

**IF +  
THEN =**

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the equation for blessing



**If** we put our faith in God's advice, **then** God will channel His power to **bring about** our blessing.



*IF + THEN = FAVOR*



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Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT)



<sup>3</sup>Let not **steadfast love** and **faithfulness** forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>Let not **mercy** and **truth** forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NKJV)



**Steadfast Love = Loyalty**

**Faithfulness = Constant Kindness**

“Mercy and truth are the glorious perfections of God, always in combined exercise for His people’s good. While we rest upon them for salvation, let us copy them in our profession.”

- Charles Bridges



*If (loyalty and kindness) + Then (God's Power) = God's Favor and Blessing*

**If** loyalty and kindness are the chief marks of your relationships, **then** God will channel His power to **bring you favor** and blessing.



**Favor:** the approval and support of God and man, which leads to opportunity and blessing.



# FAVOR FLOWS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

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# FAVOR FLOWS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

If you want to walk in favor, you must be able to make friends and live in:

1. Harmony
2. Agreement
3. Support of People



# FAVOR FLOWS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS





# FAVOR FLOWS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

You can be **Famous** without **Favor** and  
**Successful** without **Blessing!**



# AARON BURR

1756-1836



Graduated from Princeton at the age of 16.

Considered one of the greatest legal minds in United States history.

Founder of what became J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

Vice President of the United States, 1801-1805.

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Left George Washington's battalion after accusing the future President as being "a man of no talents who could not spell a sentence of common English."

Was dropped as Vice President after Thomas Jefferson grew to mistrust him.

Murdered Alexander Hamilton in a duel.

Was tried (and acquitted) for treason and fled to Europe.



# FAVOR ACCUMULATES THROUGH HEARTFLOW

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# FAVOR ACCUMULATES THROUGH HEARTFLOW

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

<sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)



# FAVOR ACCUMULATES THROUGH HEARTFLOW

Loyalty/steadfast love: means that you're steady with your love for people.

Kindness/faithfulness: means that you're steady and constant with your actions for the good of others.





