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101 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE

16. How have various well-known personalities from different walks of life viewed the Bible?

A. What they did:

Following is an alphabetical listing of the many diverse backgrounds involved:

1. Agnostics
2. Ambassadors (U.S.)
3. Apologists
4. Archaeologists
5. Biblical Scholars
6. Biologists
7. Bishops
8. Chemists
9. Conservative and liberal religious leaders
10. Denominational founders
11. Diplomats
12. Economists
13. Editors (newspapers and magazines)
14. Educators
15. Evangelists
16. Explorers
17. Financial experts
18. Framers of U. S. Constitution
19. Geologists
20. Government advisors (U.S.).
21. Governors (U.S.)
22. Historians
23. Hymn writers
24. Journalists
25. Lawyers
26. Literary giants
27. Media personalities
28. Military men
29. Mineralogists
30. Missionaries
31. Naturalists
32. Novelists
33. Pastors
34. Philosophers

35. Physicians
36. Poets
37. Politicians
38. Presidents (U.S.)
39. Prime ministers
40. Psychologists
41. Publishers
42. Pulitzer prize winners
43. Radio commentators
44. Rhodes scholars
45. Scientists
46. Secretaries of State (U.S.)
47. Senators (U.S.)
48. Signers of Declaration of Independence
49. Social workers
50. Space explorers (rockets)
51. Surgeons
52. Theologians
53. Treasury secretaries (U.S.)
54. University presidents
55. University professors

B. Who they were and what they said:

1. **Adams, John** – 2nd President of the United States.
 “The Bible is the best book in the world. It contains more . . . than all the libraries I have seen.”
2. **Adams, John Quincy** – 6th President of the United States.
 “The Bible is the book of all others to read at all ages and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once, or twice, or thrice through, and then laid aside; but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters a day. It is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.”
3. **Bacon, Sir Francis** – Father of the scientific method.
 “There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first, the volume of the Scriptures which reveal the will of God; then, the volume of the Creatures, which express His power.”
4. **Baruch, Bernard** – Influential U. S. financier and government adviser.
 “I have always placed the Bible as number one among the four books I think everyone should read and study. Therein one will find all the problems that beset mankind.”
5. **Beecher, Henry Ward** – American Congregational preacher and a leader in the anti-slavery movement.

“The Bible is God’s chart for you to steer by, to keep you from the bottom of the sea, and to show you where the harbour is, and how to reach it without running on rocks and bars.”

6. **Ben-Gurion, David** – First Prime Minister of the new State of Israel.
“I was reading the Bible in many different languages, and I saw that it cannot really be translated, the real meaning cannot be given in another language. It is only in Hebrew that you feel the full meaning of it – all the associations which a different word has.”
7. **Bonaparte, Napoleon** – World famous French military general.
“The gospel is not merely a book – it is a living power – a book surpassing all others. I never omit to read it, and every day with the same pleasure. The gospel possesses a secret virtue, a mysterious efficacy, a warmth which penetrates and soothes the heart. One finds in meditating upon it that which one experiences in contemplating the heavens. The gospel is not a book; it is a living being, with an action, a power, which invades everything that opposes its extension.”
8. **Boyle, Robert** – The father of modern chemistry.
“I use the Scripture, not as an arsenal, to be resorted to only for arms and weapons . . . but as a matchless temple, where I delight to be to contemplate the beauty, the symmetry and the magnificence of the structure.”
9. **Bromfield, Louis** – Pulitzer prize winning author and on the founding staff of *Time Magazine*.
“The Bible has meant a great deal to me always, not only for the spiritual values it asserts, but for many other reasons – the beauty of its poetry, the fact that it is the most human book or collection of books ever written, containing the story of all human weaknesses and strength. I enjoy it also because it contains nearly all the great stories that have been written and rewritten many times and because it contains the Ten Commandments, which provide the best formula ever set down by which people can live together in civilized justice and understanding. It is unquestionably the greatest of books and the whole compendium of human experience in the real world as well as in the spiritual one.”
10. **Brooks, Phillips** - Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts and author of the Christmas hymn, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.
“The Bible is like a telescope. If a man looks through his telescope, then he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks at his telescope, then he does not see anything but that. The Bible is a thing to be looked through, to see that which is beyond.”
11. **Bruce, F. F.** – Renowned New Testament scholar and author of nearly 50 books.

