



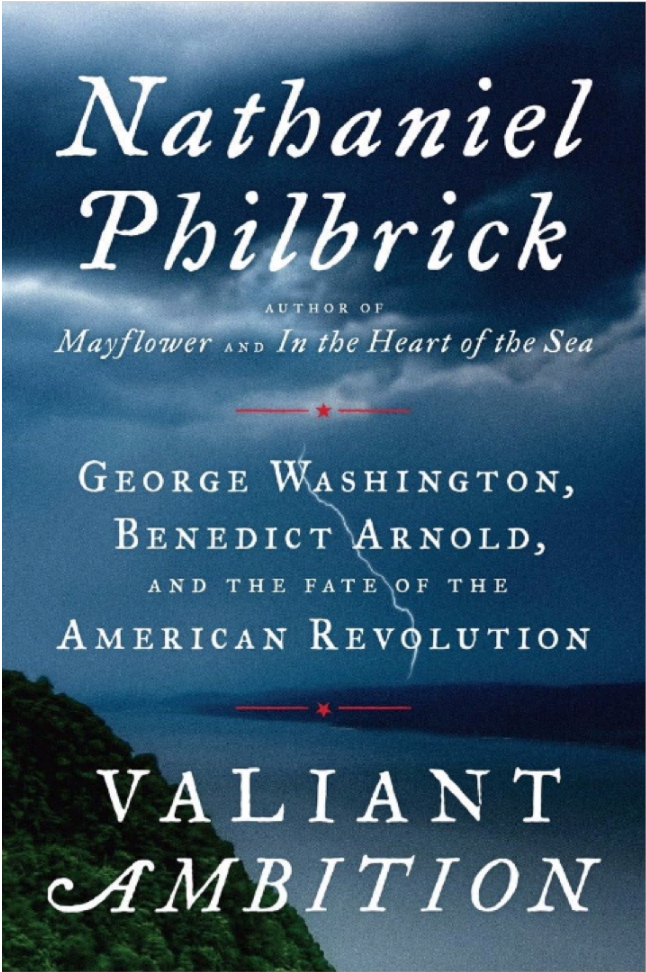
Thanksgiving

Hebrews 12:12-17



Benedict Arnold



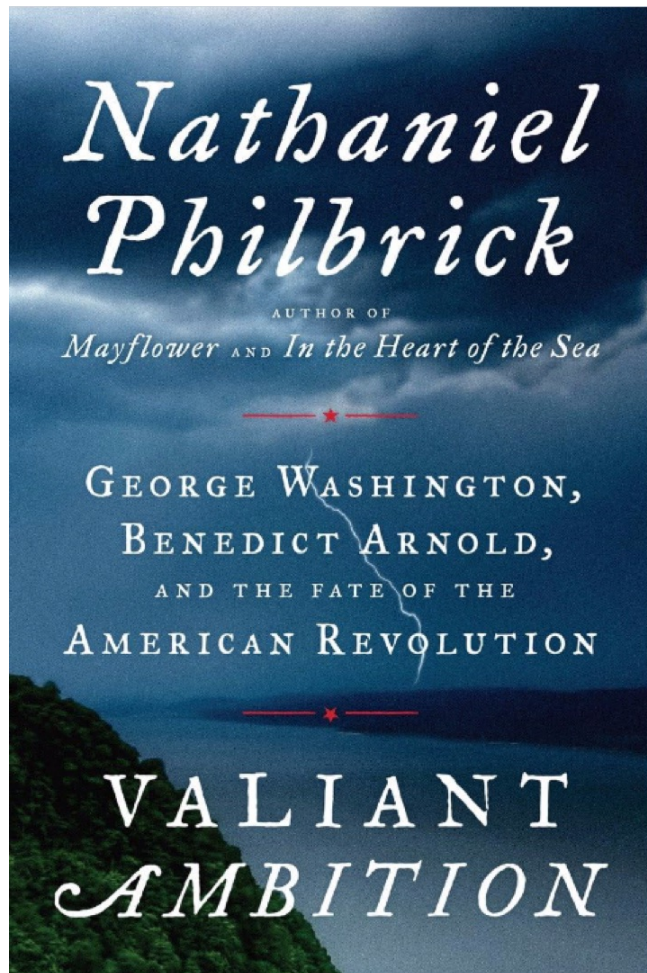


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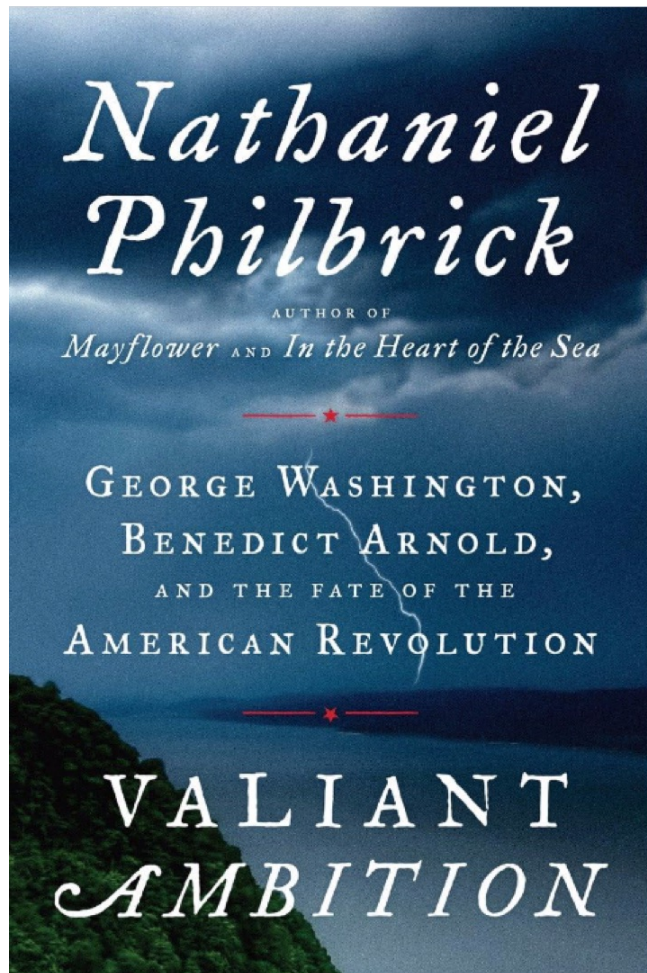
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GEORGE WASHINGTON,
BENEDICT ARNOLD,
AND THE FATE OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

— ★ —
VALIANT
AMBITION



“Arnold might be vain,
overly sensitive to a slight,
and difficult to work with,



