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Stuff For Today

- Introducing: Bob the Square!
- Almost Biblical
- Stories, a movie and a picture. How could it get any better than that?

The Too Dimensional Life of Bob the Square

All good newspapers have comics, and so it is with this one. Each week look forward to a new and exciting look into the extraordinary life of Bob the Square, as seen through the slightly warped reality present in the mind of Mr. Lyle.

Stuff

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So, Who Is Mr. Lyle, Really?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Welcome to the Sixth and Seventh Grade Sunday School. Today will be your chance to get to know your teacher for this coming year.

Mr. Lyle will begin this morning with the reading of the newspaper, which is always a special time for all of us. He will probably regale us with a few stories from his past. These are meant to help you to get to know him better. If I know him, he will start with the story about a humongous toad, the biggest anyone has ever seen! Then, I would expect him to tell you about how he got his Citizen Band Radio nickname. And for those who will be willing to stand up and take the official oath, there is the story about a psychopathic murderer who attempts to strangle someone he knew very well. That one is REALLY special. And finally, if you survive those stories, he has one about a little old lady named Mrs Larsen that he once knew.

And if all of that were not enough, there will be a short presentation by Mr. Lyle regarding his involvement many years ago in the Olympics. Few are familiar with his achievements during the 1972 Summer Olympics, and fortunately,

(or unfortunately), for you, he has prepared a short documentary film regarding this amazing time in his life. This film is typical of his movie making prowess, so prepare yourselves accordingly for the rest of the year.

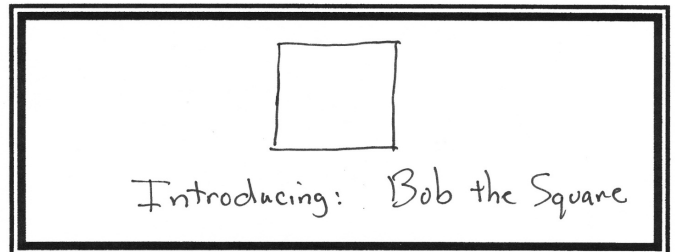
After the movie, when the applause has died down, he will share his personal testimony in picture format, explaining some of the episodes in his life that have brought him to this point in his walk with the Lord. He will probably give the picture away at the end of class to some poor, I mean, lucky individual! Hopefully, you will find his talk interesting. If not, well, there goes ten minutes of your life. ☺

Almost Biblical... But Not

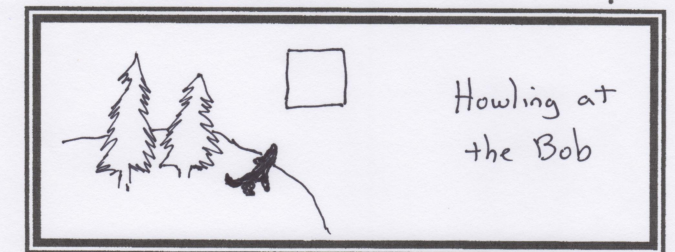
Go to the ant, though sluggard, consider his ways. He rises early in the morning and goes about his tasks of gathering and storing. His back is strong for his work and he marches on with no commander, an army of one. He stores enough for the winter and his future is secure. At the end of the day, his labors have been fruitful. He rises to an high point at the setting of the sun and holds the weight for all to see. He is magnificent, excelling in wisdom, first among the creatures of the earth. But alas, he is still an ant, and I firmly step upon him with resolve and he is no more.



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- Bob the Square
- Introducing: Hammie!
- How to build a scale model of the universe!

HAMMIE

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First of all, you need to be aware that Mr. Lyle does not particularly care for cats. They don't come when you call, they aren't happy to see you when you come home. Who needs a lump of fur that you have to feed and take care of?

Don't tell anyone, but Mr. Lyle has developed a soft spot for Hammie, the cat who lives at his house. Each morning they talk to each other—really! Mr. Lyle goes out to the garage to put on his work shoes and he will ask Hammie a question like how his night was. Hammie meows back. Every question is responded to with a generous meow. And their conversation can go on like that for 10-15 minutes.

Day Four Of Creation Is Incredible

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

How big is the God you worship? A careful study of the creation story reveals a God of incredible power and majesty. Day 4 is my personal favorite.

2 Peter 3:3-7

³First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.⁴They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."⁵But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.⁶By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.⁷By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Genesis 1:1-19

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.⁸God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

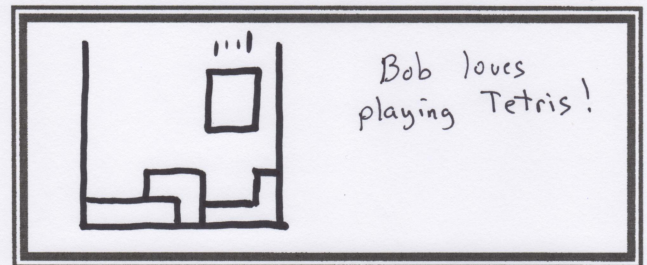
⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear. And it was so."¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their

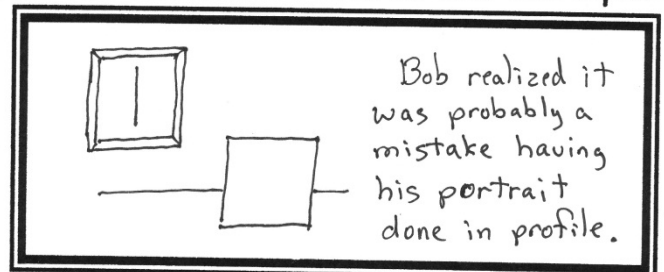
kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

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- Monarch butterflies—the handiwork of God!
- Everything you always wanted to know about Tootsie Roll Pops.
- What kind of fruit tree could change the course of human history?

Monarch Migration Expected This Week

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The annual migration of the Monarch butterfly has begun once again. A pasture in Pottsville has been a way stop for a large group each year. The bright yellow wild flowers growing there are a bit too difficult to resist, as they descend by the thousands to rest and feed. The migration should peak during the next few weeks, although numbers are expected to be down.

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How Do You Get To Heaven?

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Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"²⁷ He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'⁴¹; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴²"²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead."³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins⁴³ and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Notice verse 25. The most important question anyone can ask is "How can I get to Heaven?" And it has been asked of Jesus himself. I don't know about you, but I would like to hear the answer! But before an answer is given, the man asks yet another question about who he should consider to be his neighbor.

At first glance you might think that Jesus was distracted by the second query. However, the greatest teacher the world has ever known answered both questions with one story! Here is how it breaks down:

A certain man: Our relationship with God is based upon ourselves and Him—no one else.

Went down from Jerusalem to Jericho: Physically, the trip from Jerusalem to Jericho is a downhill trek. From mountain city to valley city is a drop in elevation of nearly two thousand feet. Jerusalem is where the temple was located, where God had stated that His presence would be seen. Jericho was a cursed city, a city of sin that Israel had destroyed many years earlier. The spiritual picture positions man travelling away from God toward sin, and it is a descent downward, a steep decline.

And fell among thieves: Satan, the ever present enemy of man, is described on several occasions in the Bible as a thief and a robber who has come to steal, kill, and destroy. Our memory of what happened in the Garden of Eden confirms that concept.

Which stripped him of his raiment: Recall that the first reaction of Adam and Eve was an attempt to procure for themselves clothing to cover their nakedness.

And left him half dead: A very interesting choice of words. Physically, it is impossible to be half dead—one is either dead or alive, not half one way or the other. When seen from a spiritual perspective though, it is entirely possible and accurate. Before Adam sinned, God had warned him that on the day he disobeyed, he would surely die. But the Bible says that Adam died at the old age of 930 years. Did God lie? Absolutely not, for though Adam did not die physically, he did die spiritually that day, and subsequently, everyone since has been born spiritually dead, in need of a Savior. In fact, he was personally in need of a Savior as well. He was left half dead, with no method of remedying his situation without help.

A certain priest: The most religious person in Israel journeyed by and refused to help. We will, likewise, not solve our circumstance with the church or other pious activity. They have no impact upon our

dead spiritual condition. Religion cannot and will not save us.

A Levite: Known by all as a worker, it was the Levites who cut wood, carried water, cleaned, and successfully kept the temple in good repair. As he approached, he too avoided the man in need. Our accomplishments and our work are nothing compared to God and His majesty. Heaven will never be earned by our feeble attempts at good works.

A certain Samaritan: A most unlikely candidate for a solution. A despised half-breed, disdained by Jewish society, became the hero in the story. Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The religious establishment of the day refused to recognize who He was, and treated Him with blatant contempt. The story pointed to a "certain" Samaritan, a precise, special one. Jesus was the only one who could fulfill all of the Scripture prophecies concerning Him. He was very specific, chosen and planned before the foundation of the world, to fulfill the task before Him—our salvation.

Came where he was: It is most humbling and remarkable that Jesus left the glory of Heaven, laid aside all of His heavenly prerogatives, and came to where we are. The great I AM set his foot upon the same dirt we do.

Had compassion on him: God loves us while we are still in our sinful state. That is beyond comprehension.

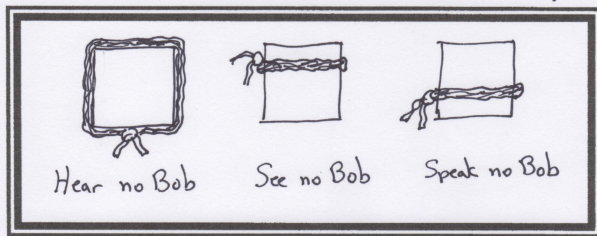
Bound up his wounds: By his wounds we are healed spiritually. The implication of the parable is that the victim had no possible method of taking care of himself and his deadly problem. Without help, he would surely die. Notice that the Samaritan did all the work. Likewise, our salvation is a product of "the strong arm of the Lord", a solution we could never provide for ourselves.

Pouring on oil: Often in the Bible, oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit, and this is no exception. We understand from the New Testament that the Holy Spirit is poured into the life of everyone who becomes a Christian—we have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

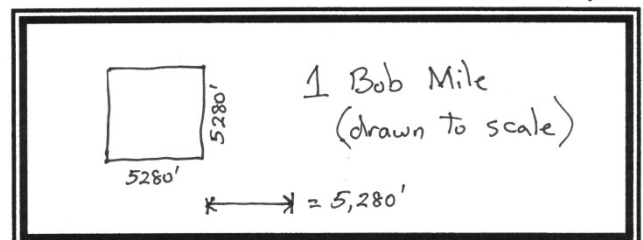
When I come again: The glorious hope and confidence of every saved individual is the eventual return of Jesus Christ someday.

So, do you know how to get to Heaven now?

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- Almost Biblical...but not
- Rocks and Candy
- La Isla De Dos Arboles

Almost Biblical... But Not

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And on that day there shall be two walking in the field together. And they shall say one unto another, what is this thing that hath happened? For since the days of the prophets, this thing was foretold to us, but we did not understand. Verily, verily, I say unto you, there will be those who will be blinded to the truth. They will be ever seeing, but not understanding, until the one that hath been appointed from ages past shall appear. And he shall discover that it has indeed been written sideways, and then all things will be made known unto them.

Isaiah 34:7 KJV

"And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls, and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Psalm 103:7
He (God) made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.

One very large part of being spiritually mature is having the ability to understand things from a larger frame of reference. We need to have the wisdom to perceive that things are often interrelated and sometimes complicated, and still be able to determine and judge their comparative importance.

Seeing life from God's point of view must be our goal. Unfortunately, it does not come naturally to us. The verse above explains it in a nutshell. The people of Israel, as they wandered through the desert for 40 years, got to see the amazing hand of God at work each day! Each day began with the miracle of manna on the ground for food, the cloud overhead for shade, and 2 million people out in the middle of nowhere with all the water they needed. The Bible also says that their shoes and other clothing did not wear out those many years and miles.

For most, though, it was just taken for granted. They saw the great works, they enjoyed the comforts, but they did not understand God's ultimate plan. Not so with Moses. God made His big picture plans known to Moses. Moses got to see things from God's view point, and understand why God was doing things the way He was.

La Isla De Dos Arboles

The story of Jose is a parable centered on the idea that perspective is vitally important. As the story goes, Jose lived on a little island he called Dos Arboles-two trees. He would go down to the shore and float his canoe and play with the fish that swam nearby. It was a wonderful retirement plan. A cozy island, shade from the heat, and a pleasant life. The natives from nearby islands would come and check on him from time to time. You see, their legends said that a giant man eating monster lived on that island. They would call out to Jose and ask if he was still alive, and he would smile and wave. When they asked how he survived the monster, Jose would simply say "It's all

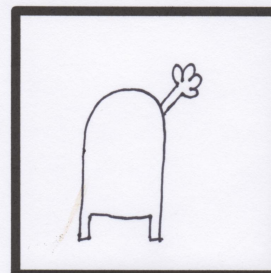
just a matter of perspective."

Oh, the monster was very, very real! What was Jose's secret to survival? Perspective! Jose saw his little island as La Isla De Dos Arboles, The Island of Two Trees. The natives saw La Isla De Pajaro Gigante, The Island of the Giant Bird. Perspective matters greatly!

When we have a proper perspective on life, when we see things from God's point of view, life can make much sense. Many of the "why" questions in life are answered. God's plan is that we not just endure life here on this earth, but that we have an "abundant life" filled with the good He has planned for us!



Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess.



Dear Noah,

We could have sworn you said
the ark wasn't leaving till 5.

Sincerely,
The Unicorns

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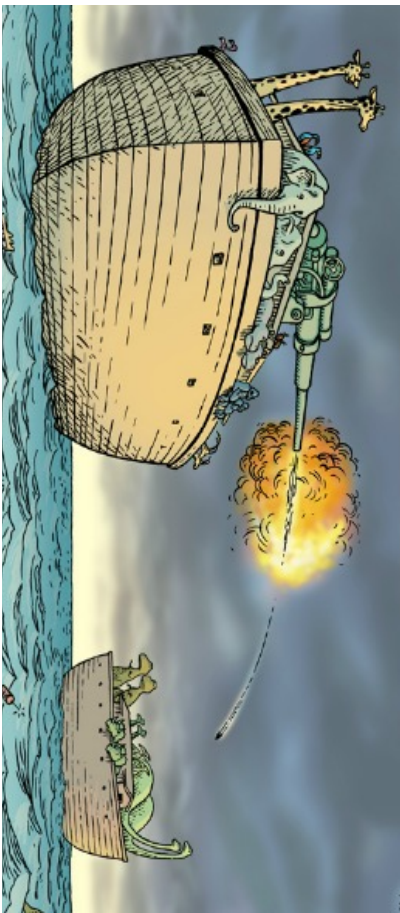
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- What happened to the dinosaurs?
- The Turbo Encabulator

Just One More Theory

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Isaiah 58: 6-7

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

For a number of years now, I have been working to bring perfection to the crudely conceived idea of a machine that would not only supply inverse reactive current for use in unilateral phase detractors, but would also be capable of automatically synchronizing cardinal grammeters. Such a machine is the "turbo-encabulator." Basically, the only new principle involved is that instead of power being generated by the relative motion of conductors and fluxes, it is produced by the medial interaction of magneto-reluctance and capacitive directance.

The original machine had a base plate of prefabricated amulite, surmounted by a malleable logarithmic casing in such a way that the two spurving magnatrons were in direct line with the pentametric flux. The latter consisted simply of six hydrocoptic marzelvanes, so fitted to the ambifacient lunar waneshaft that side fumbleline was effectively prevented. The main winding was of the normal lotus-0-delta type placed in panendemic semiboiloid slots in the stator, every seventh conductor being connected by a nonreversible tremie pipe to the differential gridlespring on the "up" end of the grammeters.

Forty-one manestically spaced grouting brushes were arranged to feed into the rotor slipstream a mixture of high S-value

phenylhydrobenzamine, but up to the present, nothing has been found to equal the transcendental hopper dadoscope.

Electrical engineers will appreciate the difficulty of nubing together a regurgitative purwell and a supramitive wennelsprock. Indeed, this proved to be a stumbling block to further development until, in 1992, I found that the use of anhydrous nangling pins enabled a kryptonastic boiling shim to be successfully attached to the tankered.

My early attempts to construct a sufficiently robust spiral decommutator failed largely because of a lack of appreciation of the large quasi-piestic stresses in the gremlin studs; the latter were specially designed to hold the roffit bars to the spamshaft. When, however, I discovered that wending could be prevented by a

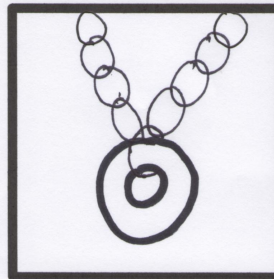
simple addition to the living sockets, almost perfect running was secured.

