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This book, *George Whitefield: A Biography*, details the life and ministry of one of the Christian giants of the 18th Century. Plagued with ill health, Whitefield still became the most sought-after Minister of all time in Great Britain and America.

Philip's *Life and Times of Whitefield* was one of the first biographies I read as a young Christian and I never return to it without being stirred afresh by its enduring message. Iain Murray

The proposal of this book is to guide the reader to the contrastive ministries

of the two most dominant preachers of the eighteenth-century evangelical revival. In a wonderful comparative approach the author draws John Wesley and George Whitefield's portraits and explores their life and practice, as well as their relationship. Committed to the principle that the 'whole world was their parish', Wesley and Whitefield manifested their singular desire to be men of one book through preaching ministries that were equally committed to the spread of the gospel throughout the transatlantic world.

They were the most famous men in America. They came from separate

countries, followed different philosophies, and led dissimilar lives. But they were fast friends. No two people did more to shape America in the mid-1700s. Benjamin Franklin was the American prototype: hard-working, inventive, practical, funny, with humble manners and lofty dreams. George Whitefield was the most popular preacher in an era of great piety, whose outdoor preaching across the colonies was heard by thousands, all of whom were told, "You must be born again." People became excited about God. They began reading the Bible and supporting charities. When Whitefield died

in 1770, on a preaching tour in New Hampshire, he had built a spiritual foundation for a new nation—just as his surviving friend, Ben Franklin, had built its social foundation. Together these two men helped establish a new nation founded on liberty. This is the story of their amazing friendship.

A pioneer in the commercialization of religion, George Whitefield (1714-1770) is seen by many as the most powerful leader of the Great Awakening in America: through his passionate ministry he united local religious revivals into a national movement before there was a nation. An itinerant British preacher who spent much of his adult life in the American colonies, Whitefield was an immensely popular speaker. Crossing national boundaries and ignoring ecclesiastical controls, he preached outdoors or in public houses and guild halls. In London, crowds of more than thirty thousand gathered to hear him, and his audiences exceeded twenty thousand in Philadelphia and Boston. In this fresh interpretation of Whitefield and his age, Frank Lambert focuses not so much on the evangelist's oratorical skills as on the marketing tech-

niques that he borrowed from his contemporaries in the commercial world. What emerges is a fascinating account of the birth of consumer culture in the eighteenth century, especially the new advertising methods available to those selling goods and services--or salvation. Whitefield faced a problem similar to that of the new Atlantic merchants: how to reach an ever-expanding audience of anonymous strangers, most of whom he would never see face-to-face. To contact this mass "congregation," Whitefield exploited popular print, especially newspapers. In addition, he turned to a technique later imitated by other evangelists such as Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday, and Billy Graham: the deployment of advance publicity teams to advertise his coming presentations. Immersed in commerce themselves, Whitefield's auditors appropriated him as a well-publicized English import. He preached against the excesses and luxuries of the spreading consumer society, but he drew heavily on the new commercialism to explain his mission to himself and to his transatlantic audience.

God's accomplishments

through George Whitefield are to this day virtually unparalleled. In an era when many ministers were timid and apologetic in their preaching, he preached the gospel with zeal and undaunted courage. In the wake of his fearless preaching, revival swept across the British Isles, and the Great Awakening transformed the American colonies. The previous two-volume work *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the Eighteenth-Century Revival* is now condensed into this single volume, filled with primary-source quotations from the eighteenth century, not only from Whitefield but also from prominent figures such as John and Charles Wesley, Benjamin Franklin, and William Cowper.

Who were the men that revived religion in England a hundred years ago? What were their names, that we may do them honor? Where were they born? How were they educated? What are the leading facts in their lives? What was their special department of labor? To these questions I wish to supply some answers in the present and future chapters. I pity the man who takes no interest in such in-

quiries. The instruments that God employs to do His work in the world deserve a close inspection. The man who did not care to look at the rams horns that blew down Jericho, the hammer and nail that slew Sisera, the lamps and trumpets of Gideon, the sling and stone of David, might fairly be set down as a cold and heartless person. Of all the spiritual heroes of a hundred years ago, none saw so soon as George Whitefield what the times demanded, and none were so forward in the great work of spiritual aggression. I would think I committed an act of injustice if I placed any name before his.

Harry Stout draws on a number of sources to outline the spectacular career of George Whitfield, commonly acknowledged as Anglo-America's most popular eighteenth-century preacher. Although Whitfield was given to self-promotion and theatricality, Stout shows that he was also sincere in his concern for the spiritual welfare of the thousands to whom he preached.

George Whitefield (1714-70) was one of the best known and most widely traveled evangelical revivalist in the eighteenth century. This collec-

tion offers a major reassessment of Whitefield's life, context, and legacy, bringing together a distinguished interdisciplinary team of scholars from both sides of the Atlantic. In chapters that cover historical, theological, and literary themes, many addressed for the first time, the volume suggests that Whitefield was a highly complex figure who has been much misunderstood.

An engaging, balanced, and penetrating narrative biography of the charismatic eighteenth-century American evangelist. In the years prior to the American Revolution, George Whitefield was the most famous man in the colonies. Thomas Kidd's fascinating new biography explores the extraordinary career of the most influential figure in the first generation of Anglo-American evangelical Christianity, examining his sometimes troubling stands on the pressing issues of the day, both secular and spiritual, and his relationships with such famous contemporaries as Benjamin Franklin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley. Based on the author's comprehensive studies of Whitefield's original ser-

mons, journals, and letters, this excellent history chronicles the phenomenal rise of the trailblazer of the Great Awakening. Whitefield's leadership role among the new evangelicals of the eighteenth century and his many religious disputes are meticulously covered, as are his major legacies and the permanent marks he left on evangelical Christian faith. It is arguably the most balanced biography to date of a controversial religious leader who, though relatively unknown three hundred years after his birth, was a true giant in his day and remains an important figure in America's history.

