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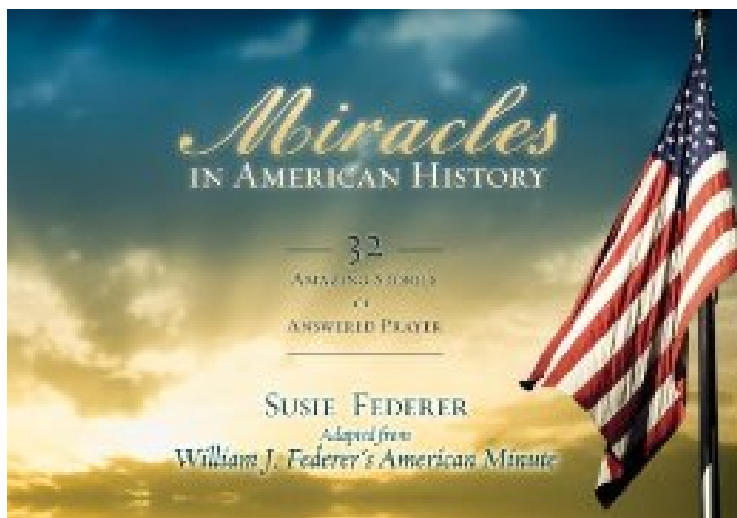
John Quincy Adams: Anti-Slavery Champion, His Lifetime of Public Service, Guided by the Bible

On FEBRUARY 21, 1848, "Old Man Eloquent" John Quincy Adams suffered a stroke at his desk in the House chamber.

He had just given an **impassioned speech** against the **Democrat plan to expand slavery** into the Western territories acquired after the **Mexican-American War**.



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He died 2 days

later without regaining consciousness.

His death was the first to be communicated over **the newly invented telegraph.**

The pallbearers at his funeral, February 26, 1848, included

South Carolina Senator **John Calhoun**, Missouri Senator **Thomas Hart Benton**, and a freshman Congressman from Illinois - **Abraham Lincoln.**



A bronze marker on the U.S. House floor indicates where the desk of **John Quincy Adams** once stood.

The son of the second **President, John Adams, John Quincy Adams** had one of the **longest careers in American politics.**



His many positions

included:

- At age 11, he accompanied his father as part of diplomatic team to France and the Netherlands, 1778;

- At 14 , he was **secretary** to the American diplomat to Russia, 1781-1783;



- At 17, he **assisted** his father's diplomatic role in England, 1784;

- President Washington appointed him **U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands**, 1794-1797;

- **U.S. Ambassador to Portugal**, 1796;

- **U.S Ambassador to Prussia**, 1797-1801;

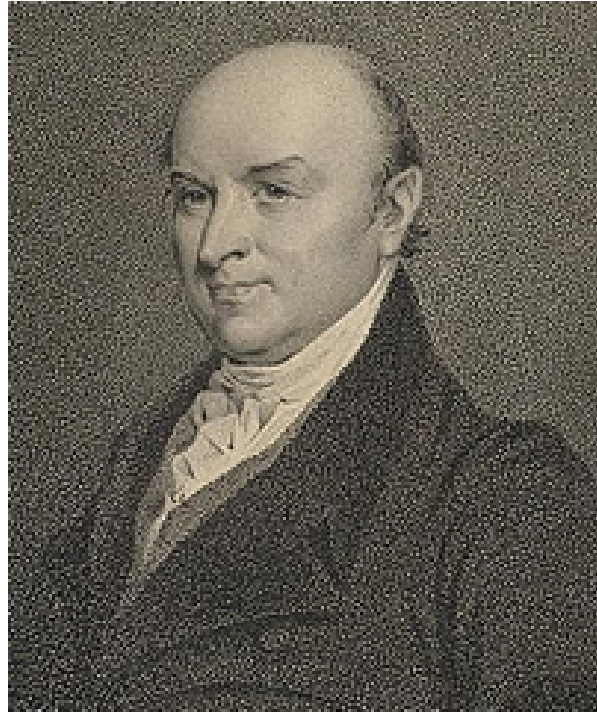
- **U.S. Senator** from Massachusetts, 1803;-1808;

- **Professor of Logic at Brown University**, 1803-1808;



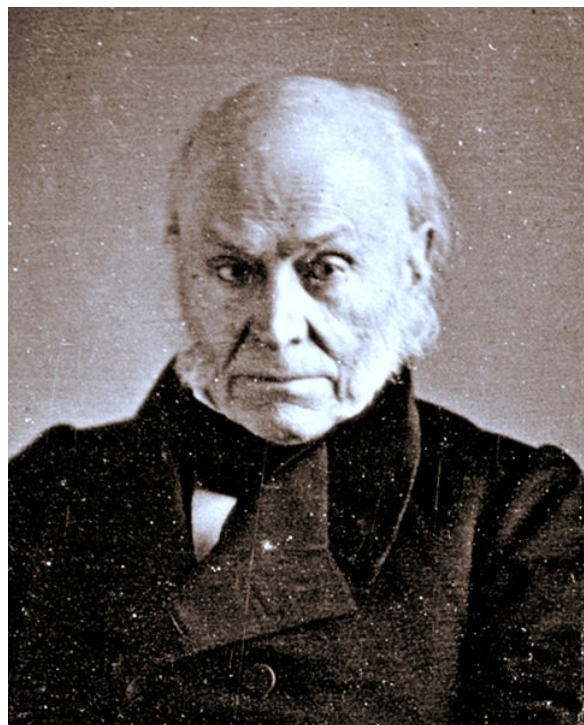
- **Professor Rhetoric & Oratory, Harvard University**, 1806-1809;

- Argued before **Supreme Court**, *Fletcher v. Peck*, 1809;
- President Madison appointed him to be **First U.S. Minister to Russia**, 1809-1814;
- Published *Lectures on Rhetoric & Oratory*, 1810;
- President Madison nominated him to the **Supreme Court**, being confirmed unanimously by the Senate, but declined, 1811;



- He negotiated the **Treaty of Ghent**, which favorably ended the **War of 1812** (Britain intended to retain the territory around the Great Lakes);

