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The World's Easiest Knot To Tie—But Also The Most Difficult

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Growing up in a small town in central Kansas in the 1960's was not as boring as it might seem to someone looking at the scene from our day and time. One could describe it all with a few basic words:

Flat: Imagine a square mile with no more than a 5 foot high "hill" out in the middle of it.

Hot: In the summer, I recall 20 consecutive days of 120 plus degree temps. (The warmest—128°)

Cold: One winter, 20-30 degrees below zero for weeks with even water towers freezing solid!

Windy: Always windy! On a clear day—gusts up to 80 mph were possible.

And for me, there was Boy Scouts. I learned a lot in that program. To this day, I can still tie every knot that I learned as a 10 year-old boy.

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How To Not Destroy A Watch

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Luke 10: 38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

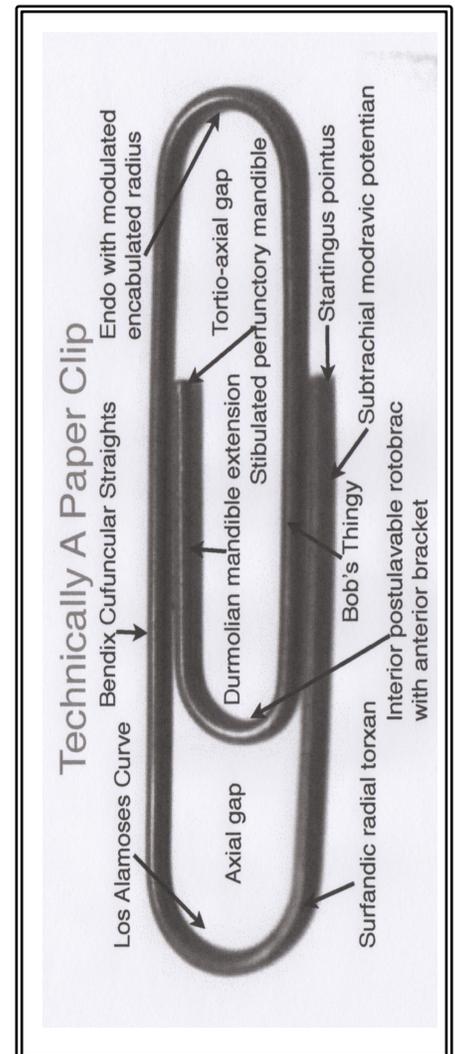
The passage above provides a glimpse of an everyday moment in Jesus' life. We find the Lord giving instruction to Martha concerning her decision-making processes. He gently reminds her of her dislocated priorities.

As Christians, we often face identical challenges. The world that we live in is quick to drag our focus away from God. How we make choices every day is crucial. Fortunately, the Bible gives us a few hints to guide us in making positive, Godly, choices.

- 1. Pray.** Talking to God results in a closer walk with Him. That can never be a bad thing.
- 2. Read the Bible.** There is a wealth of information to be found in the Word.
- 3. Apply what you find in the Bible.** That sounds easy, but often it is not.
- 4. Accept God's leading.** Don't doubt or argue with Him. He's REALLY, REALLY smart!
- 5. Seek Godly council.** Many times there are people in our paths that God has conveniently placed there for us to lean on.
- 6. Stretch your faith.** There are times when we must be prepared to throw caution aside and follow God blindly—and never, never give up.
- 7. Check the desires of your heart.** When we walk with God, His "wants" become our "wants".

Life hands us opportunities. How we use those moments can affect our lives tremendously. It may be cliché, but what would Jesus do (or say)?

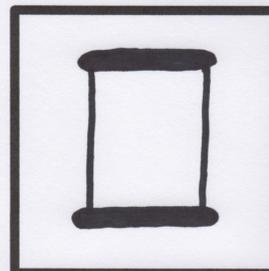
And what about that watch? Well, that is part of the lesson today.



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Stuff You Probably Didn't Know About Past Presidents

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1. John Quincy Adams was known to regularly go swimming in the Potomac—always in the nude.
2. James Garfield was ambidextrous. It is recorded that he could simultaneously write a sentence in Latin with one hand and in Greek with the other.
3. Ulysses S. Grant got a speeding ticket for riding his horse too fast down a Washington street.
4. Lewis and Clark sent two bears back to Thomas Jefferson who kept them as pets on the White House lawn.
5. Herbert Hoover spoke Mandarin Chinese fluently and often spoke it around the White House for privacy.

Kimberton Stage Robbed at Gunpoint!

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Nehemiah 9:17

And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

In the passage above, note the phrase "thou art a God ready to pardon."

On November 26, 1829, the stagecoach from Philadelphia to Reading was robbed at gunpoint at a bend in the road known as Kimberton. Eleven days later, the same gunmen held up the stage again—at the same location—this time hurting the driver in the process. This event took place early in our country's development, and the US Mail was held in great regard. The leaders of our nation felt a strong obligation to instill absolute trust in this newly established communication network. Thieves targeting the US Mail could expect VERY heavy penalties!

And so the case of the Kimberton stage robbery was no small spectacle. An enormous manhunt ensued, and the capture of the offenders inevitable.

James Porter, George Wilson, and John Poteet were arrested and charged with 6 counts each. John Poteet, a young man, still

wet behind the ears, turned State's Evidence and was let off with little punishment. With John's testimony against them, James Porter and George Wilson were found guilty on all counts and scheduled for sentencing three weeks later. At sentencing, George Wilson was given a chance to speak, and in surprise to everyone, changed his original plea of innocence to a plea of guilty on all but one count. The court was not moved, and sentenced both men to hang by the neck until dead on July 2, 1830.

The story now takes a bizarre twist, as news of this odd behavior by George Wilson struck at the heart of some very influential people who were following this case. Using their position and prominence, they successfully obtained an audience with none other than the President of the United States, Andrew Jackson! Pleading for George Wilson's life, they requested that the President exercise his constitutionally granted power to issue an official Presidential Pardon. Two weeks later, Jackson granted their request.

The story now takes an even bizzarrer (I know it's not really a word, but it sounds funny) twist! When presented with the officially signed document

of Presidential Pardon, George Wilson refused it, choosing rather to die than live! This was unprecedented in US history. Never before had a pardon been turned down. Eventually, this case came before the US Supreme Court.

In a decision that has stood the test of time, the Supreme Court sided with George Wilson. A pardon could not be forced upon anyone. Acceptance by the accused is a crucial factor. The story ends with the needless death of George Wilson.

We serve a God ready to pardon. God has granted all of us relief from our death sentence—the result of sin. Some in this world choose to accept His forgiveness and pardon. Others refuse it. And God will not force His gift on anyone. We are all given freedom of choice.

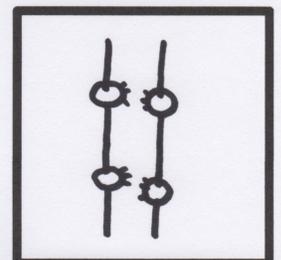
Each of our stories have two possible endings, and only two. Ending number one is to accept God's pardon and enjoy eternity with Him forever one day. The alternative is to reject His offer and die needlessly forever in Hell.

Don't be a George Wilson!

Mr. Lyle Explains Classic Works of Literature

The Wizard of Oz is the poignant story of two women trying to kill each other over a pair of shoes.

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My Favorite Children's Books No Longer In Print

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1. The Boy Who Died From Eating All His Vegetables
2. A Children's Guide to Hitchhiking
3. Curious George and the High Voltage Fence
4. See, Some Kittens Really Can Fly...Uh Oh!
5. Why Can't Mr. Fork and Mr. Electrical Outlet Be Friends?
6. Freeway Dodge Ball: Official Kindergarten Rules
7. The Little Engine That Thought He Could—But Failed Miserably
8. The Invisible Child Eating Crocodiles That Live and Hide Absolutely Everywhere
10. Nuclear Launch Protocol and Command Codes for Single-Person Authorization via Non-secure Civilian Communication Systems

Providing Pig Provisions

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Luke 15: 11-32

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. 25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 "The older brother became

angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

This passage is commonly known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The narrative follows the mistakes and failures of a young son who finally comes to his senses and realizes he has erred greatly.

However, the most important character in the story is the loving father. In spite of the extreme disrespect and disdain present in the young son's life, the father still loves him unconditionally. We see in the father, an attitude that does not force the son into submission, but patient grace and mercy awaiting the son's return.

God understands us. We come into this world rebellious and sinful. Often we do not realize just how hard hearted and stiff necked we can be. The young son in the story said and did some absolutely

horrid things towards his father.

Our loving Father patiently awaits our response to His love. He does not force Himself on us, but quietly reminds us of His concern.

The son reunited with the father is a picture of salvation. A humble child faces the reality of his mistakes and asks for forgiveness. And of course the father forgives and a celebration ensues.

Luke assures us that there are angels rejoicing in Heaven when someone repents and is saved. First Peter tells us that they are intrigued by the way that God has structured salvation, and are in awe of what He has done.

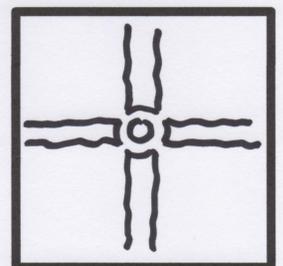
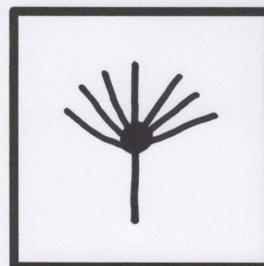
So a question remains. Are you still feeding pigs?

Don't forget to pray to God today—He didn't forget to wake you up!

The Only Way That Ice Hockey Will Ever Be Interesting to Me...

Is if I pretend that both teams are fighting over the last OREO cookie left on Earth.

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Lost Dog Found

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A male beagle was found around 11:30 AM on September 19th on the corner of 14th and Pine. Approximately six months old and mostly brown with cute patches of white on his nose and feet. A slightly crooked tail, and a blue collar but no tags. Very friendly, and loves kids. Tasted a lot like chicken.....
.....He licked me first, so I licked him back. What, did you think I ate him?!!!

Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Television game shows have always been a large part of network programming. RATZ is patterned after a game show I grew up with called "Let's Make A Deal". The premise of the game was that the host of the show would present a chosen individual a gift of some sort, and then would offer to trade that gift for another—always of unknown quality or quantity. The winners of the game would be the ones who chose wisely.

The world that we live in is dominated by the pursuit of money. Jesus talked often about our desires for, and our accumulation of, things. Is it wrong to be financially successful? In a word—no. Many of God's men were wealthy. The key to handling great wealth is our attitude towards it.

Chasing material things is of little value from God's perspective. We would do well

to see money simply as a tool to use. There are times when a craftsman might use a small tool to accomplish what he needs to do. Other times, a large, massive piece of machinery is better suited for the task. You see, it is the task at hand that is of importance, not the tool used to accomplish the work.

There is a well-known saying "Money can't buy happiness." And yet so often people live their lives as if it can. Good examples for our discussion here today are lottery winners. Those who have won millions and lived the "good life", later often tell a sad tale of financial ruin. After the money is spent, and their families destroyed, many are quoted as saying "I wish I had never won that money!"

God must have first place in our hearts. Nothing else can fill that position adequately. And when God is number one, the other things in our lives can fall into place, and it can be a wonderful experience. Without Him, life has little or no meaning at all. He is the reason for all that we are, all that we do, and all that we hope to be.

Welcome to our Sunday School Bible lesson!

Zydefex

From Lyle Pharmaceuticals comes the miracle drug of the 21st Century – Zydefex.

For years, our researchers have looked for the cure for the common cold, high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and of course, cancer. That cure is now available in an over-the-counter version we call Zydefex. Zydefex is truly the wonder drug of all drugs. We have found it to cure everything! Yes, everything! From aches to acne, from dandruff to dangling testicles, Zydefex is YOUR cure! And is available today in a handy 40,000mg capsule form.

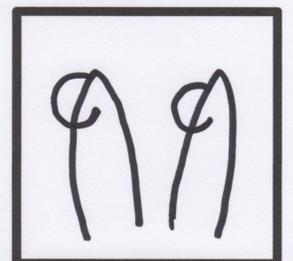
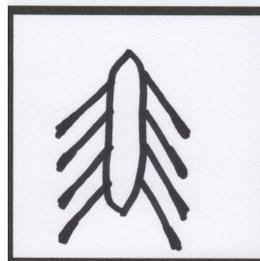
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Zydefex has been shown to cause epilepsy, kidney stones, and cancer in all laboratory rats. Once a regimen is begun, Zydefex must be taken continually for at least 20 years, or death will result. Zydefex has also been shown to be the cause of heart failure, diabetic shock, the sudden growth of additional fingers or toes. Those using Zydefex as a hair regrowth regimen should be aware that each hair shaft that re-grows will be at least ¼ inch thick at the base. Zydefex has also been shown to be a key cause of incontinence, drooling, and slurred speech. Most users of Zydefex soon learn to ignore the limp that occurs as the left leg muscles atrophy to ½ their normal size.

A Love Story

*He knew it would never work between them.
The girl had been born into a wealthy family.
He was just a third person singular masculine
subject pronoun*

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A Place Not Found On Google Maps

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Isaiah 7:3

Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

Christmas season and the accompanying celebrations help us to remember the passage in Isaiah 7:14. As remarkable as is the content of these verses, so is the physical location they were first quoted. God wanted a face to face meeting between the king of Judah, Ahaz, and His prophet, Isaiah, at a very specific location. Few places in Scripture are as exacting in description as this one. That fact spurs some interest and inquiry. Isaiah 7:3 presents these geographical notes. The meeting was to take place at the *end of the conduit*. God had promised David that his family line would always sit upon the throne of Israel. That family tree was the conduit through which Jesus claims rightful ownership of the throne. He is at the end of that line, the final King who will rule and reign forever. The conduit empties into *the upper pool*.

In Israel, water is precious and a blessing. A body of water, a pool, is literally the word for blessing in the Hebrew. And the word *upper* elsewhere in Scripture is translated Most High when referring to God Himself. Jesus, the Most High God is indeed a blessing to all. The remaining phrase, *in the highway of the fuller's field*, is an allusion to an elevated roadbed, one that keeps the traveler out of the mud and muck through which the road extends. As we look to Christ in our everyday walk, we need holiness. It is essential to keep our lives out of the dirt and filth that the rest of the world so easily entangles itself in. *The fuller's field* is a laundry of that day. The only way that we can be truly sanctified in our daily walk, is to be cleansed of our sin and that can come by no one but the Savior Himself. It is no accident that God chose to articulate one of the promises of His coming Son at this very allegorical location.

10%=Tithe

So, how do you figure out how much to give God?

Money—that one is easy.. Divide the total by ten. But does a God who owns everything really need our money? Or does He want us to be less absorbed by it? What about our...

Time—with a limited amount of time at our disposal, it may well be the most valuable thing that God gives us. With 24 hours a day, ten percent would be 2.4 hours? Imagine what God could do with our willingness to give Him our time. And then there is...

Talent—that's even harder to figure! God has given every Christian at least one spiritual gift. He wishes for us to learn to use our gift for His purposes. Also, don't forget all of the ...

Many things beside money that God gives us. Through our life, we receive many gifts from a very generous God. Can we ever calculate a true tithe?

Rsearch

Accordng to a rscheearch at Cnabrigde Uinervisy, it deosn't mtaer in waht oredr the ltters in a wrod are, the olny iprmoetnt tinhg is taht the frist and lsat lttter be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can siltl raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the hamun mnd deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Amzanig, huh?

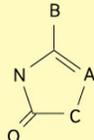
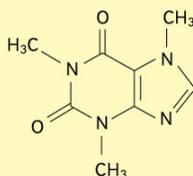
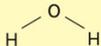
Jesus is coming back someday.

RUE ?

Your Greatest Treasure

Remember, friendship is the greatest treasure of all... that is, of course, unless you have a magic pony! Then, by all means, it is the magic pony.

MOST VITAL COMPONENTS TO MAN'S SURVIVAL



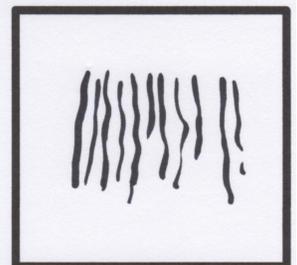
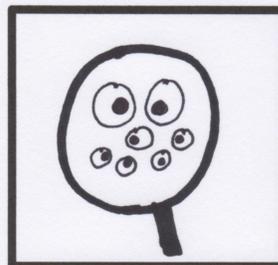
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Rat Facts

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1. Rats can go longer than a camel between drinks of water.
2. Rats are very sensitive to electromagnetic fields and can be very uncomfortable around today's electronic devices.
3. Rats lack the ability to throw up.
4. Rats can survive being flushed down a toilet and can often find their way back up and out of it.
5. A group of rats is called a Mischief.
6. Rats are actually quite clean animals and will spend several hours a day grooming themselves.
7. Rats will blink if hit in the head with a hammer.

A "Victor Four Way" Rat Trap

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Proverbs 3: 5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Rodent control is much more reliable with the use of *Victor 4-Way Rat Traps*. Rat and mousetraps have evolved little over the many years, and the spring-loaded-rodent-crusher is still my method of choice.

Most would think it hardly a topic for a Sunday School lesson, but bear with me and perhaps I can draw things together sufficiently.

The writer in Proverbs is using a common technique for Hebrew poetry. No rhymes as we might want in our culture, but rather, a repetition of a phrase with a slightly different set of words with their implied subtle differences in meanings. Let's look at this verse in two parts.

The first phrase is *Trust in the Lord with all your heart*. I have little problem in that area. I know and understand that God is able to do anything, and I don't have to worry or fret about anything. He will take care of me always. I can trust Him completely!

It's the second half that I personally struggle with. *And lean not on your own understanding* requires something from me that I am not comfortable giving up. I am by nature an inquisitive person. I want to know how things work, and how they operate. I want to understand them.

There are times in life when God does not find it necessary to explain to us all of the details. It is not important to Him that we completely understand everything.

At times He wants us to simply obey blindly, not knowing the future or the outcome. Only knowing that we are operating in the will of

God, and that needs to be enough for us.

That is the ultimate test of trust--to obey blindly. Imagine the following.

Suppose you had a *Victor 4-Way Rat Trap* directly in front of you. It has been baited with several one dollar bills. Now suppose you are blindfolded and given the *opportunity* to reach in and grab the money but it will have to be done incredibly fast, so your hand is not crushed by the trap.

Would you follow the instructions, or would you balk at the idea because it made no sense to you to take that risk?

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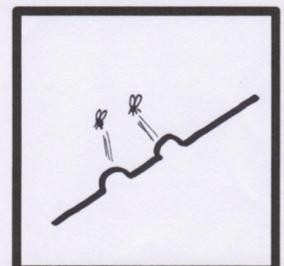
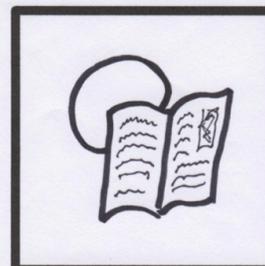
Don't trust anybody..... except a baby duck that thinks it's a dog. He's legit!

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Trust me, there are no sharks around here.

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In The News This Week

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For those who recall, a recent Sunday School lesson centered around a retelling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It was an amazing story of Prince Charmin, the youngest son of the King of the toilet paper world.

From Venezuela this week we hear that the government has stepped in to make sure that the factories responsible for the manufacture of toilet paper produce enough rolls for the country. The socialist country has been embarrassingly short of the special paper, and public concern has been prominent.

Socialism has failed every time it has been tried. This is just another example of deficiency.

...and then Satan said,
"Let's put the alphabet in Math."

An Island Paradise Called Hu Waru

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Matthew 5: 43-44
43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor[] and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Even on a good day, it is difficult for us to genuinely love those who mistreat us.