The operating point is maintained as near as possible to the h.f. rem peak by constantly fromaging the bitumogenous spandrels. This is a distinct advance on the standard nivel-sheave in that no dramcock oil is required after the phase detractors have been remissed.

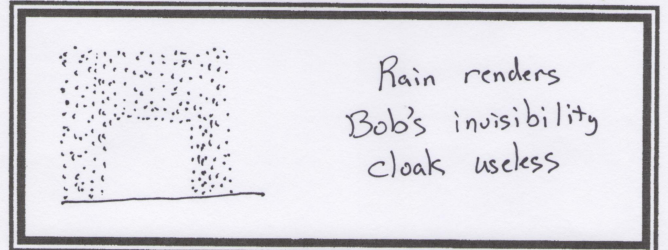
Undoubtedly, the turbo-encabulator has now reached a very high level of technical development. It has been successfully used for operating nofer trunnions. In addition, whenever a barescent skor motion is required, it may be employed in conjunction with a drawn reciprocating dingle arm to reduce sinusoidal depletion.

This magnifloresitict machine is definitely the solution for any broken, burlied, or discongealed disgronificator on the market.

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Stuff For Today

- An update on the pineapple crop in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.
- Slavery in the 21st Century and what it means for you and I.
- Can disciples be wealthy?

Pineapples: Interesting and Fun Facts

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Christopher Columbus stumbled across pineapples in 1493 on the island of Guadalupe. He brought some samples back to Queen Isabella, who loved them. Many others in Europe felt the same way.

2. Pineapple is technically not a single fruit, but a *sorosis*—a hundred or more individual fruits that grow together.

3. You will rarely see fresh pineapple in Jell-O. The raw fruit contains a chemical called bromelain which keeps the gelatin from congealing.

4. If you twist the leafy top off of a store bought pineapple, let it dry for 2-3 days, and then plant it, it will very likely grow.

The Cost of Discipleship High

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Luke 14:33

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

Jesus, as he taught his disciples, spoke of the cost of being His disciple. This cost is not necessarily monetary, but can include everything we call our own.

As Christians, we are referred to as being His possession. He bought us with His own blood, and we are His servants. Servants, or slaves, do not have rights as a free man, but are answerable to their owner completely.

We are called to be in this world, but not a part of it. You are growing up in a society that is increasingly guided by possessions and money and position in life.

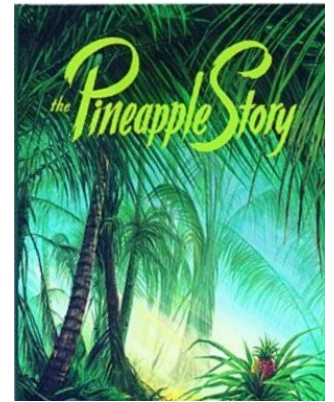
To be sure, many of the heroes of the Bible were quite wealthy. And yet Jesus warned often of the tremendous draw that money has upon us. Can a Christian be wealthy? Yes, but it is NOT easy.

Our culture seems to be built upon the love of money and possessions. Consider how many commercials accompany every TV show today. This writer has counted as many as a dozen during a single commercial break.

Fifty years ago that number would have been one or two.

When calculating what is of value to you personally, do not forget the non-monetary things. Friends, reputation, and health are examples of areas we tend to take for granted. Often, we think that we have the right to have all of these, when in reality, Jesus said these things are gifts from Him. We possess them at His leisure and will.

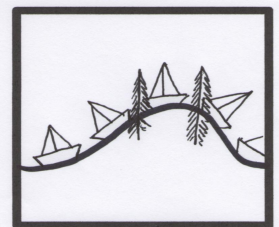
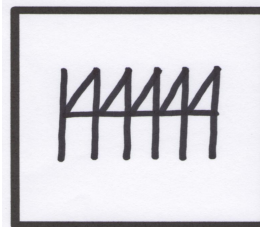
Today, we will begin watching a movie called *The Pineapple Story*. Although the events took place some time ago, the truths presented here are timeless. A missionary to Irian Jaya, Otto Koenig, tells of his life there as he



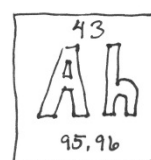
learned the lesson taught in Luke 14:33.

You will enjoy the sometimes comical story of a man who simply wanted to have a pineapple garden. Such a simple thing, and yet God often teaches us using the small things in our lives to bring big issues to our attention.

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On the Periodic Table, Bob is the Element of Surprise

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- More about pineapple thievery in Indonesia.
- If you put everything you call your own on a table, could you walk away from it all and not look back?

Here and There in the News This Week

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1. Astronomers announced recently the possible discovery of an entirely new type of planet. Nearly 40 light years away, the planet measures approximately twice the size of Earth, and is made primarily of carbon. It may very well be made largely of diamonds. Only God could show us how insignificant our most prized possessions actually are!

2. "Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die." The most recognized quote from **The Princess Bride** is now 26 years old. A so-so movie in the theaters of that day, it has become a family classic. If you have never watched it, and have a couple of hours to spend, you will enjoy this one.

Can You Afford to be a Christian?

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Luke 14:33

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

We are told in the Word to count the cost of being a disciple. That statement has little, if anything, to do with our money. It is a warning to us that following Christ is not going to be simple. Jesus taught that we should expect opposition from the culture we live in.

Salvation is free to be sure, and for too many, the journey towards spiritual maturity ends there. Christians are called to be sanctified. In short, the goal of a Godly Christian is to be wholly committed to deepening his or her walk with God. Every day we must die to our selfish desires, and put Jesus first.

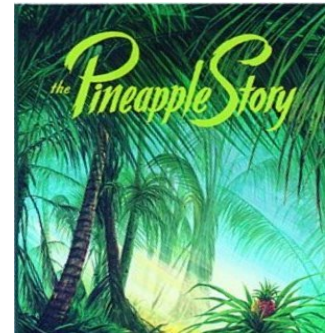
Our fast paced, materialistic culture drains us many times of our total commitment to Christ,

leaving us bound up in worldly things, and missing the blessings we could have had.

So, is it wrong to be wealthy, or have nice things? If what we have in any way takes our focus off of God—yes it is a problem. And yet, God wishes to bless his children in every way.

Money, or talents or abilities—everything we have—belongs to God. As Adam tended the Garden of Eden, we also are to care for what He has entrusted to us. May we be spiritually mature enough to properly handle His gifts.

We will continue today with the story of missionary Otto Koenig. In part one, last week,



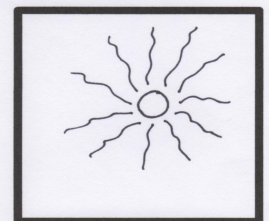
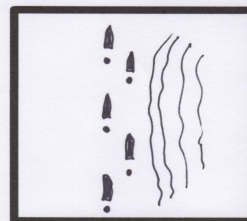
we were introduced to a pineapple garden in Irian Jaya Indonesia, and some natives who continually stole the pineapples growing there.

Mr. Koenig struggled with applying Luke 14:33 to real life situations. His story, although somewhat comical at times, is an excellent example to us of how the truth of the Word of God needs to be considered in all parts of our everyday lives.

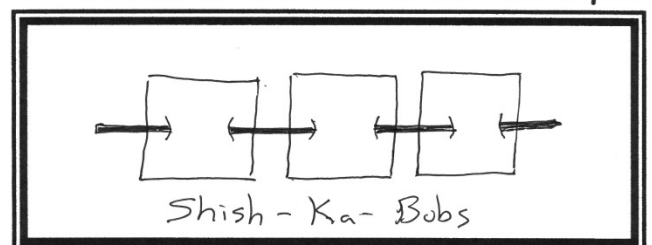
Cookout Coming!

Mark October 19th on your calendar! Mark 12:00 on your watch! Mark Dow Chemical on your maps! Immediately following the morning service that day, we are headed for lunch. Be there!

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Stuff For Today

- Wait, Wait and Bob
- Ten definitions of the word *FREE*..
- The National Anthem, signs, a pendulum, rope, chain, sales label, tape, tea bags, and a wooden jaw clamp.

Abraham Lincoln Concerning Freedom

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought.

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

The Definition of Freedom in 2014

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

John 8:32

³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The nation that we live in was founded upon the very principles of freedom. And contrary to what many in our country would like to believe, our fore fathers placed their extraordinary confidence in the Bible. Their thoughts, ideas, and actions were grounded in the pages of Scripture.

The result of that understanding of the Bible has given our nation two incredibly solid documents the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States.

In many other nations in our world today, the desire to come to America is quite prevalent. All too often, we take our freedom for granted and assume that everyone else enjoys the same rights and privileges that we have. We do not live in One World.

The Bible is filled with support for freedom. God wants His children to be free, in all aspects of life.

Jesus said that we will serve a master during our life here upon this earth. And He also said that His

yoke was easy and His burden light. Life can be difficult, to be sure, but for the Christian, the peace of mind from knowing that God is in control, and that He loves us dearly, is quite comforting.

Christ was, and is, the ultimate dispenser of freedom. Because of the cross, we can now be free from sin, free to serve Him, and free from our entanglements with this world .

Our Lesson for Today

1. We will all rise and sing the National Anthem—well almost all of it, anyway.
2. We will discuss signs on the lavatory onboard a commercial aircraft.
3. We will experience the peculiarities of a swinging

pendulum.

4. We will practice the fine art of tying knots in rope..

5. We will examine the security features of chain and padlock.

6. We will discuss sales and promotional ideas used by small businesses.

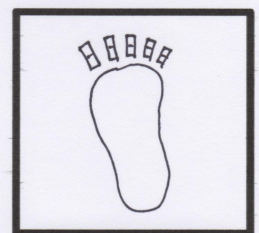
7. We will decide if it is better to remove tape that is covering the mouth very slowly, or simply rip it off.

8. We will discuss an important moment in US history.

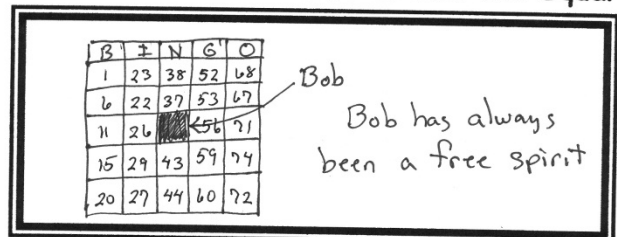
9. We will see firsthand a typical torture device in use.

10. We will decide whether Heaven or Hell is the preferred destination for most.

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Stuff For Today

- Special Scripture reading for Halloween
- Q and A for next week
- A very scary lesson

Next Week: Questions and Answers

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Have you ever had a question you wanted an answer for, but were afraid to ask? Next week is your chance to get that elusive response.

Once per semester, Mr. Lyle accepts written, unsigned questions, which he will attempt to answer Biblically. You will be handed a small piece of paper and given a few minutes to write down your question. This event is entirely optional and entirely anonymous as well.

Typically, NO question is off the table! You may ask ANYTHING you like! It is a perfect chance to ask about the Bible, or some aspect of God, or church, or being a Christian

So, this week, be thinking and planning how you might use this opportunity.

The Most Frightening Verse in the Bible

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 12

⁴⁷ "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows.⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Our culture today is driven by the pursuit of money. It is an easy trap to fall in to, even for the Christian. Too often we judge the goodness of God toward us by how large our bank account happens to be.

A thorough study of Scripture reveals the fact that God counts far more than dollars when He

looks at all that He has given us. Our abilities and our time are far more important to Him than is our cash. Money should be simply a tool that we use to accomplish His purposes.

Our asset of time is of incredible worth. How we use it is of great interest to God. We often place Sodom among the most depraved sinners in the Bible. It is interesting to note that when God numbers their sins in Ezekiel 16, immorality is not even mentioned. But the short list does include their misuse of leisure time.

Rarely do we consider our time and our talents

when we talk of giving to God. The passage before us in Luke 12, along with many others in both the Old and New Testaments, reminds us that God does hold us to an expectation. It is not how much He has given each of us, but it is how **faithful** we have been with what He has given.

II Corinthians 5:10 puts it all very plainly. Each Christian will one day stand before Jesus and answer for all that he or she has and has not done during their short lifespan here on this earth. It is clear that we will be rewarded based upon our performance. May we use our gifts to honor God.

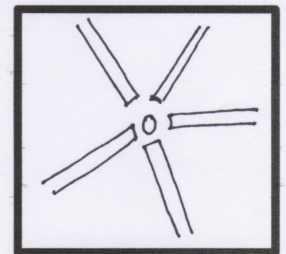
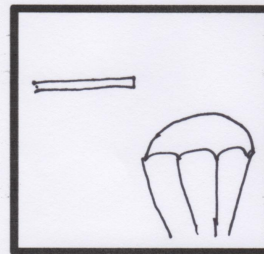
A Scripture Reading For Halloween

Exodus 7

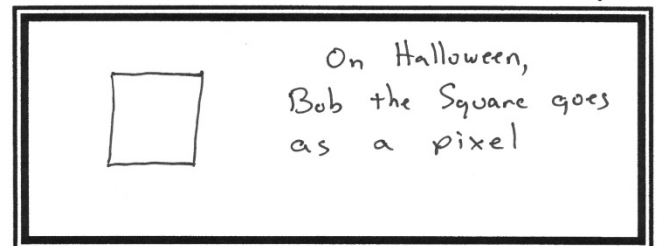
⁹ "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts.¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs

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Stuff For Today

- Tools : the Bigger, the Better!
- There is no such thing as a stupid question. Stupid answers? Now that is another story!
- What would you like to have written on your gravestone?

Questions, But Sadly, No Answers

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. If I *Save the Whales*, can I collect the whole set?
2. Can a fool be so sufficiently talented that nothing can be considered fool-proof?
3. Are fast reflexes an acceptable substitute for good manners?
4. Is it legal to fill out my taxes in Roman Numerals?
5. If a recipe calls for eggs to be beaten, consider this first—what did they do?
6. What disease did cured ham actually have?
7. Why do all toasters have a setting that burns toast to such a horrible black crisp that no human being could possibly eat?

How to Use Your Tools Well

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

What would you like to have written on your gravestone? I have considered this at times, and I believe the following phrase would suffice for me.

Here Lies a Disciple of Jesus Christ, Cleverly Disguised as a Woodworker. He Used His Tools Well.

I just hope that I can live up to it. Let me explain what I mean.

We as Christians are called to be disciples. That title requires more than just a desire to follow along behind a leader. We are to become like Jesus in word and deed. Everything else that we do pales in comparison to that task.

Life absorbs much of our time and assets. It is very easy to get lost in the everyday grind and its demands. But our focus must be where our citizenship really lies—in Heaven. All that we have in our lives is a gift from God. Gifts are given with reason and purpose. We are to use what we have to work for Him. Our tools, as it were.

Our tool chests consist of far more than just money. Included in the drawers and

trays of that tool chest are our talents and abilities, health, reputations, and time.

As a woodworker by trade, I am quite familiar with the importance of tools. Without them, work does not progress very quickly or very well. Tools are specific to task, and size is sometimes critical.

Too often we judge success or failure in this life by the balance in our bank account. God judges by other criteria. He has given us a task, as well as the necessary equipment to adequately accomplish His plan.

Giving our money to His work is of value, to be sure, but our other assets must not be overlooked. We talk of giving a tithe of our

money, but has anyone considered what a tithe of time, or a tithe of talent might look like?

Luke 10:2

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the field."

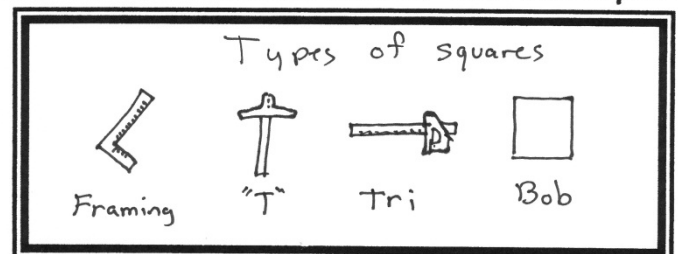
It is interesting to note there is no mention of a financial plan, or many of our other usual concerns. Rather, the focus is upon the time and effort of individuals willing to perform the necessary task. You see, money is no object to a God who owns everything. But our time—now that is a commodity of immense value to God.

May we use our gifts—our tools—wisely!

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*Exactness in
relation to this 24
hour period of time:*

- Maternal Anser
- The Paternally
Oriented Invocation
- Interrogative Query
and Rejoining
Sedulity

Scriven Solicitations Persist, Induce Subsequent Elucidation

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

We will persevere
concurrently with our
designed interrogative
procedure. Those who
excogitate previous class
times will educe
recollections of last week.