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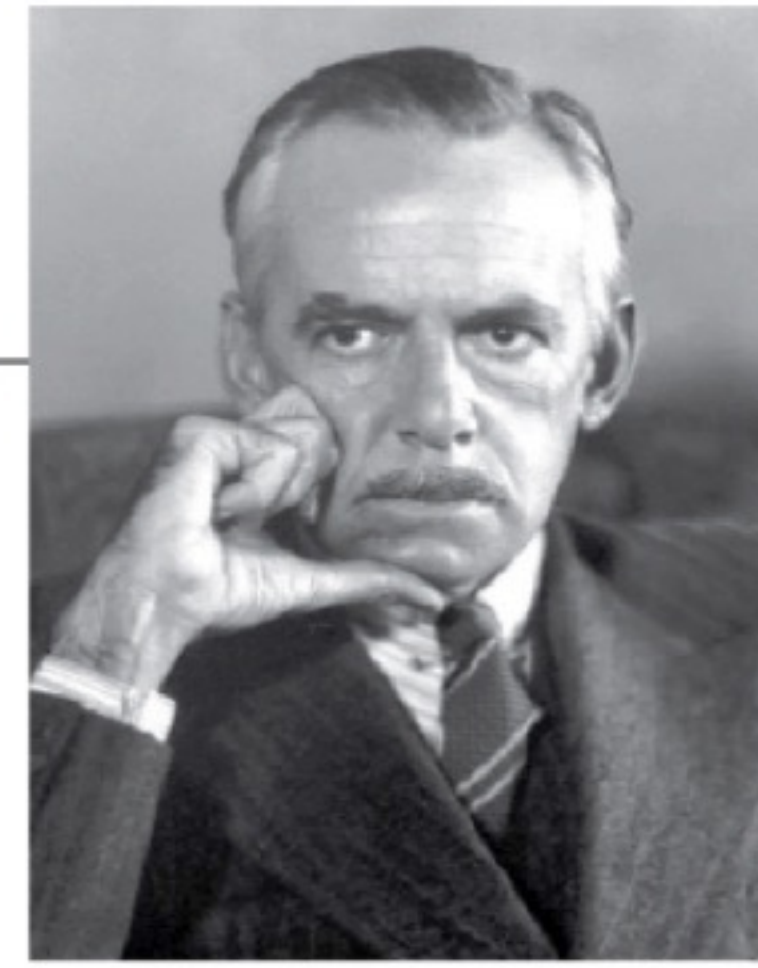
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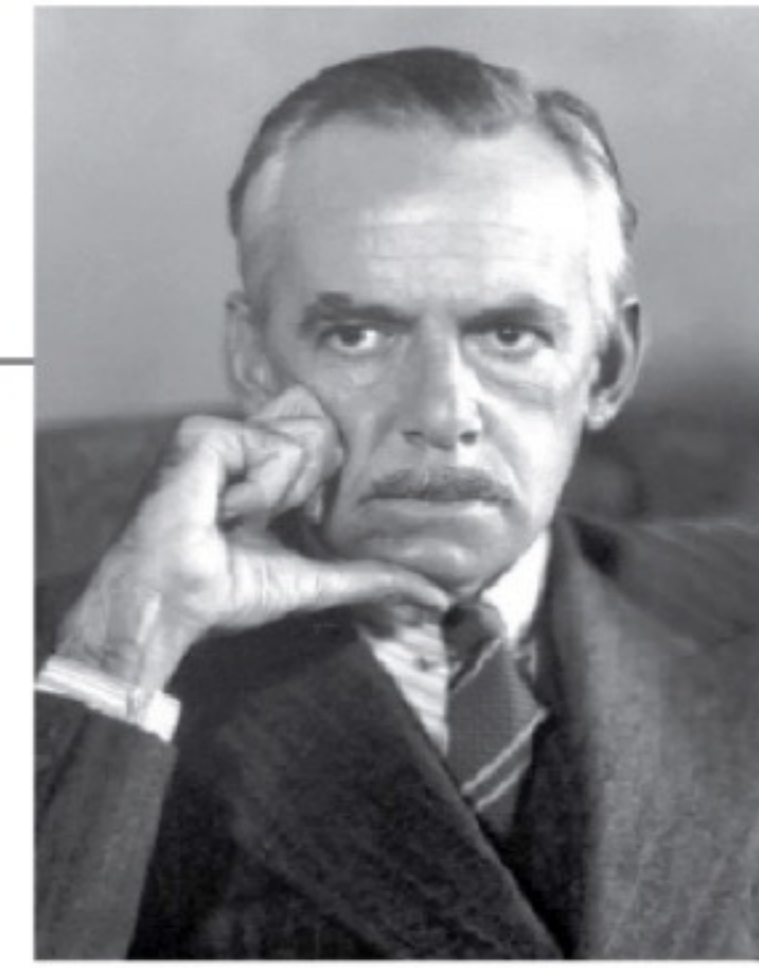
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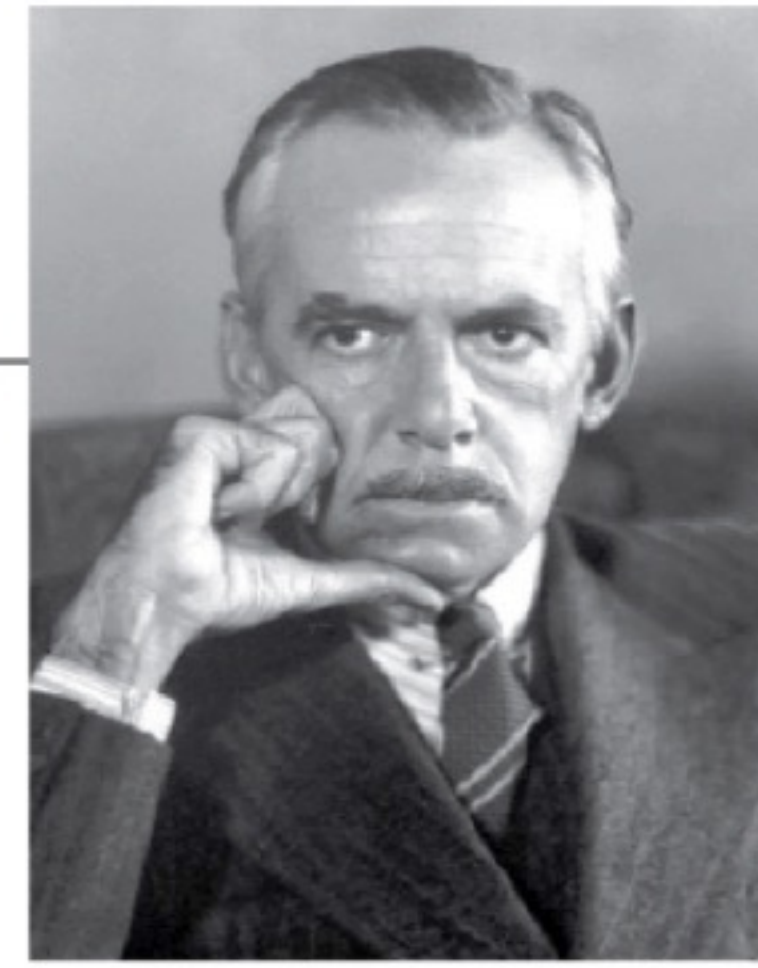