The story of Hu Waru embraces this topic. The mythical island chain is composed of three islands. The first island, Watts, is named after Sir Ampsund Watts. The middle and much larger island is Yoore, named of course after the Viking Crusader Yoore Seally. And to the far west we find Nayme, discovered and mapped by the famous Dutch explorer Gwatno Nayme. The islanders traditional greeting of "Hu Waru, Hu Waru.", lends itself to the common name of the island chain.

As the story goes, The islanders embarked upon a campaign to build a National Monstrosity, and division among its citizens soon followed. The engineers responsible for the project, commonly known by the acronym NME (The National Monstrosity Engineers) became arrogant and disrespectful. They chided the less educated with their constant flaunting of mathematical formulas used during the construction process. The division among the population was shocking.

Probably the darkest hour for these islands was the day that the NME's took control of a key supply of raw materials. A mine on the island of Watts was taken by force and declared to be under new ownership—the island of Yoore! The headline in the newspaper the next day said it all. Watts Mine Is Yoore's!

Luckily, there was a level head among the indigenous population, Mr. P. Smayker. His attention to detail and thoughtful consideration resulted is an excellent campaign to reunite the torn nation. He called it an LUV program. Let's Understand Volume was a well-received effort to teach the less educated the formulas that the engineers were flaunting upon the people.

T-shirts were printed and a nationwide emphasis begun. Billboards everywhere proclaimed:

**Luv
Yoore
NME's**

It worked! In no time at all the nation was reconciled. This little paradise of the South Pacific was once again a wonderful place to live and work.

Jesus was adamant that his disciples know that there would be those that would not

tolerate them and would genuinely hate them simply because they were Christ like—Christians. We would do well to heed his advice and learn how to deal with those that may not like us much (or at all).

Elisha dealt with an enemy army in 2 Kings chapter 6. In one of the most striking "battles" in the Old Testament, Elisha asked God to blind the entire army. He then promptly led them into the capital city, where he presented them to the king and told him to feed them and send them home in kindness. With their blindness healed, and food in their stomach, and a story unlike any other, they returned home and allowed Israel to continue in peace.

Love your enemies? Hmmm, it does work. How about that!

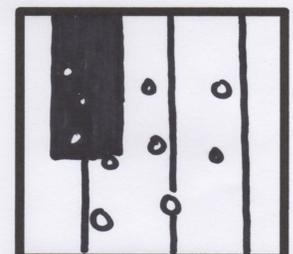
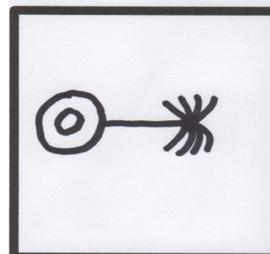
Remember to Give 100% Each Week!!

- Monday—12%
- Tuesday—17%
- Wednesday—23%
- Thursday—19%
- Friday—4%
- Saturday—16%
- Sunday—9%

Just a thought:

If they had used his last name instead of his first, we might all be living in **The United States of Vespucci.**
Like I said, it is just a thought.

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An Amazing Celebration of COTSA

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Matthew 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius[a] for the day and sent them

into his vineyard. 3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' 5 So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 7 "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' 8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' 9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

collected them when they were young, and their collection is actually quite impressive! The activities associated with COTSA are an object lesson to help us understand a little better, the sovereignty of God.

We humans tend to define God down to our level. Our belief that He thinks and acts the same way we do is often misguided. God is not bound by our rules or understanding. He conducts the affairs of this world as He wishes. We would do well to acknowledge that.

In the parable found in Matthew 20, the landowner represents God. 1. We find Him to have an overall plan that He is executing. 2. He is just and fair. 3. He is caring enough to go to where the workers are to be found and hire them. He doesn't just put up a *Help Wanted* sign. 4. He did the choosing of His workers, not the other way around.

As an employer myself, I see one more concept here that would apply to us as Christians. Our work for God is not just something to be endured. It should be an honor and a pleasure to work for such a just, fair, loving and caring boss. And He does pay well—Heaven is an amazing place!

Veterinary Corner

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How to Give Your Cat a Pill

Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as though holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of the cat's mouth and lightly apply pressure to its cheeks. When the cat opens its mouth, gently drop the pill into the mouth. The cat will then close its mouth and swallow.

Apply bandages as necessary to arms and face. Retrieve pill from the floor and cat from behind sofa. Repeat the process.

Retrieve the cat from the bedroom and throw the soggy pill away. Kneel on the floor with the cat wedged firmly between your knees, immobilizing front and rear paws. Ask assistant to hold cat's head firmly with one hand while forcing a wooden ruler into the cat's throat. Remove next pill from foil wrap. Flick pill down the ruler with forefinger and rub cat's throat vigorously.

Retrieve cat from living room curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines from hearth and set aside for later gluing. Apply bandages as necessary to your legs and feet. Remove next pill from foil wrap.

Wrap cat in beach towel, and ask assistant to lie prone on cat with cat's head visible under assistant's armpit. Put pill into the end of a paper tube that you have made for this purpose. Force cat's mouth open with pencil and insert the end of the paper tube. Take a deep breath and blow the pill into its mouth.

Check label to make sure the pill is not lethal to humans. Sip enough water to take terrible taste away. Apply bandage to assistant's forearm, and remove blood from carpet with soap and water.

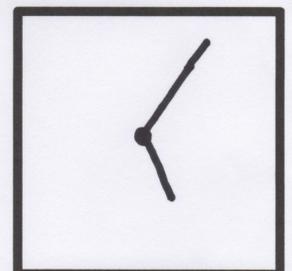
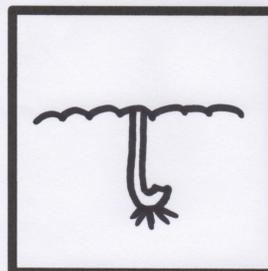
Call 911, and ask fire department to retrieve cat from tree in front yard. Remove remaining pill from foil wrap. Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with bailing twine and secure to leg of dining table. Put on heavy duty welding gloves. Force cat's mouth open with tire iron. Drop pill into cat's mouth. Hold your head vertically with nose pointed to ceiling to stop nose bleed resulting from collapsed dining table. Don't worry, lots of people get concussions and survive.

Ask assistant to drive you to emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor administers anesthetic, stitches arm and removes pill remnants from your eye.

Drop off cat with a generous donation at an animal shelter. Go to Walmart and adopt a goldfish.

Every second year we observe the *Celebration Of The Stuffed Animals* in this class. It is a wonderful time for those familiar with "Beanie Babies". My two daughters

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The Difference Between Northern Fairy Tales and Southern Fairy Tales

Northern: "Once upon a time..."

Southern: "Y'all ain't gonna believe this..."

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Random Thoughts That I Thought While Thinking This Week

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1. A farmer may have 196 cows, but when he rounds them up, he will have 200.
2. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.
3. And the Lord said unto John, "Come forth and receive eternal life." But John came fifth, and only won a toaster.
4. What would an inflatable principal say to an inflatable boy who would bring a pin to inflatable school? "Not only have you let me down, but you've let yourself down. In fact, you've let the whole school down."

Alarm Clocks

Because every morning should begin with a heart attack!!

His First Sermon A Catastrophe!

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Isaiah 61: 1-2

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.

The Bible is largely silent regarding the early life of Jesus. A few short moments are recorded for us as well as some very general statements. This we do know for sure: Jesus grew up as a normal human being. He experienced all that any of us might expect. And through all His experiences, He never sinned!

Place yourself nearby that amazing idea for just a moment. What would it be like to know someone growing up who never lied, never hurt anyone, never teased anyone, never, ever disobeyed—imagine you had a friend like that. What would your personal feelings be towards that individual?

I believe it would be very difficult to not like someone with those qualities. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, and the entire little community probably knew Him well—and liked Him very much.

When Jesus was approximately thirty years old, He began his earthly ministry. Immediately following His baptism by John, He was whisked off into the desert to

be tempted for an extended period of time by the Devil himself.

As that episode ended he headed home to Nazareth. It was his custom to attend the temple services on Sabbath Day. He was invited to speak to the gathered group and what transpired there that day is one of the truly awesome stories found in the Bible.

First sermons are always important. And this one was no exception. God saw fit to record many significant details of this address and we will look at a few of them today.

He was handed the scroll of Isaiah. Few Scriptures are as respected and loved by the Jewish people as is the book of Isaiah—even today. Many of the prophecies found there tell of an astonishing time in the future for Israel. A day when Israel will be restored to her rightful place near to God is the hope and confidence of many of the faithful in Israel.

He unrolled the manuscript all the way to nearly the end. That itself took some time no doubt. He found what we know as Isaiah 61 (remember, there were no chapter and verse divisions then) and read two verses—almost! This passage was well known by all and He stopped just short of reading all of this familiar poem, rolled up the scroll and sat down. In the culture of

the day, the customs required the listeners to remain standing, and the one who taught to be seated as a sign of respect.

He then graciously explained that the passage that He had just read was being fulfilled in their presence. It is notable what He did NOT read that morning. He completely disregarded the phrase referring to the vengeance of God.

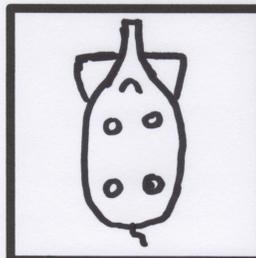
Jesus did not come this first time in vengeance. He came in love. There is most certainly a day coming when He will return in vengeance and the world will see a righteous God ready to judge the sin of the inhabitants of the earth.

God is a God of love to be sure, but He is also a God of righteousness. Failure to uphold His standards is punishable by death. There are many today who look upon the concept of Hell and its torment and say that a loving God would never do such a thing to anyone. A righteous God must.

The people in Nazareth turned on Jesus that day. They despised His message and genuinely tried to kill Him then and there! How could a hometown turn on one of its own? Sin is ugly!

1. How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh?
2. How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?
3. What is brown and sticky?

