

Quotes from the Federalist

“..it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend for their political constitutions on accident and force.”

Federalist #1 - Hamilton

“Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.” 51

“But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? “ #51

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary.” 51

“In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.” 51

“Liberty is to faction what air is to fire” 10