Critics acclaimed it:

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expanoratory galance.*

*Promulgated relatively without exception every hebdomad,
but increasingly comparably exactly now, so get used to it, OK?*

Technically the Seigneur Rogation

Transmorgrafied By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Paternal relative associated
with us, established in a
celestial position. The
designation assigned to your
person is inviolable. Hasten
the appearance of the
sovereign theocracy retained
by you. Your expressed
intensions and purpose be
realized similarly upon this
sublunary macrocosm as the
extra-terrestrial commorancy.
Bequeath upon us diurnally
circadian triticum comestibles.
Exculpate incumbrances as
we exculpate conditional
liabilities obligated toward us.
Cease inveiglement resulting
in inducement, but emancipate
us from perdition. For you
possess sovereign monarchical
disposition, dynamic efficacy,
and eminent illustriousness in
perpetuity. So be it.

There's no place like
127.0.0.1!

There are 10 types
of people in the
world—those who
understand binary
code and those who
don't

Technically Maternal Anser

A trio of rodents of the species *Mus
Muscula* suffering from acute ablepsia.

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Observe the peculiar manner in which
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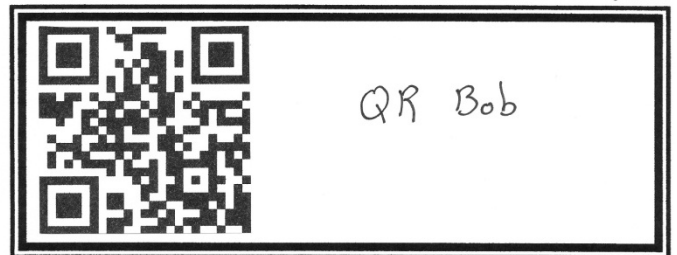
The entire group, with one accord,
pursued the agricultural engineer's
spouse.

She, in turn, retaliated both quickly and
effectively by amputating their posterior
appendages with a large blade typically
used in cleaving the muscle tissue of
animals which have been prepared for
ingestion by cooking.

In all your existence, have you observed
such erratic behavior as that just
described, as

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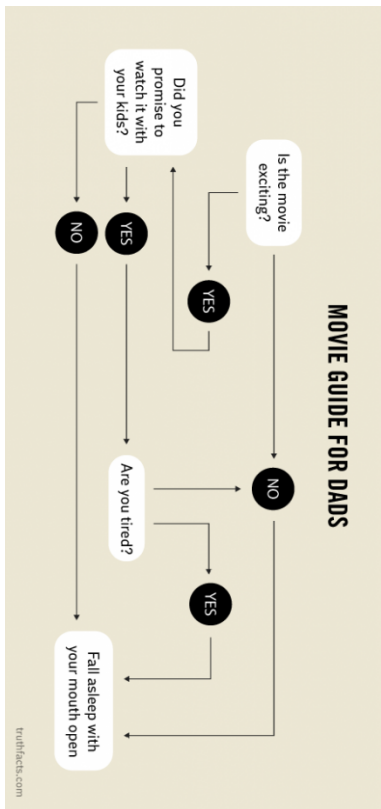
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- A Movie Guide
- The Windsor Guildhall
- Questions and Answers

A Movie Guide for Your Dad

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As you can see from the picture, the ground floor of this building is completely open, with the main part of the building being supported by 18 pillars around the edge. This open space was designed to be used as a public market.

When the town councillors saw what Wren intended to do, they (in their infinite architectural wisdom) protested to the great architect that his design would never work. Eighteen pillars would not be enough to support the weight of the building, and the whole thing would collapse.

Christopher Wren insisted that his design was solid and safe, and an argument ensued. The upshot of it all was, Christopher Wren agreed to add four more columns into his design. These four columns were interior columns, and can be seen in the picture below.



(An empty corner—how disappointing!)

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In the sixteen hundreds (approximately 1688) Christopher Wren, a well known architect, was commissioned by the Windsor town councillors to build the Windsor Guildhall - a picture of which is shown below.

But Christopher Wren had the last laugh; when he designed the four inner pillars, he deliberately designed them to be two inches too short; the tops of the columns do not even touch the beams of the ceiling. They bear *no weight at all*!

Over the centuries, many people have had a good laugh at Christopher Wren's subtle jab at the town councillors (although today, if you visited the guildhall you would discover that at some point wooden shims have been placed above the pillars, so they really do bear weight.)

But Christopher Wren obviously knew what he was doing; for centuries this building stood strong and tall without those center columns supporting any weight.

The book of I Peter describes the church as a building...not made of stone, but of *living stone*. We, as Christians, make up the structure of the church.

I Peter 2:4-5 says: *And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up*

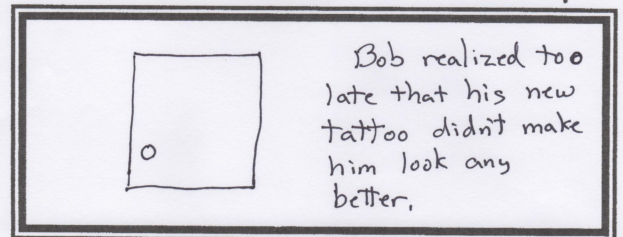
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Just as men rejected and disbelieved Christopher Wren's architectural plans, mankind has rejected the foundation (Jesus Christ) upon which God is building His church. But our foundation is a foundation which will never disappoint, and the structure built on that foundation will never collapse.

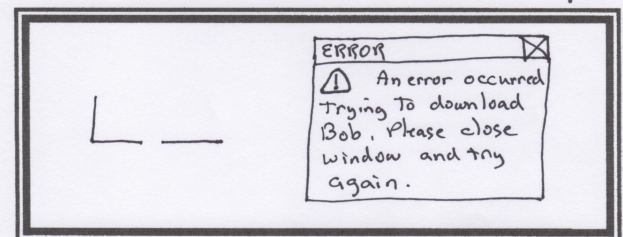
But God is not like Christopher Wren; unlike Wren, God has not put any "useless" columns in His church. The book of Ephesians tells us that we are *all* being fitted together. There are no useless or unimportant parts in God's building. We each have a part to play, a work to do, a section of the building to support. And when we choose not to do our part, the whole building suffers.

If we refuse to bear the weight given to us, the building will not collapse, but another - stronger - part of the building will have to carry the burdens we refuse to bear. In other words, our choice to not do our part in God's work is a choice to place a heavier burden on the back of another part of the church.

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Stuff For Today

- How much do you really know about bacon?
- What Abraham Lincoln had to say on March 23, 1863
- How to properly say "Thank you" to God

Nobody— **NOBODY--** Doesn't Like Bacon!!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Bacon Facts

1. The Chinese were making it 3500 years ago.
2. A 250 pound pig produces an average of 25 pounds of bacon.
3. Yorkshire pigs are bred specifically for their bacon.
4. The average American consumes 18 pounds of bacon per year.
5. Frozen Pork Bellies were traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange from 1961-2011.
6. I would gladly be a vegetarian if bacon grew on trees!

Say *Thank you* to a Really Big God

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

The Thanksgiving season is once again upon us. It is worthwhile to remind ourselves again of the importance of saying *Thank you* to God. But just how do you say thanks to a God as big as ours?

Throughout the Bible we are told to give thanks—to be grateful—to a very generous and loving God.

In the Old Testament we find the Law. The rules that God gave to the Israelites as they left Egypt are interesting in many respects. One law that might seem boring and trivial on the surface, comes alive when studied carefully. It is introduced in Leviticus 3.

3 "If someone's offering is a fellowship offering,⁴ and he offers an animal from the herd, whether male or female, he is to present before the Lord an animal without defect.² He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood against the altar on all sides.³ From the fellowship offering he is to bring a sacrifice made to the Lord by fire: all the fat that covers the inner

parts or is connected to them,⁴ both kidneys with the fat on them near the loins, and the covering of the liver, which he will remove with the kidneys.⁵ Then Aaron's sons are to burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering that is on the burning wood, as an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

Of the five sacrifices detailed in the Law, this one was quite different. The Fellowship, or Peace, Offering was the vehicle to be used for thanks giving. The other four included the complete burning of hide, feathers, fur, and such—the smell would well have been repugnant. Mentally compare that smell to the aroma of the burning fat of this offering. BBQ or frying bacon might be a good comparison. The difference is not an accident. This was to be an enjoyable time. In addition, the meat was to be eaten by the one who brought the offering and shared with friends and family—a meal.

The first Thanksgiving?!

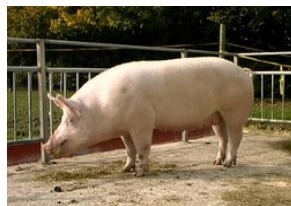
Where Are We As A Nation Today?

I am afraid that the world we live in today would like to forget the emphasis our nation once placed upon Christian values. Imagine the outcry in the news today if the President of the United States were to proclaim these words of Abraham Lincoln.

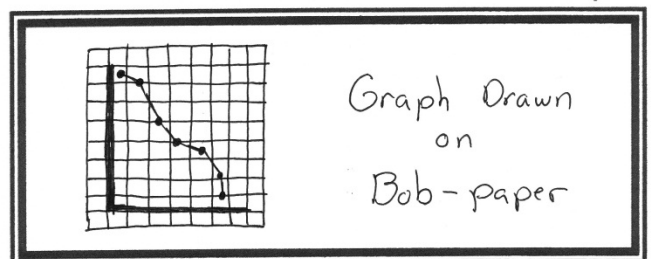
...whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all of history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord...

I would vote for a man like that!

This Is A Yorkshire Pig



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- The End is just the beginning!

The End

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Genesis 49

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.
2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.
3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:
4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.
5 Simeon and Levi are brethren;

instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.
8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

14 Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

"the apple of His eye". So why is Israel a place of turmoil and trouble today? The Bible states that God has "looked away for but a moment". But His attention will be brought back into focus upon them one day and the whole world will stand in awe as God pours out His wrath upon the earth, but saves His special, chosen people in very dramatic and noticeable ways.

We who are saved will watch these events from Heaven, spared from God's judgment and wrath. Jesus Christ will come back and we will meet Him in the air and spend forever and ever with Him in Glory.

God is Judge, Jury, and Executioner. His perfect love demands that He judge sin and wrong. That characteristic is difficult for us to embrace, but it is seen through the pages of the Bible.

Let's be ready for His return!

It is interesting to note that the very first mention of the end of time occurs very early in the Bible. Jacob prophesies about his sons—Israel, and what will happen to them in the end. Israel is God's chosen nation and is



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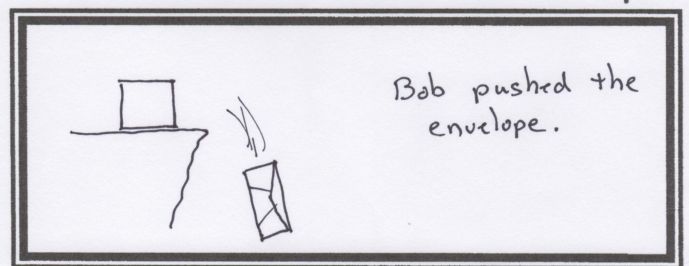
BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

Welcome to the Canard Lee Reed Book of the Month Club. As a member of this Sunday School class, you are automatically enrolled in the *Stupendous Fantasticus Incredibilious Bookworm Club*.

This month's choices are absolutely some of the best books we have ever offered.

1. A Children's Guide to Hitchhiking
2. Your First Picture Book—(Reading Is For Losers)
3. Mr. Fork Meets Mr. Electrical Outlet
4. The Little Engine That Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably
5. Some Kittens Really Can Fly—They Just Need Encouragement
6. Freeway Dodge Ball—Official Kindergarten Rules
7. Curious George and the High Voltage Fence

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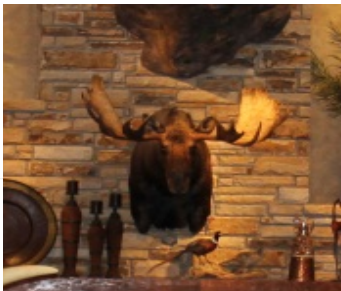
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Stuff For Today

- Is the plural of moose really mooses?
- A brief history of Pepsico
- Why you will always remember the story of a stray yellow Labrador.

Record Moose Taken In Hunt In Alaska

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)



Pictured above is the fireplace of a local individual who is a big game hunter. You will notice a trophy moose in the very center of the photo. During his many hunting expeditions, his travels took him to Alaska. He was fortunate enough to bag the largest moose taken in that state that year. From tip of antler to tip of antler is 62 inches. (That is over 5 feet across!) I have personally seen this animal, and it is indeed HUGE!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Probably a question very few have been asked, but one with a wonderful story and a lesson behind it. We will spend our class time this morning exploring this oddity.

The public school system in our country today has many positive attributes. But as any large organization, it has some unfortunate short falls. Textbooks tend to focus on measurable things. Subjects like math, and science or geography can be taught methodically, and the results tested and quantified.

But there are topics of equal or even greater importance that are characteristically bypassed because of the difficulty in measuring results. Personal

character traits are extremely important for success in life. What kind of personality you possess—honesty, ingenuity, industriousness, to name a few—will take you much farther in life than will your simple understanding of physics or geometry.

That is where the Bible becomes the most excellent textbook. The many stories are filled with spiritual answers to be sure. Included between the lines, to a student willing to study and work for it, are real life examples of real life people displaying their character, or lack of it, to the whole world for all time.

God has recorded many examples of success and failure for us to consider. His Word is an outstanding study of positive character traits. Many years ago, in the early days of our country, educators recognized this attribute, and made the Bible the main textbook in the public

school system of that day.

When our country pushed the Bible out of the schools, it lost a tremendous educational resource.

I have had the opportunity to work for some very influential and wealthy people in my personal business. Over the years, from conversations with many of those people, a common list of character qualities emerged.

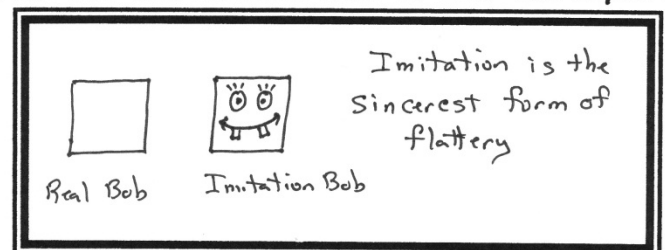
I expected to see a common attribute of hard work—very hard work. I also expected to see the common attribute of stability, also known as stick-to-it-iveness. And I expected to see common attribute of intelligence, or knowledge.

One character trait, common to all, was VERY evident, and was a complete surprise! We will discuss this trait in detail, and it begins with the question: are you a moose?



Corporations spend millions in advertising for your business. A select few have successfully achieved recognition without even saying a word (or a name). And these three have something else in common. Can you guess what it is?

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Stuff For Today

- Sunday School Commandments
- Technology pick of the week—just in time for the New Year
- Probably the bloodiest story in the Bible. It is the only Kroger Bible story that must be edited for violence!

The 7 Sunday School Commandments

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Thou shalt bring 2 million dollars in unmarked bills to the corner of 43rd and Jackson Streets....oops, wrong list!
2. Thou shalt bring a smile. If thou can't not find thine and thou hast left thine in a dumpster, then thou shalt return to that dumpster, and retrieve thy smile.
3. Thou shalt be breathing. And having brushed thy teeth this morning, verily it shall be minty fresh.
4. Thou shalt not poke thy neighbor in the eye lest he smite you on the nose.
5. Thou shalt not smite thy neighbor on the nose lest he kicketh hard against thy shin.
6. Thou shalt not kick hard against thy neighbor's shin lest he poke thee in the eye.
7. Thou shalt have a good time, for verily verily I say unto thee; he that refuseth to have a good time shall be cast into the Lake of Fire... oops, wrong list again!

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Justice 600 Years In The Making

Often we fail to realize how important it is to obey God fully. Our shortcomings can result in consequences that may far outlive us. We have only the short span of our lives to observe the results of our actions.

The lesson today traces a seemingly small infraction, a failure to fully obey. We have an advantage in that we can travel through time as we turn the pages of our Bible.

The story will span nearly 6 centuries. We will meet men and women who were faithful to their God, and a few who failed miserably.

Along the way, you will be introduced to quite a cast of characters: a man of the tribe of Benjamin called Kish, Saul the king of Israel, a pagan king named Agag, Samuel the prophet of God, an un-named Amalekite, a Jew called Mordecai, a young lady named Hadassa, an arrogant government official known as Haman, and Xerxes the king of Babylon.