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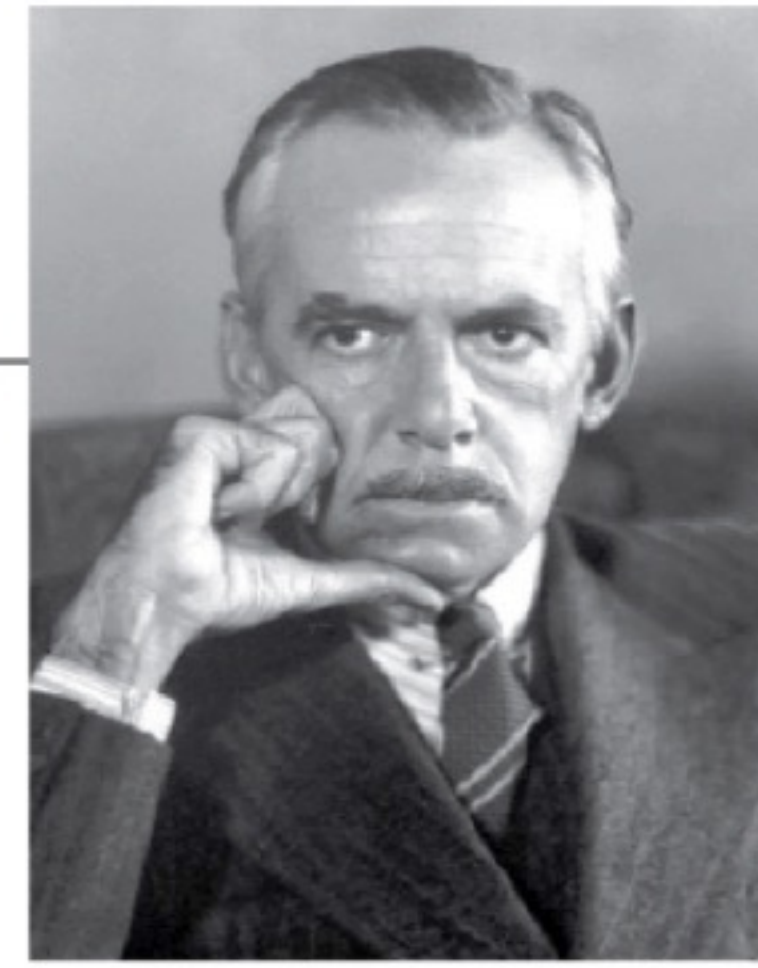
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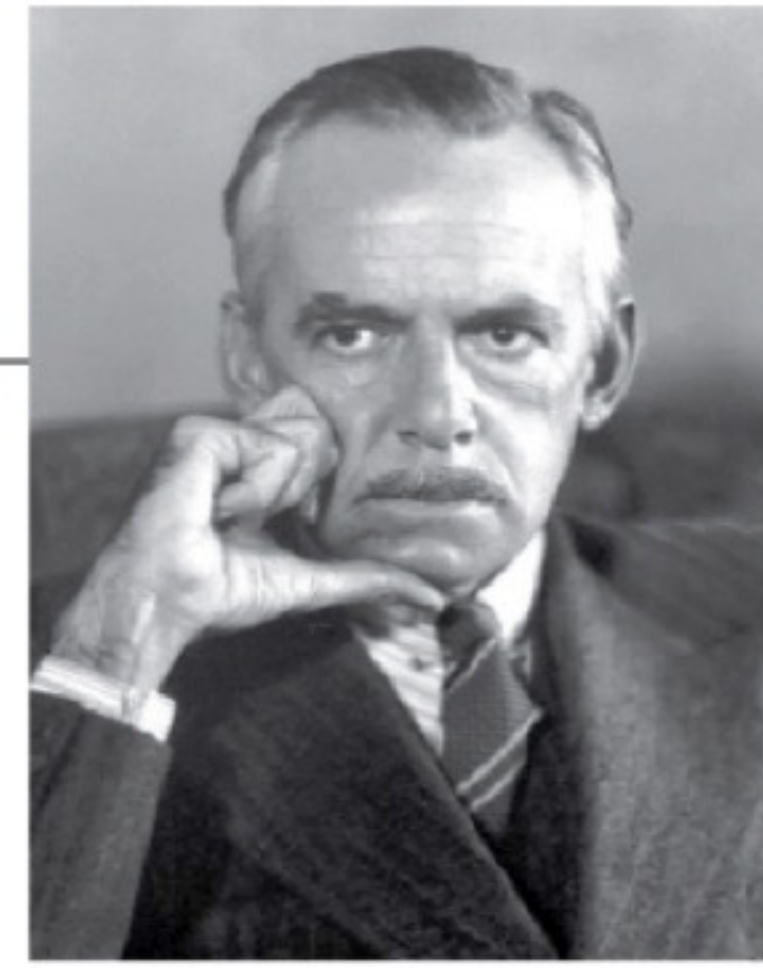
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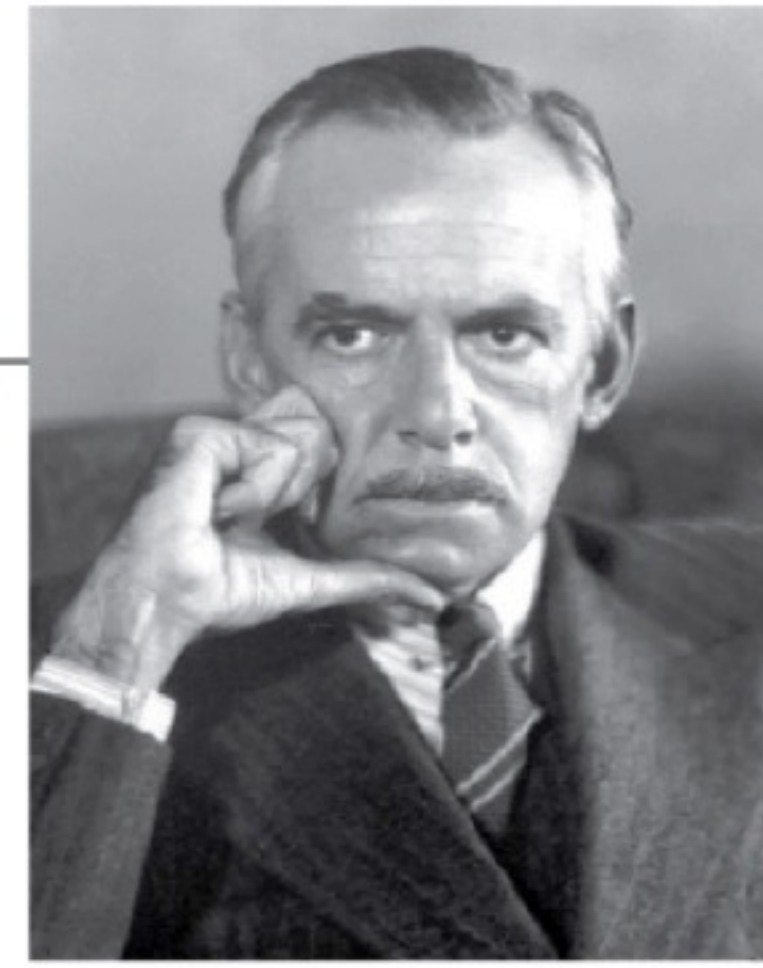