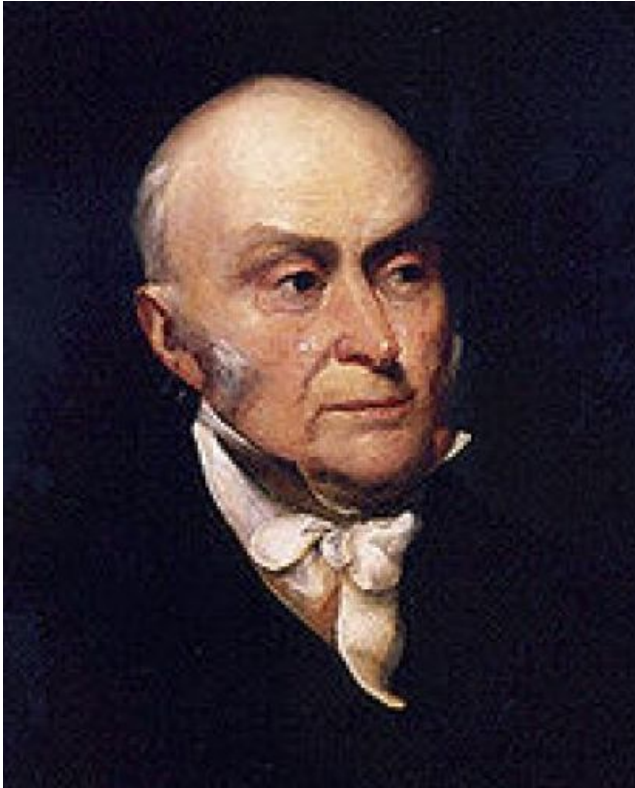
- President Madison appointed him **U.S. Minister to Great Britain**, appointed by Madison, 1815-1817;
- **U.S. Secretary of State**, under President Monroe, 1817-1825, where he negotiated the **Adams-Onis Treaty**, obtaining Florida from Spain;



- He was the **6th President of the United States**,

1825-1829;

- **U.S. Congressman** from Massachusetts, 1831-1848.

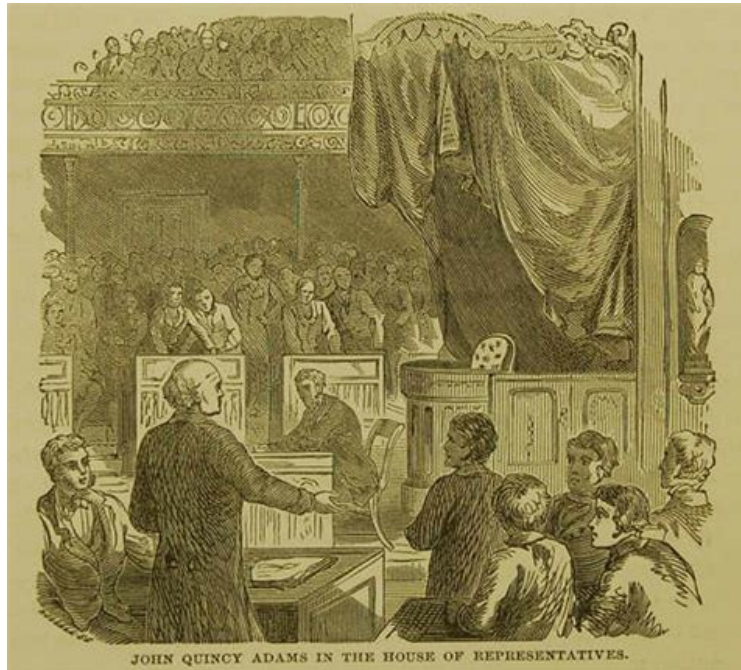


John Quincy Adams was the **only U.S President** to serve as a **Congressman** in the **U.S. House of Representatives** after having been **President**.

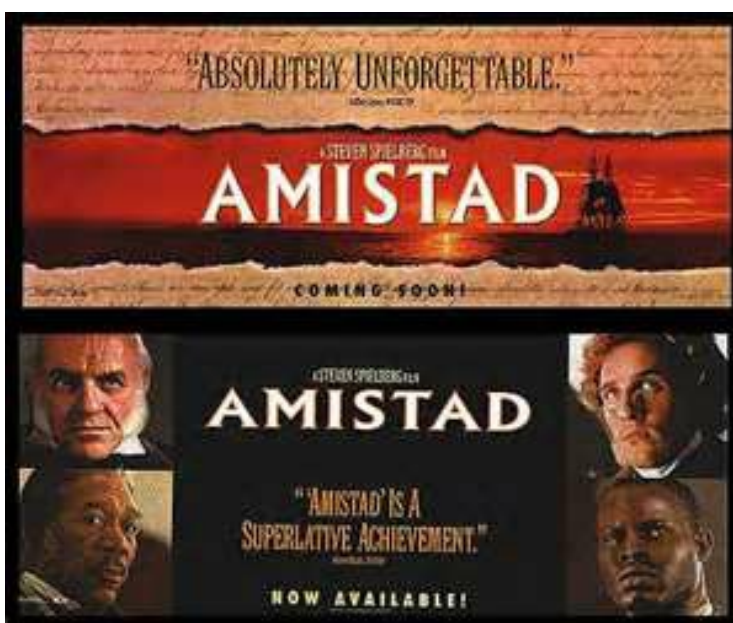
In Congress, he earned the nickname "**The Hell-Hound of Slavery**" for relentlessly **speaking out against slavery**.

He single-handedly led the fight to lift the **Gag Rule** which

prohibited discussion of slavery on the House floor. As a result, Southern Democrats tried to have him censured in 1837.



In 1839, he introduced a **constitutional amendment** to ban slavery in all new states entering the Union.



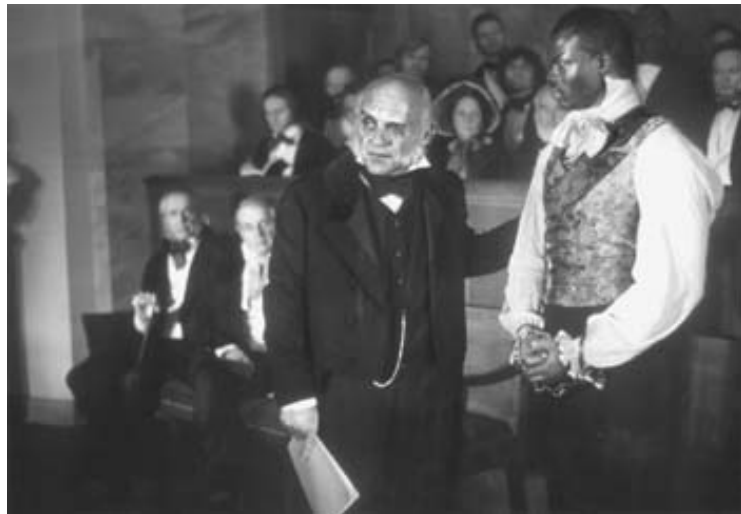
In 1841, at the age of 73, **John Quincy Adams** spoke for nine hours defending the 53 Africans accused of mutiny aboard the Spanish slave ship *La Amistad*.