“The Bible was never intended to be a book for scholars and specialists only. From the very beginning it was intended to be everybody’s book, and that is what it continues to be.”

12. **Bryan, William Jennings** – Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson.

“The Bible holds up before us ideals that are within sight of the weakest and the lowliest, and yet so high that the best and the noblest are kept with their faces turned ever upward.”

13. **Bunyan, John** – Author of *Pilgrim’s Progress*.

“I never knew all there was in the Bible until I spent those years in jail. I was constantly finding new treasures.”

14. **Bushnell, Horace** – An American Congregational minister and leader in shaping liberal Protestant thought.

“My own experience is that the Bible is dull when I am dull. When I am really alive, and set in upon the text with a tidal pressure of living affinities, it opens, it multiplies discoveries, and reveals depths even faster than I can note them. The worldly spirit shuts the Bible; the Spirit of God makes it a fire, flaming out all meanings and glorious truths.”

15. **Calvin, John** – Author of *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* and a leading force in furthering the Reformation movement in France.

“Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by thee, The prophets wrote and spoke; Unlock the truth, thyself the key, Unseal the sacred book.”

16. **Carlyle, Thomas** – Noted English author and one of the most important social critics of his day.

“A Noble book! All men’s book! . . . grand in its sincerity, in its simplicity, and in its epic melody.”

17. **Carver, George Washington** – Former slave who became one of America’s leading agricultural chemists, discovering hundreds of uses for the peanut, sweet potato and the soybean.

“My life time study of nature in its many phases leads me to believe more strongly than ever in the biblical account of man’s creation as found in Gen. 1:27: ‘And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created he them.’ ”

18. **Cassels, Louis** – Former religious editor for the United Press International.

“Some people unfortunately try to reduce the great mystery to an absurd kind of magic. They open the Bible at random, stab their fingers at a verse, and expect therein to find God’s instant answer to whatever is troubling them at that moment. The notion that divine guidance is dispensed in such a mechanical, penny-in-the-slot manner is an insult to God and puts the Bible on a par with an ouija board. Any single verse of the Bible, taken in isolation, may actually be dangerous to your spiritual health. Every part of it must be read in relation to the whole message.”

19. **Chase, Salmon P.** – Former Governor of Ohio and U. S. Senator who later served as Treasury Secretary in the Lincoln Cabinet.
“There came a time in my life when I doubted the divinity of the Scriptures, and I resolved as a lawyer and a judge I would try the book as I would try anything in the courtroom, taking evidence for and against. It was a long, serious, and profound study; and using the same principles of evidence in this religious matter as I always do in secular matters, I have come to the decision that the Bible is a supernatural book, that it has come from God, and that the only safety for the human race is to follow its teachings.”
20. **Chase, Stuart** – Noted financier, expert in economic affairs, who became a member of F. D. Roosevelt’s Brain Trust.
“It is a profound source of literary stimulation, both because of its majestic prose, and because of its ideas.”
21. **Churchill, Winston** – Prime Minister of England during World War II.
“We rest with assurance upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture.”
22. **Coleridge, Samuel Taylor** – English lyrical poet, critic, and philosopher and author of the *Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner*.
“I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at a greater depth of my being than any other book.”
23. **Colson, Charles** – Former aide to Richard Nixon who later founded a nationally known prison ministry.
“The Bible – banned, burned, beloved. More widely read, more frequently attacked than any other book in history. Generations of intellectuals have attempted to discredit it; dictators of every age have outlawed it and executed those who read it. Yet soldiers carry it into battle believing it more powerful than their weapons. Fragments of it smuggled into solitary prison cells have transformed ruthless killers into gentle saints.”
24. **Cowper, William** – English poet, his writings considered the most brilliant in English literature.
“A glory gilds the sacred page, Majestic like the sun; It gives a light to every age, It gives, but borrows none.”
25. **Cromwell, Oliver** – Lord Protector of England. His military skill and force of character are universally recognized.
(upon hearing Phil. 4:11-13 read as he lay dying) “He that was Paul’s Christ is my Christ too.”
26. **Dana, Charles** – American newspaper editor of both the *New York Tribune* and *New York Sun*.
“Of all the books, the most indispensable and the most useful, the one whose knowledge is the most effective, is the Bible.”
27. **Dana, James Dwight** – American geologist, mineralogist, and naturalist who served as co-editor of the *American Journal of Science*.

