINE



Saturday, July 2, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm PDT  
Concord Hall, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara  
This event will be both in-person and live-streamed  
Presenter: Maurice Bisheff

Thomas Paine believed that basic, universal principles were the foundation and driving influence of the basis of self-government in man, society, and democratic republics. Sponsored by Benjamin Franklin, Paine came to America, and became a famous pamphleteer, revising literary canons of the age. He appealed to the faculty of “common sense” in each human being with a vision of universal human rights balancing liberty, equality, tolerance, sociability, and opportunity. His application of impersonal spirituality, philosophical reasoning, and scientific discourse were valuable ways of developing human potential for the betterment of mankind. Therefore, Paine is relevant to our current global revolution in self-awareness and to the possibilities of a universal Republic(s) of Conscience today.

Following this annual Founding Address of the Institute of World Culture, please join us for a reception with refreshments.

You may attend this event in-person or view it live-streamed on the IWCinSantaBarbara YouTube channel. In person, masks are optional. It will also be posted to the IWC YouTube channel for viewing after the event: <https://www.youtube.com/user/iwcinsantabarbara/live>

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