With the help of lawyer **Francis Scott Key**, he argued their case before the **U.S. Supreme Court** and won, giving them back their freedom.

John Quincy Adams stated:

"The moment you come to the Declaration of Independence, that **every man has a right to life and liberty, an**

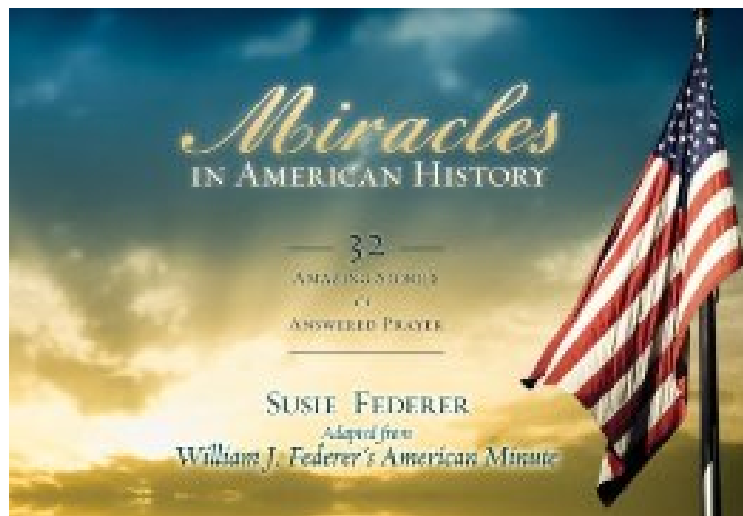
inalienable right, this case is decided. I ask nothing more in behalf of these unfortunate men than this Declaration."



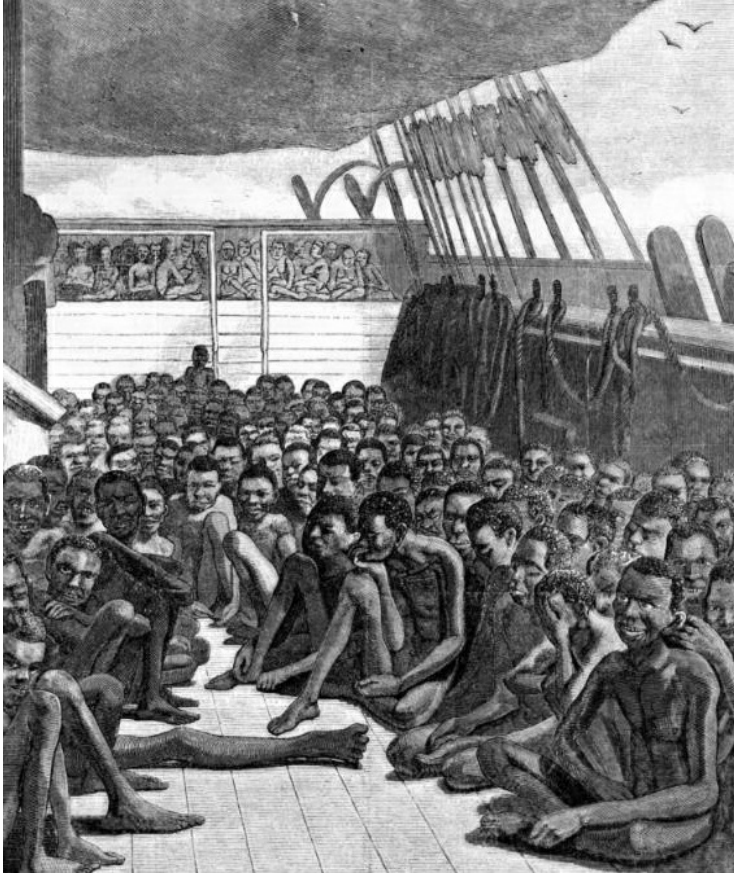
He was the **only major figure** in American history to **know** both the **Founding Fathers** and **Abraham Lincoln**.



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Prior to 1807,
African slaves
were purchased
from **Muslim
slave markets**
and brought to
America.

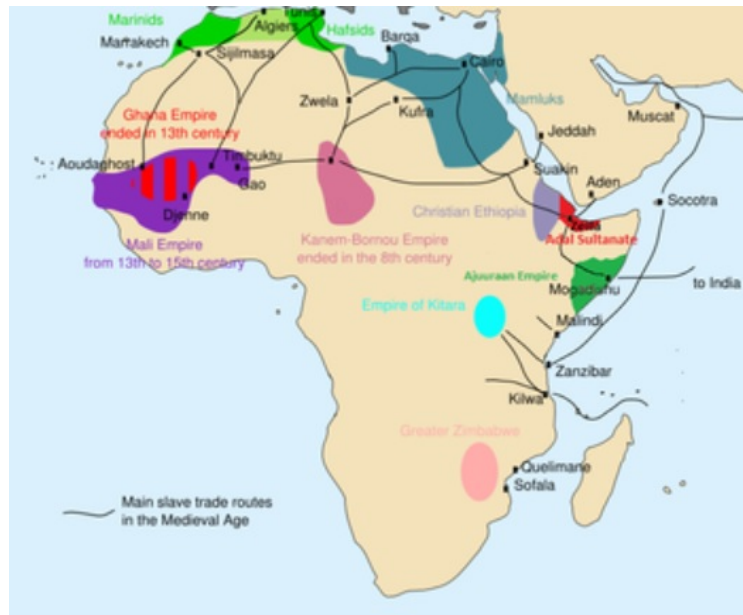


Muslim slave markets had existed for over a thousand years, **enslaving an estimated 180 million Africans.**

