

the pursuit of  **HAPPINESS**

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US Constitution (1787)

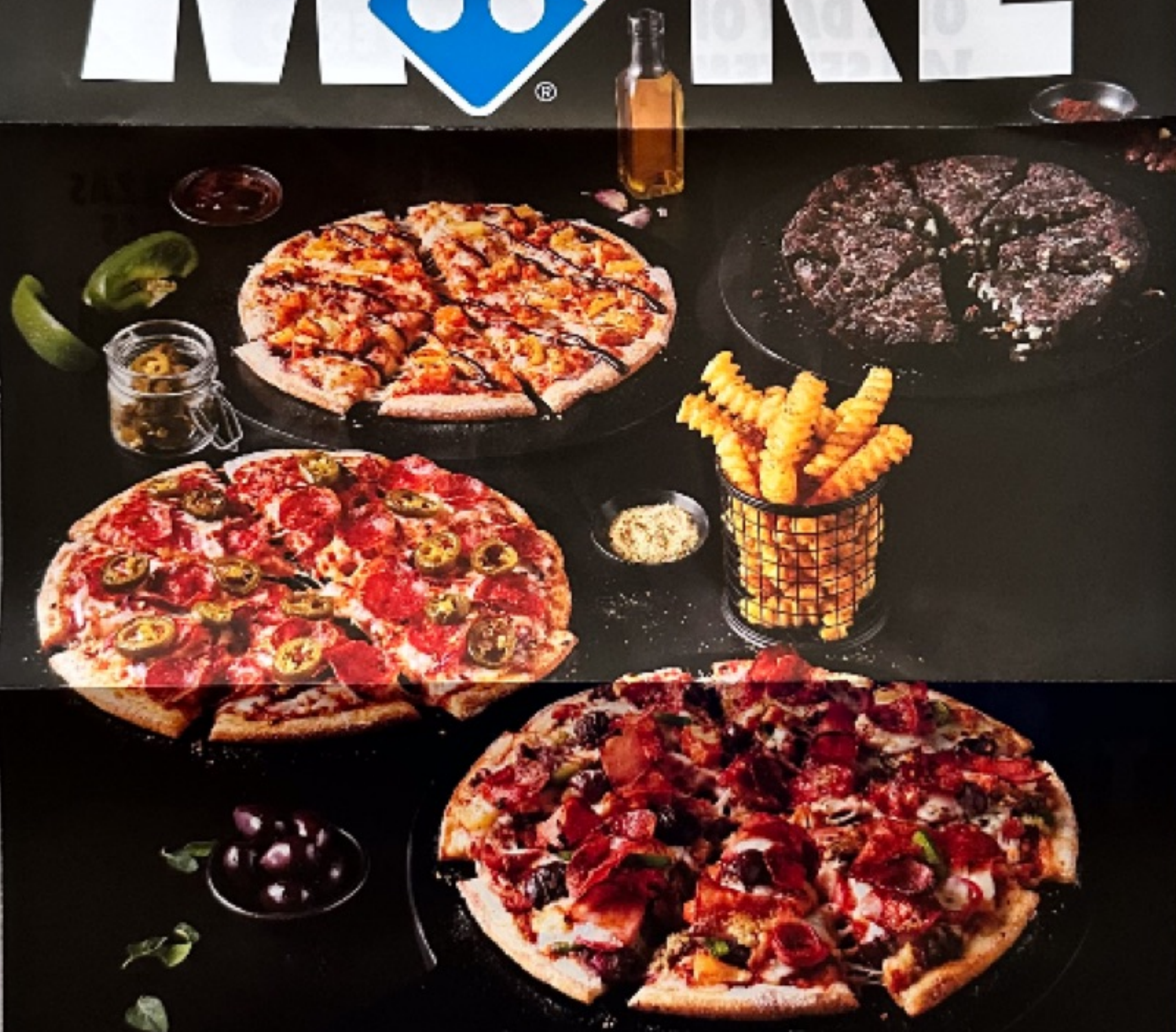
All people are entitled to certain
“unalienable rights” such as life, liberty,
and **the pursuit of happiness.**



The Great Lie:
I **deserve** to be happy.



YOU DESERVE MORE



TRY OUR **MORESOME** NEW MENU
AMAZING PIZZAS, TASTY SIDES & DECADENT DESSERT



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Q: Does the enemy want us to pursue happiness?

A: YES



Q: Does the enemy want us to pursue happiness?

A: YES

Q: Does God want us to pursue happiness?

A: YES



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¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...

James 1:17 (NIV)



¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 16:11 (NIV)



¹³So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Luke 11:13 (NLT)



²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...

Romans 8:28 (NIV)



²³for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (NIV)



²³For the wages of sin is death

Romans 6:23 (NIV)



²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)



"The most important thing
is that you're happy."



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²⁴...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:24-26a (NIV)



²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Matthew 16:24-26a (NIV)



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"We are glad-hearted creatures fooling around with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us. Like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slums because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.
We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis



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"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

John Piper



We can't expect God to be the source of our joy
if the world is the source of our pleasure.



¹³“Enter (the Kingdom of God) through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)



²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)



³⁵...remember: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 (NIV)



The purpose of marriage is NOT your **happiness**.



The purpose of marriage is NOT your **happiness**.

The purpose of marriage IS your **holiness**.



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¹⁶I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)



¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)



Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)



²¹Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)



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