

Dialogue with David Barton of WallBuilders

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I sent David Barton a copy of my book *Character Counts—Freemasonry USA's National Treasure and Source of Our Founding Fathers' Original Intent*. At the beginning of January, 2008, I e-mailed Barton again at his business, WallBuilders.com, and asking him for a response. I also sent him a copy of the chapter on his work specifically that I was revising for that work, some of which was a condensation of an on-line doc.

www.PreciousHeart.net/Barton_Freemasonry.htm

He did not respond to my early January e-mail, and I lost it, to my sadness. Here are the four e-mails in succession. In the second e-mail, I was interested in his book that he was selling titled, *Lessons from Nature of Youth*, because it was credited as an 1836 original, but no author given. In correspondence with the Library of Congress, you can see the following. It is important that Barton is stopped from molesting the quotes of others and occulting the good work of many.

Here they are, so far. Enjoy.

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Maness' 2nd E-Mail – 01-15-08

From: Michael Maness [mailto:maness7@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 3:38 AM
To: wbcustomerservice@wallbuilders.com
Cc: Michael Maness – **Subject:** Question - 2nd Time

January 15, 2008

Hello,

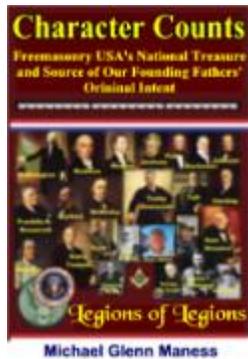
I am researching some of David Barton's work and still have not received a reply on two things. 1. I had asked about the author of *Lessons from Nature for Youth* = the following is all I could find.

Charles Williams (?), *Lessons from Nature for Youth* (A Reprint of an 1836 Original), WallBuilder Press (July 1995), 96 pages; ISBN-10: 0925279463 ; ISBN-13: 978-0925279460 Williams, Charles, 1789-1854 – Episcopal – *Moral and Entertaining Fables*

: *Ornamented with Cuts, for the Amusement of Children* (Boston: Watson & Bangs, 1812; 54p). 2007570816. And the Library of Congress librarian communicated that they did not find anything.

2. I sent David Barton an advance copy of my book, *Character Counts*, by registered mail, and I still have not received any word. In it was a short of critique on his *Original Intent* and on his *The Question of Freemasonry and the Founding Fathers*.

You can see the full critique here: www.PreciousHeart.net/Barton_Freemasonry.htm -- and in the revised and final edition to come out soon, I shall be mentioning that I had send him a copy. Character counts here, and he ought to respond. I have received replies from James Holly and Dave Hunt and posted them at the web site. These are serious charges and Barton should respond.



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I am chronicling my correspondence, for character counts here, too, even in non-responsiveness.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael G. Maness ☺



Barton's 1st E-Mail – 01-16-08

From: Jessica Gilliam [mailto:jessica@wallbuilders.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 1:45 PM

To: maness7@att.net – **Subject:** RE: Question - 2nd Time

Dr. Maness:

I find your demand that I respond to your charges very interesting. In fact, in some ways, I find myself at a loss of exactly how to respond, but I am reminded of a few models. I certainly am not Jesus, and would not feign to place myself anywhere in that class other than to claim to be a follower of Him as best my fallible human understanding comprehends His exquisite teachings. Nevertheless, apparently you would assert that – according to your definitions – Jesus lacked character, for He certainly did not answer every charge leveled against Him, even by individuals who certainly had more clout that you do (as when he refused to answer all the charges put to him by the civil leader Pilate

and the High Priest Caiaphas – charges He was ordered to answer). I’m certainly willing to take the chance – at least in your eyes – that I lack the same character that Jesus apparently lacked. I also find your arrogance amusing, for you seem to feel that whenever you pose a question, everyone else – including me – has a responsibility to answer you, on your timetable, and according to your demands. Considering that I receive thousands of emails and letters, you must believe yourself very important to demand a response from me before all the other contacts I receive. You may have the free time to sit and write the countless claims you make on your website, but I certainly have neither time nor inclination to respond to them. Thank you for your cordial demand, but I decline to participate.