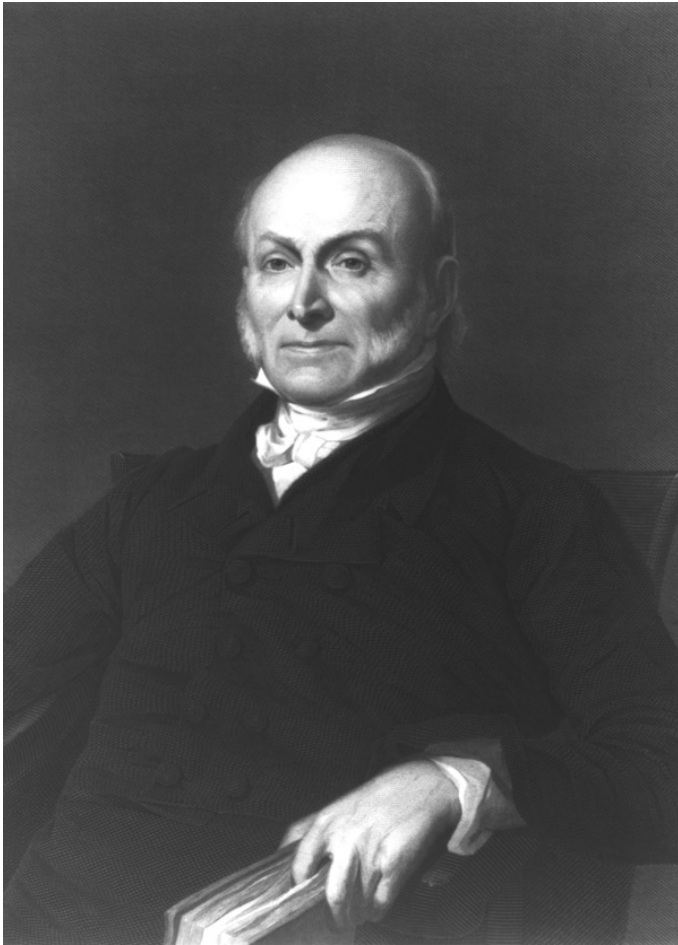
Elikia M'bokolo wrote in **"The Impact of the Slave Trade on Africa"** (*Le Monde diplomatique*, April 2, 1998):

"At least **ten centuries of slavery** for the benefit of the **Muslim countries** (from the ninth to the nineteenth) ...

Four million enslaved people exported **via the Red Sea**, another four million through **the Swahili ports of the Indian Ocean**, perhaps as many as nine million along the **trans-Saharan caravan route**, and eleven to twenty million (depending on the author) **across the Atlantic**



Ocean."



The annotated *John Quincy Adams-A Bibliography*, compiled by Lynn H. Parsons (Westport, CT, 1993, p. 41, entry#194), contains "**Unsigned essays dealing with the Russo-Turkish War and on Greece,**" (*The American Annual Register for 1827-28-29*, NY: 1830):

"The natural hatred of the Mussulmen

towards the infidels is in just accordance with the precepts of the Koran ...

The **fundamental doctrine** of the **Christian religion** is the **extirpation of hatred from the human heart**. It forbids the exercise of it, even towards enemies ..."

He continued:

"In the 7th century of the Christian era, a wandering Arab ... spread desolation and delusion over an extensive portion of the earth ...

He declared **undistinguishing**

and
**exterminating
war** as a part of
his religion ...

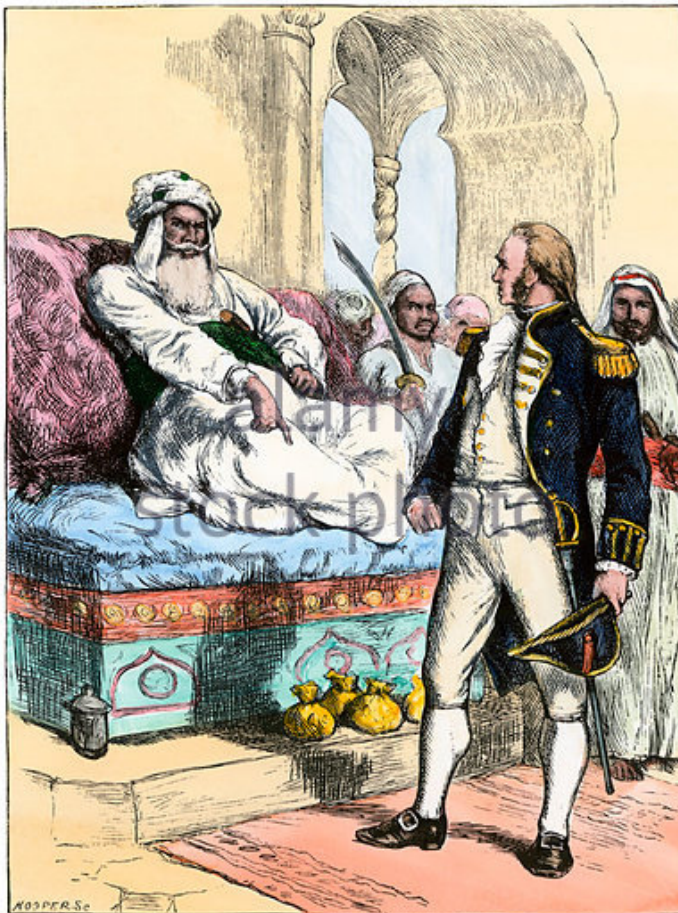
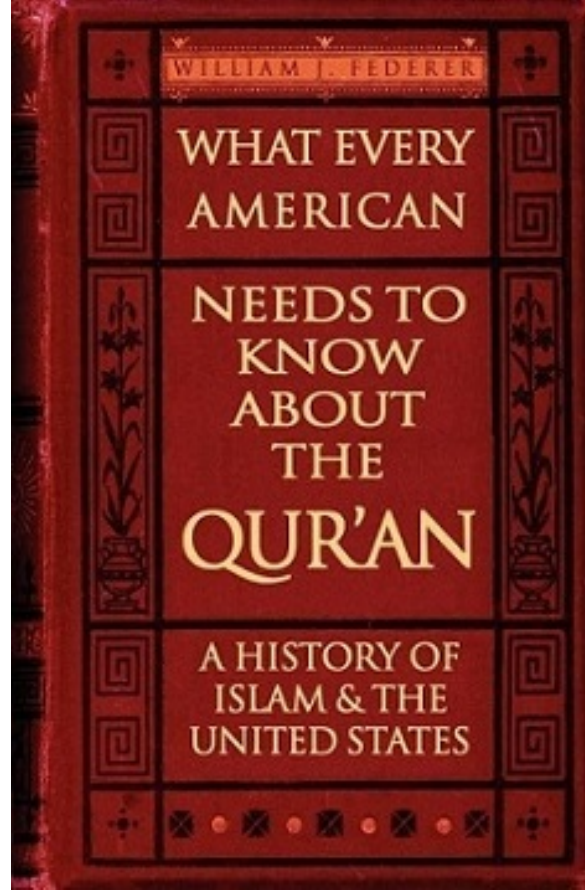
The essence of his
doctrine was
violence and lust,
to exalt the brutal
over the spiritual
part of human
nature."



