

“ There is simple ignorance, which is the source of lighter offenses, and double ignorance, which is accompanied by a conceit of wisdom; and he who is under the influence of the latter fancies that he knows all about matters of which he knows nothing. ”

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If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.

VIRGINIA WOOLF



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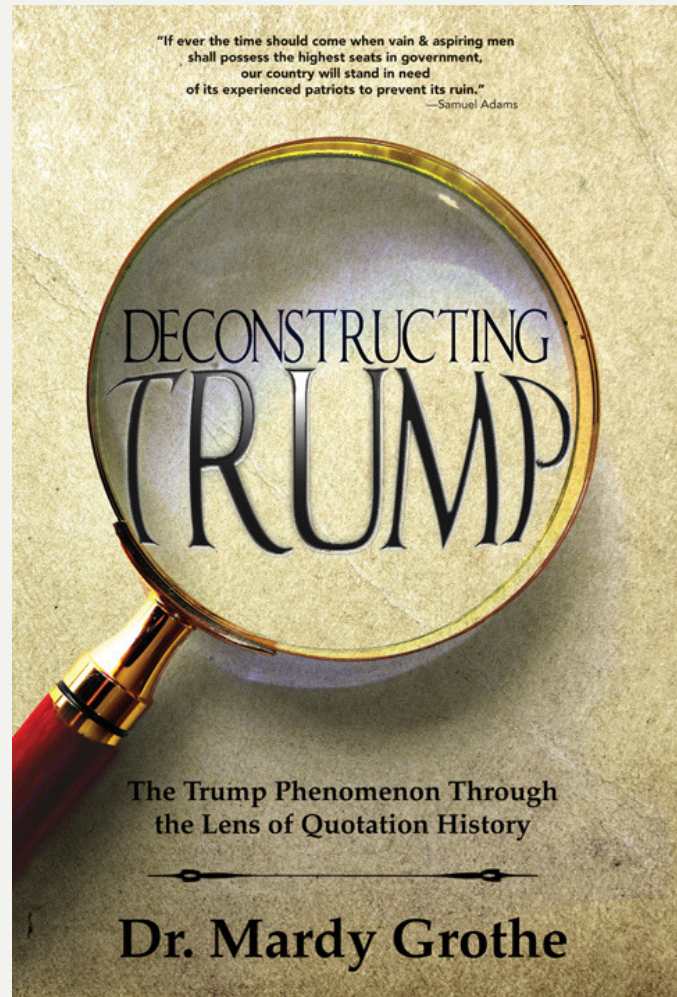
When small men attempt great enterprises, they always end by reducing them to the level of their mediocrity.

NAPOLEON I



If history's greatest thinkers, writers, and political leaders were around today, what would they say about Donald Trump? Many, even though living centuries ago, have offered prescient observations that ring powerfully true today, as when Shakespeare wrote in *King Henry V* (1599): "I did never know so full a voice issue from so empty a heart."

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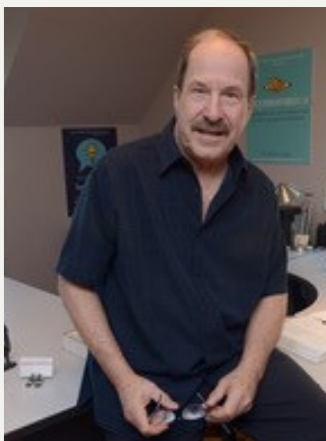
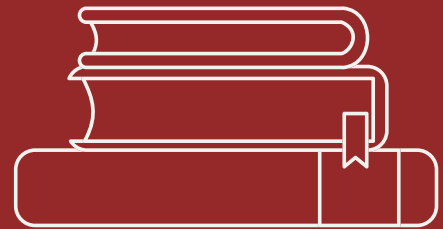
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