

It is a very strange thing that there are not a few who, professing to believe in the Scriptures of the New Testament, regard the Old Testament with a feeling of perplexity and doubt, not to say of antipathy; and the objections which are brought forward by them against the Old Testament, I endeavored to show, were rooted in their insufficient understanding of the teaching of the New Testament.—“*The Divine Unity of Scripture*,” Rev. Adolph Saphir, D. D., pp. 160, 161. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1909.

There is a persistent attempt in some quarters to depreciate the Old Testament, with the lamentable result that it is comparatively neglected. Yet the New Testament itself unmistakably teaches the organic unity of the two Testaments, and in various ways exhibits their mutual relations.—“*Knowing the Scriptures*,” Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., p. 53. New York: Gospel Publishing House, 1910.

Bible, EULOGIES OF.—

John Quincy Adams: So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society.—Quoted in “*Biblical Authenticity*,” L. L. Shearer, p. 68. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1899.

Dr. Adam Clarke: This Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, are the only complete guide to everlasting blessedness: men may err, but the Scripture cannot; for it is the word of God himself, who can neither mistake, deceive, nor be deceived. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17.

From this word all doctrines must be derived and proved; and from it every man must learn his duty to God, to his neighbor, and to himself. Isa. 8: 20.—“*Clavis Biblica*” (“*The Preacher’s Manual*”), Adam Clarke, p. 64. New York: Carlton and Lanahan, 1820.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge: For more than a thousand years the Bible, collectively taken has gone hand in hand with civilization, science, law, — in short, with the moral and intellectual cultivation of the species, always supporting, and often leading the way.—“*Confessions of an Inquiring Spirit*,” Letter VI, p. 100. Boston: James Munroe & Co., 1841.

Benjamin Franklin: Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with and firm belief in the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest. I think Christ’s system of morals and religion, as he left them with us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see.—“*The Fundamentals*,” Vol. II, p. 120. Chicago: Testimony Publishing Company.

W. E. Gladstone: Revelation [the Scripture] not only illuminates, but binds. Like the credentials of an earthly ambassador, it is just and necessary that the credentials of that revelation should be tested. But if it be found genuine, if we have proofs of its being genuine equal to those of which, in the ordinary concerns of life, reason acknowledges the obligatory character, then we find ourselves to be not independent beings engaged in an optional inquiry, but the servants of a Master, the pupils of a Teacher, the children of a Father.—“*The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture*,” William E. Gladstone, pp. 293, 294. London: Wm. Isbister, 1890.

U. S. Grant: Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of our liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives.

To the influence of this Book we are indebted for the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future.—Quoted in “*Biblical Authenticity*,” L. L. Shearer, p. 68. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1899.

J. R. Green, English Historian: As a mere literary monument the English version of the Bible remains the noblest example of the English tongue, while its perpetual use made it, from the instant of its appearance, the standard of our language.—“*Short History of the English People*,” book 7, chap. 1, par. 6.

St. Gregory: The Bible changes the heart of him who reads, drawing him from worldly desires, to embrace the things of God.—*Mag. Moral.* 1, 20, c. 1; quoted in “*The Catholic Church and the Bible*” (pamphlet), p. 4. Brooklyn: The International Catholic Truth Society.

Patrick Henry: There is a Book worth all other books that were ever published.—Quoted in “*Biblical Authenticity*,” L. L. Shearer, p. 68. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1899.

Sir John Herschel: All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths contained in the sacred Scriptures.—Quoted in “*Bible Criticism and the Average Man*,” Howard Agnew Johnston, p. 26. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1902.

Thomas Jefferson: I have said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.—Quoted in “*The Fundamentals*,” Vol. II, p. 120. Chicago: Testimony Publishing Company.

Dr. Howard A. Kelley: I believe the Bible to be God’s Word, because, as I use it day by day as spiritual food, I discover in my own life, as well as in the lives of those who likewise use it, a transformation correcting evil tendencies, purifying affections, giving pure desires, and teaching that concerning the righteousness of God which those who do not so use it can know nothing of. It is as really food for the spirit as bread is for the body.

Perhaps one of my strongest reasons for believing the Bible is that it reveals to me, as no other book in the world could do, that which appeals to me as a physician, a diagnosis of my spiritual condition. It shows me clearly what I am by nature — one lost in sin and alienated from the life that is in God. I find in it a consistent and wonderful revelation, from Genesis to Revelation, of the character of God, a God far removed from any of my natural imaginings.

It also reveals a tenderness and nearness of God in Christ which satisfies the heart’s longings, and shows me that the infinite God, Creator of the world, took our very nature upon him that he might in infinite love be one with his people to redeem them. I believe in it because it reveals a religion adapted to all classes and races, and it is intellectual suicide knowing it not to believe it.—*Id.*, Vol. I, p. 125.

Abraham Lincoln: In regard to the Great Book, I have only this to say: It is the best gift which God has given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated through this Book. But for this Book we could not know right from wrong. All those things desirable to man are contained in it.—Quoted in “*Biblical Authenticity*,” L. L. Shearer, p. 71. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1899