Chapter 8 in the
Qur'an is titled
"Spoils of War,"
and chapter 33,
verse 50 states:

"Prophet, We have
made lawful to you
... the **slave girls**
whom Allah has
given you as
booty."

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reported that during
the Barbary Pirate
Wars:

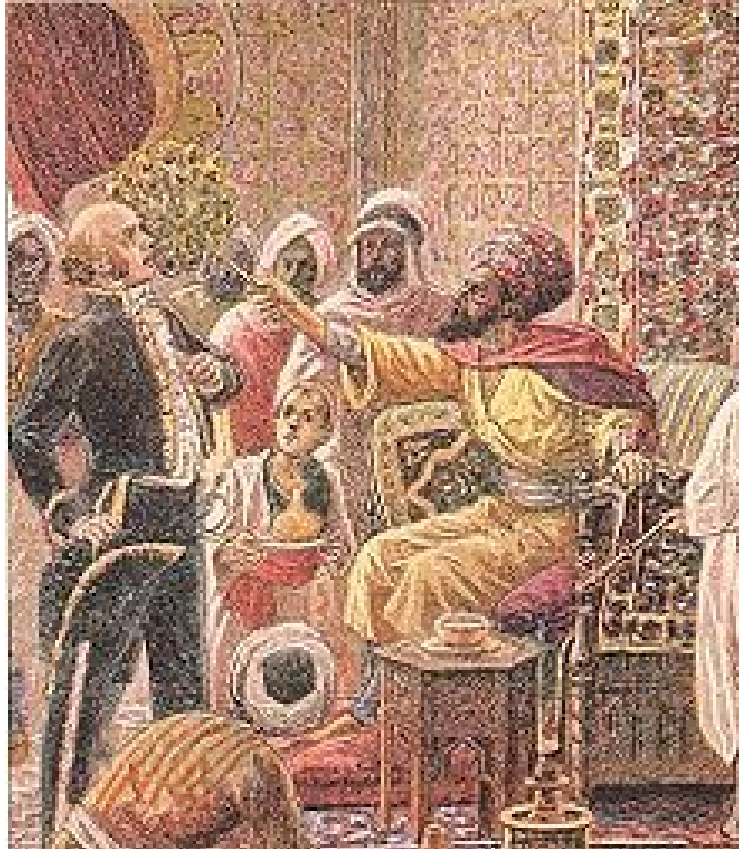
"Our gallant
Commodore
Stephen Decatur
had chastised the
pirate of Algiers ...
The Dey (Omar
Bashaw) ...
disdained to conceal
his intentions;

'My power,' said he,
'has been wrested

from my hands; draw ye the treaty at your pleasure, and I
will sign it;

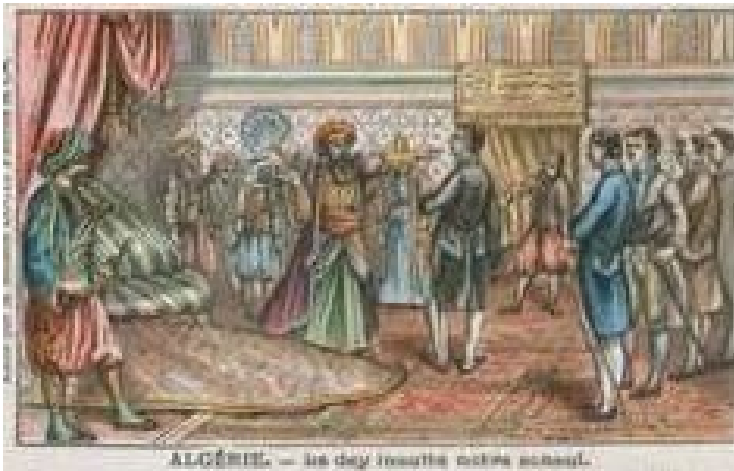
but beware of the moment, when I shall recover my power, for with that moment, your treaty shall be waste paper."

Frederick Leiner wrote in *The End of the Barbary Terror-America's 1815 War Against the Pirates of North Africa* (Oxford University Press):



"Commodore Stephen Decatur and diplomat William Shaler withdrew to consult in private ... The Algerians

were believed to be masters of duplicity, willing to make agreements and break them as they found convenient."



The Annotated John Quincy Adams-A Bibliography (NY: 1830) continued with the statement:

"The vanquished may purchase their lives, by the

payment of tribute; the victorious may be appeased by a false and delusive promise of peace ...

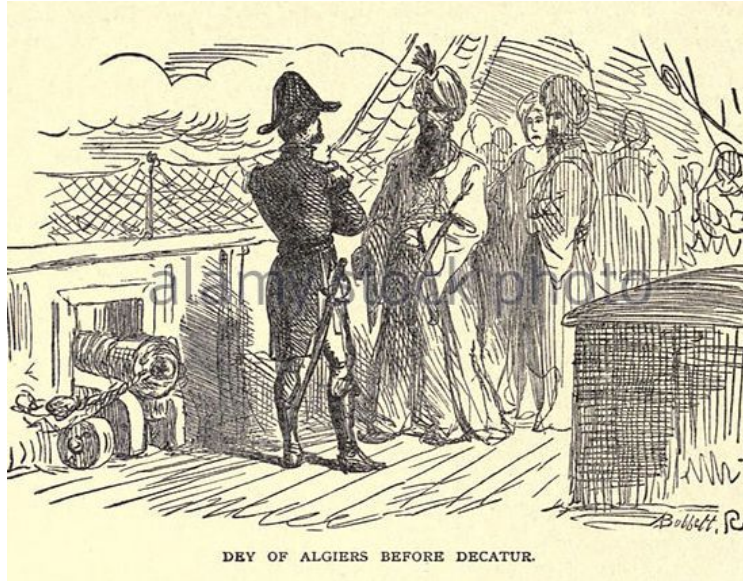
The faithful follower of the prophet may submit to the imperious necessities of defeat: but the command to propagate the Moslem creed by the sword is always

obligatory, when it can be made effective.

The commands of the prophet may be performed alike, by fraud, or by force."

John Quincy Adams described Muslim behavior in "Essay on Turks" (*The American Annual Register for 1827-28-29*):

"Such is the spirit, which governs the hearts of men, to whom **treachery** and **violence** are taught as principles of religion."



