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This  
where that comes from

those of us who are Star Trek fans know



What if we caught up with the light wave?  
toward one of those clocks, what looks simultaneous to you, what looks synchronized between  
the two clocks to you, is different than from somebody traveling really fast toward the other  
clock. So he came up with the idea this leap of the imagination that the speed of light is  
creativity involved in the theory of special relativity, but it upended 20<sup>th</sup> century science. All

And as for Ben Franklin,  
asked to speak at college graduations: all three of my people run away at age 17 for awhile.  
But Benjamin Franklin had that passionate curiosity, but he also had a sense of tolerance. To  
me, that was a lesson learned in childhood. He grew up in Boston, a Puritan-dominated place.  
pieces under the door using

Harvard, and he did something much better: he became a newspaper journalist. What he did  
when he got to Philadelphia was create a club. A club called the Leather Apron Club, which  
was for the shopkeepers and artisans of Philadelphia. There were clubs for the wealthy gentry

type of nation based on we, the middling people. We, the middle-class people who own shops

that you ought to have to be a great citizen of your community.  
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well he did on each of those virtues, until he could master them. And then he showed it around  
to the people in his Leather Apron Club, that he had mastered all twelve of those virtues. One

Humility. You might try that one for

common ground, and that was the essence of the middle-class democracy that we were trying  
to found.

So, for the rest of his life, he was the person, amongst the Founders and everybody else, that  
helped bring people together. When Congress created a committee to declare why we were  
fighting a war of independence last time Congress created a good  
committee

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make the point that our rights come not from the dictates of religion but from rationality and  
reason and consent of the governed.  
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now.

Balanced notions, like the role of divine providence with the role of rationality and reason in  
securing our rights.

strength. Even at the Constitutional Convention, when he came back from France, pretty old at 82, they were tearing themselves apart between the big-state-little-

to me: I

sity of our

His point

was that compromises may not make great heroes, but they do make great democracies. He here in Philadelphia that



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