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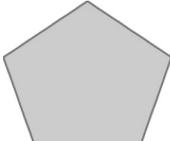
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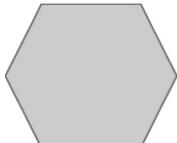
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Fun With Geometric Shapes

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Pentagon



Hexagon



Oregon



This Day in US Olympic History
Frank Sheffington, 1804 US Hide and Seek Olympic Gold medal winner (center) is finally found October 27th, 1939 in Huntington, New York. Frank is quoted as saying...it was the perfect hiding spot!

A Funeral For A Very Dear Friend

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Luke 12:15

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

A Eulogy

I remember it just like it was yesterday. My family and I were walking through Walmart shopping. We browsed through the various areas we encountered as we searched for the items on my wife's shopping list.

As we passed by the housewares isle, oddly, I felt a presence. I was indeed being watched. And as I looked around, there on the very top shelf he sat, looking down with a big grin. There was no question about it—I had to take him home with me!

Through the years he became a part of the family. Always displaying a familiar, affable personality, I became particularly attached to him. We became the best of friends.

I fondly remember the many summers we spent together. On any hot, dry, dusty day I knew that, without question, he would be there when I came inside, and we would share cold, refreshing iced tea.

That all abruptly came to an

end this week. Our family had gone out for an evening meal, and when we returned, to our horror and sadness, we discovered him lying on the floor lifeless. All attempts at reviving him were unrewarded. We had to face the fact that a very dear friend was gone forever.

We are not sure how it all happened, but this is our best guess scenario. Our last recollection of his whereabouts is that he was setting on the edge of the countertop as we walked out of the door that evening. Some iced tea must have sloshed out somehow, and as he reached to catch the spill, he lost his balance and fell face first onto the hardwood floor.

We feel that his time on this earth was brief, but we were honored to have known him.

Glassy will be missed dearly by my family. And in sadness we say "Good bye". We know he would want us to go on with our lives. That's just the way he was, always there to serve us. And so we will go on without his physical presence, but many fond memories.

We have already set forth on our quest to carry on in respect to his memory. A trip to Walmart was completed and we found a new friend! As the winter months approach, I

know our family will love and support our newest member—Mugster!

What a funeral that will be! Ridiculous? Perhaps we should take a few moments to analyze our own attachments to our possessions. The culture that we live in today is all about money, possessions and power.

Jesus warned people in His day of the challenges regarding wealth. Things have not changed much since then. We humans have always counted the things that we own and endeared them to ourselves.

Throughout the Bible we are warned to keep our desires focused on Him, and everything else that we need will be provided. It is easy to say, but difficult to live.

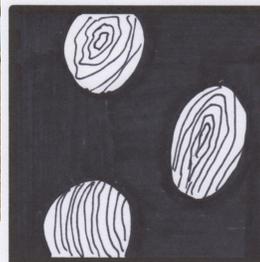
Eulogy for the Wicked Witch of the East:

"Ding dong! The witch is dead. Which old witch? The wicked witch! Ding dong! The wicked witch is dead. I must aver I thoroughly examined her. And she's not only merely dead. She's really, most sincerely dead."



8 out of 10 wicked witches prefer free range over caged.

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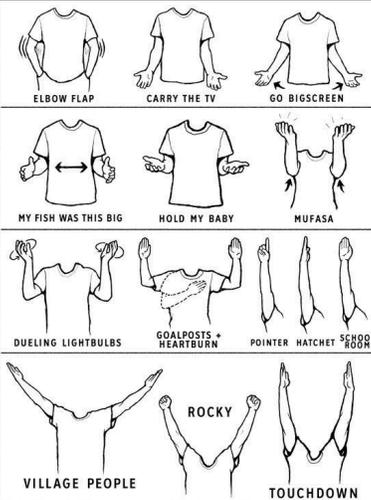
Foreign Language 101

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Phrases every world traveller needs to know:

1. Wa Shing Ka
2. No Pah King
3. Tai Ni Po Ni
4. No Bai Dat Ting
5. Ai Bang Mai Ni
6. Wai Yu Mun Ching
7. Yu Stin Ki Pu

Official Non-denominational Worship Signals



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The Book Of Ruth

Multiple Choice Outline For Today's Lesson

1. This lesson taught by
 - a. ___Mr. Lyle
 - b. ___Ol'-what's-his-name
 - c. ___His Majesty
2. Mr. Lyle's family tree is
 - a. ___really just a broken branch
 - b. ___"funky"
 - c. ___His Majesty thinks "a" is the right answer.
3. "Skittles" in Hebrew means:
 - a. ___"Chocolate"
 - b. ___"Unicorn Poo"
 - c. ___His Majesty wishes it was "Kit Kat Bars"
4. Thou shalt not
 - a. ___lick all of the color off of the Skittles and then put them back in the bag.
 - b. ___put Skittles up our nose.
 - c. ___quote or sing any part of "The Little Mermaid"
5. Home is where
 - a. ___Mom buys me Skittles
 - b. ___Dad buys me Skittles.
 - c. ___the castle is
6. When life is hard
 - a. ___I believe everyone should turn to Skittles for support
 - b. ___I believe the more Skittles you eat, the better things get.
 - c. ___I turn to Kit Kat Bars.
7. The best color of Skittles is
 - a. ___Razorback Red (because of that crazy play in yesterday's Razorback game)

- b. ___green (because it is so politically correct.)
 - c. ___Dorian Gray (because they are Wildely delightful and last forever. Get the picture?)
8. This outline has got to be the stupidest outline ever, but...
- a. ___I tasted the rainbow!
 - b. ___I will have a serious case of Skittles Pox
 - c. ___His Majesty's generosity will be fondly remembered by his subjects and they will live happily ever after. The End.

In the book of Ruth we find an unvarnished and uncensored account of a poverty stricken family making poor choices. Their condition goes from bad to worse as life throws them one curve after another. The decisions we make in life have consequences. Sometimes the choices we make haunt us for a lifetime.

God's laws were clear regarding their options. Elimelech should not have taken his family away from the Promised Land. The hardships of famine should have been endured with others who believed and lived as God's people. Instead, he chose to subject his family to the despicable lifestyle present in Moab.

When the little family's spiritual leader died, the sons, as they came of age, decided to marry women from Moab. Marriage is

a huge step in life, and these young men boldly stepped in exactly the wrong direction. God had warned His people over and over against intermarrying with the population of neighboring pagan nations.

When both young sons unexpectedly died, Naomi was left broken, hopeless, and alone.

There is one bright spot in this tale: a young lady named Ruth. Having grown up in the spiritual darkness of Moab, she caught a brief glimpse of the One True God in the lives of her new family. Not wanting to lose that, she boldly chose to follow her mother-in-law back to Israel.

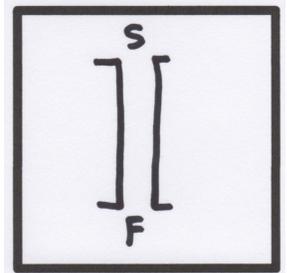
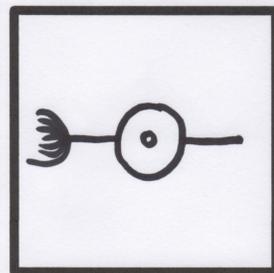
Her willingness to leave everything she had ever known behind and embrace and identify with this new life she had found is just the beginning.

Most family histories in the Bible are centered on the men—father to son. As God gives us the family tree of the Messiah, we find Ruth proudly displayed in one of the branches. Who would have thought we would find a woman guilty of incest, a prostitute, an adulteress, and a woman from an unbelievably disdained, sinful background. God is able to forgive all sin and use the cleansed believer. We find an excellent example of this in the person of Ruth.

Searching For A New Church Motto?

1. Our Sundays are better than Dairy Queen's.
2. Life stinks. We have a pew for you.
3. Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

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Welcome to eharmony.God

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The Book Of Ruth Chapter 2

God is sovereign. He can and will do what He wishes. How He accomplishes His will is beyond our grasp of understanding. Our God knows all, including the future, and is actively involved in the events of this world.

And He does have plans. Some see God as a sort of terrarium builder. They say He created the world and set everything into motion, then stood back to see what would happen. But the Bible tells us over and over that we serve a God who is intricately involved in the affairs of man.

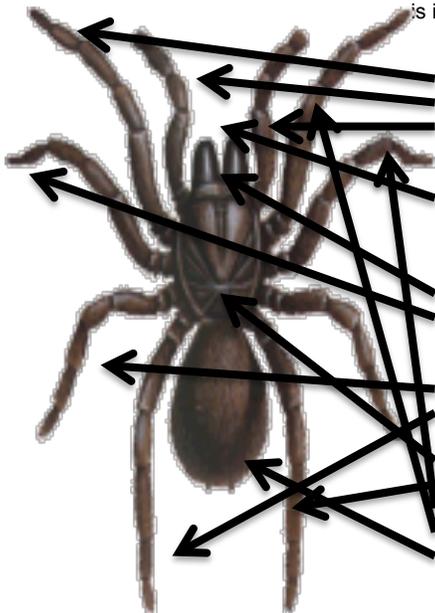
He influences and moves the hearts and minds of all of us to accomplish His perfect design. In the book of Ruth we find God putting together a very unlikely, but tender love story. It was God's blueprint that Boaz and Ruth meet, fall in love, marry, have children, and raise those children to fear God.

The story unfolds with incredible precision. Two lives from seemingly opposite backgrounds merge and God moves His plans another step further down the hallways of time.

Isaiah tells us that God is zealous—very zealous. 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 by day, moment by moment basis.

We see an excellent example of this in the story of Ruth

Spider Anatomy



1. Brain Ripper Outer
2. Blood Sucking Mandible
3. Leg Used To Explore Ears
4. Fangs—Huge Wet Fangs Still Dripping With Blood From It's Last Victim
5. Teeth—Lots Of Teeth!
6. Zombies Eat This Part First
7. The Reason I Don't Sleep
8. One Word—POISON
9. Filled With Ooey Gooley
10. Back Leg
11. Neck Artery Locator Leg
12. Eyeball Driller Leg
13. Filled With Vitamin C

Tnatropmi Swen

Greetings, my name is Dlihc Fo Dog. I am from Ellivestop, Sasnakra. I am here to tell you about the book of Ekul in which I read that Sdog Nos voluntarily went to a Ssorc and allowed them to yficurc him. There he deid, and they put him in an evarg. But on Yadnus, he esora and the slegna showed everyone. The selpicisid did not eveileb at first, but when they saw mih, they dootsrednu.

“Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess” Postponed One Week To Bring You A Very Special Edition Of “Identifying Flying Insects”

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Dragonfly



Butterfly



House Fly



Won't Fly



Can't Fly



Better Never Be Able To Fly!

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- Christmas Begins
- The Redeemer says "yes"

If you decide to build a snowman this year, may I suggest...



Mr. Lyle Explains Evolutionary Theory

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120 million years ago this boulder looked remarkably like a 1983 Nissan Sentra. Isn't evolution amazing?!



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Ruth Chooses A Redeemer

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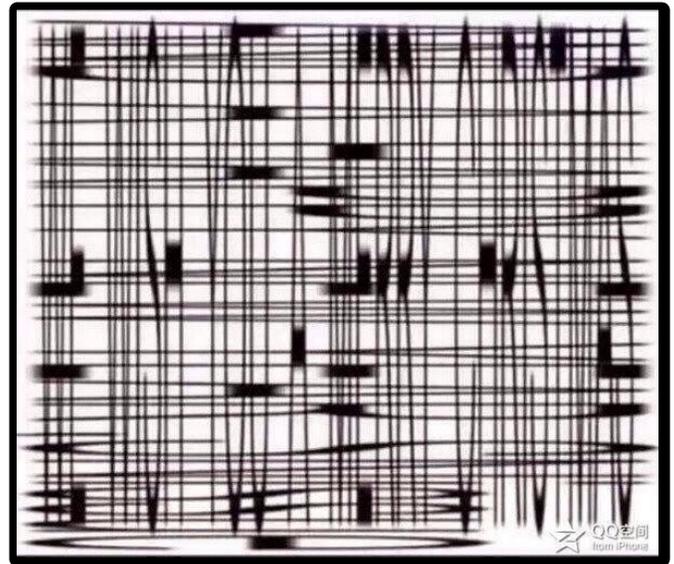
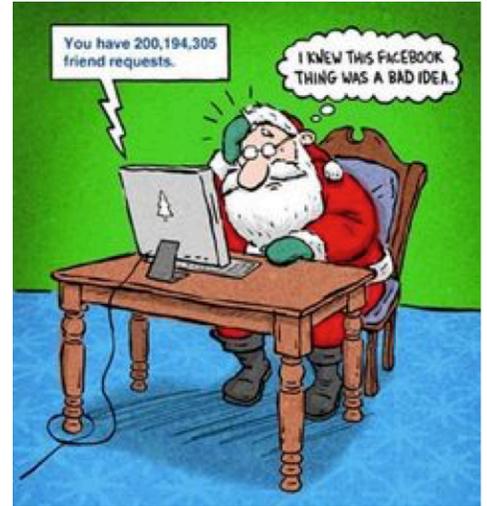
The Book Of Ruth Chapter 3 and 4

To a Hebrew, the New Testament term of redeemer would be more accurately defined as kinsman-redeemer. The Old Testament law of the kinsman-redeemer provides some interesting insights into the concept of calling Jesus our Redeemer. The Biblical narrative says that Ruth washed (we are washed, born again, forgiven), anointed herself (we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit), dressed in her best clothes (we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ), and she claimed her redeemer (we, too, must accept our Redeemer). Staking that claim was her only requirement. Everything else became the responsibility of Boaz. (God performs all the work in our salvation.)

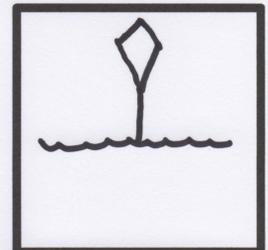
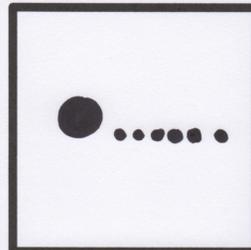
There is also mention of a redeemer who was of closer relationship who refused to do his duty, and thus Boaz could fulfill the request. That nameless kinsman represents the Law. It cannot save, because no one is able to keep it. The kinsman-redeemer was also responsible

for justice. If we claim Jesus to be our Redeemer, He is our Kinsman-Redeemer, and we have no need to seek personal revenge for wrong done to us, he will ensure that justice is applied.

The romance of redemption is a beautiful thing to behold.



Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess.



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- Girl Scout Cookies
- 12 Steps to Success
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- Bears and You

Reindeer Biology

Observation A: Santa has nine reindeer

1. Dasher
2. Dancer
3. Prancer
4. Vixen
5. Comet
6. Cupid
7. Donder
8. Blitzen
9. Rudolph

Observation B: It is a biological fact that both male and female reindeer have antlers.

Observation C: It is also a biological fact that male reindeer shed their antlers each year around October. Only the females would have antlers during the Christmas Season.

Conclusion: All of Santa's reindeer are ladies. Including Rudolph!

Wile E. Coyote's 12 Steps To Personal Success



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A Beary Merry Christmas Lesson

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1 John 15:2-9,16

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bear fruit.

The context of these verses is significant. The following day, Jesus would lay down his life on a cross. It is no accident that Jesus commanded us to bear fruit, and then gave us the most incredible demonstration ever. The only fruit that will last is that which grows out of the cross.

We are chosen by a God who's choices bear the weight of eternity. That decision was with purpose in mind. We can confidently bury our fears and hesitations, knowing that God will not abandon us or leave us

barehanded and barefoot. He can and will remove the barricades and obstacles. Robert E. Barron said "No one is granted an experience with God without being subsequently sent." We can bear in mind that God is in control.

So, what exactly is fruit-bearing? And what fruit have we been called to bear? In a nutshell, it is loving others and leading them to Christ. All too often the horrors and reality of Hell are put out of our minds. We bear the responsibility of sharing the Gospel with a spiritually dead world that, without a relationship with God, will die one day and be buried and suffer unimaginably for eternity. That thought we should find unbearable.

So God, the ultimate vine dresser, prunes us and cultivates us, to bear fruit. We are left with the impression that it is completely unacceptable to not bear fruit. We are to make disciples. That requires us to love others.

There is one final key to success in this area. Bearing fruit is going to be impossible with out a close connection to the vine—Jesus. If we are barely connected, fruit bearing is going to be difficult, if

nonexistent. And that connection is based in the Word of God. We must be continually absorbing the Word, letting it soak into us and cleanse us and give us an understanding and a desire to be close to Him.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, bearing fruit is ultimately for the glory of God. God is glorified when we bear fruit—good fruit. Being a fruit-bearing branch closely connected to the vine results in not just a barely bearable situation, but rather, our lives can be a joyful experience always—bearing fruit.

Girl Scout Cookies Go On Sale

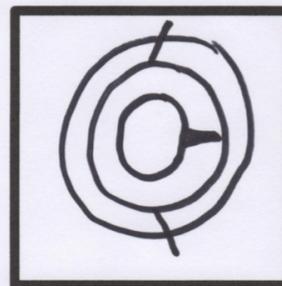


Thin Mints



Thick Mints

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15th Annual Kroger Christmas

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Luke 1: 26-38

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." **29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." **34** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel,

"since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called [b] the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail." **38** "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Luke 2

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register. **4** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. **8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see

this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." **16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Really...How Well Do You Think You Know Christmas?

Yup
Nope
Dunno

How Well Do You Know Christmas?

1. ___ There are 32 "la"s in the first verse of "Deck the Halls".
2. ___ "Jingle Bells" never mentions Christmas.
3. ___ "Silent Night" was originally written for guitar.
4. ___ "Joy to the World" was not written as a Christmas song.
5. ___ Snowflakes have 6 sides.
6. ___ Animal cracker boxes have strings on them so they can be used as Christmas tree decorations.
7. ___ Pointsettias, mistletoe, and holly are all poisonous.
8. ___ Snowmen fall from the sky unasssembled.
9. ___ Santa did not live at the North Pole until 1882.
10. ___ Santa's North Pole has an official Canadian Zip Code.
11. ___ Mistletoe means "bird poo on a twig".
12. ___ Both male and female reindeer have antlers.
13. ___ Rudolph's real name is Rollo. He was also known as Reginald.
14. ___ All Santa's reindeer are males.

1. ___ Gabriel told Mary she would have a son.
2. ___ Jesus was named before He was born.
3. ___ Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was announced.
4. ___ Jesus and John the Baptist are related.
5. ___ Ceasar commanded all to be registered for taxes.
6. ___ Joseph was from Bethlehem.
7. ___ Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem.
8. ___ When they got to Bethlehem, the Inn keeper said there was no room for them.
9. ___ They were allowed to use a stable instead.
10. ___ Jesus was born in a stable.
11. ___ Jesus was the only baby ever born who was older than his mother.
12. ___ There were animals there.
13. ___ Jesus' first bed was a feed trough.
14. ___ Jesus was born on December 25th.
15. ___ God chose shepherds because they were well respected men in the community.
16. ___ An angel appeared at night with a message for them.
17. ___ The angel appeared in the sky.
18. ___ The angel was very frightening because he was so bright.
19. ___ An angel choir sang to the shepherds.
20. ___ The angels then suddenly disappeared into the night sky.
21. ___ The shepherds then hurried to see the baby Jesus.
22. ___ They found everything just as they had been told.
23. ___ The shepherds stayed a long time at the manger.
24. ___ An arch angel was above the manger.
25. ___ Three wise men came to the manger with gifts.
26. ___ They showed up right after the shepherds left.
27. ___ They had followed a star to the manger.
28. ___ The gifts they brought were significant.
29. ___ Mary understood everything about what had happened that night.
30. ___ And everybody lived happily ever after.

