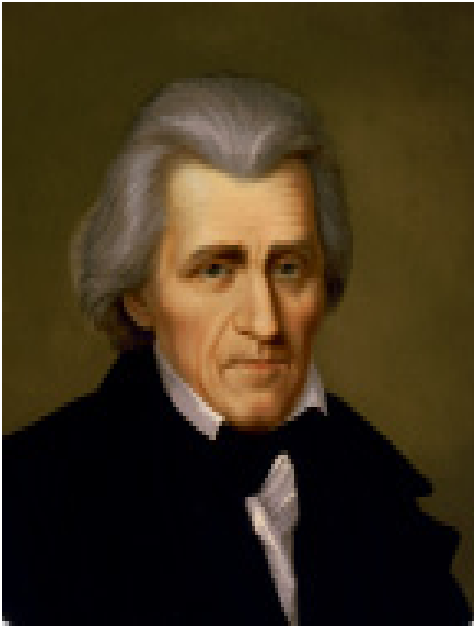


Why did God protect Andrew Jackson?



Andrew Jackson's life symbolizes the rugged individualism (and at times reckless behavior) that God produced in many men of the post Revolutionary War era. He was one of the most unruly, ornery, quarrelsome, and stubborn, least educated men ever to serve as President of the United States. Yet in contrast, he was also a deeply religious man of faith, biblical faith instilled in him by his mother from an early age. Credited with starting the Democratic Party [Jackson Democrats], he was a legend in his own time, appropriately nicknamed "Old Hickory" for his toughness. With all his good traits, and bad [hot-tempered, foul language, duels, fights, battles, "The Trail of Tears"], he had a divine hand of protection on his shoulder throughout his life, especially during his job as President.

By divine intercession Jackson's life was spared on January 30, 1835. He was attending a funeral with his cabinet members in the capital building, when an assassin by the name of Richard Lawrence pulled a gun, and at point blank range, fired at Jackson. After the pistol failed to fire, he pulled a second pistol, and that pistol too, failed to fire. Lawrence was soon subdued, after being beat over the head, and shoulders, by Andrew Jackson's cane. After the incident, police tested both of Richard Lawrence's pistols, and they worked fine.



Besides the attempted Presidential assassination, Andrew Jackson escaped death on numerous occasions. Captured as a courier during the Revolutionary War, at the age of thirteen, Jackson survived a sword wound from a British officer for refusing to clean his boots. He survived only to nearly starved to death as a prisoner of war. He survived a duel with Colonel Waitstill Avery in 1795. He won a duel with Charles Dickinson in 1806, fought over slanderous remarks about his wife. In the war of 1812, he survived the Battle of Talladega in 1813. He took a bullet to the chest in a gun fight in the fall 1813 with the Benton brothers in Nashville Tennessee. He nearly bled to death

after the bullet shattered two ribs, and missed his heart, by inches. In 1814, he survived the Battle of Emuckfau, Enotocopco, and Battle of the Horseshoe. After being appointed as Major General of United States, he was assigned to defend, and won, the famous battle of New Orleans in 1815, against British forces. He survived battles in the First & Second Seminole War 1817-1818. With all the close calls in his life, the larger question to be asked is why did God protect Andrew Jackson?