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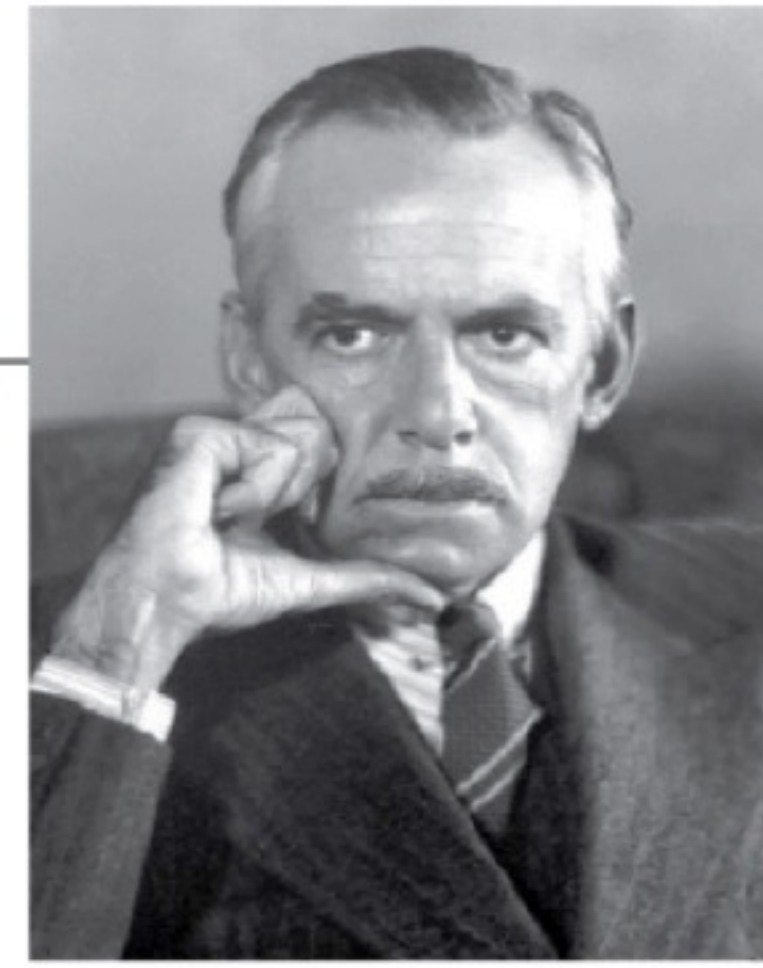


