

The Extraordinary Story of Anna Spafford and the American Colony in Jerusalem

Nestled amidst the ancient walls of Jerusalem's Old City lies a remarkable story that has been woven into the fabric of the city's rich history. It is the tale of Anna Spafford, an American woman whose unwavering faith and determination led her to establish the American Colony, a unique community that played a pivotal role in the development of Jerusalem.



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Anna Spafford: A Woman of Faith and Resilience

Anna Spafford was born in Maine, USA, in 1842. Her life took a tragic turn when her husband and four children perished in a shipwreck on their way to the Holy Land in 1873. Devastated by their loss, Anna turned to her unwavering faith to find solace and meaning in her life.

In 1881, Anna embarked on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, seeking spiritual renewal in the city where her loved ones had met their tragic end. It was during this pilgrimage that she discovered her true calling.

The Founding of the American Colony

Appalled by the lack of medical care available to the local population, Anna dedicated herself to the establishment of a hospital in Jerusalem. With the support of prominent American philanthropists, she founded the American Colony Hospital in 1882, which quickly became one of the most renowned medical institutions in the region.

Beyond its medical services, the American Colony also became a haven for pilgrims, travelers, and scholars. Anna and her fellow colonists established a printing press, a school, and a museum, sharing their Christian faith and promoting cultural exchange.

A Thriving Community in the Heart of Jerusalem

The American Colony grew into a thriving community that played a vital role in the development of Jerusalem. The colonists established a successful agricultural enterprise, providing fresh produce to the city's residents. They also constructed a unique architectural complex, incorporating elements of local and American architectural styles.

The community became known for its hospitality, offering refuge to travelers and pilgrims from around the world. It also became a center for cultural and intellectual exchange, hosting lectures, concerts, and exhibitions.

Anna Spafford's Legacy

Anna Spafford passed away in 1924, but her legacy continues to live on. The American Colony Hospital remains a vital medical institution in Jerusalem, providing healthcare services to the local population. The community itself has preserved its unique character, welcoming visitors to explore its historic buildings and learn about its fascinating history.

Anna Spafford's unwavering faith and determination left an enduring mark on Jerusalem. Through her establishment of the American Colony, she not only provided much-needed medical care but also fostered cultural exchange and community development, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to inspire to this day.

Discover the Full Story

The extraordinary story of Anna Spafford and the American Colony in Jerusalem has been beautifully captured in the acclaimed book, "The Extraordinary Story of Anna Spafford and the American Colony in Jerusalem." This captivating narrative brings to life the remarkable journey of Anna Spafford and her dedicated community, providing a glimpse into their unwavering faith, resilience, and significant contributions to the city of Jerusalem.

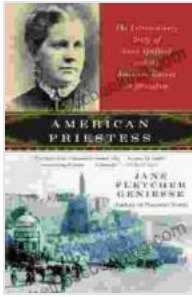
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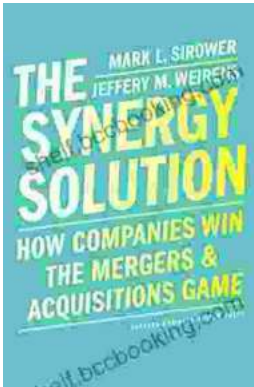
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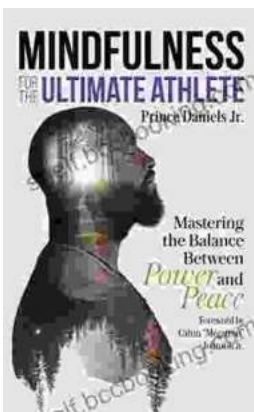


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