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the jefferson bible or the life and morals of jesus of nazareth as it is formally titled was a book constructed by thomas jefferson in the latter years of his life by cutting and pasting numerous sections from various bibles as extractions of the doctrine of jesus jefferson s composition excluded sections of the new testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the four evangelists in 1895 the smithsonian institution under the leadership of librarian cyrus adler purchased the original jefferson bible from jefferson s great granddaughter carolina randolph for 400 a conservation effort commencing in 2009 in partnership with the museum s political history department allowed for a public unveiling in an exhibit open from november 11 2011 through may 28 2012 at the national museum of american history

the life and times of a uniquely american testament in his retirement thomas jefferson edited the new testament with a penknife and glue removing all mention of miracles and other supernatural events inspired by the ideals of the enlightenment jefferson hoped to reconcile christian tradition with reason by presenting jesus of nazareth as a great moral teacher not a divine one peter manseau tells the story of the jefferson bible exploring how each new generation has reimagined the book in its own image as readers grapple with both the legacy of the man who made it and the place of religion in american life completed in 1820 and rediscovered by chance in the late nineteenth century after being lost for decades jefferson s cut and paste scripture has meant different things to different people some have held it up as

evidence that america is a christian nation founded on the lessons of the gospels others see it as proof of the founders intent to root out the stubborn influence of faith manseau explains jefferson s personal religion and philosophy shedding light on the influences and ideas that inspired him to radically revise the gospels he situates the creation of the jefferson bible within the broader search for the historical jesus and examines the book s role in american religious disputes over the interpretation of scripture manseau describes the intrigue surrounding the loss and rediscovery of the jefferson bible and traces its remarkable reception history from its first planned printing in 1904 for members of congress to its persistent power to provoke and enlighten us today

this is the extended and annotated edition including a detailed annotation about the history of the bible the jefferson bible or the life and morals of jesus of nazareth as it is formally titled was a book constructed by thomas jefferson in the latter years of his life by cutting and pasting numerous sections from various bibles as extractions of the doctrine of jesus jefferson s composition excluded sections of the new testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the four evangelists but others reject this claim stating that his 1804 work was simply intended to instruct native americans about jesus moral teaching while his second work was for his own personal study from wikipedia

this volume is the first full length book that offers a critical investigation into the composition of jefferson s bible in it the author looks critically not only at what jefferson includes but also at what he chose to exclude in an effort to uncover the principles that jefferson employed in selecting and deselecting verses in addition to providing a full text of jefferson s bible this study places these documents within a historical philosophical and theological context that illuminates their significance and relevance to our time

in the early nineteenth century thomas jefferson third president of the united states and principal author of the declaration of independence conceived the idea of extracting a gospel purified of what he saw as extraneous philosophical mythological and theological elements to do

so he took verses from the four canonical gospels and arranged them into a single narrative focusing on the actual words of jesus this work was never published during jefferson s lifetime but was inherited by his grandson and printed for the first time in the early twentieth century the original bound manuscript often referred to as the jefferson bible is held by the united states national museum in washington

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the bible has many modern versions either carefully constructed into english from a word by word or a thought by thought basis the derivative works almost never get that level of attention thomas jefferson rearranged the sermons parables and teachings of jesus into a chronological sequence leaving out the miracles angels demons and the resurrection his belief was that the moral message of jesus was still a supremely powerful one capable of standing on its own this volume is a modernized update that you can think of as the textbook for essential jesus 101 many notes about thomas jefferson s original book and a commentary on deism are also included

thomas jefferson one of the founding fathers of the united states of america produced in private his own version of the teachings of jesus as set forth in the gospels of the new testament jefferson carefully excised from the king james version of the gospels those passages that

reflected jefferson s own view of the world he called the resulting work the life and morals of jesus of nazareth commonly referred to as the jefferson bible following jefferson s death the work was released to the public

the thomas jefferson bible the life and morals of jesus of nazareth is a publication originally compiled by president thomas jefferson in the early 19th century in jefferson s attempt to organize the gospels in order he created this book which we have published that allows readers to read the bible through the eyes of thomas jefferson

the jefferson bible or the life and morals of jesus of nazareth as it is formally titled was thomas jefferson s effort to extract what he considered the pertinent doctrine of jesus by removing sections of the new testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the four evangelists using a razor jefferson cut and arranged selected verses from the books of matthew mark luke and john in chronological order mingling excerpts from one text to those of another in order to create a single narrative after completion of the life and morals about 1820 jefferson shared it with a number of friends but he never allowed it to be published during his lifetime the most complete form jefferson produced was inherited by his grandson thomas jefferson randolph and was published in 1895 by the national museum in washington once published in black and white facsimile by the government printing office in 1900 as a gift for new members of congress the jefferson bible has never before been published in color in its complete form the jefferson bible smithsonian edition is an exact facsimile reproduction based on the original copy in the smithsonian collections the jefferson bible smithsonian edition is as beautiful an object as was so painstakingly crafted by thomas jefferson himself

an atheist s analysis of the founding father s document on deism and the philosophy of jesus unlike any other presidential commentaries in print akashic s us presidents series pairs the writings of these american historical figures with contemporary commentators whose critical viewpoints provide a counterbalance to the overly reverent and conservative analyses that invariably accompany presidential writings in

this volume percival everett acclaimed author of such novels as telephone and erasure and pen faulkner award finalist takes an atheist s eye view of the little known jefferson bible the third president s response to the king james bible

the jefferson bible offers unusual insight into the thought process of thomas jefferson in 1804 jefferson set out to edit the gospels in order to uncover the meaning of true religion in this book completed in 1819 is the astonishing story of the life of jesus through jefferson s eyes

