

1840

Two Religions for America

Samuel Eliot Puffendorf.



Timeline

1677 Church and State separate

1694 All are equal under the law (Von Puffendorf)

1772 Somerset Case

1775 American Revolution

Napoleonic Wars, Industrial Revolution

1807 Slave Trade banned (At sea)

1816 Jackson takes Florida

1819 Channing Baltimore Sermon

1833 Slaves freed, West Indies

1838 Last Blasphemy conviction

1838-1842 Seminole Wars

1841 Parker Sermon

1847 Agassiz at Harvard

1850 Fugitive Slave Act

An Act against Atheism and Blasphemy.

BE it declared and enacted by the Lieutenant Governour, Council and Representatives, convened in General Court or Assembly, and it is enacted by the Authority of the same, That if any Person shall presume wilfully to blaspheme the holy Name of God; Father, Son, or Holy Ghost; either by denying, cursing or reproaching the true God; his Creation or Government of the World: or by denying, cursing, or reproaching the holy Word of God; that is, the canonical Scriptures contained in the Books of the Old and New Testament; namely *GENESIS, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Samuel, Kings, Kings, Chronicles, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkak, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi: MATTHEW, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, Peter, John, John, John, Jude, Revelation*: Every one so offending shall be punished by Imprisonment, not exceeding six Months, and until they find Sureties for the good Behaviour; by sitting in the Pillory; by Whipping; boaring thorow the Tongue, with a red hot Iron; or sitting upon the Gallows with a Rope about their Neck; at the Discretion of the Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery, before which

General Laws of Massachusetts

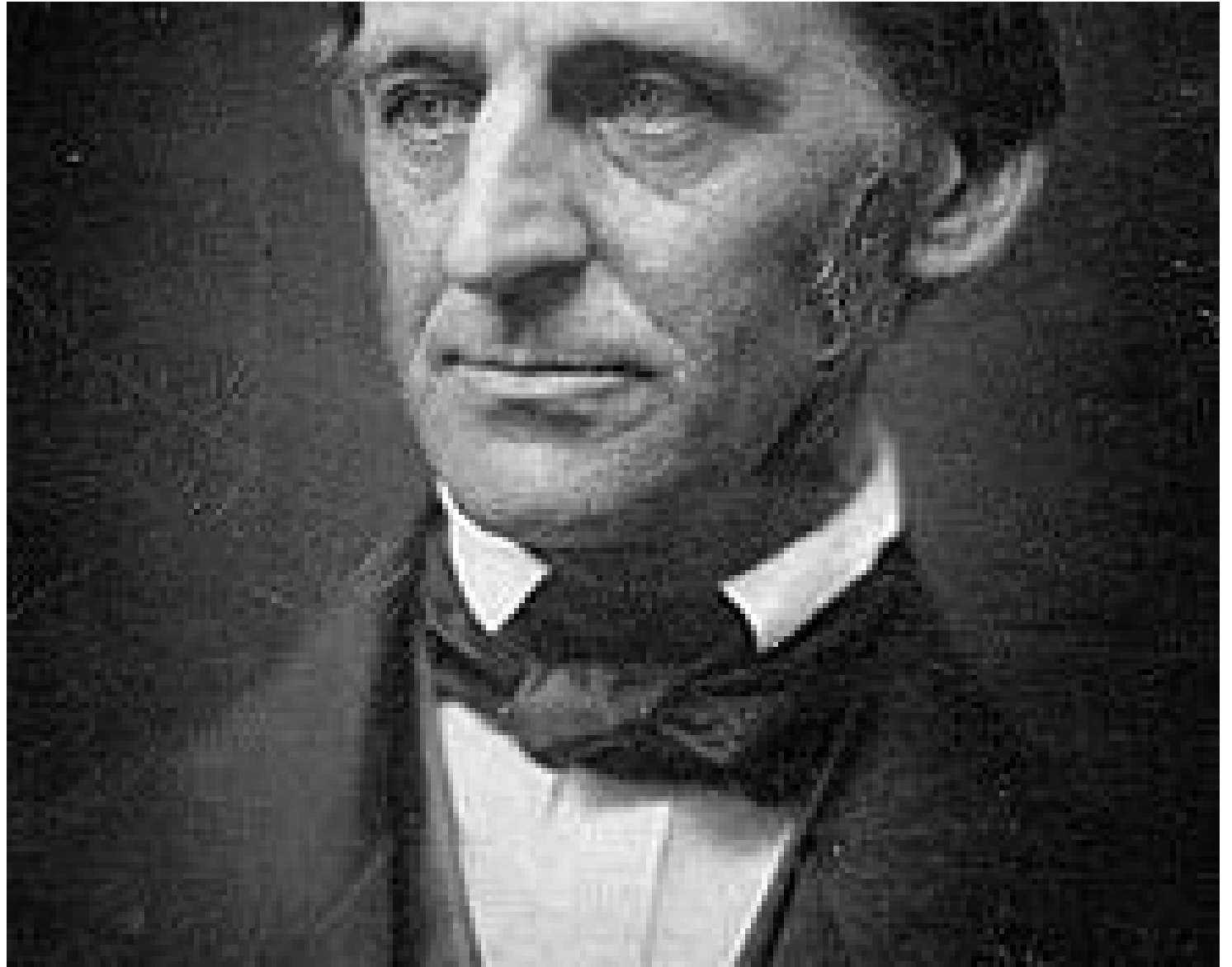
- Whoever willfully blasphemes the holy name of God, his creation, government or final judging of the world, or by cursing or contentiously reproaching Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit, or by cursing or contumeliously reproaching or exposing to contempt and ridicule, the holy word of God contained in the holy scriptures shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars and may also be bound to good behavior.

William Channing

Defined Unitarianism in the
Baltimore Sermon



Ralph Waldo Emerson



Theodore Parker

