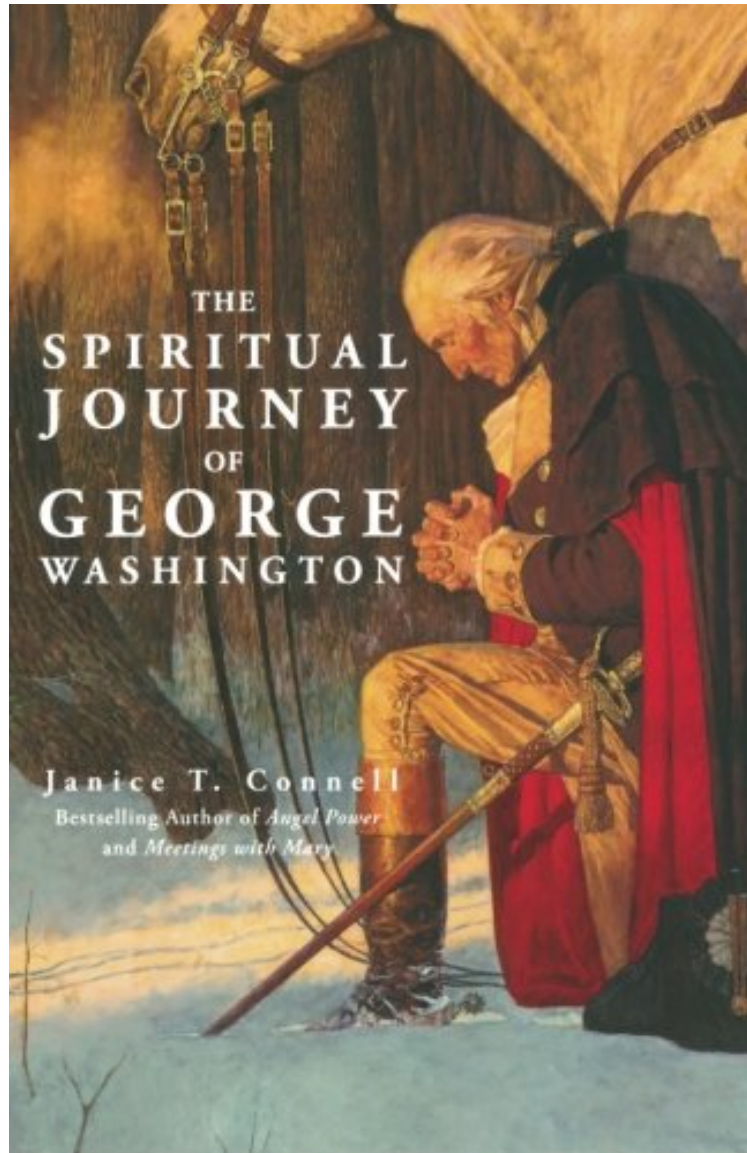


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The *Spiritual Journey of George Washington* by bestselling author Janice T. Connell illumines the rare but supremely brilliant leadership of the first and only unanimously elected President of the United States. George Washington, modest yet elegant, handsome, always projecting strength, graciousness and power, was universally considered the most humble man who ever lived. Born into modest circumstances, he wholeheartedly responded to whatever opportunities life offered him. Self-taught Washington was no stranger to sorrow, cold, hunger, persecution, violence, or terrorism, yet he was at home not only in the wilds of the frontier, but equally so in the finest salons of the times. His singular accomplishment was to face misfortune and conquer it. This greatest of all American heroes achieved startling victory by discipline, commitment, prayer, and the graced ability to bend his will under the yoke of what he called Kind Providence. With precision and detail in a rare look at his extraordinary leadership through the prism of George Washington's interior depths, the author briefly examines: - his boyhood scarred by the early death of his father, - his life as a young surveyor on the dangerous frontier, - his heroics as a militia leader in the French and Indian War, - his place at the Continental Congress, - his unwanted assignment as Commander-in Chief during the Revolutionary War, - his desolation at Valley Forge, - his silent triumph at the Constitutional Convention, - his simplicity during the heights of his presidency, - his mystical premonitions during his retirement at Mount Vernon - his spiritual and religious circumstances surrounding his sudden death in the darkness of mid-December, 1799. Held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens, history has canonized George Washington as the most esteemed of the Founding Fathers. At the root of that esteem was his deeply private spirituality. *The Spiritual Journey of George Washington* includes the full text of Washington's personal prayers (some possibly composed by Washington himself) and Jesuit inspired Rules of Civility by which George Washington conducted himself personally. It also includes the Declaration of Independence by which George Washington became the military leader responsible for carving out a new nation. The book reveals insights concerning military, political and social victories Washington achieved through sincere, humble leadership he perfected using his Bible as a guideline for just behavior in peace and war. Washington went about feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing and sheltering the needy, visiting the imprisoned, caring for the sick and burying the dead. As General George Washington counseled, instructed, admonished, fought, forgave and prayed for others, he forged a path of national opportunity for American citizens to acquire undreamed of prosperity and abundance. In contemporary times wracked by wars, terrorism, disease, starvation, confusion and tyranny, *The Spiritual Journey of George Washington* has wisdom for everyone of good will. Washington's accomplishments and writings disclose that Kind Providence truly was in him, around him, and always with him. The book contains excerpts of Washington's Farewell Address that continues to guide Americans more than two hundred years later. The nurturing light of George Washington's spirituality is his finest bequest to all people who seek life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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