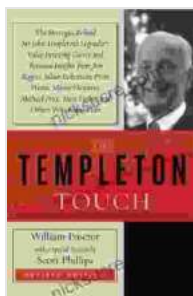


# The Templeton Touch: The Life and Legacy of William Proctor

William Proctor, founder of the Templeton Foundation and one of the most influential philanthropists of the 20th century, left an enduring legacy of generosity and a commitment to advancing knowledge and promoting spiritual understanding.

## Early Life and Education

William Edward Proctor was born in Toronto, Canada, on May 10, 1901. His parents instilled in him a deep sense of values and a belief in the power of education. Proctor attended the University of Toronto, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1925.



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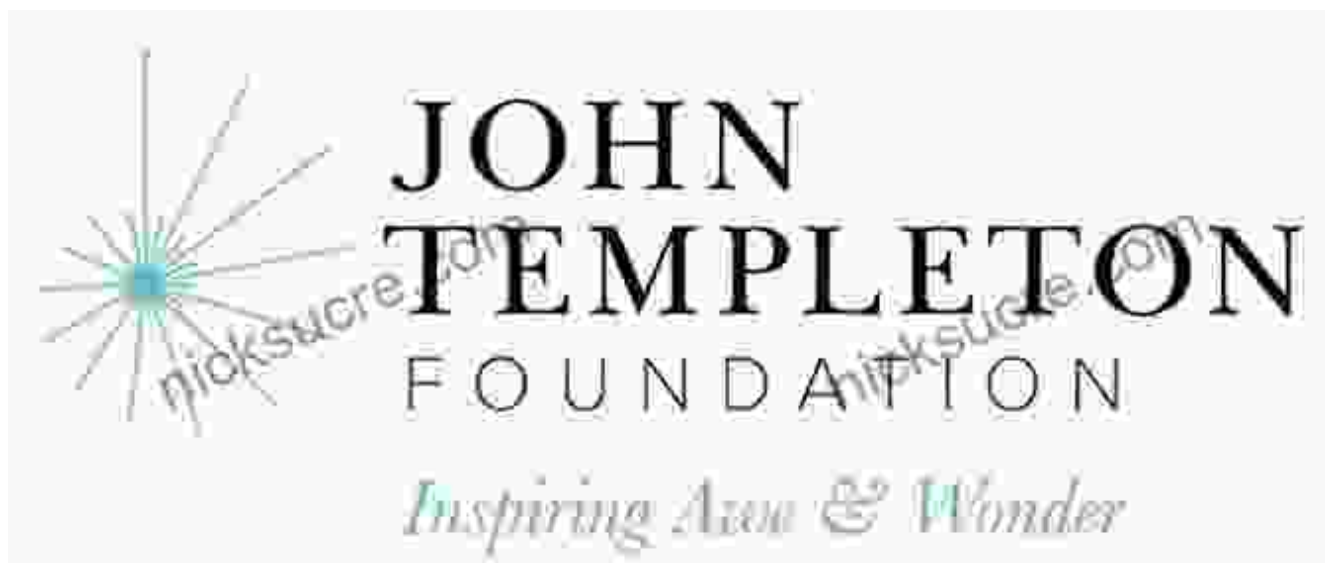


## **Business Career**

After graduating from law school, Proctor practiced law for a short time before entering the investment field. In 1939, he co-founded the Templeton Investment Corporation, which became one of the most successful mutual fund companies in the world. Proctor's investment philosophy emphasized value, diversification, and a long-term approach.

## Philanthropic Vision

Throughout his life, Proctor dedicated himself to philanthropy. He believed that wealth should be used to benefit others and promote the common good. In 1951, he established the Templeton Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to supporting education, medical research, and spiritual understanding.



*The Templeton Foundation logo*

## Templeton's Four Purposes

The Templeton Foundation was founded with four core purposes:

- To advance knowledge in religion, philosophy, and science
- To promote understanding and appreciation of world religions
- To foster research into the relationship between science and religion
- To support charitable organizations that alleviate human suffering

These purposes have guided the foundation's grant-making activities and influenced its mission to promote intellectual inquiry and spiritual exploration.

### **The Templeton Prize**

In 1973, Proctor established the Templeton Prize, a prestigious award that recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the understanding of spiritual realities.



The prize has been awarded to leading scholars, scientists, and theologians, including Dr. Jane Goodall, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Dr. John C. Polkinghorne. It has become one of the most prestigious honors in the field of spirituality.

## Legacy

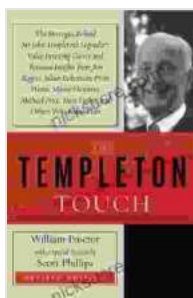
William Proctor died on August 6, 2003, at the age of 102. His legacy lives on through the Templeton Foundation, which continues to support research and initiatives that promote knowledge, understanding, and compassion.



*William Proctor, circa 1990s*

Proctor was a visionary philanthropist who believed in the power of human inquiry and the importance of spiritual exploration. His generosity and dedication have touched the lives of countless individuals and continue to inspire generations to come.

William Proctor's life and legacy are a testament to the transformative power of philanthropy. His commitment to advancing knowledge, promoting understanding, and alleviating human suffering has made a lasting impact on the world. Through the Templeton Foundation and the Templeton Prize, his legacy will continue to inspire and support the pursuit of spiritual, intellectual, and scientific endeavors for years to come.



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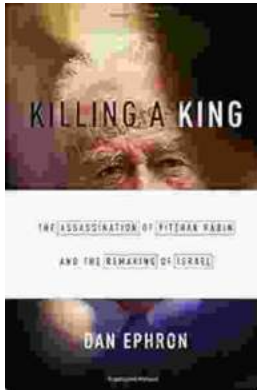
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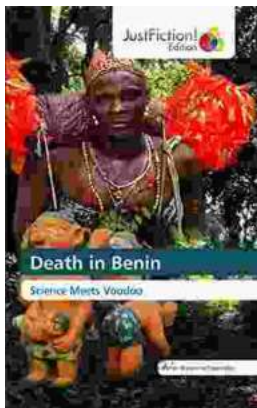
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