“Young men, as you go forth, remember that I, an old man, who has known only science all his life, say unto you that there is no truer facts than the facts found within the Holy Scriptures.”

28. **Dickens, Charles** – One of the world’s most popular, prolific, and skilled novelists. Author of *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and *David Copperfield*.

“It is the best Book that ever was or ever will be in the world.”

29. **Dryden, John** – English poet laureate, dramatist, and critic.
“It speaks no less than God in every line; commanding words whose force is still the same.”

30. **Dwight, Timothy** – President of Yale from 1795 to 1817.
“The Bible is a window in this prison world through which we may look into eternity.”

31. **Eisenhower, Dwight** – 34th President of the United States.
“In the highest sense the Bible is to us the unique repository of eternal spiritual truths.”

32. **Faraday, Michael** – Father of modern dynamos and generators.
“Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.”

33. **Franklin, Benjamin** – American statesman, printer, scientist and prolific writer.

“Young man, my advice is that you cultivate an acquaintance *with* and a firm belief *in* the Scriptures, for this is your certain interest.”

34. **Fuller, Sir Thomas** – English clergyman and author.
“I discover an arrant laziness in my soul. For when I am to read a chapter in the Bible, before I begin I look where it ends. And if it ends not on the same side, I cannot keep my hands from turning over the leaf, to measure the length on the other side; if it swells to many verses, I begin to grudge. Surely my heart is not rightly affected. Were I truly hungry after heavenly food, I would not complain of meat. Scourge, Lord, this laziness of my soul; make the reading of your Word, not a penance, but a pleasure to me; so I may esteem that chapter in your Word the best which is the longest.”

35. **Gladstone, William** – One of England’s most famous Prime Ministers.
“I have known 95 great men of the world in my time, and of these, 87 were followers of the Bible. One controlling, guiding, unifying mind must have been operative through all the weary ages to produce out of such composite elements a result so wonderfully unique, uplifting, and unfathomable as the Bible; and that mind in the nature of things could not have been human. If I am asked to name the one comfort in sorrow, the safe rule of conduct, the true guide of life, I must point to what, in the words of a popular hymn, is called, ‘The Old, Old Story,’ told in an old Book, God’s best and richest gift to mankind.”

36. **Glueck, Nelson** – American archaeologist, writer, and educator.
 “It can be categorically stated that not one single archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical text . . . the times that the Bible describes, the more we see how accurate it is. Now, I’m not saying that archaeology *proves* the Bible – that it could never do – but I am saying archaeology *confirms* the Bible.”
37. **Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von** – One of the great masters of world literature, as demonstrated in his dramatic poem, *Faust*.
 “The Bible grows more beautiful as we grow in our understanding of it.”
38. **Goforth, Jonathan** – Great missionary and educator to China.
 “My deepest regret, on reaching three-score years and ten, is that I have not devoted more time to the study of the Bible. Still in less than nineteen years I have gone through the New Testament in Chinese fifty-five times.”
39. **Grant, Ulysses S.** – 18th President of the United States.
 “Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor to your liberties; write its precepts upon your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future. The Bible is the Anchor of our liberties.”
40. **Greeley, Horace** – American newspaper editor, founder of the *New York Tribune*, and a strong champion against slavery during the U. S. Civil War.
 “It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people.”
41. **Gutenberg, Johannes** – Inventor of the printing press.
 “I know what I want to do: I wish to manifold [print] the Bible.”
42. **Harrison, Benjamin** – 23rd President of the United States.
 “It is out of the Word of God that a system has come to make life sweet.”
43. **Harrison, William K.** – Lt. General who was the most decorated soldier in the 30th Infantry Division, which was rated as the number one division in World War II. “The Bible is the Word of God, given by His inspiration for our use and benefit.”
44. **Hayes, Rutherford B.** – 19th President of the United States.
 “The best religion the world has ever known is the religion of the Bible. It builds up all that is good.”
45. **Heine, Heinrich** – One of Germany’s greatest lyric poets.
 “What a Book! Great and wide as the world, rooted in the abysmal depths of creation and rising aloft into the blue mysteries of heaven. Sunrise and sunset, promise and fulfillment, birth and death, the whole human drama, everything is in this book. It is the book of books, Biblia.”
46. **Henry, Patrick** – Governor of Virginia and world famous political leader in the American Revolution.
 “Here is a Book, the Bible, worth more than all others that were ever printed.”