in 1820 thomas jefferson worked for months often by candlelight carefully cutting the pages of several bibles to remove the teachings of jesus he then reorganized those verses and pasted them into a new book that he called simply the life and morals of jesus of nazareth jefferson believed that the words of jesus were the most benevolent code of morals which has ever been offered to man and he wanted to study his teachings apart from the rest of the gospels with a boldness that would have shocked many of his contemporaries jefferson eliminated anything that he felt was unsupported by history or science including the virgin birth jesus miracles and the resurrection he then rearranged the remaining passages chronologically and in parallel translations in english french greek and latin combining parts of all four gospels into a narrative that begins in bethlehem with jesus birth and ends with his burial too controversial to be published during jefferson s lifetime the life and morals of jesus of nazareth now usually called the jefferson bible was reprinted by an act of congress in 1904 and for fifty years all freshman congressmen were given a copy when they took their oath of office the jefferson bible what thomas jefferson selected as the life and morals of jesus of nazareth includes jefferson s original english text as well as a new introduction that examines jefferson s life and complicated religious beliefs there is also an index listing jefferson s selections from each gospel and how he organized them jefferson s clear narrative nicely formatted in this edition makes this book a good introduction to jesus life and teachings for both adults and younger readers it will also be of special note for anyone interested in ethics christianity american history or the religious ideas of one of america s most influential founding fathers highly recommended

the life and morals of jesus of nazareth the jefferson bible written by legendary author thomas jefferson is widely considered to be one of the greatest classic and historical texts of all time this great classic will surely attract a whole new generation of readers for many the life and morals of jesus of nazareth the jefferson bible is required reading for various courses and curriculums and for others who simply enjoy reading timeless pieces of classic literature this gem by thomas jefferson is highly recommended published by classic books international and beautifully produced the life and morals of jesus of nazareth the jefferson bible would make an ideal gift and it should be a part of everyone s personal library

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the book is jefferson s notions as to the life and doctrines of jesus and it is significant that he ends the life with the laying of jesus in the sepulchre the resurrection formed no part of jefferson s belief the doctrines selected by jefferson as commanding themselves to him are the precepts which the christians sedulously avoid quoting as a whole he considered the doctrines of jesus defective and to have been made worse by the christians and so made a wee little book of the doctrines he deemed the best

in 1804 thomas jefferson decided to study the gospels to see if he could distill the essence of jesus teachings into a concise book that

could be quickly read and easily understood the jefferson bible is the result offering valuable insights into the teachings of jesus christ and into the mind and beliefs of thomas jefferson like the jefferson bible the complete sayings of jesus christ is an attempt to edit the four gospels into a consistent account in this case focusing on the words of jesus christ

lists candidates for the best and worst excerpts from a variety of scriptures including the hebrew bible the qur an the bhagavadgîtâ buddhist sutras and the book of mormon and invites readers opinions on the selections

this is not a facsimile reproduction nor is it the jefferson bible that you may be familiar with originally edited by henry e jackson in 1923 and titled the jefferson bible the undiscovered teachings of jesus he instead interpreted the version of richard francis weymouth s jefferson s bible translation in the form of prose it is quite simply a hand book on applicable common sense governance for individuals as well as government and world affairs jackson s contribution to the weymouth translation is in fact a book in and of itself in finding jackson s work fascinating and after subsequent research on his background we find there is very little that sheds any light on jackson the minuscule amount that is available explains how and why jackson was able to elucidate the selections in the manner he did truly making this the undiscovered teachings of jesus henry e jackson was an american clergyman born on february 21 1869 in chester county pa the son of oliver cloud and margaret hamilton jackson he was educated at york pennsylvania collegiate institute 1889 1890 a bachelor of arts lafayette college 1893 as well as an m a from princeton in 1896 finally graduating princeton theological seminary 1896 he was an ordained a presbyterian minister in 1896 he was the founder and pastor of the presbyterian church swarthmore pa from 1896 1907 he was pastor of christian union congressional church upper montclair n j from 1907 1915 interestingly jackson was a special lecturer to the students of china under appointment of a committee of princeton university 1915 further he was a special agent in community organization for the united states bureau of education washington d c from 1916 1920 of note there was one book review article written in the year the book

was originally published which follows the hard shelled mind of the eighteenth century that only a heavy hammer and a stone could open speaks in this book to the paper shelled twentieth that can be split by the pressure of a child s two thumbs to read the thomas jefferson bible is an excursion in a closed carriage sedately driven to the house of a roman tetrarch in the center of ancient jerusalem outside the faiths swarm and clash and spit venom embrace and propagate gnaw at the ankles of the carpenter s son inside the muting walls the cool steel threads of logic spin from the legal lips we listen to the last word bow our respect decline in moderation the closed carriage and walk home through the clamorous streets disarmed to fragrant partialities for with all respect due to the competent jefferson we prefer our christ with to without that is decorated with miracle like dionysus garlanded with vine leaves to the bones cleaned by acid and carbolic soap miracle does not decay except in closed minds the mystic lover opens his veins and lets the sap fill the depleted channels and green leaves shoot forth there is a better wisdom in the perfumed chat between jesus and the woman of samaria omitted in the jefferson anthology than in all his odorless selections lumped together jefferson eliminates and misses the essential element of christianity that it is the story of a failure or as a disappointing contemporary has phrased it peace without victory christianity is and has always been unpopular because the world prefers success to failure riches to poverty pleasure to pain it has but acquired a certain sanction from the defeated majority when the world is turned topsy turvy christianity will come into its universal rule nevertheless the personality of the christ is the yeast that defies the volstead act and every other form of benzoate a chemical that would if universally administered render the world eternally conscious of the distinction between success and failure

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