

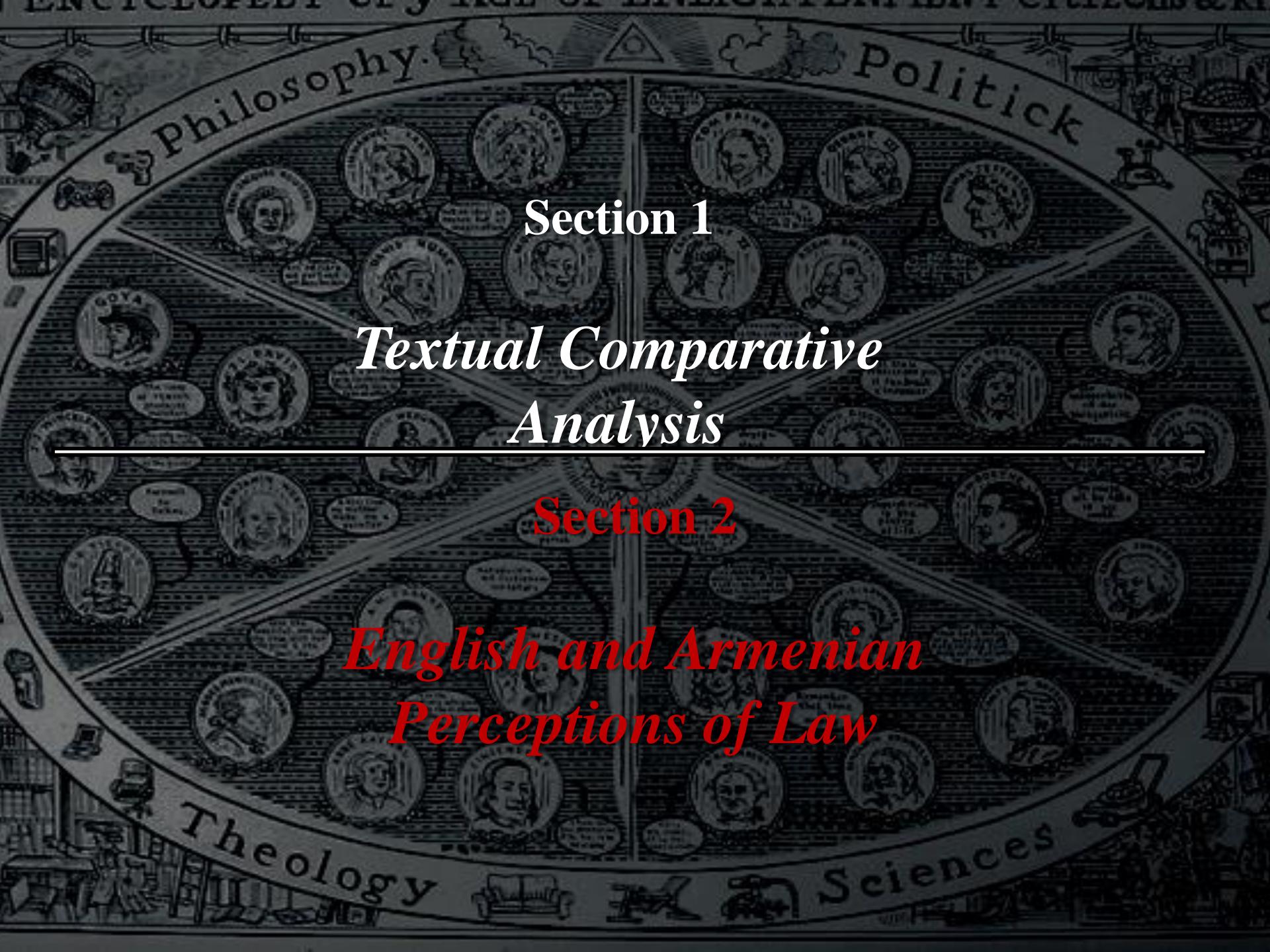
The Snares of Enlightenment

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Section 1

Textual Comparative Analysis

Section 2

English and Armenian Perceptions of Law

The US Declaration of Independence (1776)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Be it therefore, by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled, declared, That the Colonies lawfully possessed of the right of self-government, and of self-determination, are, and always shall be, free and independent States; that they are entitled to all the rights and immunities of free and independent States; that no power has a right to tax them, or control their internal government; and that the state of great Britain, in any manner, ought to be, and always will be, free and independent States; that they have no right to be taxed, or controlled, by any other State; and that the Colonies, with their colonies, are, and always will be, an independent nation, on Federal principles.