Scottish philosopher **David Hume** wrote the *Prophet of Islam in Of the Standard of Taste*, 1760:

"Let us attend to his narration; and we shall soon find, that the prophet bestows praise on such instances of **treachery**, **inhumanity**, **cruelty**, revenge, bigotry, as are

utterly incompatible with civilized society."

Winston Churchill

described Muslim behavior in *The Story of the Malakand Field Force* (Dover Publications, 1898):



"Their system of ethics, which regards **treachery** and **violence** as virtues rather than vices, has produced a **code of honor** so strange and inconsistent, that it is incomprehensible to a logical mind."

Winston Churchill On Islam

Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.

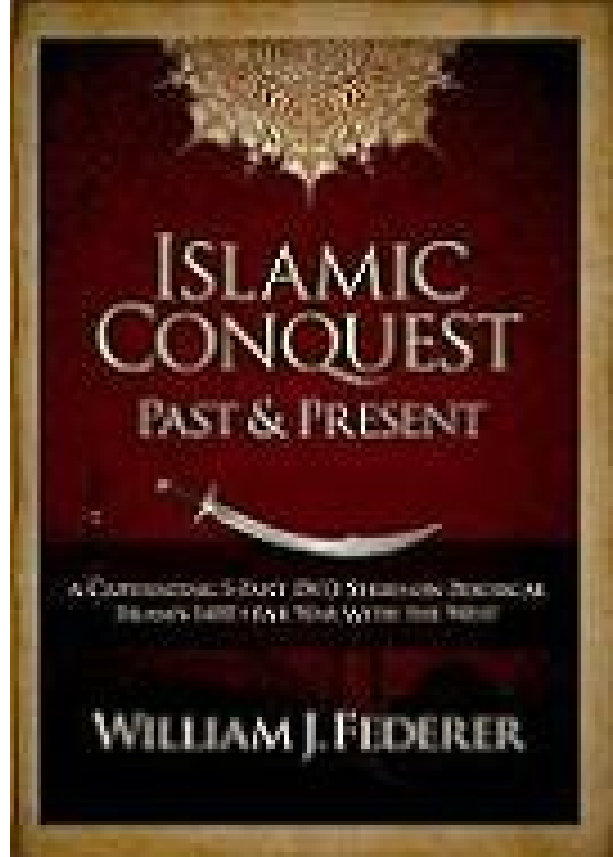
The River War 1899



After reading the insight of **John Quincy Adams**, **Winston Churchill** and **David Hume**, one is faced with a perplexing question -- if someone is capable of

decapitating you, would they first be willing to lie to you about their intentions?

[Islamic Conquest-Past and Present \(DVD\)](#)



While **General Andrew Jackson** was fighting the British in area of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and West Florida, **John Quincy Adams** was

negotiating the **Treaty of Ghent** in Belgium, which **ended the War of 1812**.

Afterwards, he traveled to **Paris** and saw Napoleon being returned to power for his famous 100 last days as Emperor.



One of the major influences that shaped the views and actions of **John Quincy Adams** was the **Bible**, as he wrote in his diary, September 26, 1810:

"I have made it a practice for several years to read the **Bible** through in the course of **every year**.

I usually devote to this reading the first hour

after I rise every morning ... I have this morning commenced it anew ... this time with Ostervald's French translation."

In September of 1811,

John Quincy Adams

wrote to his son from St. Petersburg, Russia:

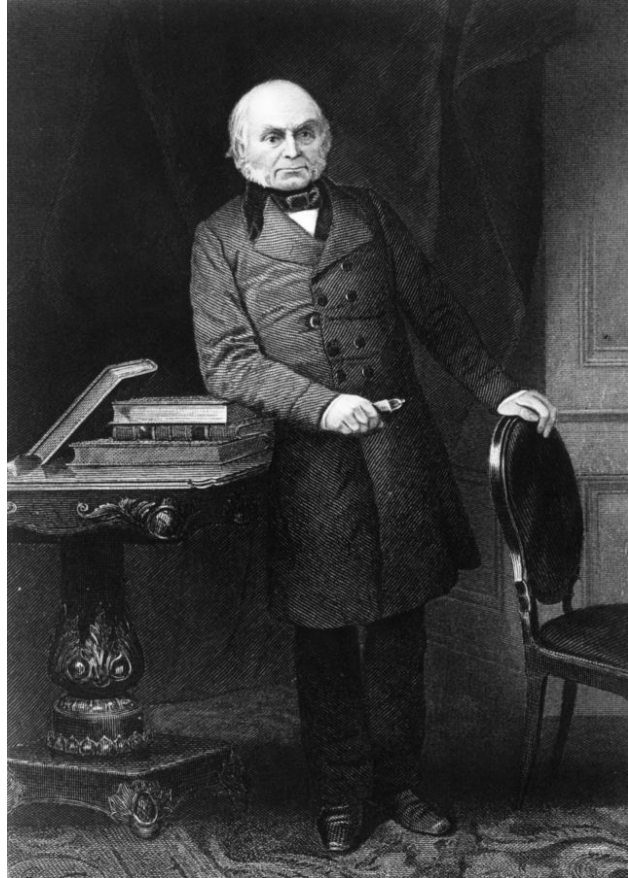
"My dear Son ... You mentioned that you read to your aunt a chapter in the **Bible** or a section of Doddridge's Annotations every evening.

This information gave me real pleasure; for so great is my veneration for the **Bible** ...

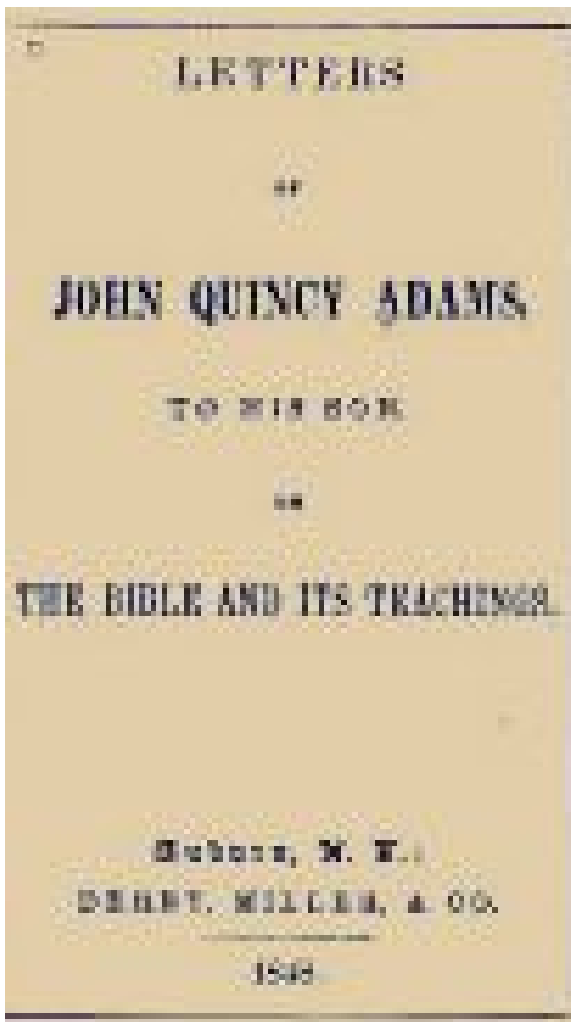
It is of all books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy ... My custom is, to **read four to five chapters every morning** immediately after rising from my bed ...