David Barton



Maness’ 3rd E-Mail – 01-16-08

From: Michael Maness [mailto:maness7@att.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 6:37 PM

To: 'Jessica Gilliam' – **Subject:** RE: Question - 2nd Time

David,

I sent you a copy of my book, published, *Character Counts—Freemasonry USA National Treasure and Source of Our Founding Fathers’ Original Intent* by certified mail almost a year ago. I am revising it as we speak, and felt honor bound to give you a chance to respond. It is 700+ pages, and I have several endorsements. I sent you a clip from THAT book recently, to again give you a chance to respond (attached). I agree with you on the fallibility of all human persons, but I wish you would entertain the point of character counting. For, as I say in the book, character counting (the life-work of Washington and Truett, among a legion a legends) is the hammer that drives the wedge of credibility between anti-Mason junk and the nobility of Freemasonry.

Certainly – you have been very successful. And you take your work very seriously. But there are several major flaws and you are dead wrong on several points. I give them to you, with some of the same kind of rhetoric you use. The rhetoric aside, the substance is still to be dealt with. I gave you the honor of looking at the book, that I sent, and in a way wanted to be SURE you got a copy. As a writer yourself, you can appreciate the work it takes to put together a 700-page 800-footnote volume. Pics of past Presidents who were Freemasons on the cover as on the web site—you cannot miss it. It would make a good fire log. Character counts – in that those who *know* you will trust you. The same for George Washington and George W. Truett. In spite of our fallibility, which is the subject of my magnum opus *Would You Lie to Save a Life*, we are not talking about minor errors. One point that I drill is how you cut short the title of Steven Bullock’s *Revolutionary Brotherhood* and truly did not utilize his research – though your best source – in your *Question of Freemasonry*.

Did you receive the book? You have received the chapter most pertaining to you, and even here again in this attachment, as I am edited it this week. You slam my character because of my productivity. The real question is the substance, and if you will address the major challenges. Even not addressing them says something. You have the time to address this, if you wish. When I read your book, I MADE the time, for the character of Washington and Truett and others of grand esteem and who have made exquisite contributions are sullied in your bad representations and at times false representations of Freemasonry. You should be aware of them, or your researcher needs to be. I have done my part, and have given you the honor of telling you about it and giving you a chance to respond. Like the others, including Paige Patterson, Dave Hunt, and James L. Holly—character counts, theirs, yours, mine—and even settles the issue of credibility to our friends. As for me, as small as I am (and you pointed out), I stand with legions of legends and George Washington and George Truett – and as small as I am, I defend their character as Freemasons.

You do not get 700-page books that often, and you have not received any critique like I gave you. That much I am certain. Love letters and hate mail, we all get.

I really would like you address just a few of the major errors I drill you with in those chapters. I find your humility in Jesus a way of dodging the issue, pretty much the way James Holly, M.D., but I did post his response in full on my web site.

Sincerely in Christ,
Mike ☺



Barton's 2nd E-Mail – 01-17-08

From: Jessica Gilliam [mailto:jessica@wallbuilders.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2008 11:22 PM
To: 'Michael Maness' – **Subject:** RE: Question - 2nd Time

Dr. Maness:

Because I receive dozens and dozens of books/manuscripts/documents and find it impossible to read or review such quantities, it is our policy to record reception of every book/manuscript/document sent to us. I have checked with the Executive Director who scoured the logs of the mail room and shipping and receiving departments and we show no such receipt of any such work of that or any similar title, nor of anything of that length, that has arrived at WallBuilders.

To use your own words, you can continue to "drill me" (as you already have), but I have neither time nor desire to debate and refute you.

David Barton



Maness' 4th E-Mail – 01-17-08

Sent Thu 1/17/2008 11:34 PM

That's fine. I shall record that in the revision. You don't get refutations of your work that often. You have a copy of the chapters ... that I might make into a booklet separate book in itself. You molested quotes, David ... hope I can get that out. Just to show you my sincerity – I will send another copy of the book. And even copies of the registered receipts of the previous one. It is wrong to misrepresent and molest the quotes of others. And a Christian audience needs to see that clearly. Outside the rhetoric, that is clear.

Sincerely in Christ, Mike ☺



Maness' 5th E-Mail – 01-19-08

Saturday, January 19, 2008 11:22 PM

David,

You can see our dialogue so far on-line – www.PreciousHeart.net/Barton.pdf

attached: this pdf

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Yet, my e-mail was sent back, on the he used, and from one from his Contact info at his WallBuilders.com site; the wall is up, at least for me. ☺

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