47. **Herschel, John Sir** – Noted astronomer.
“All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths come from on high and contained in the sacred writings.”
48. **Hoover, Herbert** – 31st President of the United States.
“The whole of the inspirations of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ . . . to read the Bible . . . is a necessity of American life . . . the study of the Bible is a post-graduate course in the richest library of human experience.”
49. **Hoover, J. Edgar** – First Director of the F. B. I.
“The Bible is the unfailing guide which points the way for men to the perfect life.”
50. **Hopkins, Mark** – Medical doctor who became renowned as a teacher and administrator.
“Thus we have every conceivable species of historical proof, both external and internal. Thus do the very stones cry out.”
51. **Huxley, Thomas Henry** – Agnostic English biologist who became the principle exponent of Darwinism in England.
“The Bible has been the Magna Charta of the poor and oppressed.”
52. **Jackson, Andrew** – 7th President of the United States.
“That book, sir, is the rock on which our Republic rests.”
53. **Jackson, Stonewall** – Legendary Confederate General during the U. S. Civil War.
“God’s promises change not . . . let us endeavor to adorn the doctrine of Christ in all things.”
54. **James, William** – American philosopher who became the most influential American thinker of his day.
“The Bible contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence than can be collected from all other books, in whatever age or language they may have been written.”
55. **Jastrow, Robert** – Founder of NRSA’s Institute for Space Studies.
“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”
56. **Jefferson, Thomas** – 3rd President of the United States.
“The Bible makes the best people in the world.”
57. **Kant, Immanuel** – German metaphysician, author of *Critique of Pure Reason*, and one of the greatest figures in philosophy.

“The existence of the Bible as a book for the people is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. A single line in the Bible has consoled me more than all the books I have ever read.”

58. **Keller, Helen** – Woman born both deaf and blind but who later became an effective communicator.
“In the Bible I find a confidence mightier than the utmost evil.”
59. **Kelly, Howard** – American medical professor at Johns Hopkins University and the world’s most famous surgeon during the first half of the 20th century.
“I accept the Bible as the Word of God because of its own miraculous character, born in parts in the course of the ages and yet completed in one harmonious whole. Without the Bible, all God’s precious parables in nature, His other book, are utterly lost, and nature, exploited merely for lucre or for the pride of science, is degraded and ruined. I testify that the Bible is the Word of God because it is meat for the spirit just as definitely as bread and meat are food for the body. The Bible appeals to me strongly as a physician, because it is such excellent medicine; it has never yet failed to cure a single patient if only he took his prescription honestly...In opposition to false science and false religions it fixes the origin of sin at a particular time and in an individual, Satan, and at the very outset promises sin’s cessation forever when that arch traitor shall be rendered forever impotent ... Whatever there is in civilization that is worthwhile rests on the Bible’s precepts. Everywhere and in all its teachings the Bible claims to be the authoritative Word of God, and as such I accept it.”
60. **Keller, Werner** – German author of the best-selling book, *The Bible as History*. “In view of the overwhelming mass of authentic and well-attested evidence now available, as I thought of the skeptical criticism which from the eighteenth century onward would fain have demolished the Bible altogether, there kept hammering in my brain this one sentence: “The Bible is right after all.”
61. **Kierkegaard, Soren** – Danish philosopher and religious thinker.
“The Bible is a letter from God with our personal address on it.”
62. **King George V** – Father of George VI and grandfather of Queen Elisabeth.
“The English Bible is . . . the most valuable thing that this world affords.”
63. **Lee, Robert E.** – Famous Confederate General of the army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.
“The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others in my eyes are of minor importance, and in which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength.”
64. **Lincoln, Abraham** – 16th President of the United States.

