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# Guide to Walt Whitman, "The Bible as Poetry." Manuscript 1883



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.MS263
<b>Title</b>	Whitman, Walt, "The Bible as Poetry." Manuscript
<b>Date</b>	1883
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<b>Abstract</b>	Original manuscript of Whitman's essay, first published in <i>The Critic</i> in 1883. Included with the manuscript are two portraits of Whitman, a copy of the published essay and Whitman's cover letter to the publishers Jeannette Leonard Gilder and Joseph B. Gilder. Codex MS 263.

## Information on Use

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## Scope Note

Walt Whitman's essay "The Bible as Poetry" was first printed in a literary weekly called *The Critic* on February 3, 1883. A revised version appeared in *November Boughs*, a collection of Whitman's prose and verse published in Philadelphia in 1888.

This volume includes the original manuscript of "The Bible as Poetry," in Whitman's hand, with his corrections and marginal notes probably made by the editorial staff of the *The Critic*. Bound with the manuscript are a title page and pages featuring the essay from a copy of *November Boughs*, two portraits of Whitman and a letter in which Whitman offers his essay to the publishers Jeanette Leonard Gilder and Joseph B. Gilder for a fee of \$15.

Bound in red morocco, with gold lettering. 31cm x 24 cm.

22 fols. (including printed title page, inlaid portraits, leaves of MS, printed text, letter and envelope, fully foliated.)

## Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## Subject Headings

- Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892
- Gilder, Jeannette L. (Jeannette Leonard), 1849-1916
- Gilder, Joseph Benson, 1858-1936
- Bible -- Abridgments

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