

Dante, Cervantes, Goethe, Dumas, Shakespeare, that has been able to overleap the bounds of nationality; and as to Turkey, India, or Mexico, or Brazil, what man out of a hundred could tell you whether they had any authors, or if they had, the name of one of their works. But the marvellous thing about the Bible is, that it is the only book in the world that has not only overleaped the barrier of time, but it is the only book in the whole world that has been able to overleap the barrier of nationality. It was written largely in a dead language, for the Hebrew language is not a language that is either spoken or written to-day; and yet that Book, written in a dead language, written by men who died two thousand or three thousand years ago, is not only living to-day but it is the most widely-circulated book in the world.

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