

## Does The Media Read The Bible?

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I came across a Fox News article by Eric Mataxas that asked this question. This was after he read an obituary about George Whitman, the proprietor of the famous Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in Paris. Here is the quote from the obituary that raised an eyebrow:

**“[George] welcomed visitors with large-print messages on the walls. ‘Be not inhospitable to strangers, lest they be angels in disguise,’ was one, quoting Yeats.”**

Mr. Mataxas went on to excoriate the *New York Times* for not catching this error. And it led him to wonder if the left-wing media has become so ignorant of the Bible as to not know better than to run it!

The *New York Times* issued a correction on December 21, 2011 which acknowledged the quote was actually from the Bible, but blamed their error on Mr. Whitman who had attributed the quote to the poet W.B. Yeats.

Mr. Mataxas noted that this error was propagated by the Associated Press, NPR, and the BBC as well. He went on to explain “...it’s no secret that Manhattan and Hollywood cultural elites are deeply secular. . . . many secular elites think those who actually read the Bible need to be educated away from such nonsense.”

None of this surprises me because I’ve watched **Jeopardy** for years and seen virtual geniuses wallow all over themselves while trying to answer even the simplest Bible question.

Furthermore, Mr. Mataxas gives other examples of biblical illiteracy which would be absolutely hilarious if they weren’t so sad and serious! I encourage you to read the article for yourself on the internet.

But here’s the punch line: **“How illiterate are you in the Bible?”** We are all guilty of not knowing enough about the Bible, now aren’t we? And we claim to be Christians, Bible-believers, etc.! Do **you** know where in the Bible the quote attributed to Yeats is found? If yes, then good for you. It is a well-known biblical reference. If no, then when are you going to start reading the Bible for yourself?!

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