“but there were few officers in either the American or British army who possessed his talent for almost instantly assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the enemy.”

Nathaniel Philbrick

* What caused this brilliant general,
who sacrificed so much for his country,
to become a traitor?

GOD SAVE BENEDICT ★ARNOLD★

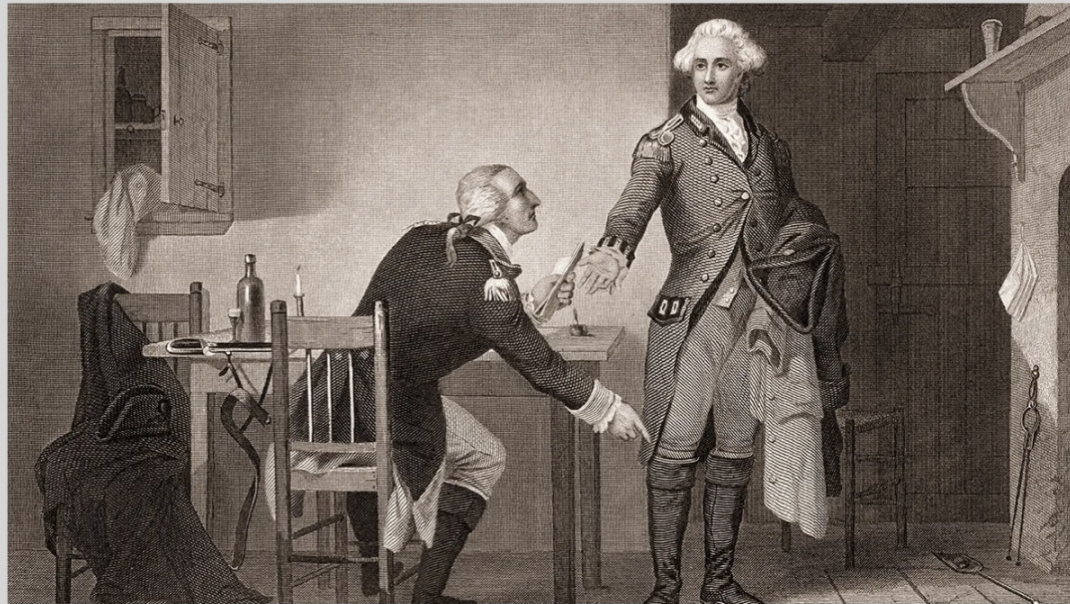
THE TRUE STORY OF
AMERICA'S MOST HATED MAN

JACK KELLY



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“Money is this man’s god, and to get enough of it, he would sacrifice his country.”