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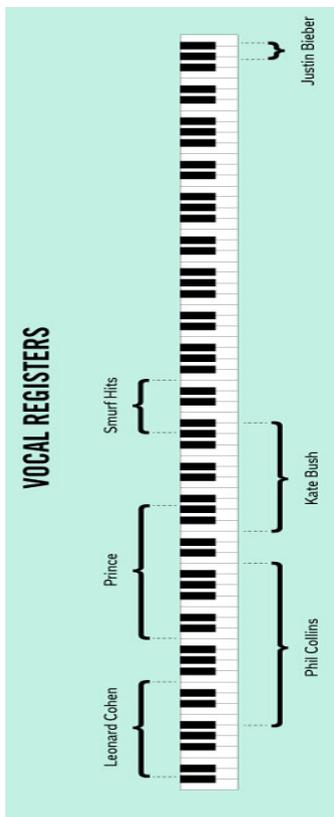


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A Handy Guide To Pop Music



Clay Jars + Oil = All Bills Paid In Full

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II Kings 4: 1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves." 2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." 3 Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." 5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one." But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. 7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

The Old Testament is replete with pictures, or types, of New Testament truths. One episode in the life of Elisha is worthy of a second look. An un-named prophet of God had passed away, leaving his wife and family saddled with an unfortunate amount of debt. In the stress of her heart, the woman came to Elisha for help. He told her to gather jars into her house, *not just a few*, then close the door and

pour oil into those very jars. The Bible says that the oil kept flowing until every jar was full. She then sold the oil and paid the creditors their money.

Oil, in the Bible, is often times a picture, or type, of the Holy Spirit. Such is the case in this passage. As Christians, we know that we are called by God to serve Him, but the task is impossible from a human standpoint. From within our own selves we have nothing of value or importance to bring to the table. However, God has a solution. We are but jars of clay, vessels, to be filled by the Holy Spirit and used by Him. In the story of the miracle, note that the only limitation on the quantity of oil was in the number of clay jars the woman collected beforehand. Likewise, in our own lives, we curb the influence and impact of the Holy Spirit by "collecting and filling" a limited number of "jars" in our hearts. God places no

restrictions upon the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Recall that Elisha requested a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah. What might be accomplished in the life of a man or woman completely filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit?

We continue today with our question and answer time. If you have not had an opportunity to submit a question, Ms. Jeanette has paper and pencils for you to do so.

Math Corner

Coles Law
T/S=C

(Thinly/Sliced=Cabbage)

KEYS YOU WISHED WORKED IN REAL LIFE

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A Spiritual Salad

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Romans 13:12—LET US cast off the works of darkness
Romans 13:13—LET US walk honestly
Romans 14:13—LET US not therefore judge one another any more
Romans 14:19—LET US therefore follow after the things which make for peace
2 Corinthians 7:1—LET US cleanse ourselves from all filthiness
Galatians 5:25—LET US walk in the Spirit
Galatians 5:26—LET US not be desirous of vainglory
Galatians 6:9—LET US not be weary in well doing
Galatians 6:10—LET US do good unto all men
I John 4:7—LET US love one another

There Will Be No Extra Tickets Available At The Gate Of Heaven!



MR. LYLE BOWL XVI

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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.

Official Rules

The game begins with the participant standing at the beginning line with their toes touching the line but not completely covering it. Hands shall be held down at the side, but not tight against the body. A bend in the elbow is allowed to a maximum of 15 degrees. Once movement has begun, swing of the arms is allowed but shall not be so noticeable as to distract from the other processes of the game. Should the referee feel the arm movement to be a showy display of ungentlemanlike conduct, the turn shall be forfeited. Each time a potential participant shall attempt a traverse of the course, they shall begin with placing the right foot forward, first. They shall then pull that same foot back for exactly 2 seconds, not allowing it to touch the floor. It shall be held up off the floor for that 2 second interval at a regulation height of 6 inches. The same foot may then be placed firmly down in front of said participants. If an alternate foot, namely the left foot is chosen as an option, the entire process must be completed in the afore mentioned details, but with the opposite foot being used. This process may be used a third time, but the 6 second time limit will come into bearing by then and is probably not a good strategy anyway, so it is not recommended that it even be tried. The eyes of the participant must be open, looking straight forward. Glancing around is expressly prohibited, as is any direct or indirect communication from the participant to his or her team mates. They may direct their words of encouragement and suggestions to the participant, but in no way are they allowed to physically touch the participant. No smile shall be allowed at this point in the procedure. Humming of a song is allowed, but it must be a song that everyone else knows. Should a song be hummed that is not known by everyone, a penalty shall be assessed by the judge. If this entire procedure is not accomplished in a minimum of 6 seconds, a delay of game penalty may be assessed by the referee at his discretion. Penalties may not be mentioned by any participants, ever! If any quarters do arise due to the participant not being aware of this rule, another penalty may be assessed by the referee. Once the initial step, namely the afore mentioned placement of the first foot onto the carpet, has been achieved, the participant must stand still, cross both arms, and loudly proclaim the three that are watching the proceedings these exact words: "Ma Ma Ooga Ooga Ma Ma". This procedure constitutes the first step and it's appropriate regulations as prescribed by the official who is the inventor of this magnificent event.

The second step is now going to be addressed. The second step may be taken backwards if so desired, but if taken, it must be done in exactly the same method as the first step, but in opposite order. Starting with the "Ma Ma Ooga Ooga Ma Ma" statement, all the way to standing with the toes aligned on the starting line. While this process is allowed, it serves only as a process whereby to confuse the other teams in the competition, and is therefore considered a method of strategy. A forward step strategy must follow the following prescribed order of events. The left foot is now to be considered. The participant must at this point step for a moment and carefully perform each of the required elements. After clearing of the throat, arms must be raised, with hands placed under the armpits. A read flapping should immediately begin, with arms rising to at least a horizontal position in the upward movement. This shall be known as the "Chicken Tribute". A "Chicken Tribute" must be done with flamboyant gestures, clucking and bobbing of the head in a chicken parking fashion. If the referee is not satisfied that the "Chicken Tribute", it must be done again until done correctly, or the game participant will forfeit their turn, and return to the starting line and begin again from the beginning, because that is the appropriate place to begin again. Once the "Chicken Tribute" has been successfully performed, the right foot may now be placed into movement. In a very quiet, jerk, the left foot must be moved from the starting line, but at no time may it be raised any higher than 3 inches from the floor. The foot may be placed next to the already placed right foot. If this is the chosen placement, the participant must stand at attention with arms to their side and sing one verse of "Kumbe Oondle Dandy". The rest of the team still standing and watching the events that are transpiring must clap and cheer for the magnificent rendition of this American classic. These cheers shall be no less than 5 seconds in length and no more than 10 seconds in length. The second option available to the participant is that they may choose to indeed put the left foot down ahead of the already placed right foot. This results in obvious increased travel on the course of competitors, and also has requirements to be allowed to remain valid. Once the left foot has been placed in the down position, balance shall be checked, and once checked, the following course of events must transpire. First, there shall be a smile on the face of said participant. The participant must then crow like a rooster. This must be done with gusto and exuberance. The referee is the sole consideration of this part of the process. Should the referee feel that the requirements have not been met to assigned levels of expertise, the move shall be forfeited. Once the rooster crow has been successfully completed, the "Chicken Tribute" must be completely performed to the afore mentioned details. If properly performed, the participant shall be allowed to hold their position and prepare for their next step.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is just rules 1 and 2 (of 150). An incredibly complex game, winning is nearly

impossible. The level of expertise and perfection required to traverse the field and succeed is non-negotiable. No regular player has ever even come close to winning. Many try and fail. The referee is demanding, and rightly so—he invented the game with it's magnificent rules. Yes, I said "magnificent" rules.

For anyone brave enough to read through the entire rule book, there is an amazing solution available. A careful study of rule number 131 reveals that, if requested and accepted by the player, a substitute furnished by the referee can and will traverse the field perfectly, and thus win the game for all players. You can win this impossible game, but not by yourself!

God has a game for us to play—life. And it is incredibly difficult to win because He demands perfection. Luckily for us, He knew we would have a problem succeeding on our own and furnished a substitute, Jesus Christ, who came to this earth and lived a perfect life, so that, if we accept Him as our savior, we can have eternal life in Heaven. Are you still trying to play the game on your own?

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Questions and answers will continue next week. Today is Super Bowl Sunday and we gotta play football today!

A Favorite Family Recipe

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.

Just a thought:



Have A Day!

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Excuse Me, But May I Ruin Your Valentine's Day?

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May I suggest a trip to Walmart to buy a very nice box of assorted chocolates. Be sure to get one with a "roadmap" of the flavors with their locations in the box. It may require you to spend a few extra dollars, but it is worth it.

Open the box, and take out the ones that you know your sweetheart doesn't like. Save them for yourself. Next, take out some of the good ones for later—your sweetheart will never know the difference. (But be sure to keep the "roadmap", or they will realize what you have done.)

And finally, duct tape the box closed. If they decide to throw the box at you in disgust, all that candy won't go to waste.

Not a good idea you say?

If we are honest, there are times that we give to God but hold back for ourselves the choicest pieces of our lives. God wants the whole box of chocolates, not just part.

Bob and Darla's Wedding

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1 Corinthians 13:4-6

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Bob and Darla's Wedding

The Bride----Darla

The Groom---Bob

The Maid of Honor---Ariel

The Best Man---Patrick

The Ring Bearer---Crush

The Officiant---Bruce

Narrator---Mr. Lyle

Guests---You

Today we will observe a wonderful time together in celebration of the sacred ceremony known as the wedding.

In little more than 8 years or so, many of you may be considering taking the plunge into the world of marriage. I will probably not be your teacher then anymore. Chances are that you will still find me here in the 6th and 7th grade classroom.

So I decided to approach the subject in a unique way. Valentines Day falls on a Sunday every 6 years or so.

What better way to celebrate the day dedicated to love than with a wedding.

As a reminder, understand that Darla is a VERY high maintenance young lady! She is known to be quite exuberant and demanding. She shuns the idea that she is not the center of attention—always.

Bob on the other hand is...well...how shall I say it politely? Um...ok, Bob may be happy and fun loving, but he has some very annoying traits. And he is also a bit naive, and cannot drive anything well.