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A Sketch of the Life and Labors of George Whitefield

This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1852 edition. Excerpt: ... LIFE OF THE CHAPTER J. TO HIS ENTRANCE INTO OXFORD UNIVERSITY. This extraordinary man, and very successful preacher of the gospel, was born on the 16th of December, 1714, at the Bell Inn, Gloucester, which was then kept by his father. He was one of the great instruments, if not the chief, in effecting that revival of religion, both in England and America, which took place in the last century, and the benefits of which are felt to this day. His name, therefore, deserves to be had in "everlasting remembrance," as one of those who "turn many to righteousness;" and his biography must be interesting to all who rejoice in the extension of true religion. His greatgrandfather, the Rev. Samuel Whitefield, was rector of North Ledyard, in Wiltshire, and afterwards of Rockhampton, in Gloucestershire. His grandfather, Mr. Andrew Whitefield, was a private gentleman, who lived retired on his own estate; but having a

large family, his son Thomas, the eldest of fourteen, the father of Mr. George Whitefield, was brought up as a wine-merchant in Bristol. Having taken the inn at Gloucester, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, by whom he had one daughter and six sons, of whom George was the youngest. His father died when he was only two years old; and on this account, perhaps, he was regarded by his mother with peculiar tenderness, and received the best education it was in her power to bestow. She suffered much, however, on his account, from her inability to educate and support him according to her wishes, and the sanguine hopes which she entertained concerning him. But Providence granted to her a full compensation for all her sufferings; for she lived to see him universally esteemed and honored, far above, perhaps, the most elevated hopes which she had at... For many of those who are even familiar with his name, George Whitefield is thought of as a preacher, a man connected with the Great Awakening in the 1700s. While this is true, it is only part of the story. As a student at Oxford University, he experi-

enced a spiritual awakening under the influence of John Wesley's Methodists and immediately began tending to prisoners, caring for the poor, and preaching the Christian gospel. He met with astounding success, in time speaking to larger crowds than had ever gathered in the history of England. Whitefield became the most famous man of his age. His impact upon the American colonies, however, may have been his most lasting gift. In seven tours of the colonies, Whitfield preached from Georgia to Maine, calling the colonists to spiritual conversion and challenging them in their sense of national destiny. He befriended men like Benjamin Franklin, converted men like Patrick Henry, and inspired men like George Washington. Furthermore, when he learned that England intended to tighten her control over the colonies, Whitefield warmed his American friends in sermon after sermon and even accompanied Benjamin Franklin to make the American case in the Court of Saint James. Many of the colonists considered him the father of their revolution. Forgotten Founding Father captures the early struggles and internation-

al successes of this amazing leader. The result is a portrait of a gifted but flawed human who yielded himself as a tool in the hands of a sovereign God. Also portrayed is how important Whitfield was to the American cause and how much Americans today owe to him -- a story that will inspire a new generation with a past vividly and truthfully retold.

Whitefield's sermons helped launch the Great Awakening in the American colonies, from New Hampshire to Georgia. This premier collection of sermons bears witness to Whitefield's zeal for the Gospel and his God-given gift of preaching.

Excerpt from The Life and Times of the Reverend George Whitefield, M.A In regard to the style of this work I have nothing to say; except that it is my own way of telling the facts of personal history. The time is not yet come, for the philosophy of Whitefield's Life. It is, however, fast approaching: and, therefore, my mass of facts will soon be turned to good account by myself, or by some one. In the mean time, Whitefield will be known to the. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of

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Reprint of the original, first published in 1871. Excerpt from The Life and Travels of George Whitefield, M.A Sir James Stephen has placed Whitefield at the head of what he calls 'the Evangelical Succession.' The position is correctly assigned; Whitefield is the Peter of the Evangelicals, so far as they are a distinct portion of the Church of England. It was he who, in modern days, first preached, with zeal and unexampled success, those doctrines which they regard with religious veneration; it was he who gave them much of the phraseology to

which they still cling with steadfast loyalty. But it cannot be allowed that they, and only they, have the right to claim an inheritance in him. The wealth of a good heart is for the enriching of the world; and the triumphs of genius are a study for scholars of every school. I have therefore placed Whitefield in the loftier position of a brother of all who, in every place and under any denomination, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I have striven to put the man, rather than his creed, upon the pages of this book, - or rather to put the man first, and his creed second. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfec-

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George Whitefield (1714-1770) was the most significant traveling preacher in North America's Great Awakening and one of the most important in Britain's eighteenth-century revival. This concise biography of Whitefield's life is supplemented by accounts from friends and contemporaries such as John Wesley and Benjamin Franklin. It also features excerpts from Whitefield's own works and writings, including correspondence with John Wesley and three full-length sermons. Book jacket.

England in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries was in

the midst of spiritual decline, marked by lifeless sermons, strife, persecution, and malaise. Into this dark time, George Whitefield burst forth as one of the greatest preachers the church had seen since the time of the Apostles. Called the "Grand Itinerant" for his unprecedented preaching ministry, Whitefield crossed the Atlantic Ocean numerous times and lit fires of revival on two continents. Yet, as Dr. Steven J. Lawson illustrates in this latest entry in the Long Line of Godly Men Profiles series, we must note that Whitefield was a man whose extraordinary evangelistic fervor was marked by remarkable piety and deep theology, and whose unswerving devotion to his God

led him to risk all that he had to preach the name of Christ.

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