“But for this Book we could not know right from wrong. I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man.”

65. **Livingstone, David** – History’s greatest Christian missionary to Africa.

“What was the secret of his strength and perseverance amid unbearable trials? Livingstone himself will tell you. After sixteen years in Africa, he returned to England for the first time. No white man had ever penetrated the interior of the ‘dark continent’ before. To his astonishment he learned he was an international celebrity, but that meant nothing to David Livingstone.

“He was invited to speak at the University of Glasgow, in his native Scotland. If he could have seen what was ahead for him he might have declined the invitation. (Yet knowing Livingstone, I’m sure he would have gone, regardless of what was waiting.) It was the custom of undergraduates in that day to heckle visiting speakers. So they were ready for this preacher with toy trumpets, whistles, rattles, and all manner of noisemakers. They even had pea shooters.

“Livingstone came to the platform with the tread of a man who had already walked eleven thousand miles. His left arm hung almost uselessly at his side, his shoulder having been crushed by a huge lion. His body was emaciated, his skin a dark brown from sixteen years in the African sun. His face bore innumerable wrinkles from the ravages of the African fevers that had racked his body. He was half deaf from rheumatic fever, and half blind from a branch that had slapped him in the eyes. He described himself as a ‘ruckle of bones.’

“The students stared in disbelief. Their noisemakers were silent as a vast hush spread over the assemblage. They *knew* that here was a life that was sacrificed for God and fellow man. They listened while Livingstone told them about his incredible adventures; he told them about the extraordinary needs of the natives of Africa.

“He said to them, ‘Shall I tell you what sustained me in the midst of all of these toils and hardships and incredible loneliness? It was a promise, the promise of a gentleman of the most sacred honor; it was this promise, ‘*Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*’ (Matt. 28:20). That was the promise, that was his text, that was the secret of Livingstone’s commitment. It was the presence of Jesus Christ with him everywhere, all of the time.”

66. **Locke, John** – Oxford scholar, medical researcher, physician and economist, one of the great philosophers of his day.

“The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure, all sincere; nothing too much; nothing wanting.”

67. **Luther, Martin** – The heart, mind, and will of the Protestant Reformation.
“I study my Bible as I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest might fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf. Christ is the master; the Scriptures are only the servant. The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me.”
68. **MacArthur, Douglas** – Supreme U. S. Military Commander in the South Pacific during World War II.
“Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.”
69. **Maxwell, Samuel** – Former Chief Justice of Nebraska.
“Every fair-minded, unbiased person who will carefully read the Bible with a desire to master its contents, will find abundant evidence that it is of divine origin, and was designed to teach us our duty toward God and our fellowmen.”
70. **Mayo, Charles** – American surgeon and co-founder of the world renowned Mayo Clinic.
“In sickness or in health, one can find comfort and constructive advice in the Bible.”
71. **McKinley, William** – 25th President of the United States.
“The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book . . . the better citizens we will become.”
72. **Melville, Henry** – British lawyer, politician and First Lord of the admiralty during the Napoleonic Wars.
“The mystery of the Bible should teach us, at one and the same time, our nothingness and our greatness, producing humility and animating hope.”
73. **Milton, John** – English poet, one of the greatest poets of the English language, and author of *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*.
“Let others dread and shun the Scriptures for their darkness; I shall wish I may deserve to be reckoned among those who admire and dwell upon them for their clearness. There are no songs like the songs of the Scriptures, no orations like the orations of the prophets.”
74. **Moody, Dwight** – World famous Chicago evangelist and founder of the Moody Bible Institute.
“Sin will keep you from this book. This book will keep you from sin.”
75. **Morley, Christopher** – American editor and author, a Rhodes scholar who was one of the founders of the Saturday Review of Literature.