Using the definition of love found in most of our world today, this couple's chance of a successful marriage stand at slim to none. In the US today, 43% of all marriages fail for one reason or another. These failures cause untold heartbreak and misery for the men and women involved, and even more issues for any children that are caught in the turmoil.

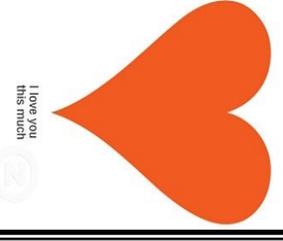
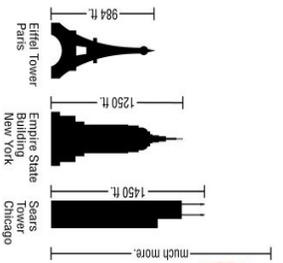
When my grandparents were married, statistics show that less than 10% of all marriages ended in divorce. The year my parents were married, that percentage had risen to just over 20%. So what has happened?

The greatest factor stabilizing our country today is the concept of family. It is the core foundation of our society. Satan understands the principles involved and why God deemed marriage and the family good. And he has set out to undermine and pervert the definition of family in America today.

God's definition of love, on the other hand, is one that can keep the marriage and family together. An unconditional, unwavering love, not a warm fuzzy feeling, is what God desires. He demonstrated true love for us when Jesus went to the cross and died for us "while we were yet sinners."

If Bob and Darla are Christians, and are loving each other as God would have them to, even with all of their personal baggage that they are bringing into this marriage, even their marriage can be successful!

A Valentine for Mr. Lyle's Wife



For God so lo__ed the world
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The Wisdom Of Hammie (By The Beach)



Hammie has always been doubtful of man's reputed high intelligence. After seeing many spend their entire vacation frolicking in his toilet, he was convinced that his understanding of the human race was absolutely correct!

Romeo and Juliet Is Not a Love Story

It's a two-day relationship between a thirteen year old and a twenty year old that ended in six deaths.

The Biblical Account of Creation

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II Peter 3: 3-6

3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

One phrase in the passage in II Peter 3, as of this writing, has not been fully explained scientifically. *They deliberately forget that long ago, by Gods word, the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.* Couple that with the mention in Genesis of *the deep*, and questions arise. Clearly, God has the ability to create an earth with the appearance of age. (Do we doubt that Adam was created with the developmental form of a mature man?) There is no solid explanation for the water, but one interesting observation.

Beginning in 1960, and until the fall of the Soviet Union, there was a tremendous rivalry between the two world super powers. The US and the USSR were

both intent on showing the rest of the world that their system of life was superior. Most are familiar with the race for the conquest of space. Few are aware of another contest that was ensuing. Both nations proceeded with the task of attempting to drill deep into the core of the Earth. The United States conceded early, but Russia continued from 1965 until officially discontinuing drilling in 1994. Known commonly as the Kola Superdeep Borehole, the result was a nine inch diameter hole bored 7.5 miles deep. Drilling in the tremendous pressures and heat (356°F), are beyond the solutions of current technology. Two discoveries made at that facility are worthy of mention here. First, fossils were found at a depth of four miles. Secondly, and to the point of our subject, it was found that the granite at those extreme depths is super-saturated with water. There is currently no scientific explanation for this. In fact, it goes against all

known models and theories.

God created this universe by speaking it into existence from nothing, and He did it in less than a week. As "science" progresses, He shows us from time to time the complete folly of the evolutionary theory.

News has been released just recently of an incredible find of five partial skeletons that are, amazingly well preserved. They date (Carbon 14 dating is a flawed concept, but that is another topic) back to the earliest "human" ancestor—and yet they are fine examples of the last step of the so-called "evolutionary" chain. The pull quotes from the articles all read this way. "The findings will most likely completely obliterate all previous theories of human evolution as we now perceive them!"

Keep watch on this story. God has provided all the proof we need of His Creation Majesty.

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CUTENESS

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Cuteness vs. Number of Legs

AAAAHHH! KILL IT! KILL IT!	Creepy	0
Unfortunate	1	1
Pretty normal	2	2
Cute	3	3
Awwwww---adorable!	4	4

Numbers 20;2-12

2 Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. **3** They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord! **4** Why did you bring the Lord's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? **5** Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!" **6** Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. **7** The Lord said to Moses, **8** "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." **9** So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, just as he commanded him. **10** He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" **11** Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. **12** But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

Kungfu Ninja Moses lived out in the desert perfecting his Kungfu Ninja moves. The Kungfu Ninja Master lit a great flaming torch. Kungfu Ninja Moses went over to it and tried to extinguish the flames with his Kungfu Ninja moves. Though he tried again and again, he could not put out the flaming torch. The Great Kungfu Ninja Master told Kungfu Ninja Moses, "Find

Kung Fu Ninja Moses and Aaron

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your brother Aaron, perfect your Kungfu Ninja moves, and go to the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt. He has my Kungfu Ninjas and he must let them go!"

Kungfu Ninja Moses and Aaron showed the Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt some of their best kungfu. The Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt was not impressed until Moses and Aaron showed him their best, most awesome, Kungfu Ninja moves. The Evil Jujitsu Lord Pharaoh of Egypt said that all of the Kungfu Ninjas could leave. Moses and Aaron kungfued for joy.

All of the Kungfu Ninjas went out into the desert. They were led by Moses and Aaron. They all practiced their Kungfu Ninja arts there in the desert. After an afternoon in the desert heat, all of the Kungfu Ninjas were thirsty. They complained to Moses and Aaron that there was no water there. Kungfu Ninja Moses and Aaron responded with a very interesting, never before seen, Kungfu Ninja move.

Kungfu Ninja Moses and Aaron took all of the Kungfu Ninjas to a large rock there in the desert. They kungfued them until all of the Kungfu Ninjas were quiet. Kungfu Ninja Moses then said "The Great Kungfu Ninja Master has great compassion. He will show us where we can get water to quench our thirst" Moses and Aaron kungfued like the great, skilled Ninja warriors they were, over to the rock.

Then Kungfu Ninja Moses said to the Kungfu Ninjas following him "Today, I will expertly hit this rock. I have been taught well by the Great Kungfu Ninja Master. My blows will be so powerful, that I shall break this rock in two, and water will gush out

for everyone. It was an amazing sight to behold as Kungfu Ninja Moses and Aaron landed blow after blow on the huge rock.

Water came gushing out and all of the Kungfu Ninja warriors kungfued for joy!

THE EVOLUTION OF THE WRITTEN LANGUAGE

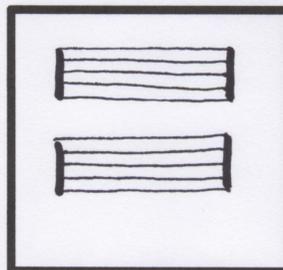
The diagram shows a vertical timeline with a scale from 4000 BC at the top to 2000 AD at the bottom. Key milestones are marked with brackets and labels:

- Cuneiform script:** Represented by various wedge-shaped symbols, appearing around 3000 BC.
- Hieroglyphs:** Represented by pictorial symbols like a bird, a hand, and a square, appearing around 3000 BC.
- The Latin Alphabet:** Represented by the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, appearing around 1000 BC.
- Emoticons:** Represented by various smiley faces and symbols, appearing around 2000 AD.

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So...what did you think of the literary works of Martin Handford?

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The Portraits of the Famous 20th Century French Artist Ly Lé

Isaiah 1: 18b

*"Though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they are red as
crimson, they shall be like wool."*

Initially, most may find it odd to ask the simple question: "If sin was described by its color, what hue comes to mind?" Often the answer given refers to a shade of black, as black is the opposite of pure white.

God places an interesting description in the Bible. Isaiah quotes God talking to Israel of their sin, and He refers to it as being red, scarlet, crimson, or burgundy.

At first glance that may seem odd, but a short lesson in the physics of light gives at least one interesting bit of insight into the unique color reference.

Known well by a small but loyal group of followers, the French artist Ly Lé has been rendering portraits of one particular individual for over fifty years. An un-named collector of his works has consented to display his very first portrait of this nameless individual. We will have the chance to examine first hand the subtle nuances of color and textures used by Ly Lé.

During the art presentation we will be fortunate enough to see his very latest portrait—drawn, as it were, with a hole in his side. Careful observation will reveal that Ly Lé chose to color the exposed heart red.

Using this amazing portrait,

we will show how light and color react when the entire portrait is viewed through a red lens. (A hint: the red is no longer visible!)

When we turn our lives over to Jesus and become Christians, God says that the blood of Jesus covers us. We are forgiven because of the Atonement of Christ. The very word "atone" means to cover.

God forgives us of our sins, but none of us continues in perfection after that moment. Fortunately God's solution is adequate to cover our sins and allow us to stand in His presence. The precious blood that Jesus shed for us covers our sin.

What color is blood? Red of course. What color is sin? red also. And just as the demonstration shows the seeming "disappearance" of the red heart in Ly Lé's portrait, so the blood of Jesus creates the "disappearance" of our sin as well, allowing a Holy, Perfect, God to draw near to us and call us His own.

And by the way, don't bother to GOOGLE the artist Ly Lé. You won't find him! He is a complete fabrication of my imagination. (At least I think so.)

By Mr. Lyle

Manufacturer's Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the 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
- (e). Erratic self-destructive behaviors.

The Manufacturer, Who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing authorized repair service free of charge to correct the 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 up load your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

Please see and use the readily available operating manual HOLY BIBLE for further details on the use 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.

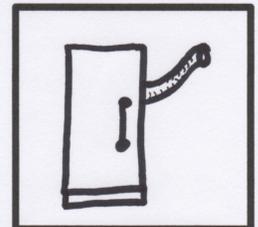
WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

For free emergency service call on J-E-S-U-S. This is of course a toll free call.