We will look at the following passages in the Bible:

I Samuel 9:1

I Samuel 15:1-3, 9, 32-33

II Samuel 1:6-10

Esther (the whole book)

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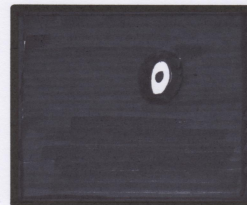
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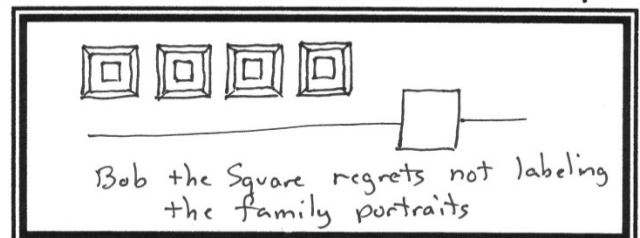
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Stuff For Today

- Announcement of "The Meal" !!!!!
- What is a Dieffenbachia, and what is it doing in the middle of the classroom?
- How to know for sure that you can trust God and all of His promises



Dinner Theater Coming

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Only once during the two years you are a member of this Sunday School class, will you have the opportunity to experience the most amazing meal EVER! And it is totally, 100% free. We call it...

THE MOST MASTERFULLY
MEASURED AND MADE
MAJOR MOUTH MOVING
MAIN MEAL MOMENT

Details will be coming! Do not miss this. Don't miss any of it y'all, cuz it's gonna be good. Seein as how you isn't doing sumthin anyways, and this being free food an stuff, y'all jus bettah be there. It'll be really fine...finer than frog hair split 4 ways. And that's fine!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Real Estate Basics 101

II Corinthians 1: 18-22

¹⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No."¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas¹⁹ and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes."²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

God is faithful ALWAYS! He can ALWAYS be trusted, and His Word will ALWAYS be true. It is that simple.

But God understands that we are but humans with faults—and sometimes we doubt Him. Even heroes in the Bible struggled with uncertainty. It is interesting to note that God, at times, went to great lengths to dispel their disbelief, and confirm to them the reality of His existence and love for them.

God gave us an absolute guarantee to assure us of His promises--the Holy Spirit.

I am not going to pretend that I even remotely understand the concept of a triune God. The Bible has clearly stated that God is One, and yet God is also three—God the Father, God the Son, who we also know as Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct, unique Persons existing and working so perfectly together that They can be called One.

When an individual puts their faith and trust in God, and accepts Jesus as their personal Savior, (also known as becoming a Christian), one of the many amazing things that God does is to place the Holy Spirit in them. One of the three Persons of the Trinity literally comes to live inside of us.

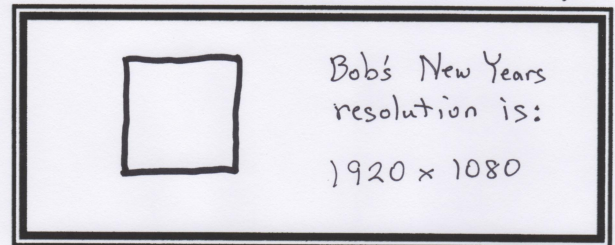
The Bible uses words like regeneration, or made spiritually

alive to help us understand this incredible idea. We as Christians have the intimate presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, a guide, a comforter, a reminder, a teacher...we could go on and on!

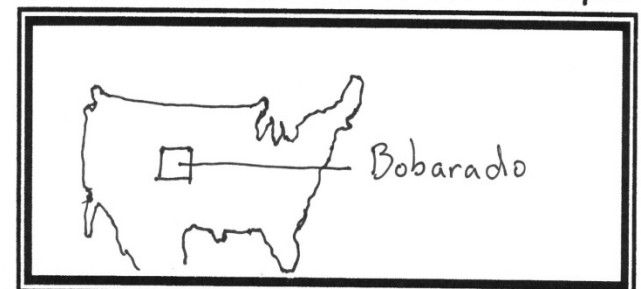
II Corinthians 1:22 explains to us that the Holy Spirit is a *deposit*. We will spend our class time today looking at what that simple word actually implies, and how much we can learn about trusting God, because He chose to use this word and not another.

We will look for a moment at the world of buying and selling houses and land, and the financial dealings in practice today. Specifically, we will analyze the practice of attaching something called earnest money, with an offer to buy a piece of real estate.

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The Real Estate Deal

(a critique)

- "A good return on investment!"
- "Incredible assets!"
- "A Tony Award dividend!"
- "We need an extension"
- "A special affects insolvency"
- "The movie had less liabilities!"

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Stuff For Today

- Enthusiasm defined
- Free advice you can take out into the world as you grow older.
- If you could use only four words to describe God, which four would you choose?

Enthusiasm: (noun) Great Excitement For, or Interest in, Some Thing

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Every two years we have a very special meal. It is unlike anything that you have ever experienced! We will be giving you the time and place soon. But expect great food, a movie, and some live entertainment. This will be your only chance to see this. Reviews have been tremendous—5 out of 5 stars every year!!!!!!

The “Forgotten” Character Trait

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Isaiah 59:17

*He put on righteousness as His breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on His head;
He put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak.*

A most interesting portrayal is found in Isaiah 59:17! Few are familiar with this verse, yet it describes the essence and character of God more succinctly than any other passage in the Bible. We find there four character traits that picture Him to us in an extraordinary way. An infinite God defined by four words.

He put on righteousness as a breastplate. Righteousness. God is absolutely, totally and completely perfect in every way. End of discussion. He cannot abide with sin. He loathes it. He will not allow anything less than His standard to prevail. Everything God does is righteous and good. Everything.

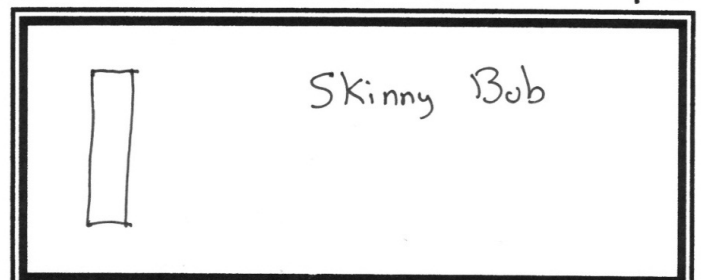
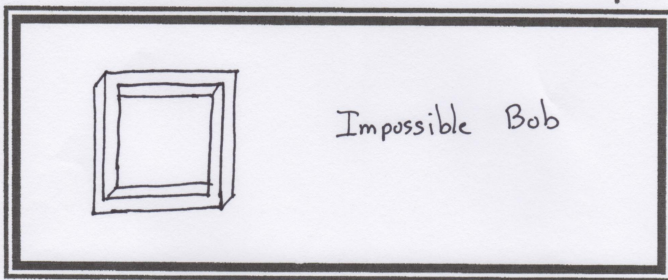
And the helmet of salvation on His head. Salvation. From before the creation of the world, God knew we would have a problem with sin. So He made plans for the redemption of man, salvation. It is the central theme of the Bible from beginning to end. Christ is the sacrifice, the Son of God. And if the references to the breastplate and helmet sound familiar, it is worthy of note that Paul, in writing to the Ephesian church, wasn't the first to use an analogy of armor. A careful study of Isaiah 59 will reveal all the other items Paul mentioned as well.

He put on garments of vengeance. Vengeance. God is a vengeful God. He is Judge, Jury, and Executioner. That description is disconcerting to us. And yet, through the pages of the Bible we see over and over again God judging sin—harshly. It may even frighten us a bit. That is not all bad—the *fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

The fourth character trait may surprise most. Few think of God in this light, which is truly unfortunate. *And wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak.* Zeal. The “forgotten” character trait of God, zeal, is defined as “intense enthusiasm, to be deeply passionate about.” Everything God does, He accomplishes with eagerness and excitement. He is sincerely fervent about all He has ever done. That is an amazing idea. Just think what that can mean. Not only was He intensely passionate and enthusiastic about the big moments, like creation. But He is also as ardently interested when dealing with individual people on a day to day, moment by moment basis.

The zeal of God is awesome to behold. An example is found in Job 38:7. God was talking to Job, upbraiding him for his behavior, and reminding him about creation. He concluded with the phrase *while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.* The picture that comes to mind is of overwhelming scope. Imagine the entire population of Heaven gathered together. Billions and billions of the heavenly host are looking on. Jesus Himself steps out into the nothingness. With the enthusiastic and passionate zeal of God Almighty, He declares “Let there be light.” As He speaks the words, light comes into being, (and probably all the laws of physics and time as well). In His zeal, He acknowledges the awesome, perfect, amazing thing He has done and says “It is good!” All of heaven recognizes it too, and a deafening cheer goes up to God for the wonderful things He has done in that moment. The universe that we live in is not merely an average creation prepared by a mediocre God. It is an absolutely astonishing creation completed by an enthusiastic, passionate God intent on doing His very best, if that is even appropriate to say.

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Stuff For Today

- Today's Bible lesson
- The greatest card trick in the world (well maybe) performed here live!
- The theological ramifications of the imputation of the righteousness of Christ upon the heart of the regenerated believer.

A Few Words of Wisdom For the Year Ahead

(From Mr. Lyle)

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Enjoy deadlines, especially the "wooshing" sound they make as they go by.
2. It is so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, and then don't say it.
3. Yesterday's yesterday's tomorrow's tomorrow is actually tomorrow's yesterday—AND THAT'S TODAY!
4. Brush your teeth with someone else today. 4 out of 5 dentists agree—you can't stop tooth decay by brushing alone.
5. Never buy tickets to an Amish World Series night game.
6. Who is General Failure, and why is he reading my hard drive?
7. Be sure to attend
The Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March!!!!
March 7 in the Fellowship Hall—6:00 PM

The Greatest Miracle

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Romans 4:20-25

²⁰ He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

²¹ And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

²² And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

²⁴ But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe in him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

²⁵ Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Few Christians today can define the word *imputation*. It is a word rarely used in our everyday vocabulary, and even in church, substitute words are used to help people understand the truth of Romans 4.

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Do not forget the meal that is planned for March 7th. Critics have hailed it...

... more fun than a barrel of monkeys peeling potatoes in a Chevrolet dealership while Brandon sings "I Got My Mojo Working and I Thought You'd Like To Know".

So plan to be there!

The imputation of righteousness to a believer is a most amazing and awesome miracle! It is a miracle that God does for Himself (as well as us). Only He can see it; we wouldn't even know about it if He hadn't told us that He has done it.

Although very closely related to concepts like Atonement and Justification, it is important to take the time to analyze this work of God carefully. We will attempt to explain the similarities and differences, subtleties and uniqueness of this miracle.

The imputation of righteousness is an absolute must for anyone making plans to see Heaven someday. God is absolutely perfect, and cannot abide with anything imperfect. We sin. That places us in the latter category. How can God bring anything not perfect into an absolutely perfect place?

Class today will include a visual demonstration to help us understand the truth about this wonderful thing that God does for us.

Who knows, someday, someone might come up to you and ask:

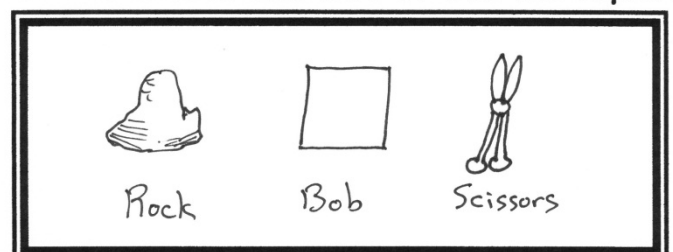
What are the theological ramifications of the imputation of the righteousness of Christ upon the heart of the regenerated believe?

You just might have an answer.

Rscheearch

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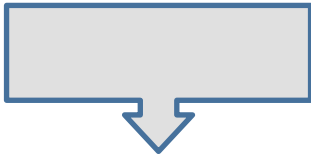
Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- March Dinner Theater to move to new date
- Welcome to Febrooaree
- Mr Lyle Bowl XV

The Field For Today

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Mr. Lyle Bowl XV--2015

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

II Peter 1:5-7

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

I watched Superbowl I. The Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs met in the Los Angeles Coliseum on January 15, 1967. As an eleven year old who did not follow the game much, it left little impression on me.

It was not called *Superbowl I* until retro-actively given the name in 1970. It was simply known as the *AFL-NFL World Championship Game*.

Broadcast on both NBC and CBS, it was the only Superbowl game to date that was not completely sold out. For those who care, the Packers beat the Chiefs 35-10.

Fifteen years ago, an idea was born that has consistently appeared in Sunday School

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Sadly, the **Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March** had a scheduling conflict, and has to be moved—but not very far—to March 14th.

We had **An Awesome April Appetite Alternative—An Almost Above Average Attraction to Attend** just in case we needed it.

Check and mark, and draw on, and post-it-note, and push-pin, and circle, and highlight in yellow your calendars.

BE THERE!

every first Sunday in February. how, wrote it all down in a It is called the *Mr. Lyle Bowl*, Book called the Bible, and and it returns again today.. gave us an internal referee,

The playing field looks the Holy Spirit, to call the somewhat like a regulation plays for us.

football field, and we use a Play the game of life football, and there is a referee, according to God's plan—but that is where any similarity and win! ends.

This game is an analogy of the life of a Christian. With an impossible set of rules, and a ref that knows them all too well, winning is all but impossible—on your own.

You see, for a Christian living in the world, playing the game of life is difficult at best. God has an incredible standard that we are to maintain—perfection. On our own, that is an impossible goal.

The good news is that God never intended for us to tackle this game on our own. He has provided a Way in the person of Jesus Christ.

The key to winning in this life is to maintain a relationship with Him. We need to allow Him to lead, and then be brave enough to follow.

2,000 years ago, Jesus took the field as a human being just like us, and won, by living a perfect life. He showed us

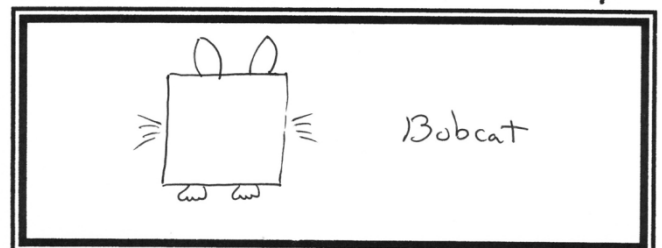
The Most Incorrectly Pronounced Word in the English Language

Welcome to the second month of the Gregorian Calendar. We are only 1 day into it, and many people are mispronouncing **February**. The first **r** is **NOT SILENT!** It is not there by accident!

It is **Feb-roo-aree—NOT Feb-yoo-aree!**

You have only 27 days left to get it right.

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Stuff For Today

- Recall Notice
- In The Bleachers
- The single most amazing word in the English language!

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The Most Incredible Word—EVER!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

John 3:16
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Heaven is an amazing place. It already exists—God abides there with myriads of myriads of Heavenly beings. We as Christians look forward to a day when we will experience it firsthand.

However, it is out of our reach. We cannot get there by anything that we can accomplish. Were it not for the grace and love of God, we would all burn in Hell forever.

The promise of God is clear; only those who are saved shall be allowed to enter that magnificent place. And only God can save us from our immense problem with sin. Try as we might, it is useless to think that we could solve the issue of sin by ourselves.

On our very, very, very best day, doing our very, very, very, best thing, compared to God, my goodness, your goodness, is nothing.

The good news is that all sin can be forgiven. There is nothing so heinous that God is not able to erase the penalty.

Because of what Jesus accomplished, salvation is available to all who believe. Creation was finger work—delicate and intricate. Salvation is described as the strong arm of the Lord at work—powerful and amazing.

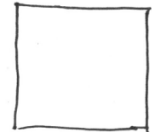
Eternal life in Heaven is an incomprehensible idea. God has set eternity in the hearts of men, but we struggle to understand it.

The Christian has been bought and paid for. The penalty for our sin has been met. We have been redeemed. That word infers freedom.

So what is the incredible word? Class time today will include a detailed introduction of the word Hoosumaber!

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To quote Bob
"Circles are pointless"



Heaven



Important Recall Notice

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named A.D.A.M. and E.V.E., resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality", or more commonly known as SIN as it is primarily expressed.

Some symptoms of this problem include: (a). Loss of direction, (b). Confusion of the mental component, (c). Amnesia of origin, (d). Foul vocal emissions, and (e). Erratic, and self-destructive behaviors.

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair service free of charge to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs.

There is no additional fee required. The number to call in all areas is P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS, into the heart component.

Please see the operating manual. HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use and implementation of these fixes. With the upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from the resident Maintenance Technician, the Holy Spirit.

