

2/22/98 Well, Brian, I just finished
Democracy in America which I've
avoided reading for decades because I
couldn't stand the windbags who
kept quoting him. I found him serious
and charming. But I was most delighted
to discover ^{from a span} his secret that he kept from
his wife and divulged only to two close
friends — that he himself was unable
to believe in religion — no wonder he quotes
Pascal with such feeling! I hope Bill
Bennett & George Will know that Alexis was
an atheist!



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