Gunter’s Seven Great Books

If you only read seven great books in your life then I recommend that you read these.

Where is Shakespeare? I’ve left off books that people like to read.

Do you have a book that I should add to the list? Don’t tell me about it. I have almost 600 books on my lifetime reading list. At my current reading rate, I already have to live to at least age 93 to finish.

Do you want to recommend a substitution for one of my books? Please let me know which book I should toss off the list in order to make room for your recommendation. And please justify the substitution.

Read and learn!

Limits of reason:
   1. Socrates’ early Dialogues (Apology, Crito, Republic (Book I only), Ion, Euthyphron, Laches, Protagoras, Charmides and Lysis)
   2. Euclid’s Elements (Book I only)

Virtue:
   3. New Testament of the Christian Bible (Many prefer King James but I like the New American)
   4. Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics

Individual:
   5. William James’ Principles of Psychology (His shorter version is OK but the long version is a better read.)

Society:
   6. Adam Smith’s An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations
   7. Edward Gibbon’s Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire Volumes I-III (Read the unabridged version, the abridged versions are terrible.)