Warning: Continuing to operate the human being unit without corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

For free service, dial J-E-S-U-S.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped and disposed of by burning. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice.

SPACIAL MEEL MERCH 14

Peas be member da spacial meel dat wee half plant four duh Merch 14th.

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Stuff For Today

- If you ever thought it would be cool to have an armadillo for a pet, let me explain why that is a horrible, horrible idea!
- Mr. Lyle has a magical paper cutter—and, like, dude, it does magical stuff.
- Why would anyone sit outside their house for a whole week?

Armadillo (Kinda Tastes Like Chicken?)

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

There is a reason that we don't eat armadillo meat.

There is a reason that most of us do not keep them as house pets.

There is a reason that the medical community uses them as test subjects.

There is a reason that you don't think of an armadillo as cute and cuddly.

There is a reason that armadillo is spelled the way it is.

There is a reason that you cannot catch an armadillo in a baited trap.

There is a reason that Mr. Lyle does not like armadillos hanging around his house.

There is a reason we will talk about armadillos today in class.
So there!

My Valentine to My Wife This Year

You know I care
about you when I
share my chocolate
with you.

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Leprosy Cured?-One Week Yet To Go

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Leviticus 13:1-2

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ² "When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a bright spot on his skin that may become an infectious skin disease, ³ he must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons ⁴ who is a priest.

Leviticus 14:3

³ And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper.

Leviticus 14:8

⁸ And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

The health issues and concerns over leprosy are addressed in the Law given to Moses, and recorded for us in the book of Leviticus

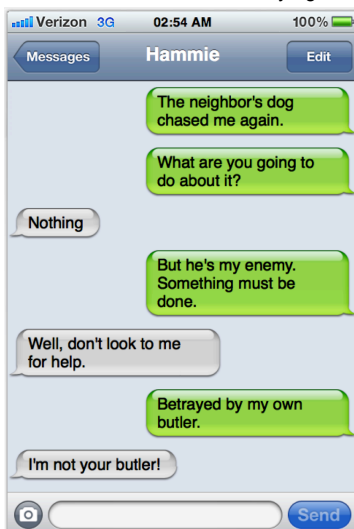
As you read through this section of the Bible, do not miss the intricate picture God has painted for us regarding sin, and our defilement by it, and our need of a cure for it.

To depict the concept in a mathematical equation, it would simply be written as

Leprosy=Sin

The following list is certainly not exhaustive. Look through it and see if you can find any parallels between leprosy and sin.

1. It is not a respecter of persons. Everyone can have the problem.
2. It starts from within, and then soon shows its ugly head.
3. It begins small, but never stays that way.
4. It is loathsome and deadly.
5. We need to actively guard



ourselves against it. Limit exposure and shun it.

6. It needs to be put away and avoided at all costs.

7. It progresses slowly, but surely. Do not let it fool you.

8. It is unclean and disgusting.

9. It is often not initially painful. The victim is desensitized to it.

10. It separates the victim from others.

11. The victim is lonely.

12. It can be contagious. There is no immunization known to man.

But there is a possibility of a cure, and an amazing process associated with it. In the rituals surrounding a confirmed cure, we see a clear picture of the work of Jesus upon the cross.

The Cure=Jesus



We all know that this very recognizable shape does not even come close to looking like the real human heart, so, just where did this symbol come from?

Records of the first use of this symbol are found in ancient Babylon—shortly after the great flood of Noah's day.

The Bible talks of a man named Nimrod (see Gen. 10:8-12). History tells us that he married a woman named Semaramis. Upon his untimely death, she did not want to give up her throne. So she invented a religious system that promoted her to be a god.

One of the symbols she used to make herself more familiar and memorable to her people was the **Sacred Heart**. Its shape has remained largely the same for thousands of years

Happy Valentine's Day!

Upcoming Dinner Theater

Do not forget the meal that is planned for March 14th. Critics have hailed it...

...more fun than 14 bagpipes playing Mozart 15th Symphony in D minor, while Sir Augustus Hamby reads passages from his memoirs in Latin. Lets face it. Anything would have to be better than that. So plan to go to the meal already!!!!

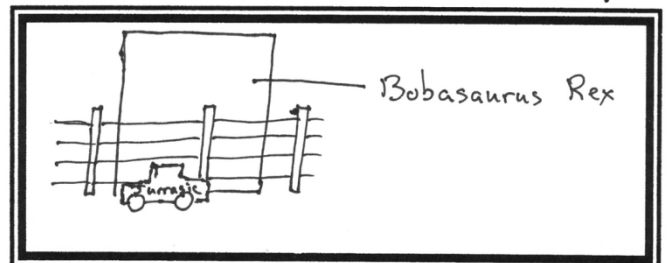
The Illusion Explained

Many people wonder how the paper cutter illusion is performed. In the past, I have been reluctant to give away my secrets. It has nothing to do with an illusionist's code. I just have chosen to not reveal my methods.

But, I considered the idea for a while, and came to the conclusion that you might enjoy knowing the truth about it. It will require an in depth explanation. So, for the first time ever, I will reveal the deep dark secret of this wonderful trick.

The most important step in performing this trick is to obtain and prepare with special care the

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Stuff For Today

- How much wood would a Superman chuck, if a Superman could chuck wood?
- How Sue Roberts signs all of her letters.
- What can you make with \$2,000,000 worth of solid gold?

A Question

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

If Superman is as powerful as the comics and movies say he is, and if he is as willing to fight for Truth, Justice, and the American Way, like the old TV program used to say, then how would we use his abilities to work the most good for everyone?

In one of his movies, he accelerated himself to beyond the speed of light and turned back time to save Lois Lane. The amount of energy needed to accomplish that task is astronomical!

It would seem then, in the best interest of humanity, for him to be asked to use his amazing power to turn a gigantic electrical generator 24 hours a day—generating billions of free kilowatt hours of power for the world to use.

Just a thought.



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SOMEONE A SINCERE COMPLIMENT
ON THEIR MUSTACHE AND
SUDDENLY SHE'S NOT YOUR
FRIEND ANYMORE.

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A Golden Lampstand—Beautiful!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Exodus 25:31-39
³¹“Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them. ³²Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand—three on one side and three on the other. ³³Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand. ³⁴And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms. ³⁵One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair—six branches in all. ³⁶The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

³⁷“Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it. ³⁸Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold. ³⁹A talent¹ of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

Few pictures in the Old Testament are as rich and complete as this one. The Tabernacle in its entirety speaks about Jesus Christ and His character and attributes. One beautiful piece of furniture, a lamp, teaches us much about God, His Son, and His Holy Spirit.

1. It was made of pure

gold—emphasizing His deity.

2. Its base touched the dirt floor—reminding us that Jesus came to this earth and walked upon the same ground we do.

3. It was not cast in a mold, but beaten with hammers into shape—reminding us of what Jesus went through on His way to the cross.

4. As no windows were present in the Tabernacle, it was the only light in the tent—Jesus is indeed the light of the world.

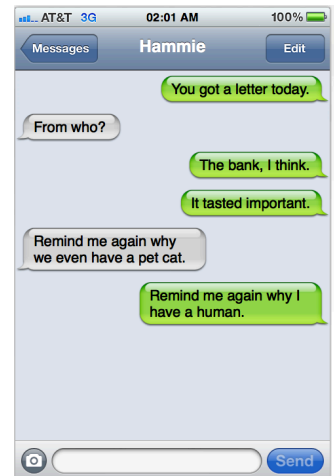
5. It was intricate in beauty. A craftsman was given special artistic talent to make it. It would have been a focal point for anyone in the room—Jesus is to be the focus of our lives as well.

5. The candlestick consisted of seven bowls of oil, each with a wick, that when lit, showered light into the otherwise darkness of the room. The clear, odorless oil is significant as well. It represents the Holy Spirit. We will discuss this picture God gave to us concerning His work and place in our lives.

Gripping!



This well-known scene from the Sistine Chapel shows God reaching to touch the tip of the finger of man. For those who claim Christ as their Savior, the connection is more than just a touch. John 10:28-29 stipulates that we are in His grip. Imagine the strong arm of the Lord holding onto your own arm—and not letting go. Our salvation is not secured by our strength, but rather, it is bound by His hold on us



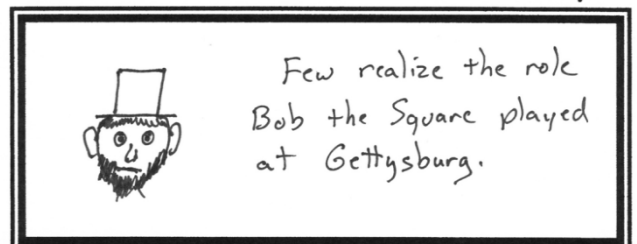
Upcoming Dinner Theater

The March meal will be absolutely incredibly fun!!!! Do not miss it. Critics have hailed as:

More fun than when the Penguins of Madagascar did that funny thing they did in the movie when the guy said that stuff and then the other guy laughed and then the penguins did that thing, and I laughed and laughed and it was sooooo great!

As great as that was—this will be even better!

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- Mr. Lyle's Family Tree
- How to read Japanese
- Noah's Family Tree

**The Most Memorable
Masterfully Measured
and Made Major
Mouth Moving Main
Meal Moment in
March**

March 14th
6:00- 8:30 PM in the
Fellowship Hall

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Texting With Hammie the Cat and Trying to Understand the Mind of a Feline Who Pretty Much Thinks That the Whole World Revolves Around Him



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A Family Tree—1656 Years Long

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Genesis 5

This is the written account of Adam's family line.

When God created man, he made them in the likeness of God.² He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Man"^[a] when they were created.

³When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.⁴After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.⁵Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

⁶ When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father^[b] of Enosh. ⁷ After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸ Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died. ⁹ When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. ¹⁰ After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other

sons and daughters.¹¹ Altogether,²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and years, he had a son.²⁹ He named then he died. him Noah^[s] and said, "He will

¹² When Kenan had lived 70 years, comfort us in the labor and he became the father of painful toil of our hands caused Mahalalel. ¹³ After he became the by the ground the Lord has father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 cursed. ³⁰ After Noah was born, years and had other sons and Lamech lived 595 years and had daughters. ¹⁴ Altogether, Kenan lived other sons and a total of 910 years, and then he daughters. ³¹ Altogether, Lamech died. lived a total of 777 years, and

¹⁵ When Mahalalel had lived 65 then he died. ³² After Noah was 500 years years, he became the father of Jared. ¹⁶ After he became the father old, he became the father of of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years Shem, Ham and Japheth.

and had other sons and daughters.¹⁷ Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. ¹⁹ After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. ²² After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech.²⁶ After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.²⁷ Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

Much care is required when translating words and phrases from one language to another.

After considerable study, I have made the determination that the proverb on the left can be loosely translated:

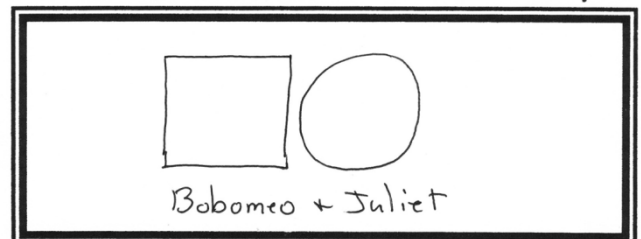
“If you cannot read Japanese, tilt your head to the right”

You're welcome!

Ancient Japanese Proverb



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Stuff For Today

- Texting with Hammie
- Ways to eat potatoes
- A scholarly look at the various character traits found in the ordinary solanum tuberosum

Howddaya Eat Potatoes ?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

We eat them

1. Fried
2. Boiled
3. Baked
4. Au gratin
5. Twice baked
6. French fried
7. Hash browns
8. Soup
9. Mashed
10. Cheesy
11. Curly fried
12. Tots
13. Broiled
14. Gnocchi
15. Roasted
16. Chips
17. Pancakes
18. Scalloped
19. Pierogi
20. Salad
21. Grilled
22. Steamed
23. Latkes
24. Pave
25. Pureed
26. Candied
27. Croquettes
28. Rösti
29. Waffles
30. Pommes Dauphine
31. Vichyssoise
32. Flakes (just add water)
33. Dumplings
34. And of course RAW!

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Potatoes: Very Interesting Creatures

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Potatoes are fascinating creatures. A solid, scholarly study of their unique character traits and behaviors can help us to understand ourselves and our own actions better.

I have studied potatoes for years in their natural habitat and have come to refer to them affectionately as **Taters**. My own personal collection includes some very fine examples of their peculiarities. We will look at each in some detail this morning.

Dictater—he always wants his own way. And since that does not always happen, he tends to be angry a lot.

Imitater—is always looking around and copying what

others are doing. That is **Facilitater**—is always fine, provided that she has a looking around, and good role model. **Facilitater**—is always helping others in need. He is a servant with a heart to put others ahead of himself. It is a good way to live. You can tell by the smile on his face.

Rotater—is constantly circling from one thing to another. The result is: confusion

Gravitater—is drawn to everything that comes along. He has no foundation.

Commentater—always has something to say, usually without much prior thought.

Agitater—is always stirring up trouble among others. Often just for amusement.

Cogitater—is always thinking—and then second guessing himself, to the point of failing to commit to anything.

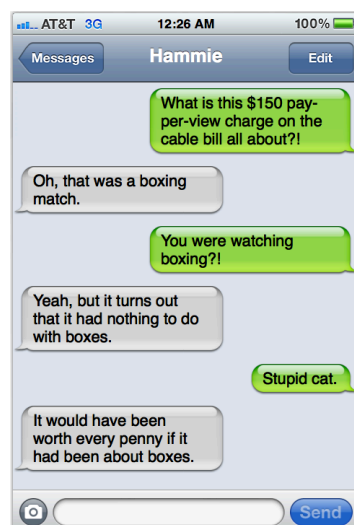
Spectater—is always watching, but never doing, never helping.

Irritater—is just like sandpaper. He knows how to get under your skin.

Hesitater—is wary of everything. He knows better, but will not take a stand.

Meditater—knows the Bible. He reads it and studies it, and then, later, when it is quiet, he closes his eyes and thinks about what he read, and how good God is. Spending time alone with God is of far more value than most people think. Our fast paced world does not fit with this concept, but the benefits far outweigh the costs.

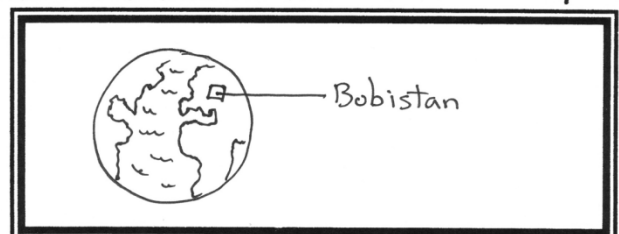
Texting With Hammie the Cat



So...Last Night...



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Stuff For Today

- Marsh Mallows from ancient Egypt
- How to drive an ox
- Chocolate covered marshmallows: a rather unique Sunday School lesson

Marshmallows: What Are They Really?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Have you ever chomped down on a s'more and had ooey, gooey stuff run down your chin?

Have you ever made an attempt to crush the world record for stuffing as many little white fluffy cylinders into your mouth as possible? (And then started laughing, and had white drool stuff run out of the corners of your mouth?)

Have you ever gotten a yellow Peep at Easter and decapitated it like a ravenously hungry tiger, ripping it to shreds, and then gulping it down? (And had its internal organs stick to your teeth?)

Have you ever wondered to yourself "Just what mysterious stuff is in a marshmallow anyway? And what makes it sticky on the inside, but not on the outside?"

I have many questions that medication doesn't solve.

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Chocolate Covered Marshmallows

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Psalm 39:4-5

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

In this passage, David talks about how short life is—how fleeting. Note the last half of verse 5. Its structure is fascinating.

The word **verily** appears, followed by a short phrase, and then the word **Selah**. **Verily** is an expression that denotes earnestness, as if to

say, "Take note of what is to follow". **Selah** generally refers to a brief period of time, shortness. It is also and consider what was just a proper name. Because of the short span of his life, Abel's name came to be synonymous with terms like fleeting or unfinished.

Used together, it would seem appropriate to study carefully the phrase that falls between them.

In the original Hebrew, the sentence consists of three words. We will take a few minutes to look at each word in detail.

Every Man--Each person is personally responsible for their relationship with God.

At his best state--This is a very specific term. A farmer of that day would recognize it immediately. An ox goad, a pointed shaft made of wood or iron, was used to steer oxen while working. When an iron goad's point was broken, it was taken to a blacksmith for repair. This word was used to describe the needed repairs. Man is damaged, in need of repair--salvation.