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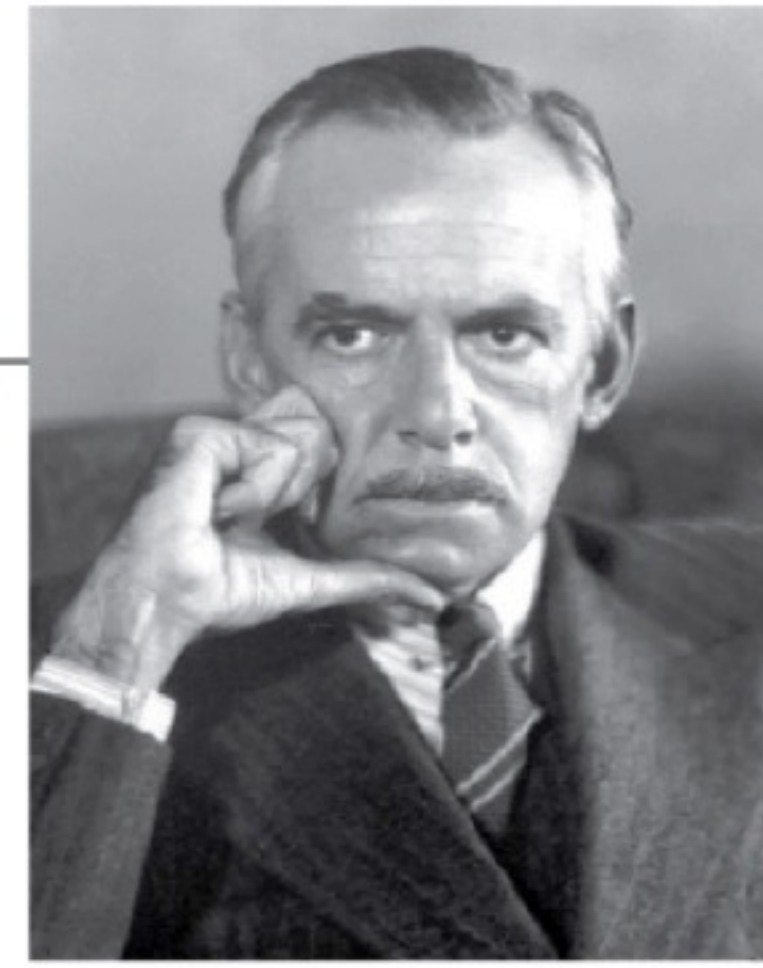


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# THE REPUTATION PRODUCED BY LOYALTY AND KINDNESS BRINGS FAVOR THAT LEADS TO OPPORTUNITY AND PROMOTION

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# JOHN MCCAIN

1936-2018



In the Vietnam War, McCain was held as a prisoner of war after his plane was shot down.

After a few months, his captors found out his father was a high-ranking officer in the U.S. Armed Forces. In order to gain positive public opinion, they offered to release him.

McCain refused, so as not to violate the U.S. military's code of war.

He spent four more years in this prison, much of the time solitary, in a dark, closet-sized box called "a punishment cell."



# TRAN TRONG DUYET

## JOHN MCCAIN'S CAPTOR



“I had a lot of time meeting him when he was kept in the prison. At that time I liked him personally for his toughness and strong stance.”

The former head of the prison said that he felt “very sad” when he heard the news about McCain’s death. “I would like to send condolences to his family.” Duyet said he thinks most in Vietnam feel the same way considering McCain was instrumental in improving bilateral relations after the war: “Later on, when he became a US Senator, he and Senator John Kerry greatly contributed to promote Vietnam-US relations so I was very fond of him.”