

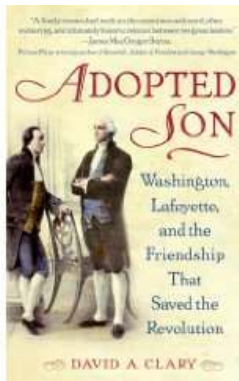
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BOOK REVIEW



“Adopted Son: Washington, Lafayette, and the Friendship that Saved the Revolution”

BY DAVID A. CLARY

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This book would make a great gift for anyone interested in the relationship that Washington and Lafayette developed during and continued after the Revolutionary War. It answers many question including “Where was Lafayette made a Mason? What part did Lafayette play during the French Revolution?”

Using personal letters and other key historical documents between Washington and Lafayette you will get a rare glimpse into American and French history.

Clary tells the exciting story of possibly the most important friendship in American history. By bringing together the latest research, this dramatic narrative interweaves the private and public lives of George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette, who did more together than what they could do alone.

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“PREAMBULATION PRAYER OF THE FIRST DEGREE” Part 2

To the ancients, dew was a mystery ad it was believed to comedown from the skies. That is why it is spoken as descending upon the mountains of Zion. We know today it is condensed from the atmosphere around us, but dew must have seemed like a blessing from on high in an arid country like Palestine, reputed often to haven o rain between May and September.

Rain that does fall, due to atmospheric conditions, comes largely in the night season only, a condition said to have existed at the time of the building of the Great Temple of Solomon.

Dew that condenses gently, imperceptibly, copiously, certainly is symbolic of the qualities that should distinguish our friendship for our Brethren. Dew that evaporates is symbolic of our transitory existence on earth. Dew certainly is symbolic of the manifold blessing and comforts which God provides in his mysterious way, and which we hope to enjoy through a strict observance of His law.

Excerpts from: “GLOSSARY OF WORDS & PHRASES FROM POLLARD PLAN BOOKLETS”

Coincided - to happen at the same time.

Crude - not fancy. as used in this context, the term does not indicate a lack of good taste but rather a simple, frank presentation.

Culmination - the high point or the final destination toward which all preceding activity has been leading.

Customs and usages - those ways of doing which over the years have come to be regarded as proper and expected.

Decorum - proper and expected conduct and appearance.

Despotism - the rule of or by one man or a group of men who hold complete power without regard for others.

Dignity - acting with good sense, proper respect, and a serious attitude which fits the situation.