

An American flag is shown waving on a wooden pole against a textured, brownish-gold background. The flag's stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the stars in the upper left and stripes extending towards the bottom right.

# THE American Heritage SERIES

Influence of the Bible in America

"The Bible is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed."

*Patrick Henry*



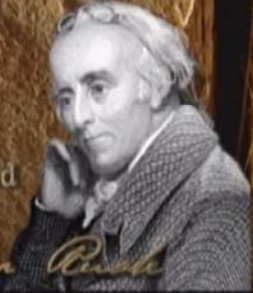
"The Bible is the chief moral cause of all that is good and the best corrector of all that is evil in human society - the best book for regulating the temporal (that is secular) concerns of men."

*Noah Webster*



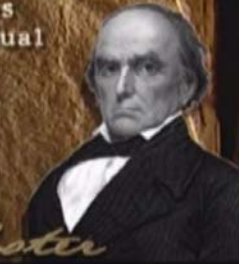
"The Bible... should be read in our schools in preference to all other books from its containing the greatest portion of that kind of knowledge which is calculated to produce private and public happiness."

*Dr. Benjamin Rush*



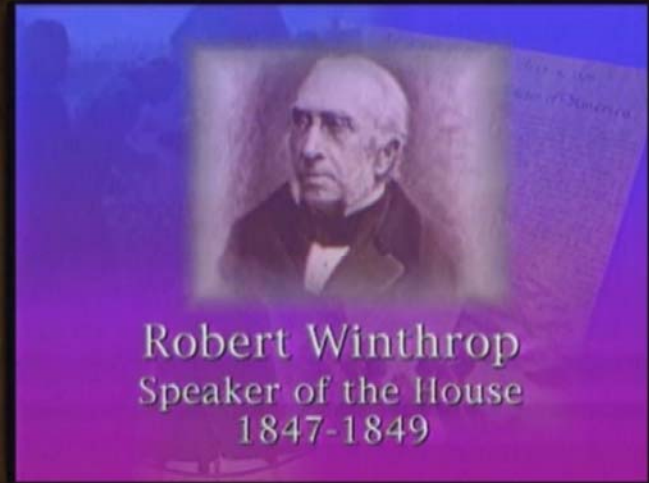
"To the free and universal reading of the Bible... men (are) much indebted for right views of civil liberty. The Bible is... a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man."

*Daniel Webster*

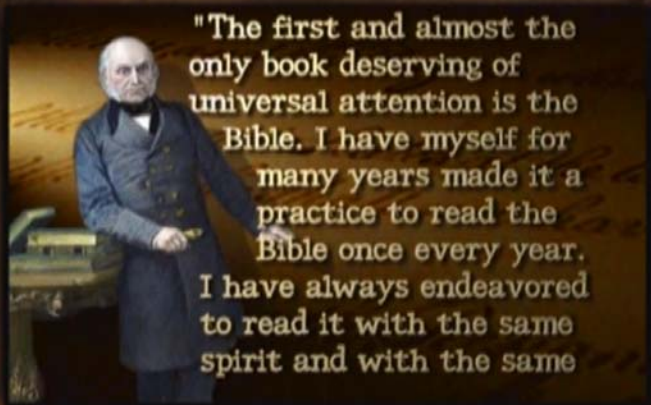




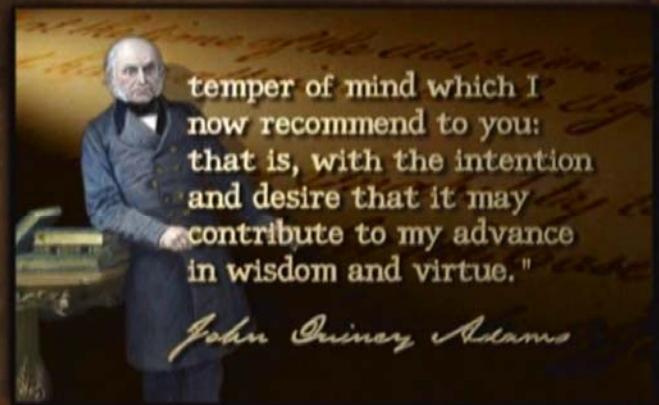
DEWITT CLINTON  
(1769-1828)



Robert Winthrop  
Speaker of the House  
1847-1849



"The first and almost the only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. I have myself for many years made it a practice to read the Bible once every year. I have always endeavored to read it with the same spirit and with the same

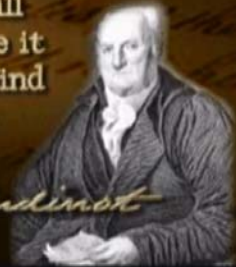


temper of mind which I now recommend to you: that is, with the intention and desire that it may contribute to my advance in wisdom and virtue."

*John Quincy Adams*

"For nearly half a century, I have anxiously and critically studied the Bible and I still scarcely ever take it up that I do not find something new."