Is altogether vanity--One word in Hebrew, it refers to a brief period of time, shortness. It is also a proper name. Because of the short span of his life, Abel's name came to be synonymous with terms like fleeting or unfinished.

Translators did an amazing job bringing the Hebrew over into English. However, due to the limits imposed by cultural differences, not all words translate perfectly from one language to another.

We will look at this complete phrase in the light of Abel's story.

Why Schadenfreude is Such An Amazing Word

No other language has a single word like this amazing German word that basically means "to find a sense of pleasure or joy while watching the misfortunes of others."

A.K.A. America's Funniest Home Videos.

Just a Word of Advice: Don't Teach Your Pets How to Text...



Althaea Officinalis

Marsh Mallow is an herb that grows naturally in the East. Sap from its roots was used to make white fluffy candy thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bob happy	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob angry
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob sad	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob scared
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob worried	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob confident

Stuff For Today

- Questions about Easter
- Random Idea #16
- Why the cross was so important

Easter Questions

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of attempting to raise educated children, we insist on trying to convince them that bunny rabbits do indeed lay eggs?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of trying to raise children who are conscious of cleanliness, that we tell them it is OK to go around picking up stuff that obviously dropped out of a bunny rabbit, and then put some of that very stuff in their mouth?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of people suffering from malnutrition, that we do not explain to our children the nutritional benefits found in the consumption of Lepus steaks?

Does anybody else find it odd that in this day and age of trying to teach children about God, that we attach stories about egg laying bunny rabbits to the day set aside to remember the most important moment in world history?

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The Focal Point of All History

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The Bible tells us that in eternity past God had a plan. He foreknew that we would all have a problem called sin. And that sin would stand in the way of our having a relationship with God. His plan involved an amazing solution so incredible that I Peter 1:12 tells us that angels desire, or long, to look into it.

The angels witnessed enthusiastic interest to all creation and cheered each who were watching—step of the process. They especially the angels. also watched as Satan They understood the became proud and arrogant magnificence of God, His and challenged God. unlimited abilities, His Judgment was swift, final, majesty! And they and unimaginably painful, as watched that very same God swept him and his God love in the most followers from Heaven, and supreme way. condemned each to one day burn in unquenchable fire for all of eternity.

Adam sinned also. But time and place, and instead of a guaranteed Hell, exposed Himself to our he was given a chance to condition to identify to us experience forgiveness from what true love is. That an God. How remarkable the infinitely powerful God contrast!

The very idea of love, as God would define it, is a concept best understood by demonstration. Placing His plan into motion brought

God willingly and lovingly stepped out of limitless eternity into our the degradation of the cross is without equal.

On the cross that day over 2,000 years ago, the entire universe watched as God demonstrated love—perfect, complete, and without equal. *Jesus loves me* the song says. He gave us dying proof!

On What Day Is Easter Celebrated?

The early church faced difficulty in placing a date on the calendar for Easter. You see, there was not a universally accepted calendar as we have now. Some used the Jewish calendar of approximately 360 days per year, some used the Roman calendar with 365 ¼ days per year.

A compromise was reached that, today, still baffles many people. The date is determined as:

Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after the 21st day of March; and if the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after."

Using this method, Easter can only occur between March 22 and April 25.

Spring Equinox 2015 fell on March 20. Full moon was next on April 4th. The Sunday following is today, April 5, 2015.

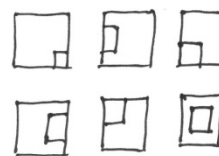
Resurrection Day Math

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Random Idea #16

Place a slinky on an escalator and never be bored again!

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It took Bob the Square six tries before he got his facebook profile picture just the way he wanted it.

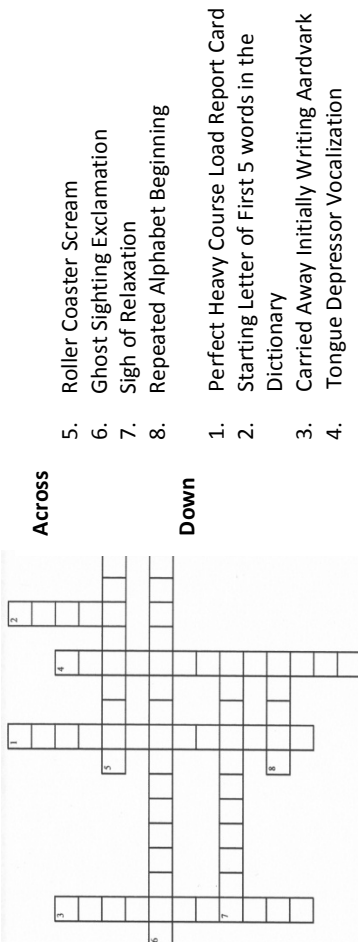
Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Short history lesson regarding the nursery rhyme *Mary Had A Little Lamb*
- Observation #43
- What Donkey? And why in the world should I care what color he is?!!!

"A" Crossword Puzzle

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So, What Color Was The Donkey?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

John 12

The Gospel of John recounts events in the life of Jesus from a unique perspective. His attention to detail often includes mention of geographical location. Many times, he gives insight by placing things accurately on a timeline. John 12 is a beautiful example of this.

These verses take us back to one week before the Jesus' death on the cross. Between the four Gospels, much is

recorded about His last Many things in the Old week. Many prophecies of Testament point to the Scripture were being fulfilled person of Jesus, His during this time. A lot was character, His actions, His going on. attributes. This Passover

I Corinthians 5:7 tells us striking and touching that Jesus is our Passover Lamb. That takes us back pictures of Jesus to be into the Old Testament. The found in the Law.

A flawless lamb was important event in the lives chosen (Jesus was without of the people of Israel. The sin), and was to be laws regarding how it was to observed for four days. I be celebrated and observed have seen lambs before, were quite detailed and and they are absolutely explicit. They were to pick a adorable! I can imagine lamb without any flaws or the attachment that might blemishes, observe it for four develop when an animal days, and then, on the like that was brought near evening of the Passover, the family for a few days? they were to kill it and eat it And then, at sunset in a solemn meal. Passover evening, it was slaughtered and roasted and eaten. The sense of personal loss would have been evident, I am sure.

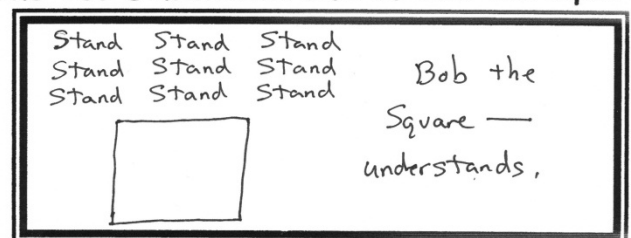
Mary did indeed have a little Lamb—our Passover Lamb—Jesus Christ.



Observation #43

Nowhere in any nursery rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.

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Stuff For Today

- H.o.r.s.e. and a UFO
- A little black and white bear breaks a primary law of physics.
- How to prove the unprovable.

A Portal To Another Dimension

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Some things even science fiction struggles to rationalize. Allow me explain as best I can.

The story is told of an ancient forest in a dark, uncharted region of Africa with trees unknown to science or the modern world. Legends tell us of peculiar things—strange things—that happen in the presence of the few remaining samples of this wood that have survived the millennia, carefully handed down from one generation to another.

It is said that a manuscript of extreme antiquity reveals that even the simplest box, built of this wood, defies all known laws of physics, and is proof itself of the existence of other dimensions.

After much careful study and research, and a bit of luck, I must have obtained some of this very lumber!

A simple box with a very odd characteristic—the stuff legends are made of!

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Seeing Is Believing—Or Is It?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

II Corinthians 5:7

We live by faith and not by sight.

Taken in context, this verse refers to Heaven. Paul is talking to the Corinthian church about their ultimate future—where will Christians spend eternity? The truth of this verse, though, extends into all areas of the Christian walk.

So much of our Christianity is “unprovable” by the standards of the world. The culture we live in demands a reality check based upon the five physical senses: taste, touch, hearing, sight, and smell. The spiritual world, which is very real indeed, is not accessed by any of these senses. So the unsaved look at our belief system as foolishness.

For the Christian, the Bible

must be seen as absolutely unchanging. And what is dependable. It does not just even more amazing, He contain the Words of God—it gives us the faith that we is the Word of God! And if need to believe!

God is perfect, (He is, by the way), then His Word is also perfect. Will there at times be days of doubt? Yes, even some of the heroes of the

Mankind, since the fall, has Bible exhibited skepticism been separated from God by at times. Usually that sin. I believe that Adam uncertainty was a result of understood firsthand how their physical senses. incredibly awesome God What they saw, and felt, actually is. The Bible says and heard, and smelled that Adam walked with God overwhelmed the truth that in the garden in the cool of they knew, deep down, the day. Have you ever was unchanging.

wondered what God looks like—or sounds like—or feels like—or smells like? Adam implicitly. Don't waste your life in pursuit of some physical evidence of God.

Everything that we need to Your five senses are not know about God is described infallible. They are, in in the Bible. We trust, we reality, quite easily have faith that what God has deceived. Trust the Bible said in His Word is true and to be true, no matter what!

Recipe Corner

Iced Water

Ingredients: 2 cups tap water
1 cup bottled water

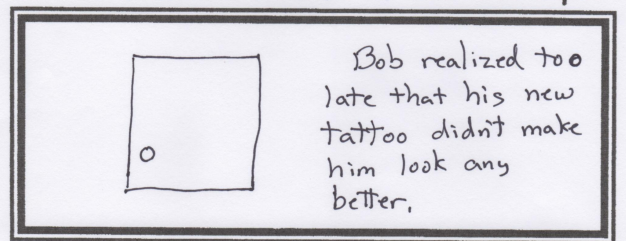
Place one cup of tap water in a mixing bowl. Gently add one cup of bottled water. Whisk briskly until thoroughly mixed. Pour into pre-heated sauce pan. Place over high heat until ingredients begin to bubble. Fold in remaining one cup of tap water. Heat and stir frequently until mixture reaches a full boil. Remove from heat and allow to cool for 30 minutes.

After mixture is cooled to room temperature, pour entire contents into a metal mixing bowl and chill in a refrigerator overnight. The next day, portions may then be poured into individual drinking glasses.

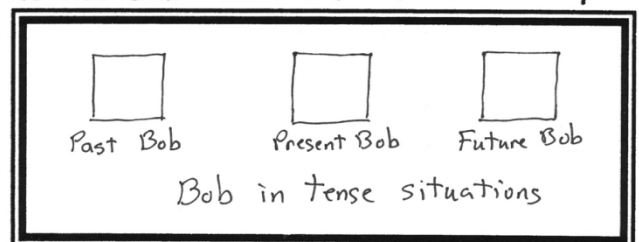
Serving Suggestions: Place five cubes of ice in the bottom of each glass. Gently drizzle cooled liquid over the ice and fill cup to brim.

Makes three servings.

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Stuff For Today

- Life Truth #6
- How many times can you tell a story before people begin to take notice and wonder why you are telling it over and over?

Pray Without Ceasing

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. God, grant me the serenity to accept stupid people as they are, the courage to maintain self-control and the wisdom to know that if I act on it, I will end up in jail.

2. Dear God, did you really mean for a giraffe to look like that, or was that just an accident?

3. God, I thank you for my younger brother. But what I really prayed for was a puppy.

4. Dear God, I have a wonderful suggestion for you. Please change the taste of asparagus and brussell sprouts to cotton candy.

5. Dear God, it must be very difficult for you to love everyone in the world. I have only four people in my family and I can't even do that.

6. Dear God, So far today I think that I've done pretty well. I haven't gossiped, or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, crabby, mean, or nasty. I haven't lied or stolen anything either. I am very grateful for that. But God, now I'm going to need a lot more help with these things. I have to get out of bed in a few minutes.

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A Story x Three = ?

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

II Kings 18-20

II Chronicles 29-32

Isaiah 36-39

History from a textbook consists of names, dates and events of interest. The Biblical record, divine history, is not merely a chronicle of past occurrences. There are spiritual truths cast, and many times hidden, in the narrative. Scripture details past experiences rarely more than twice. God saw fit to pass down to us a few facets of Hezekiah's reign over Judah. He did so with three distinctive authors, three varying

viewpoints, and placed the temple again, and cleaned information in three different it. He, having discovered locations in the Bible. That the truth of the Law, for the act flags this small portion of book had been lost and the historical record as forgotten, reintroduced the noteworthy, even though the practices once again. events are relatively Temple worship had been insignificant and minor restored after a very long compared to the rest of the time of neglect. Return to world of that day. the Word of God always results in great things.

Of the twenty-one kings who ruled over Judah following the reign of David, none are equal to Hezekiah. If David was number one in God's eyes, Hezekiah was number two. His reign is one of transforming the struggling southern kingdom back into what it was meant to be, a nation the entire world would look upon with respect because of their relationship to Jehovah God. His father, Ahaz, had boarded up the temple and urged the nation to worship pagan gods. Hezekiah took his position as

the leader of Judah upon the death of his father, when he was but twenty-five years of age. One has to admire his conviction and drive. He opened the doors of the

BUT

Because of the kindness of God upon his life, Hezekiah became proud, Pride is a dangerous commodity, and Hezekiah owned much of it. A man who started so well, ended quite poorly. Today we will take a closer look at this man and his successes and failures. There is much we can learn from his story—repeated three times—and recorded in the Bible for us to see.

Life Truth #6

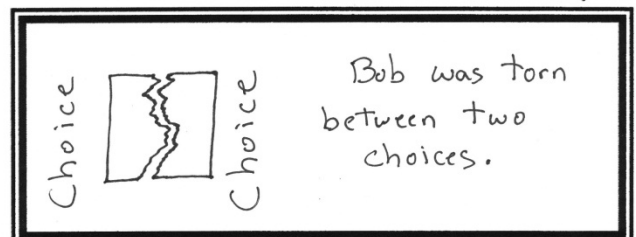
Daddys are right 97% of the time.
Nobody cares about the other 4%.

Punctuation

You, need to learn: punctuation—for. Later! "In Life" (You may be) wondering why. You have! To study about, things of: this nature? Believe - me when I (say it) is very "important"

For your own safety, please do not stop here and read, there is nothing to see. Go on to another article. Thank you.

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Sunday School Times

Stuff For Today

- Happy Mommy's Day!
- A special Mother's Day Edition of SST
- Clint Eastwood--1966

A Very Touching Mother's Day Story

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Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you, both beat. You know how Mom enjoys the Bible, and you know she can't see very well. I sent her a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 monks in a monastery 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000.00 a year for 10 years, but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Marlon," she wrote the first son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Marvin," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"

"Dearest Melvin," she wrote to her third son, "You were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. That chicken was delicious."

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The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly

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Romans 16:13

Greet Rufus, chosen of the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

Though her name is never mentioned, and on the surface there seems to be nothing outstanding about her, this mother deserves a closer look. Mark 15:21 tells us that the man who carried the cross for Jesus, as He struggled towards Calvary, was the father of Rufus! His name was Simon, and he appears again in Acts 13:1 where we find that he was most probably a black skinned gentleman. Scripture hints that the entire family were pillars in the early church. Paul spent much time in Antioch where they lived, and most likely must have spent many hours with them and developed a close bond with this very special un-named lady. Paul called her "Mom".

II Kings 11:1 and 2

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah, so he was not killed.

It is said that an acorn does not fall far from the tree. So was the case of Athaliah. The daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, she undoubtedly watched their godless, wicked lives and patterned her behavior in imitation. Politics has always created strange bedfellows, and in an effort to align the northern kingdom of Israel with the southern kingdom, Judah, she married into the family line governing Judah. Her true character came to the forefront when her son, the king of Judah, was assassinated. Instead of

seeking justice or mourning appropriately, her first instinct was to ensure her place as queen as she proceeded to murder every young boy in the family line of David. We shudder as we attempt to imagine what kind of animal would do such a thing, even putting to death her own grandchildren. It would be wise to remind ourselves at this point that there was a spiritual battle being fought here as well. Satan knew of the promise God had made to David about a man on his throne forever, and this was just another attempt to foil and spoil the plan of God. It failed in its intent. One boy slipped by under the radar and survived, having been kept hidden for six years from the bloody Athaliah.

Genesis 29:16 and 17

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful.

I have looked at this passage in the original language and have come to understand that the phrase "weak eyes" probably was a nice way of saying that this young lady was not very attractive. Her daddy had to trick someone into marrying her! As a mother, she lacked something. The Bible records HUGE problems with all four of her boys. After they were grown, two of them murdered every man in an entire city, and stole all of their wealth, one was guilty of sleeping with his step mother, and one was guilty of sleeping with his daughter-in-law! Someone failed in raising those boys. The father was not exempt from blame, to be sure, but, clearly, Mom failed too.