John Brown

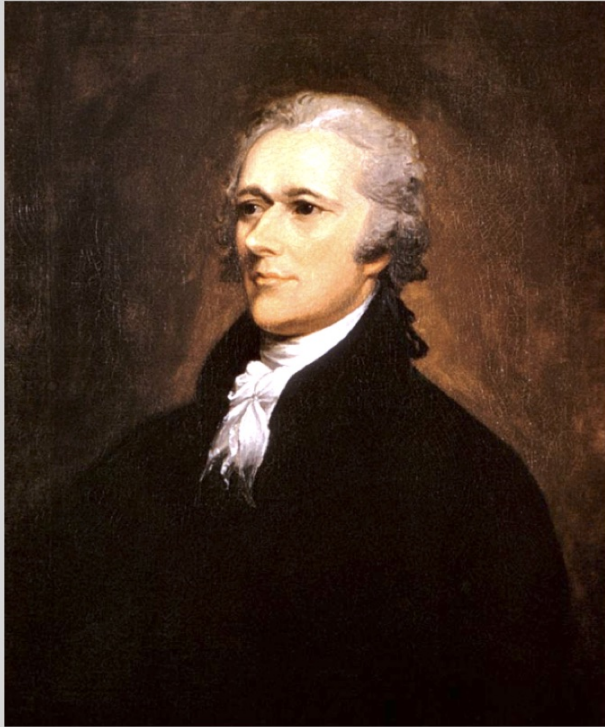
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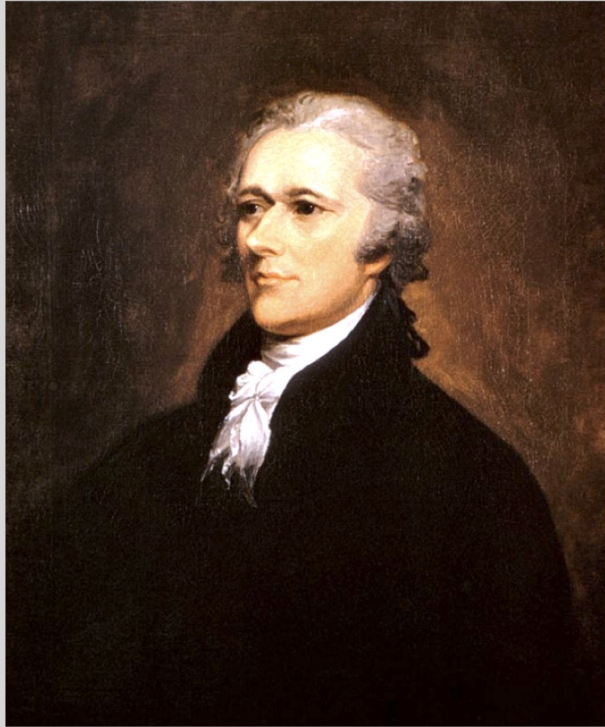


Peggy Shippen Arnold

1. Greed -
2. His wife -
3. Ingratitude -



Alexander Hamilton



The source of Arnold's
defection...

“the ingratitude he had
experienced from his
country.”

