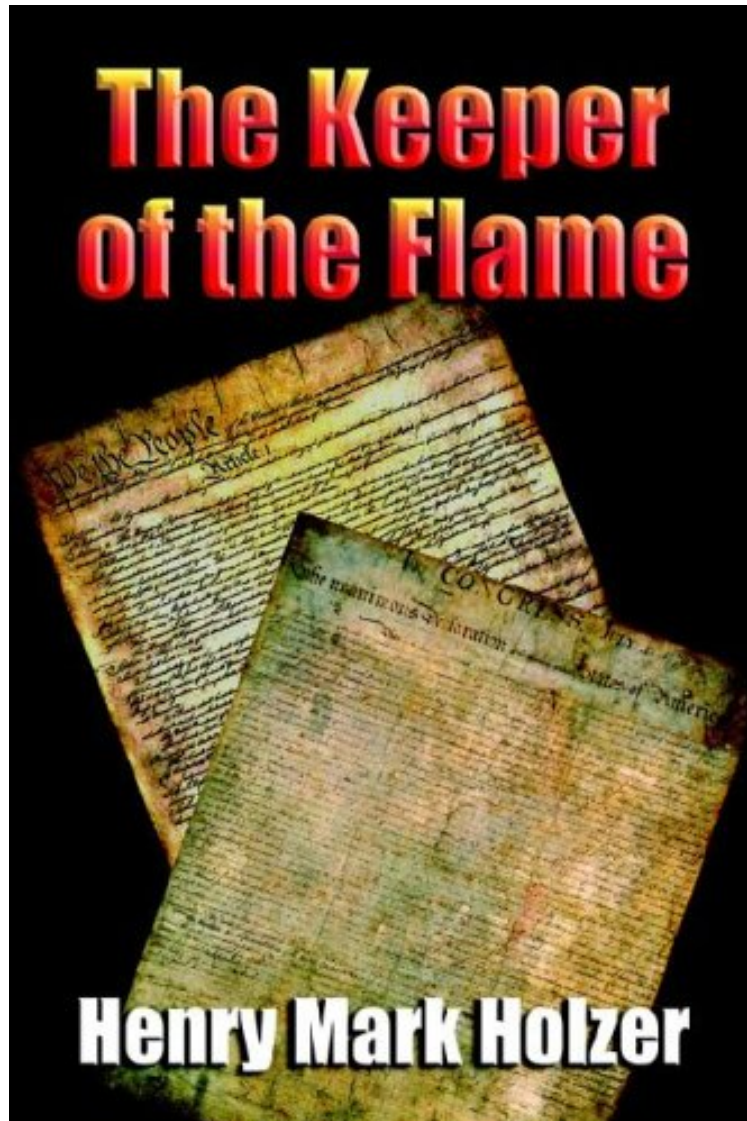


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The Keeper of the Flame is an examination and analysis of Justice Clarence Thomas's majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions, showing extensively, in his own words, what he understands to be the appropriate role of a Supreme Court justice.