A Precious Mom's Day Poem

Mom, I know you do the dishes
And I know you cook the food.
I know you scrub the floors
Even when you're in a bad mood.

And every night you walk the dog
While I'm watching all my shows.
On Thursdays you take out the trash
And you clean and wash the windows.

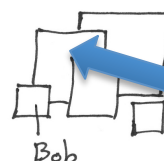
You always do my laundry,
And always make my bed.
You let me sleep late every day
And play video games instead.

Mom, I know you're sad I'll go
someday
And leave you all alone.
But right now I'm only 38
And I really like it here at home

**A Quote From
Mr. Wilbur F.
Human (When He
met someone that
he didn't
particularly like)**

**"I'll bet your mama
didn't even like
you!"**

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Bob the Square's
family portrait
(Bob's Mom)

Observation: Mary was the mother of Jesus

Consideration: Jesus is the Lamb of God

Deduction: Mary REALLY DID have a little lamb!

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Stuff For Today

- How to pray
- Biblical archeology
- More questions and answers today

The Proper Way to Pray

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The proper way for a man to pray,
Says Deacon Lemuel Keys,
And the only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees.

No, I should say the way to pray,
Says Reverend Doctor Wise
Is standing straight with outstretched arms
And rapt and upturned eyes.

Oh, no, no, no, said Elmer Slow.
Such posture is too proud.
A man should pray with eyes fast closed
And head contritely bowed.

It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front.
Both hands pointing toward the ground,
Said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

Last year I fell in Hitchkins' well,
Head first, said Cyrus Brown.
And both my heels were stickin' up,
And my head was pointing down.

And I made a prayer right then and there,
The best prayer I ever said.
The prayin'est prayer I ever prayed
Was standin' on my head.

Two Dollars Worth of God

I would like to buy two dollars worth of God
please.

Not too much, and not too little.

Oh, I can afford plenty more, but

Not too much. I want to spend so little.

What will I do with just two dollars worth?

Not too much. Is that too little?

Sure, His greatness is beyond me. I
understand

Not too much. I am so little.

And yet He loved me so, He considers what he
gave me

Not too much and not too little.

I should give Him all that I am. I know that is

Not too much, but it is seems like too little

So, I guess I would like to buy all that I can
have of God, that's

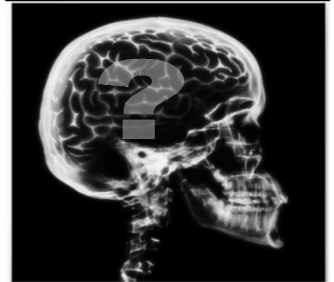
Not too much. Why should I spend too little?

Q and A Today!

You got questions, and I got answers.

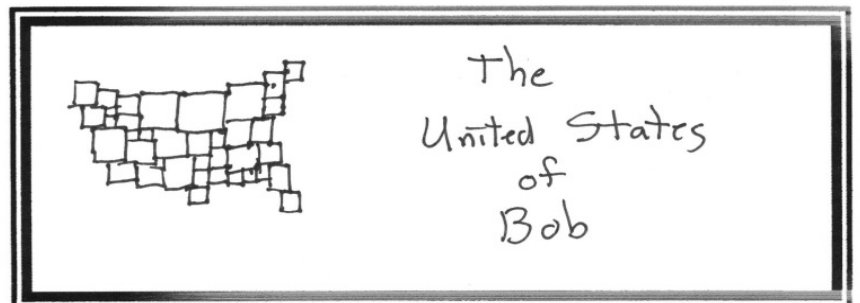
(at least I hope so, or this is destined to be
a VERY boring Sunday School class time.)

Archeologists X-ray Skull of the Disciple Thomas



My extremely fervid inventiveness has led to the announcement of this illusory discovery. For centuries, readers of the Bible have wondered at the doubt displayed in the actions of Thomas the disciple. As the x-ray clearly shows there is an abnormality in his brain tissue. Now, we have no doubt regarding his medical condition—he was just like the rest of us!

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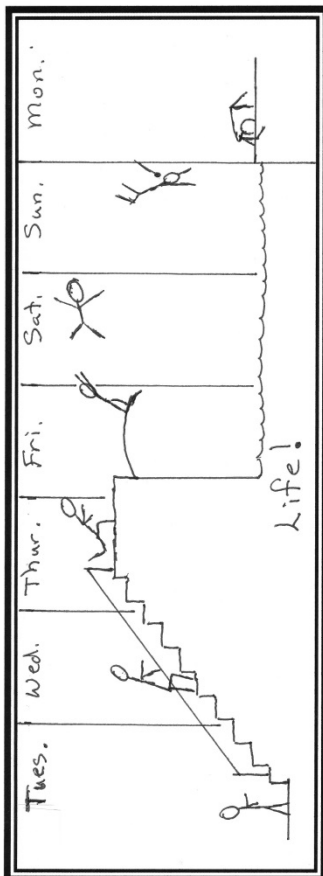


Stuff For Today

- Everything you ever wanted to know about Kung-Fu
- This week Q and A
- Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron

So, How Was Your Week?

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Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron

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A story loosely based on the first 17 chapters of Exodus

Kung-Fu Ninja Moses lived out in the desert perfecting his Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master lit a great flaming torch. Kung-Fu Ninja Moses went over to it and tried to extinguish the flames with his Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

Though he tried again and again, he could not put out the flaming torch.

The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master told Kung-Fu Ninja Moses "Find your brother Aaron. He is also a Kung-Fu Ninja. Perfect your Kung-Fu Ninja moves, and go to the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt. He has my Kung-Fu Ninjas and he must let them go!"

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron went to Egypt and showed the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh some of their best Kung-Fu.

The Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt was not impressed until Kung-Fu Ninja Moses showed him some of his very best Kung-Fu Ninja moves.

Finally, the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt said that all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas could leave his country. Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron Kung-Fued for joy!

All of the Kung-Fu Ninjas Fu to us and show us how then left Egypt and all of its we are to quench our Evil Jujitsu ways, and went Kung-Fu thirst.

out into the desert, led by Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron. They all practiced their Kung-Fu Ninja arts out there in the desert.

After an afternoon of Kung-Fu Ninja practice in the desert heat, all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas were thirsty. They complained to Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron that there was no water there.

Kung-Fu Ninja Moses responded with a, never before seen, Super Kung-Fu Ninja move.

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron led all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas to a large rock there in the desert. They Kung-Fued them there until all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas were quiet.

Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron then did an Extra Super Kung-Fu Ninja move—in super slow motion!

They told the Kung-Fu Ninjas "The Great Kung-Fu Ninja Master has great compassion. He will Kung-Fue you."

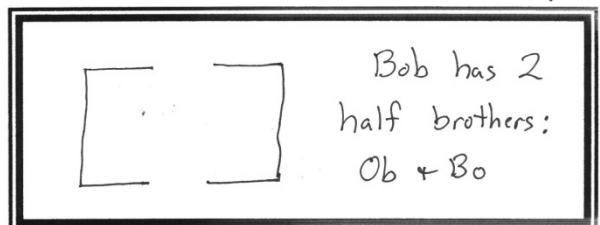
Kung-Fu Ninjas Moses and Aaron Kung-Fued like the greatly skilled Kung-Fu Ninja warriors they were, approaching the rock as they Kung-Fued in front of the thirsty Kung-Fu Ninjas.

Then Kung-Fu Ninja Moses said to all of the Kung-Fu Ninjas watching his Kung-Fu moves, "Today I will expertly strike this rock. I have been taught well by the Great Kung-Fu Master. My blows will be so powerful, that I will break this rock in two, and water will gush out for everyone."

It was an amazing sight to behold—Kung-Fu Ninja Moses used Super Slow Motion Kung-Fu moves, landing blow after blow, in super slow motion, until the rock broke in two, also in super slow motion!

Water came gushing out and all of the thirsty Kung-Fu Ninjas Kung-Fued for joy.

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Stuff For Today

- Books I would like to write
- Welcome to the Canard Lee Reed Book of the Month Club
- What "The Last Hurrah" and Mr. Lyle's Bucket List have in common

Books I Would Like To Write

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Over these many years, I have had occasion to consider a writing career. Processing many ideas through my fertile imagination, I have come up with some exceptional ideas for books targeted toward small children

1. A Childrens Guide to Hitchhiking.
2. Your First Picture Book (Reading Is For Losers)
3. Connect The Dots (No Matter How Well You Follow The Numbers, They Still Don't Make A Picture)
4. Why Can't Mr. Fork And Mr. Electrical Socket Be Friends?
5. Some Kittens Really Can Fly!
6. Freeway Dodgeball—Official Kindergarten Rules
7. The Little Engine Who Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably
8. Curious George and the High Voltage Electric Fence

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A Book Report On A Bucket List

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2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Allow me to take you back in time to 1972. Also, let me introduce to you a 16 year old kid sitting in his American Literature class. His teacher, a brilliant man by the name of C. Nevin Miller has assigned a book report—three pages—typed.

The young man promptly goes to the school library in search of a suitable novel. Unfortunately, his mind is not

set on actually reading that performed by top novel. He searches through Hollywood box office the paperback books found celebrities.

at the east end of the shelving, knowing full well Seldom seen in this that, included on the back world are graded and cover, would be a short returned book reports with synopsis of the entire story. so much red ink on them that they tend to glow with

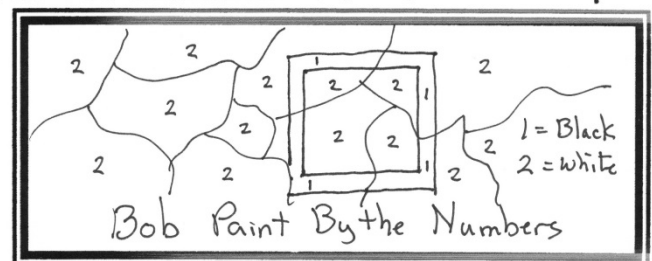
Finding a book with a fairly detailed rendition of the general story line, he chooses a rather famous novel by Edwin O'Conner titled **The Last Hurrah**.

Quickly scanning through the chapters, he locates and reads two or three pages, clearly showed my bluff. noting a few of the minor details found in the story line.

So here is my question for you. Do you read the Bible? Do you study it? In less than 15 minutes of this pathetic, hurried note As a Christian, God has taking, he attempts to create assigned you and I the the illusion of actually having responsibility of putting read the story. The final together a *book report* result—three pages—typed. telling and showing the world what God has for all. And the world can tell if you have read *The Book!*

This *brilliant* plan was fraught with errors. *The Last Hurrah* was a very well known book in its day, Before I die, I plan to having spent much time on read *The Last Hurrah*. It is the *New York Times* best on my *bucket list*—a seller list at number one! It *miserable* failure I would had, in 1958, been adapted like to correct as best I can into a movie, with characters over 40 years late.

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Stuff For Today

- Helping you to keep your room clean this summer
- Diputseromneve
- Why Habakkuk disliked Babylon

Keeping Your Room Clean This Summer

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

A few helpful hints to facilitate your efforts to keep your room clean during the summer:

1. Remember **Vern's Theorem: $E=TP^2$** (Every one likes an extra role of toilet paper).
2. If you can't remember the formula, have **2 parts water—1 part Spic-n-Span** tattooed on your forearm.
3. Use WD 40 instead of Formula 409 because "them big numbers is scary!"
4. **Percussive Maintenance:** to whack the snickers out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
5. If, when counting to 5, for some unknown reason, you often venture into double digits, maybe you should consider getting someone to help you with your cleaning chores.

Diputseromneve

The word
Diputseromneve
may look ridiculous,
but backwards it's
even more stupid!

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The Dark Side of Love

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The Book Of Habakkuk

Scripture describes the love of God as perfect and complete. His chosen people, Israel, defied Him repeatedly, deliberately refusing to bow their stiff necks in reverence and respect for what He had accomplished on their behalf. God was ultimately patient with them in their repeated refusals to honor Him, and as a result, we can see from the Biblical account, the character of God in action. His merciful, kind and longsuffering nature did not destroy Israel even when they probably deserved such treatment. The honest individual will admit that their own behavior is, at times, just as abhorrent to God, and is deserving of judgment. We owe our lives to the fact that He is slow to anger. However, a line does exist over which a child of God should

not cross. Where that line is technically, only God knows. The patience of God does have a limit, and we would do well not to test that limit. The prophet Habakkuk explored a concept we will call "the dark side of love".

God had chosen Israel as His people and His covenant with Abraham would not be ignored or vacated by Him. But they were sinning greatly and sin left unattended will ultimately lead to death. In His sovereignty, God chose to salvage His people with love—the dark side of love. No parent enjoys punishing a child, and neither does God find pleasure in disciplining His children. The necessary reprimand is meant to admonish and correct a bad behavior.

Habakkuk was a curious prophet, a man of many questions. His inquiries are relevant even today, and worthy of a closer look. He understood God's relationship with Israel, but as many today in our world wonder, how can God permit sin to continue and not be dealt with? It seemed then, as it does now, that the ungodly go along in life unchecked, able to do as they please, and the righteous suffer at their hands. God's solution to the uncaring, wandering hearts of His people was a nation called Babylon. Habakkuk was informed that the Chaldeans would become a world power, the greatest the world would ever know, and they would be His tool of judgment upon His people. The prophet

then points to the fact that the Babylonians were a ruthless horde. It seemed unconscionable that Jehovah God would raise up a godless nation to judge His own people. But God reminded him that Babylon, too, will be judged for her sins, eventually.

The book of Habakkuk, though short, is quoted by the great theological books of the New Testament. Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews refer to passages found there as proof texts, to support the challenges Paul put forth to the Jews and Gentiles that Jesus was the Christ, and that the ultimate plan of God was the salvation of all men. Habakkuk, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, records an amazing claim in chapter two, verse five. *The just shall live by his faith.* Our salvation is not found in our observance of rules or regulations. It is to be found in a child-like faith in Jesus Christ, and a belief in what He did on the cross many years ago.

Stuff Your Daddy Never Taught You

How to set your cat to Daylight Savings Time



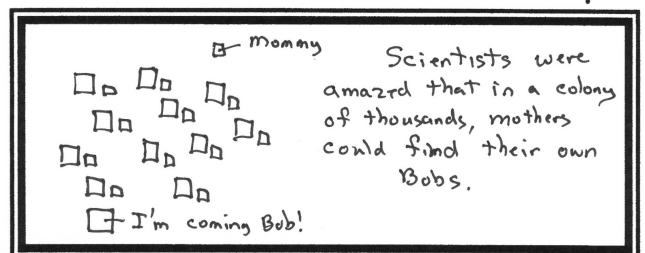
Rotate the cat 12.5
degrees counterclockwise.

Fun Fact of the Week

The Houston Airport received many complaints about baggage wait times. In response, they moved the baggage claim areas further away so that the walk was much longer than the wait.

The number of complaints dropped dramatically. 😊

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Stuff For Today

- Wacky cake—a very special dessert
- Is the name “Ed” really found in the Bible?

Father's Day? No--Wacky Cake Day!

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

My calendar has two very special days that are known to me as Wacky Cake days. I happen to celebrate the anniversary of my 29th birthday, and what most people call Father's Day.

On those two days I am treated to wacky cake. This special delight has eluded my culinary skills my whole life. I CANNOT BAKE A WACKY CAKE! I have tried many times and failed as many times—complete, total failures—inedible failures!

My favorite dessert of all time is just out of my reach. My family takes pity on me twice a year and treats me to something VERY special—wacky cake.

Wacky Cake

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup cold water

In a large mixing bowl, mix flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt. Make three wells in the flour mixture. In one put vanilla; in another the vinegar, and in the third the oil. Pour the cold water over the mixture and stir until moistened. Pour into 8 x 8-inch pan. Bake at 350°F. oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until it springs back when touched lightly.

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Joshua 22

Conquering and possessing the Promised Land had been a long, arduous task. With many mistakes along the way, the Israelites were no longer as dedicated to the cause as they once were. Joshua aged, and the intensity and commitment of the people waned. They decided to call a halt to the conquest for a while, and the sad truth is that they never concluded what they started. God had clearly delineated for them the exact geographical boundaries for each of the twelve tribes to inhabit. He had promised them unequivocal success if they would but obey Him. All they had to do was walk in and claim the land—flowing with milk and honey, with houses they didn't have to build, trees they didn't have to plant, and crops already in the ground—absolutely free. They grew tired and complacent, not willing to trust God entirely.