Alexander Hamilton



George Washington

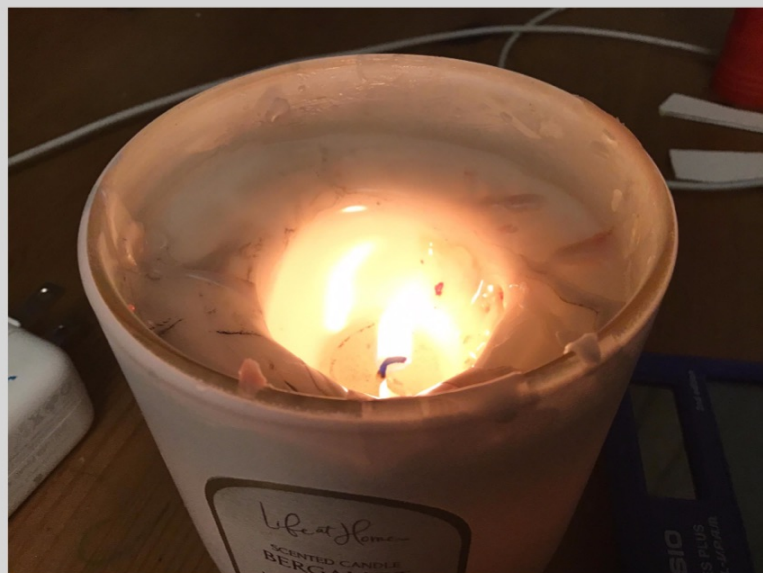


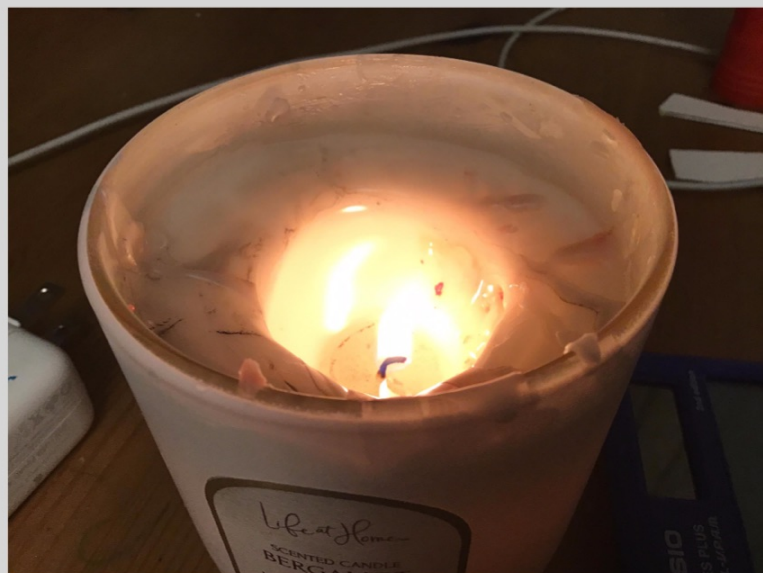
“The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith



“and more than wicked
that has not gratitude
enough to acknowledge
his obligations.”

George Washington





“The malice of this man is so bitter [that he] reminds one of a taper, sinking into its socket, which emits a feeble gleam just before it expires.”

General Gates' Aide

“I am heartily tired with my journey and almost so with human nature.

“I daily discover so much baseness and ingratitude among mankind that I almost blush at being of the same species,

“and could quit the stage without regret
was it not for some few gentle, generous
souls like my dear Peggy, who still retain
the lively impression of their Maker’s
image.”

Benedict Arnold



“I cannot get Arnold
out of my head.”

Henry Knox

Keep at it ... He's worth it!

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“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.”

Hebrews 12:12-13

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lame - limping

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or

could regenerate to be **strengthened**

straightened

healed

1. The vulnerable condition -
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“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” (14)

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- **horizontal** healing
“peace with everyone”

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2. The vital solution -

- horizontal healing

“peace with everyone”

- **vertical** healing

“holiness without which no one will
see the Lord”

Why is this healing so critical?

“see to it ...” (15)

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“**that** no one fails to obtain the grace of God” (15a)

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

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“that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled” (15b)

“Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’”

Deuteronomy 29:18b-19a

“The heart which is conscious of its own rectitude cannot attempt to palliate a step which the world may censure as wrong. I have ever acted from a principle of love to my country....

“The same principle of love to my country actuates my present conduct, however it may appear inconsistent to the world, who very seldom judge right of any man’s actions.”

Benedict Arnold



John Laurens

“He wants feeling! ... While his faculties will enable him to continue his sordid pursuits, there will be no time for remorse.”

George Washington

“see to it ...” (15)

- **that** you don't miss grace -
- **that** you don't multiply bitterness -
- **that** you don't mimic Esau -

“that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.”

Hebrews 12:16-17

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chance (topos) = place

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.”

Ephesians 4:26-27

Will you choose
bitterness or **gratefulness**?

“See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.”

1 Thessalonians 5:15-19

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15