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The “Wokified” George Washington

The Truth About America’s First Hero Is Being Buried—And No One’s Talking About It

CINCINNATI, Ohio — These days, everyone’s demanding that the files be unsealed—on Epstein, MLK, and JFK. But the cover-up that may matter most isn’t about who died in the 20th century. It’s about who’s been erased in the 21st.

George Washington.

Yes, *that* George Washington—America’s most beloved founding father, revolutionary general, first president, and in many ways, our first superhero. But while his stone face still watches over Mount Rushmore and his name graces monuments and cities, his real legacy—the full truth of the man—is quietly and systematically being buried.

Just last week, five books by acclaimed PhD history scholars—selected by an undisclosed committee of jurors—were named finalists for the 2025 George Washington Prize, a prestigious \$50,000 award that honors non-fiction books about America’s founding. Originally launched in 2005, the annual prize was created to celebrate substantial, well-documented and, according to its own online submission rules, “new works on George Washington and his times that reach a broad, non-scholarly public audience.” In other words, ordinary Americans. The original winner? Ron Chernow, a brilliantly gifted storyteller and self-taught historian—with no PhD behind his name.

But the “rules” have apparently changed.

This year’s official announcement—jointly released by Mount Vernon and its co-sponsoring institutions reads more like a procedural formality. Respectful. Thorough. And painfully dull.

Why? Because academia has drained the lifeblood from Washington’s history.

Rather than electrifying a new generation of everyday Americans, those entrusted with teaching the legacy of George Washington have reduced the humble giant to a dusty “wokified” museum relic—an irrelevant and offensive object of scorn.

And for the most part, that's no accident.

How many public-school history teachers have taught their students the fact that Washington used his final will to soon free every enslaved person he legally could? Or that he was the first recorded subscriber to a massive study Bible with an incredibly patriotic illustration that ties Scripture directly to the U.S. Constitution? Or that a page from President Washington's own copy of that Bible was given by the Washington family to a "Yankee schoolteacher" so it could be buried in the cornerstone of the Washington Monument, 21 feet beneath that towering memorial. A silent witness to the faith that shaped our nation.

How many teachers know that Washington did *not* identify as a deist, but called himself a Christian?

These and countless other truths are being airbrushed out of the American story. Why? They don't fit the new narrative. They point to faith, virtue, growth, and personal sacrifice—the kind of legacy that inspires, convicts, and challenges the cultural status quo.

As a father, grandfather, and amateur historian, I find this deeply disturbing. While many academic historians shrink from Washington's moral complexity, a growing number of us—authors, teachers, filmmakers, pastors, podcasters—are doing everything we can to tell the whole truth. Not to whitewash—but to wake up a generation.

The real tragedy isn't that George Washington is misunderstood. It's that he's being intentionally forgotten—his greatest virtues filtered out, his flaws magnified, and his faith deleted.

So, who killed George Washington?

Not a bullet. Not a disease. But something far more dangerous: *cultural amnesia*—weaponized by an educational establishment preoccupied with academic elitism and ideological conformity.

It's time to reopen the files. Because if the truth about George Washington can be buried... so can the truth about America itself.



Dale Mason is the author of "*The Forgotten George Washington Bible*", endorsed by Mount Vernon's Research Historian Emeritus, Mary V. Thompson, various PhD historians, and fellow US history enthusiast/film producer Kirk Cameron. Learn more at GeorgeWashingtonBible.com. (Mount Vernon did not respond to a request for information regarding jurors for the 2025 George Washington Prize.)