Buster, Gambetta	Luglio, Horace	John Morris	John Morris	John Morris
Sophie, Stella	John Morris	John Morris	John Morris	John Morris
McCullough	John Morris	John Morris	John Morris	John Morris
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The Snare of Glory (1773)



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վասն կարանառություն ամ գործ անհարդութեան :
Հարադրեցի Յակոբոս Հանմիքենց՝ նոր Զուղա-
եցոյ առ ՚ի Օգուս Յաղթին Հայոյ :

՚ի Հայրապետութեան Տեառն Սրբազն Սիմեոնի
ամ Հայոց Կաթողիկոսի; ՚ի Վաղարշապատ:

՚ի թւագաւորութեանն Յոգոստափայլ ՏԵառն Երկ
ըրդի Հերակլիոսի ՚ի թիվիլիս :

Համբ Տետո՞ն փրկչին մերս Քրիստոսի	1773
Եւ ՚ի թու ին թու ականութեան Հայոց	1222

A decorative horizontal border featuring a central female head flanked by symmetrical floral and scrollwork motifs.

՚ի Հնդիկու և ՚ի Մայրաքաղաքն Մադրաս:
՚ի Տպարանի նոյն հակոբյան Շահամբեկնեց:

Consists of 2 volumes: an introduction and the first project of constitution for Armenia

1. Presence in the World

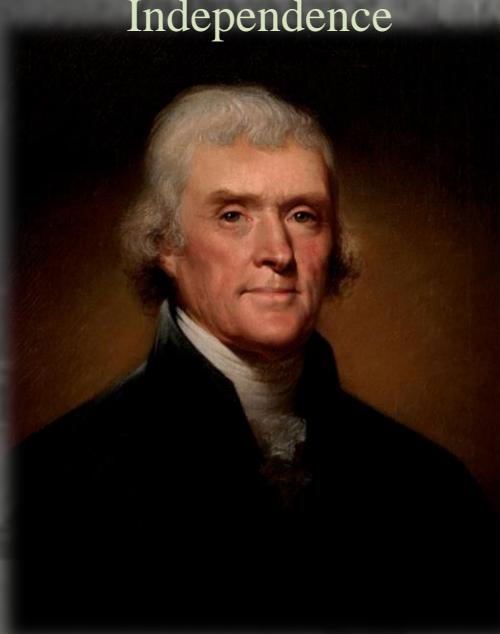
2. Divine/Natural and Human Law Relationship

3. Liberation Movements

The US
Declaration of
Independence

**The Second Treatise
of Government**

The 2nd Volume of
Snare of Glory



Law is a snare to capture the ill-doers

“[...] my hope is in God, and my eyes are kept on all the pious readers, that by being a help to the weak, by having the back of the good-minded hunter, they hold tight the snare wire, so that unlawful people do not denigrate me because they slip and are captured” (Shahamirian, 1773/2002, p. 6).

Law is a fence to people’s properties

“The Reason why Men enter into Society, is the preservation of their Property; and the end why they chuse and authorize a Legislative, is, that there may be Laws made, and Rules set, as Guards and Fences to the Properties of all the Members of the Society, to limit the Power, and moderate the Dominion, of every Part and Member of the Society” (Locke, 1689/1965, § 222).



The true ground of morality is the will and law of God

God → Reason → Law

Both Locke and Shahamirian believe that

- reason is the legal bond between the Creator and his creation: man
- morality and public happiness are linked together
- law is the sole path to happiness

God → Reason → Law

Shahamirian's liberatory enterprise to create a MODERN NATION-STATE of Armenia stands firmly on the ground of Enlightenment inspired understanding of nationhood and law.

I examined the work in connection to 3 themes:

Diaspora and its Capital

The Project of Modernization

Influence of English Enlightenment



The **Snare of Glory** is a work historically and philosophically
essential to understanding Armenian history in a larger
context
of Early Modern and Modern eras