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mutualness, unanimity in our different religious
denominations, and have fewer books filling
the shelves of our libraries with discussions on
the meaning of simple passages in the Bible.
Many descriptions in the Old and New Testa-
ment are absolutely unintelligible, unless we
have a knowledge of the customs and man-
ners and customs of the ancients, and we
have no means of acquiring this knowledge
except through the Greeks.

It is true that the walls of Rome
have crumbled into the dust and that her
present inhabitants are unworthy of the
place of their ancestors, yet she influences the
whole civilized world through her laws;
for the Romans are the authors of civil
law, not other people have ever carried
the law to higher perfection, and the Amer-
ican lawyer is still proud to be instructed
in the nice distinctions of private rights
by Roman law. Besides, we have retained
innumerable technical phrases in our
own laws derived only from the Roman.