- “Why do they put the Gideon Bibles only in the bedrooms, where its usually too late, and not in the barroom downstairs?”
76. **Muggeridge, Malcolm** – Author, journalist, and media personality, a leading Christian apologist.
“There’s far more truth in the book of Genesis than in the quantum theory.”
77. **Muir, John** – American naturalist and conservationist.
“Father made me learn so many Bible verses every day that by the time I was eleven years of age, I had learned about three fourths of the Old Testament and all of the New by heart.”
78. **Newton, John** – One of the greatest and most-famous scientists in human history.
“If all the great books of the world were given life and were brought together in convention, the moment the Bible entered, the other books would fall on their faces, as the gods of Philistia fell when the ark of God was brought into their presence in the temple of Dagon. We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever.”
79. **Packer, J. I.** – Professor of Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia and a contributing editor to *Christianity Today*
“God the Father is the giver of Holy Scripture; God the Son is the theme of Holy Scripture; and God the Spirit is the author, authenticator, and interpreter of Holy Scripture.”
80. **Parsons, Theophilus** – Former Chief Justice of Massachusetts.
“I examined and weighed the proofs and objections to Christianity many years ago with the accuracy of a lawyer, and the result was entirely a conviction of its truth.”
81. **Phelps, William Lyons** – Author and former Yale professor.
“Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated . . . I believe knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. Our civilization is founded upon the Bible. More of our ideas, our wisdom, our philosophy, our literature, our art, our ideals come from the Bible than from all other books combined. You can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than by living in New York.”
82. **Reagan, Ronald** – 40th President of the United States.
“I never had any doubt about it being of divine origin . . . point out to me any similar collection of writings that has lasted for as many thousands of years and is still a best-seller, worldwide. It had to be of divine origin.”
83. **Rhee, Syngman** – Korean statesman and first president of the Republic of Korea. “Fellow prisoners held the Bible and turned the pages for me because my fingers were so crushed that I could not use them. I read the Bible, and I have read it the rest of my life.”

84. **Roosevelt, Franklin** – 32nd President of the United States.
“It is a fountain of strength. I feel that a comprehensive study of the Bible is a liberal education for anyone.”
85. **Roosevelt, Theodore** – 26th President of the United States.
“If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss which he had better make all possible haste to correct. A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”
86. **Rousseau, Jean Jacques** – French author, publisher, and skeptic.
“How petty are the books of the philosophers with all their pomp compared with the Gospels!”
87. **Ruskin, John** – English critic and social theorist who wrote some of the most superb prose in the English language.
“All I have taught in art, everything I have written, whatever greatness there has been in any thought of mine, whatever I have done in my life, has simply been due to the fact that, when I was a child, my mother daily read with me a part of the Bible, and daily made me learn a part of it by heart. Make it the first morning business of your life to understand some part of the Bible clearly, and make it your daily business to obey it in all that you do understand.”
88. **Sangster, Margaret** – 19th century author and editor of *Harper’s Bazaar*.
“A bit of the Book in the morning, To order my onward way. A bit of the Book in the evening, To hallow the end of the day.”
89. **Scott, Sir Walter** – Scottish novelist, considered the father of both the regional and historical novel; author of *Ivanhoe*.
“Within this awful volume lies the Mystery of mysteries. The most learned, acute, and diligent student cannot, in the longest life, obtain an entire knowledge of the Bible. The more deeply he works the mine, the richer and more abundant he finds the ore; new light continually beams from this source of heavenly knowledge, to direct the conduct, and illustrate the work of God and the ways of men; and he will at last leave the world confessing, that the more he studied the Scriptures, the fuller conviction he had of his own ignorance, and of their inestimable value.”
90. **Selassie, Haile** – Former King of Ethiopia.
“The Bible is not only a great book of historical reference, but it also is a guide for daily life, and for this reason I respect it and I love it.”
91. **Spurgeon, Charles Hadden** – England’s greatest and most famous Baptist preacher.
“The Bible is a vein of pure gold, unalloyed by quartz or any earthly substance. This is a star without a speck; a sun without a blot; a light without darkness; a moon without its paleness; a glory without a dimness. O Bible! It cannot be said of any other book that it is perfect and pure; but of thee we can declare all wisdom is gathered up in thee, without a particle

