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New release shows why our Founders fought for “Life, Liberty, and Property,” showing our country’s origins and contemporary application for NOW and for our children and grandchildren.

Ventura, California—May 2012—Nordskog Publishing Inc. releases John Locke: Philosopher of American Liberty by noted biographer, Mary-Elaine Swanson.

Our forefathers brought forth this nation conceived in John Locke’s Biblically based philosophy of liberty and government. Again Americans are challenged with whether *government of, by, and for the People* shall endure.

Locke’s philosophy of government supported the rule of law founded on the Law of Nature’s God (the Bible and God’s gift to men of reason) instead of arbitrary and abusive rule by men. He believed in the principles of representation and equal justice, religious liberty, and most of all the basic God-given rights to “Life, Liberty, and Property” that we have come to take for granted. These fundamental rights were written into our early states’ Declarations of Rights with Locke’s words from his *Treatises of Government* quoted almost verbatim in our Declaration of Independence upon which the U.S. Constitution and our essential Bill of Rights are grounded. These principles and their real time application are the building blocks for the restoration needed now.

John Locke was actively involved in bringing about English liberty. According to Thomas Jefferson, Locke was one of the three greatest men that ever lived. His political philosophy was studied widely and put into practice in Colonial America. Locke showed where the limits of legitimate civil governmental authority should be to guarantee freedom. He reasoned that the purpose of government is based on voluntary covenants between individuals for the mutual protection of their ***inalienable right to property***, which ***begins with the individual life and liberty*** essential to productivity, followed by the right to enjoy the fruits of those labors without fear that the government will confiscate personal property.

David Barton of WallBuilders in his Foreword writes, “Mary-Elaine Swanson has done an invaluable service for this and subsequent generations by resurrecting awareness and presenting an accurate knowledge of John Locke and his writings...through an uncensored view of his life, writings, and his incalculable influence on America. This book will help Americans understand the importance of Locke’s thinking for American constitutionalism today.”

George Grant, PhD said, “I tell my students that it is vital that they actually *read* what the Founding Fathers wrote. But equally vital is to read what the Founding Fathers *read!* Locke was the fountainhead of American liberty and...he may yet prove to be the harbinger of a new day of freedom ahead.”

Carole G. Adams, PhD stated, “...this book should be in every home and every schoolroom.”

The Hon. Rick Green stated, “Every state and national legislator in America needs to read this book.”

Ben Gilmore said, “This book ranks among the ten most significant books of the decade. It should be read by every American pastor and activist patriot.”

Inspired by John Locke’s love of liberty, America has offered the greatest freedom and prosperity to the greatest number in the history of the world. Now we are challenged to stand up for Biblical principles of government by returning to constitutional limited government and to restore America as the land of opportunity and make it once again a beacon of hope to all nations.