... It is essential, my son ... that you should form and adopt certain rules ... of your own conduct ... It is in the **Bible**, you must learn them ...

'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thy self.'



On these two commandments, **Jesus Christ** expressly says, 'hang all the law and the prophets.'



John Quincy Adams' correspondence to his son is compiled in *Letters of John Quincy Adams to his son, on the Bible and its Teachings*, which contains his statement:

"No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied, and so profoundly meditated upon as the **Bible.**"

On March 13, 1812, **John Quincy Adams** noted:

"This morning I finished the perusal of the German **Bible.**"





Adams wrote
December 24, 1814:

"You ask me what **Bible** I take as the standard of my faith - the Hebrew, the Samaritan, the old English translation, or what?

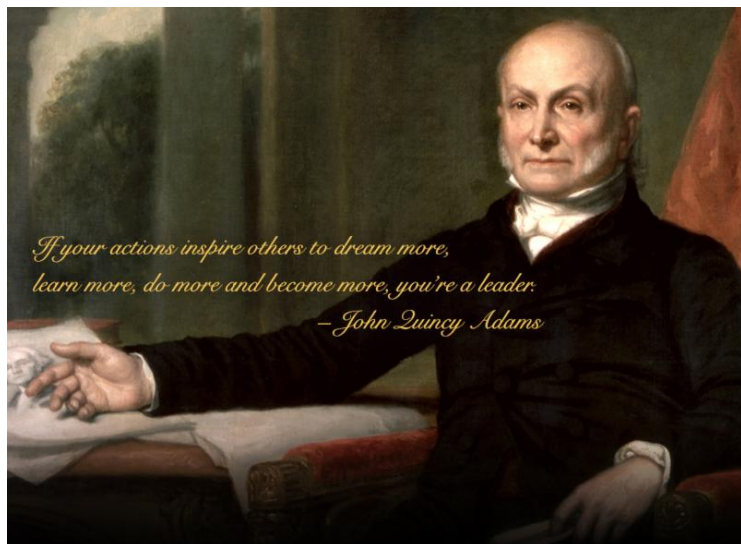
I answer, the **Bible** containing the Sermon on the Mount ...

The **New Testament** I have repeatedly read in the original Greek, in the Latin, in the Geneva Protestant, in Sacy's Catholic French translations, in Luther's German translation, in the common English Protestant, and in the Douay Catholic translations.

I take any one of them for my standard of faith."

On December 31, 1825, **John Quincy Adams** wrote in his diary:

"I rise usually between five and six ... I walk by the light of the moon or stars, or none, about four miles, usually returning home ... I then make my fire, and read three chapters of the **Bible**."



Poet Ralph Waldo



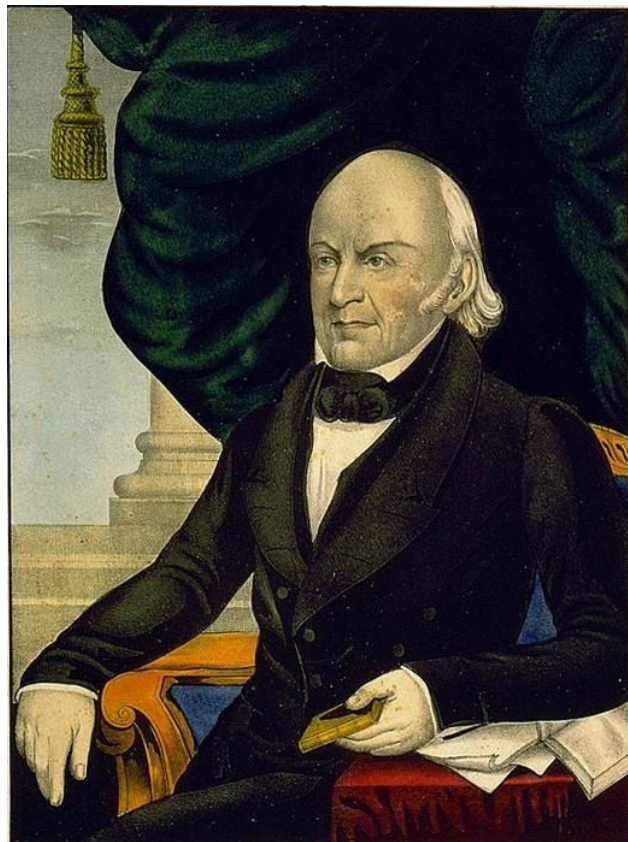
Emerson described **John Quincy Adams**:

"No man could read the **Bible** with such powerful effect, even with the cracked and winded voice of old age."

