

The Tribute of Statesmen

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George Washington: “...Above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation has had a meliorating influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society.”

Thomas Jefferson: “I always have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.”

John Quincy Adams: “The first and almost the only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. I speak as a man of the world ... , and I say to you, ‘Search the Scriptures.’”

Andrew Jackson: “It (the Bible) is the rock on which our Republic rests.”

Zachary Taylor: “It was for the love of the truths of this great and good book that our fathers abandoned their native shore for the wilderness.”

Abraham Lincoln: “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.”

Ulysses S. Grant: “Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for the progress made, and to this we must look as our guide in the future.”

Theodore Roosevelt: “Almost every man who has by his life work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud, almost every such man has based his life work largely upon the teachings of the Bible.”

Woodrow Wilson: “A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of this (a knowledge of the Bible).”

Calvin Coolidge: “The foundations of our society and of our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt: “I believe that all of the differences that rend the world today would find speedy solution if men and nations would but return in all humility to the plain teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. There, indeed, are the truths that set men free.”

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