of folly. This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail. This is the book untainted by any error; but is pure, unalloyed, perfect truth.”

92. **Stott, John** – Founder and president of the London Institute for Christianity, author of over 40 books including *Basic Christianity*.
“A man who loves his wife will love her letters and her photographs because they speak to him of her. So if we love the Lord Jesus, we shall love the Bible because it speaks to us of Him.”
93. **Taylor, Zachary** – 12th President of the United States.
“It was for the love of the truths of this great book that our fathers abandoned their native shore for the wilderness.”
94. **Thomas, Lowell** – Prominent American radio commentator, explorer, lecturer, author, and journalist.
“The Bible is of vital importance in teaching freedom.”
95. **Tolstoy, Leo** – Russian novelist and philosopher, considered one of the world’s greatest writers, author of *War and Peace*.
“Without the Bible the education of a child in the present state of society is impossible.”
96. **Tournier, Paul** – Medical doctor and a prolific author, explaining the relationship between medicine, counseling, and spiritual values.
“However powerful and learned he may be, the Bible always sets man face to face with God, reminding him thus of his frailty and his weakness.”
97. **Toynbee, Arnold** – Renowned English historian and author of the monumental 12-volume series, *A Study of History*.
“It pierces through the intellect and plays directly upon the heart.”
98. **Tozer, A. W.** – Well known Chicago Pastor and author of several Christian Classics such as *The Pursuit of God*.
“A loving personality dominates the Bible, walking among the trees of the garden and breathing fragrance over every scene. Always a living Person is present, speaking, pleading, loving, working, and manifesting himself whenever and wherever his people have the receptivity necessary to receive the manifestation.”
99. **Van Dyke, Henry** – Professor of English literature at Princeton and U. S. minister to the Netherlands.
“No other book in the world has had such a strange vitality, such an outgoing power of influence and inspiration . . . No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. Born in the East and clothed in Oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God. Children listen to its

stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life.”

100. **Warren, Earl** – Former Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.
“I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing that the Good Book, and the spirit of the Saviour have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses . . . Whether we look to the first Charter of Virginia . . . or to the Charter of New England . . . or to the Charter of Massachusetts Bay . . . or to the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut . . . the same objective is present; a Christian land governed by Christian perspectives.”
101. **Washington, George** – First President of the United States.
“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible.”
102. **Webster, Daniel** – American statesman, lawyer, orator, Senator, and Secretary of State under President Millard Fillmore.
“I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the will and the Word of God.”
103. **Wells, H. G.** – English agnostic and author of such works as *The Time Machine*, *The War of the Worlds*, and *The Outline of History*.
“The Bible has been the book that held together the fabric of western civilization . . . The civilization we possess could not come into existence and could not have been sustained without it.”
104. **Wilmot** – Noted atheist in his day.
“The only thing against that book is a bad life.”
105. **Wilson, Woodrow** – 28th President of the United States.
“The Bible is the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and the spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only guide of life which leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and the pleasure. Give the Bible to the people, unadulterated, pure, unaltered, unexplained, uncheapened, and then see it work through the whole nature. It is very difficult indeed for a man or for a boy who knows the Scriptures ever to get away from it. It follows him like the memory of his mother. It haunts him like an old song. It reminds him like the word of an old and revered teacher. It forms a part of the warp and woof of his life.”