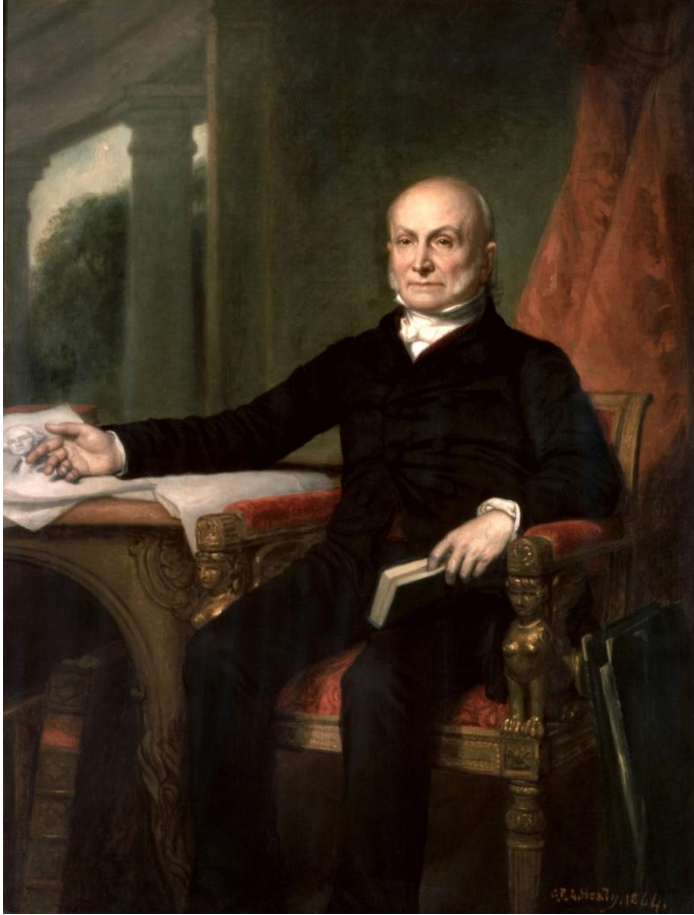
John Quincy Adams wrote:

"I speak as a man of the world to men of the world; and I say to you, **Search the Scriptures!**"

The **Bible** is the book of all others ... 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 every day."



At the age of 77, **John Quincy Adams** was vice-president of the **American Bible**



Society, where he stated, February 27, 1844:

"I deem myself fortunate in having the opportunity, at a stage of a long life drawing rapidly to its close, to bear at ... the capital of our National Union ... my solemn testimonial of reverence and gratitude to that book of books, the **Holy Bible**

The **Bible** carries with it the history of the creation, the fall and redemption of man, and discloses to him, in the infant born at Bethlehem, the Legislator and Saviour of the world."

John Quincy Adams stated in his Presidential Inaugural Address, March 4, 1825:

"'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain,'

with fervent supplications for His favor, to His overruling providence I commit with humble

but fearless
confidence my own
fate and the future
destinies of my
country."

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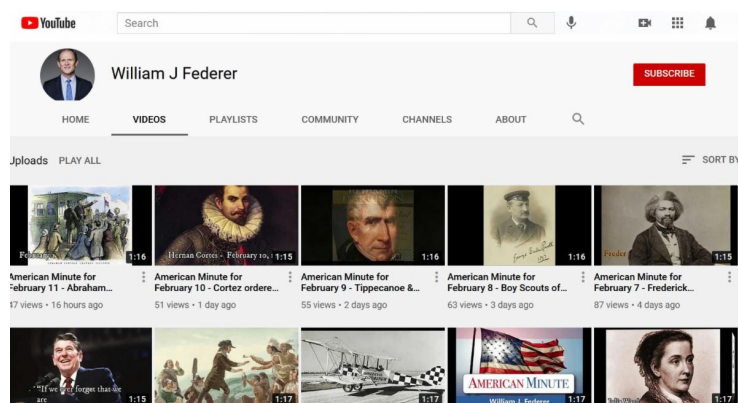
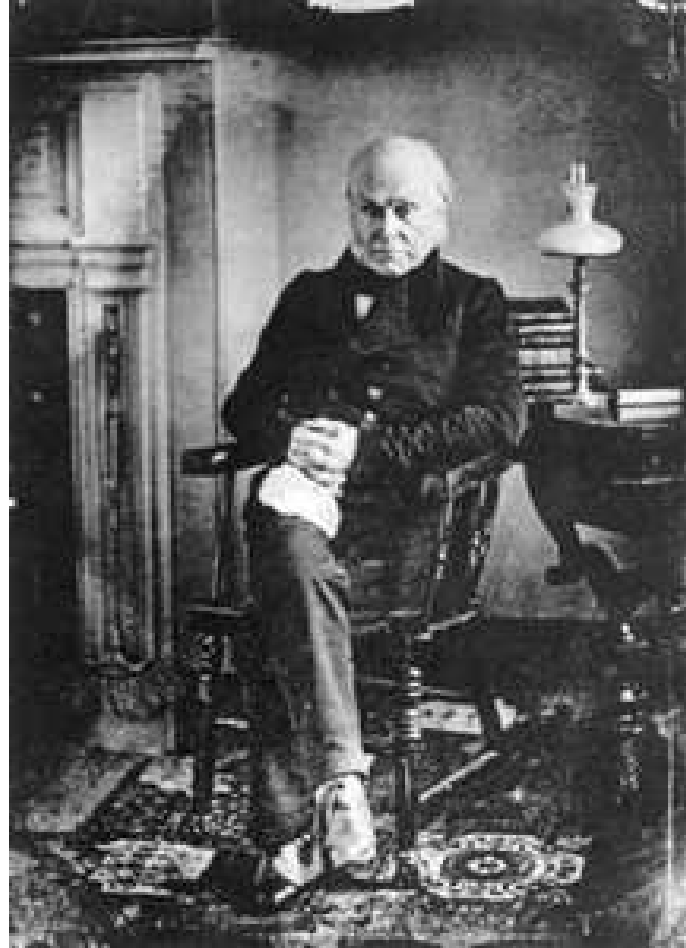
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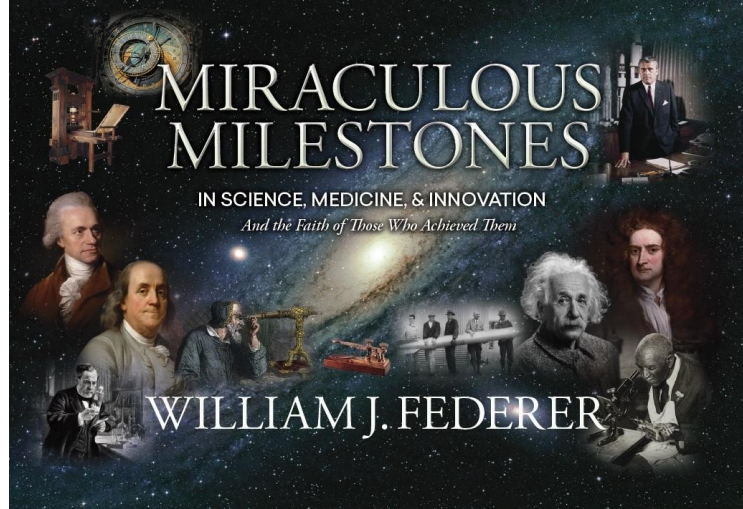
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