

But What About ... ?

Nobody asked but ...

The purpose of citing past peccadillos is always to take the bloom off of good that someone did. This is a composition fallacy. After a human has died, the two streams must make their independent way. Which will become the greater stream? Will they have confluence again? Which one will overwhelm the other? William Shakespeare wrote, “the good is oft interrèd with their bones.” But the consequences of the good go on. It is now apart from the deceased. The Declaration of Independence stands whether its authors held slaves or not.

— Kilgore Forelle