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, had requested that they be allowed to reside on the East side of the Jordan River. God permitted it, but do not think for a minute that it is what God would have preferred. He simply allowed them to live there, knowing full well that problems would lie ahead of them if they refused His perfect inheritance in the Promised Land. The two and one half tribes had committed themselves to cross over the Jordan with the rest of the nation and assist the other tribes as they conquered the land. Much time passed. Having kept their word, tired

and worn, they wanted to go home. Joshua warned them explicitly to keep the commands of God, and never forget Him.

With permission to leave granted to them by Joshua, they headed for their inheritance. Upon reaching the Jordan River, they decided to build a very large, imposing altar to God. All of Israel heard of it and misinterpreted their actions. Thinking that the two and one half tribes had turned their backs on God, they prepared to go to war with their own brothers. Tempers flared until it was learned that the tribes that they had assumed to be rebellious weren't wayward after all. The explanation given for their questionable behavior was this—they had fear and concern that someday, they would no longer be considered part of Israel because they lived on the East side of the Jordan. The dramatic altar was to be a witness to future generations that there was indeed a link between the two groups of people. The clarification calmed emotions, and everyone went their separate ways.

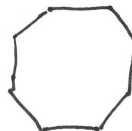
Gad, Reuben, and Manasseh called their altar “Ed”, which means “a witness”. On the surface, the building of this monument seems like an appropriate gesture. A more in-depth look at the altar named Ed exposes a few complications.

First, the nation of Israel was to have one and only one altar, and God had mandated that it be located in front of the Tabernacle in Israel. Sacrifices were to be offered only there. Ed was a bloodless altar, and represents the theology of today that ignores the blood sacrifice of Jesus. The church today is a divided entity. There are those that hold to the fundamental truths of the Word, and others who define the Word down so far as to try to make it say what “their itching ears want to hear”. The actions of these errant Israelites were indicative of their true hearts. Many hundreds of years later, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and visited the Gadarenes. That visit was memorable. They were pig farmers, a ceremonially unclean animal under the Law. They had a problem with demonic possession, and upon seeing Jesus work miracles, they told Him, in no uncertain terms, to leave their land.

Fun Fact of the Week

On July 11, 2011, Neptune completed its first complete orbit around the sun since it was discovered in 1846! ☺

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Bob the Square learned that by cutting corners, he was finally able to make others stop.

Stuff For Today

- Random thoughts to think about
- Bonus comic strip
- Of checker boards and the shadows cast upon them...see photo!

Random Thoughts... Worth Every Penny You They Cost You

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

1. Am I the only person in the world who has never actually seen any one slip on a banana?

2. Choose very carefully and wisely today...you never know which donut may be your last!

3. Somehow I don't think any of the Christian TV networks are going to produce a TV show called "Worship Idol".

4. Sin wouldn't be so attractive if the wages were paid immediately.

5. Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

James 1:14-15

¹⁴ *but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.*

¹⁵ *Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Nearly fifty years ago daytime television featured a game show called *Truth or Consequences*. Today's lesson has nothing in common with this old TV program. I only mention it because the name is an appropriate title for our subject this morning.

Sin

Since the fall of Man in the Garden of Eden, we have all inherited a condition that the Bible refers to as a *sin nature*. If we are honest, we must admit that we do not need to be trained to do wrong—that comes naturally to all of us. Our true difficulty lies in recognizing the difference between right and wrong, and then doing what is right.

Enter: God's Word—the Bible. The only reliable source of clearly defined right and wrong is Scripture. God shines His light of perfect love, revealing that which is godly and pure,

and exposing the degradation of sin for all to see. A black and white checkerboard stands as an analogy of this effect, with it's stark, contrasted, light and dark squares. The white denotes that which is pure and holy; the dark symbolizes that which is ungodly and loathsome.

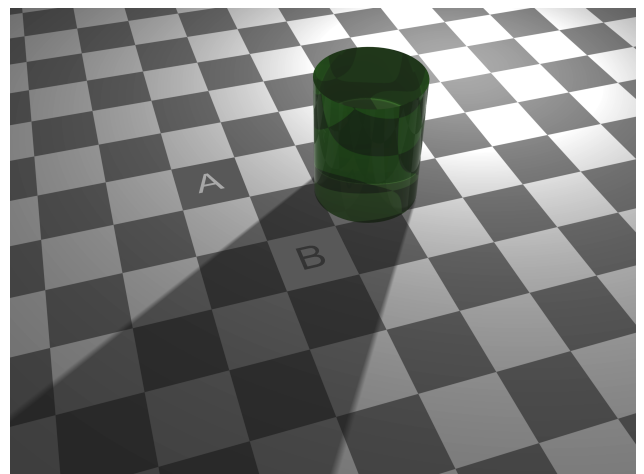
In the photo below, the glass sitting in the middle represents us. The world we live in would influence us into believing that we as individuals can define what we want to call good and bad. Adam and Eve were deceived and entrapped in the very same snare. To rely on our own understanding of right and wrong is to cast a shadow of doubt upon what God has so clearly defined for us.

Actions and attitudes that, fifty years ago were considered sin

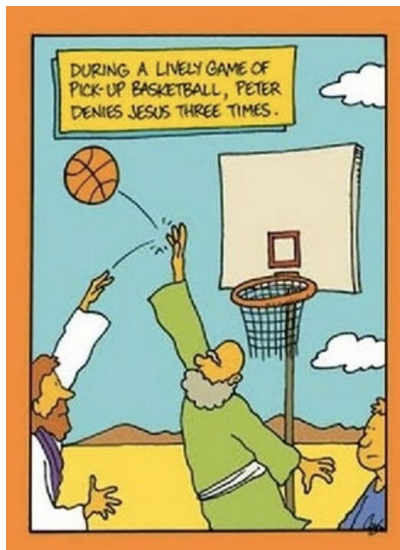
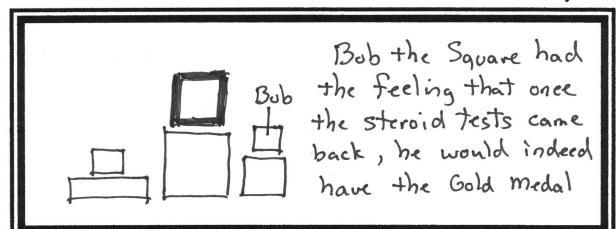
by nearly all, have since become commonplace, finding a comfortable acceptance in today's society. The *BIG* ones that first come to mind are abortion, homosexuality, loose morality, drugs and alcohol. There are others that may even be more devastating to our society today. Our world no longer defines marriage, or family, or honesty, or God from a Biblical perspective anymore. Right and wrong have been skewed severely.

In the photo, note the labeled squares. Believe it or not, *A* is exactly the same shade of dark as *B*! An optical illusion, to be sure, but the lesson here is, that, our shadow of doubt regarding God's absolute standards distorts the real truth.

Sin is sin. Period. God has defined it, pointed to it and said "Stay away from it!" I just hope we recognize it in the correct light.



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Stuff For Today

- Ten Facts About You
- Bonus History Info
- Of hippos in Australia, wax, and pottery in Ancient Greece.

Top Ten Facts About You

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1. You are reading this right now.
2. You're realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't realize I skipped 3.
5. You're checking now.
6. You're smiling.
7. You're still reading this even though it's stupid.
9. You didn't realize I skipped 8.
10. You're checking again and smiling about how you fell for it again.
11. You're enjoying this.
12. You didn't realize that there were only supposed to be ten facts on this list...Hey, wait a minute, there are only ten after all!

Mr. Lyle Answers Your Questions About History

Question: If Robert E. Lee had a helicopter, would the South have won the Civil War?

Answer: Probably not. By this time, all of the Confederate aviation fuel depots were surrounded by Union forces.

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Sincerely Yours

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Philippians 1:9-11

*9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be **Sincere** and without offence till the day of Christ. 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

My suspicion is that in a world where we are constantly chatting, texting, or twittering, very little is actually being said. We substitute human emotions with punctuations :p :) and emoticons, hoping somehow they can convey the subtle nuances of our lives.

An art form is all but lost to this generation—the simple letter. To handwrite a letter required time, thought, and care. In my case, my letters were to my fiancé (who is now my wife). Telephone was a luxury for the wealthy, and we were separated by a great distance covered easily, albeit slowly, by the envelope and stamp. Great attention and thought was given to the words used and their meanings. A posted letter might travel for days before arrival in my sweetheart's hand, and a reply would come back no faster.

Those of us who grew up using this medium of communication learned to appreciate the time and care required to transmit thoughts and feelings. The ebb and flow of the pen upon the paper made it very personal—I knew my letter was something tangible that would be held

and carried and kept.

The greeting at the beginning of the letter was vital, but it was also important to finish well. Those last two or three words before I signed my name were crucial.

Technically referred to as the closing, this part of any letter to many may seem more like a tradition than a real necessity. Words such as *cordially*, *regards*, and *sincerely* are most common.

Sincerely is a fascinating word study. I have heard it's origin may have come from two Greek words: **Sin** and **Cerae**. *Sin* is a negating word, and *cerae* means wax. Respectable ancient Greek pottery

vendors might have those two words in their storefront window, telling all who came by that their pottery had *no wax!*

Charlatan dealers would fill cracks and defects in their pottery with wax and simply paint over them. You can imagine the problems that might become evident the first time the pot encountered heat and the wax began to melt.

As Christians in this world, we have an obligation to be honest, trustworthy, worthy of respect, authentic, truthful, and without wax—sincere.

The next time you write a letter and sign it *sincerely yours*, remember the message you wish to convey: you are without wax!

Bob The Square Is Interrupted This Week So We Can Bring You Drama!

Barbara likes Mike but Mike is going out with Jane when Jane actually likes Dylan but Dylan likes Barbara, so Dylan asks out Barbara and Jane gets mad and breaks up with Mike so she can go out with Dylan and then Barbara asks out Eric instead and Eric likes Marlene and Marlene likes Mike so Marlene asks out Mike and Jane gets jealous so she tries to make up with Mike and then Dylan confronts Jane and Mike about their behavior and then Jane says that Marlene should just mind her own business and Dylan didn't know that Eric can't stand Barbara and Mike, so he asks Mike to ask out Jane instead...

(To be continued, and continued, and continued!)

Stuff For Today

- Computer Skills
- Cafeteria Advice
- That's Hawthorne with a "w"

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The Great Stone Face

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2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Nathaniel Hawthorne tells the tale. A quaint story of mountains and valleys and the everyday lives of those who call the area their home, it focuses on a peculiar feature that nature seems to have put into a very prominent and key position. Overlooking the valley, with a very tender and loving expression, is a face. Not sculpted by human hands, it is rather a work of nature. Rocks and boulders and fissures form an easily recognizable figure—a human face. The locals simply call it by the name it has had for millennia—The Great Stone Face.

An ancient prophecy states that one day the man who's visage has been engraved there, would appear among them. The story follows the life of a young boy who

becomes fascinated with the face and the character it seems to display. Anxiously he awaits the arrival of the prophetic individual, only to be disappointed at each possible turn. Often he reflects on the tenderness and caring the face seems to portray, and his life follows that lead.

Time passes and the man, who's likeness is fixed upon the mountain face, fails to appear. The young boy is now an old man. Still watching for someone who bears a resemblance to the Great Stone Face, he has patterned his life by the virtues that he was convinced that he saw in that curious mountain cleft.

The narrative ends as a stranger passing through the valley hears the story of the mountain face and its accompanying prophetic tale. He looks carefully at the aged man, recognizes the character qualities that are apparent in his life, and announces to the residents of the valley that the prediction has come true. The man for whom they had been searching was indeed right there before them.

As Christians, we are called to "contemplate the Lord's glory". How better to do that than to read and study the Word of God, for it is there that we find the only trustworthy and honest telling of who God is and what He is like.

Like the little boy in the story, who longed to meet the person "behind" the face, we need to have that kind of hope and longing. The young lad took note of the subtle nuances of emotion displayed in that wondrous work of nature, and eventually began patterning his own life after what he perceived to be good. So that in the end, it was easily seen by all that he was that face—or rather, he had become that face.

Jesus lived an amazing example for us to see. Our lives should imitate His character, His empathy, His love for others. It is not a one time event or a single step that we take. It is a lifetime commitment we are to make. May we always be looking into the life of Christ, and in so doing, discovering more and more deeply the riches that He has for us to find there. And the world will see a resemblance to the face of Christ

Sorry, A Mirror Will Not Help.

16:3 JOHN

...life everlasting have but, perish not should, Him in believeth whosoever that, Son begotten only His gave He that, world the loved so God For

Extreme Computer Skills

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**(A)bort
(R)etry
(D)ele
(B)ack
(E)nter
(C)ommand
(S)hift
(O)ption
(I)nfluence (with
a very large hammer)**

A Handy Guide to Cafeteria Food This Year



Brown Stuff

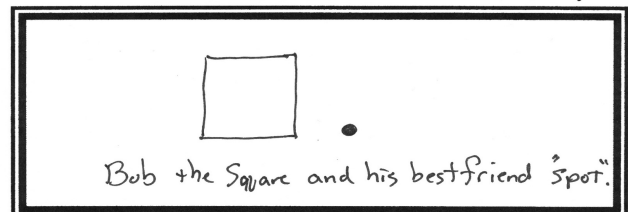


Not So Brown Stuff



Almost Tan Stuff

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Stuff For Today

- Graduation Ceremony
- Parting Gifts
- Hasta La Vista Baby

How to Say Goodbye Without Actually Saying Goodbye

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1. Cheerio
2. Toodle-oo
3. See ya later alligator
4. Take care
5. Take it easy
6. I need to scoot
7. Later, dude
8. See ya
9. See ya (wouldn't wanna be ya)
10. Hold the fort down
11. Adios amigos
12. Gotta split
13. Catcha lataaa
14. Yo
15. Let us hope that before our next meeting humanity escapes extinction.

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Another Year Gone

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Psalm 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path always.

To the departing seventh graders we bid farewell. Another year has passed and life continues. I trust that as you continue to grow and mature that you will always remember bits and pieces of what you have been taught here in this Sunday School class. I consider it a great honor to have had the opportunity to stand in front of all of you each Sunday.

I thought it might be fun to remember our year together. See how many of the lessons you can recall. In order:

1. An Olympic diving documentary and an up side down testimony picture.
2. A scale model of the universe and a needle through the arm.
3. Do not eat the Tootsie Roll Pops!
4. The Pineapple Story.
5. The Turbo Encabulator.
6. Frying bacon.
7. Are you a moose?
8. The 600 year story.
9. A Kroger Christmas.
10. Isaiah 59:17
11. A card trick looking for a perfect heart.
12. Hoosumaber.
13. The Real Estate Deal.
14. Leprosy, forgiveness and a paper cutter.
15. Mr. Lyle Bowl XV.
16. The Golden Lampstand.
17. Adam to Noah timeline.
18. My Tater collection.
19. Chocolate covered marshmallows
20. A wood crate that was a portal to another dimension.
21. Happy Hippy Hippo Hunters.
22. And many others.

The Crested Porcupine

God has created amazing animals to fill this world. One such creature is the crested porcupine. Technically considered a rodent, it can grow to 60 pounds. Almost exclusively nocturnal and unaggressive, it forages for food, wishing to be left alone.

If threatened by potential predators, its behavior is quite predictable. Its first line of defense is to simply run away, disappearing into the darkness. If cornered or threatened, it can bring its 12-18 inch quills to an erect position, creating a rather impressive display, and making it look much more massive. If the threat continues, it will stamp its feet and shake its tail, creating a sound very similar to a rattlesnake's rattle. God has given it an impressive defensive strategy. But He has not left it without an offense maneuver as well.

When all else fails, and its life is in imminent danger, it will turn itself around, and run at its attacker in reverse! You can imagine the damage that hundreds of 12 inch quills could do if they were to contact skin with the force of an angry, desperate 60 pound animal! There are documented accounts of these creatures killing lions and tigers, and even humans.

As Christians, God has given us much needed defensive weaponry. Ephesians 6 reminds us that we have armor not unlike the crested porcupine. Instead of quills, we have the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the Gospel, the shield of faith, and the helmet of

salvation. All of these are defensive in nature.

And like our little rodent friend, God has not forgotten that we need a "secret" offense as well. He has given us the Word of God as our security! **For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...**

We are in a spiritual battle. God has given us the armor we need to fight the good fight. May we do so.

Graduation Program

Welcome and Prayer

*Pomp and
Circumstances beyond
our control*

*The Reading of the
Sunday School Times*

*Address by Class
Valasafutadictatorian
Magnanimous
Canunimous
Laudinum*

*Presentation of
Diplomas and Various
Other Unsundry Items*

Closing Prayer

You're Outa Here!

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Bob the Square turns
a corner in his life,
and it is not
pretty!