*Elias Bondinot*



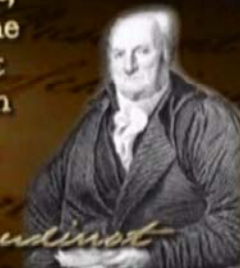
"Oh, the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of God! How UNSEARCHABLE His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay Him?"

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

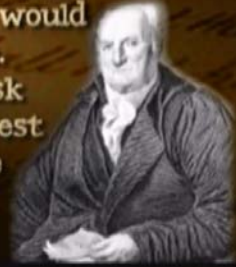
Romans 11:33-36

"Were you to ask me to recommend the most valuable book in the world, I should fix on the Bible as the most instructive - both to the wise and the ignorant."

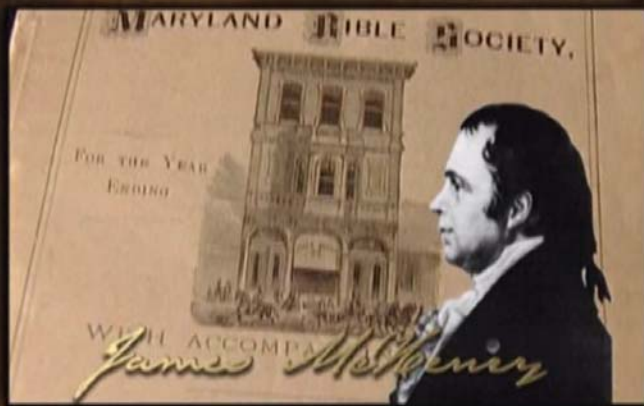
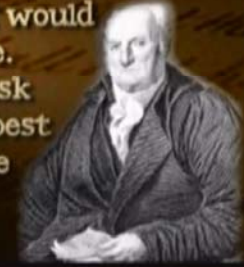
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"Were you to ask me for one book  
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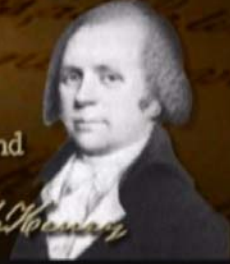


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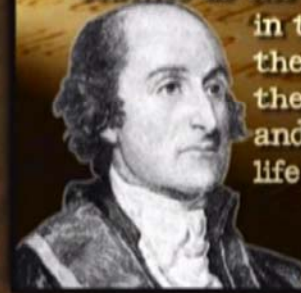
"The Holy Scriptures....can alone secure to society, order and peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability, and usefulness. In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw (protections) around our institutions."

*James McHenry*



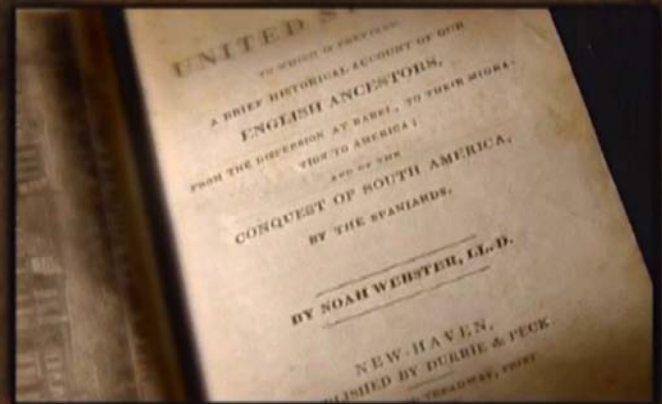
"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the Word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

*John Jay*



"Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited...what a utopia - what a paradise would this region be."

*John Adams*



"The brief exposition of the Constitution of the United States will unfold to young persons the principles of republican government; and...our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct republican principles is the Bible."

*Noah Webster*

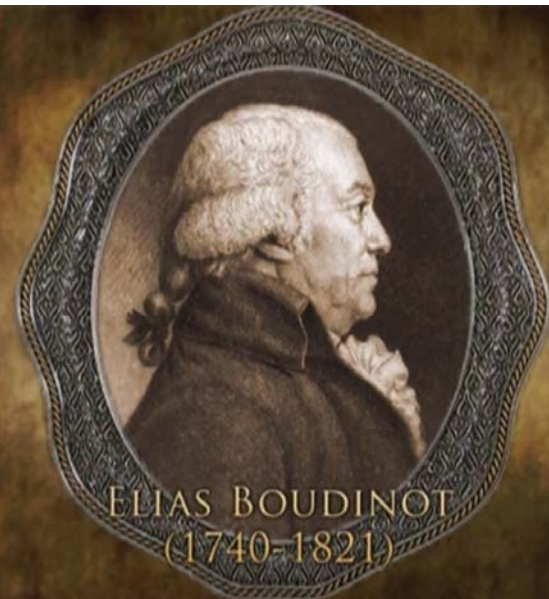


"The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all of our civil constitutions and laws...."



All of the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war, proceed from them despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

*Noah Webster*



ELIAS BOUDINOT  
(1740-1821)