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

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Stuff For Today

- The Alphabet
- There is no "i" in team?
- The Gospel

Nehemiah 3

Nehemiah 3 reads much like a boring engineer's report of an ongoing construction project. It is a comprehensive account of the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem. The captivity in Babylon was over and the Jewish people who had returned were struggling to bring their lives back to normal. With the leadership of Nehemiah, the plan was orchestrated to reconstruct the damaged walls surrounding Jerusalem. The Babylonians had left the walls in ruin seventy years previous. Restoring the walls was a matter of pride, identity, and security. The work was difficult and even dangerous. God approved and took note of all of it and recorded this footnote in history for us to see. With organization in place, the construction project began, and finished less than two months later.

A beautiful spiritual lesson can be found in the names of the gates of Jerusalem mentioned here. The plan of salvation and our ensuing Christian walk can be seen in detail as we take a tour of the walls of Jerusalem by way of a construction progress report.

The Sheep Gate. We begin at the Sheep Gate. The sacrificial animals were brought in through this gate into Jerusalem. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He was the Passover Lamb, the ultimate sacrifice offered once for all of time. There is a notation that the men of Jericho worked on the wall next to this gate. Jericho was a cursed city, a city of sin. Jesus carried our sin to the cross, bearing all of the sin of the world. This gate also reminds us that we are sheep, wandering our own way, lost. Jesus is the Great Shepherd, who came to search for and save those who are lost. It is fitting that our tour begins with the person of Jesus.

The Fish Gate. We would do well to recall the first command given by Jesus to new converts. He directed them to go and tell others what God had done for them. As Jesus called his disciples, He said that He would make them fishers of men. In fact, He stated that even He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Spreading the good news about the salvation available to all is one of the most important aspects of being a Christian. Unfortunately, it is also the most neglected by many. The Fish Gate reminds us that we have an obligation to tell others about the love of God.

The Jeshanah Gate. Translated into English, the name would become the Old Gate. Our world that we live in today is one that accentuates and strives for that which is new. Many want the newest this or that, and it is human nature to look toward possessions or cultural practices from that view. But the Bible encourages us to look back to the old ways. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes and the Bible remains ever true. The human heart has not

The Gospel In The Gates Of Jerusalem

changed over the years. We need to look to that which has proven to be correct and valid in the past. We are fallen creatures with a sin nature, susceptible to degrading moral standards and ever increasing sinfulness. As I look back at my few years upon this earth, I can see a decline in the values of the society that I live in. Many of the old ways were better, and we need to grasp hold of, and embrace, those things worth keeping.

The Valley Gate. This gate reminds us that there will undoubtedly be times in our life when we will suffer deeply. Life is not a cake walk, and we can expect difficulties. King David understood the valleys well as he mentioned in the 23rd Psalm. For the Christian, the walk through the valley is not a lonely one. God has promised to be with us during the dark times in life, and it is a comfort to know that is true. It is also during these challenging times that we have the potential to grow the most. Our joy is in the Lord, even in the valley.

The Dung Gate. In a world that used beasts of burden to accomplish many of the normal day to day aspects of life, there was a need to clean up after them. Refuse of that nature cannot remain in a city for long or health problems will arise. This gate was devoted to this very unglamorous but most necessary task. The honest individual will admit that we all have things in our lives that should not have residence there. We are called to live a righteous lifestyle as children of God. There will be times in our lives when some unmentionable things need to be cast out through the dung gate of our heart. Our spiritual health depends upon cleanliness.

The Fountain Gate. For the Christian, the joy associated with our salvation and walk with God is not to be bottled up within us. We are to share the love of God with the very dark world that we live in. Jesus said that the result of the Holy Spirit indwelling us is that He will be a fountain bubbling up through our lives. We should not be afraid to pour out our hearts into the lives of those around us.

The Water Gate. Note that no repairs were necessary on this gate. In the Bible, we see the analogy of Scripture with water. We are washed by the Word of God. We are cleansed by the Word. The Bible is not in need of repair, it does not need to be adjusted to become useful for our day. It is the one thing in life that we can be absolutely sure of. It is as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago, and will be in another two thousand years. Unchanging

and applicable in every situation, the Bible, as is water, is not only necessary for cleanliness, but life cannot go on without it. We need the Word of God in our lives. We cannot live well without it.

The Horse Gate. In days of warfare, the army traditionally marched out through this gate, led by those on horseback and chariots. Paul emphasizes in the New Testament that we are involved in a spiritual battle every day. Our warfare is ongoing and very real, and we cannot let down our guard for even a moment, as the enemy will take advantage of any weakness found in our hearts.

The East Gate. Each morning, as the sun rose above the horizon and the new day began, the East Gate was the first to be opened. The uncertainty associated with the darkness dissipated, and the excitement of daybreak took root. We look forward to a time when our Lord will return. The dark night of sin will be ended and a glorious new day will dawn. Jesus will enter through the East Gate, and a new day that will never end, will begin.

The Gate Miphkad. Visitors to Jerusalem were to enter through this gate. It was the gate of inspection and review. Travel visas, or other documents, were checked at this gate before the traveller was allowed to proceed. This was also the gate through which a returning army entered back into the city. King David would meet his troops there, and the crowds were present to cheer them on in celebration of a job well done. We will one day stand before Jesus in review, at the judgment seat of Christ. For the Christian, all that we have done will be open for evaluation, and our rewards will be handed to us personally by our Savior. It is not a matter of salvation at this point. That issue was settled at the cross. This time of inspection is focused upon our actions as a child of God since the moment of our new birth.

The Sheep Gate. We end our tour at the Sheep Gate. Our lives should revolve around the person of Jesus Christ. It is because of Him that we live and have our being. He is the sum total of all that is important. He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

Even a lowly engineer's progress report of something as benign as the building of a rock wall, when inspired by the Holy Spirit and included in Scripture, need not be overlooked and ignored. God included it to give us a modicum of insight into what He expects of our walk with Him as His children

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There it is!

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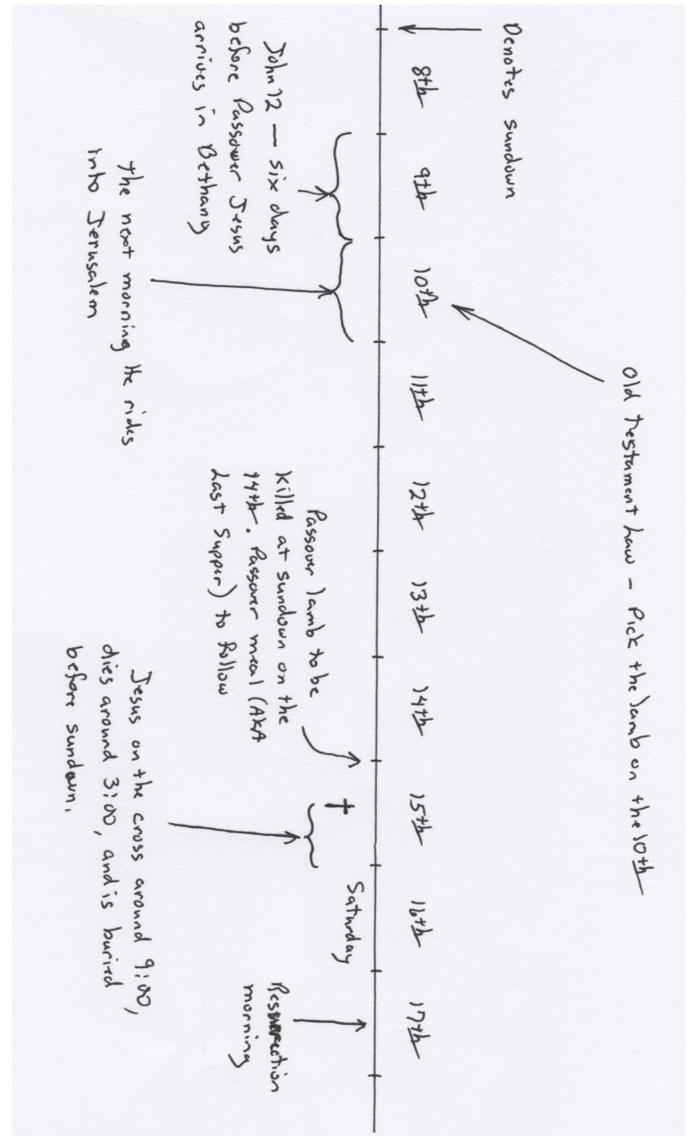
Hunting For An Easter Egg

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

John 12:1, 12-17
1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.
13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"
14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."
16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.
17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.
18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.
19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Exodus 12:1-6
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.



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Picking Easter

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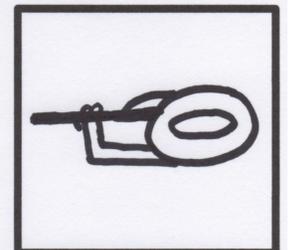
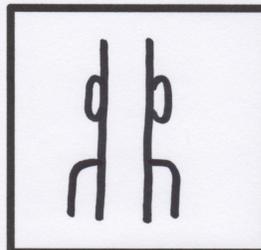
Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after the 21st day of March; and if the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after."

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

Peter Piper Picked A Peck Of Pickled Peppers

We all know that Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, but who in the world is Peter and why should we care if he's got pickled or fresh peppers? As it turns out, this story is far more interesting than the simple tongue twister we're all familiar with. First off, it's important to know a little history about the spice trade. You see, a long, long time ago, all spices were referred to by the generic name of "peppers." They were also incredibly expensive and the companies who ran the spice trade would go out of their way to keep the supply low by rubbing the seeds with lime before selling them so they couldn't germinate if planted. The practice was called "pickling." As for Peter Piper, he was actually a French pirate and horticulturalist named "Pierre Poivre" (which has become Anglicized into Peter Piper). Pierre was known for raiding spice stores so he could grow them in his garden in Seychelles and hopefully make spices more affordable and accessible for the average European. The rhyme comes from the fact that there were at least a few occasions where Peter Piper picked pickled peppers that wouldn't grow in his garden.

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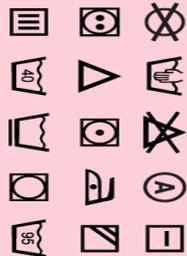
Helpful Hints Regarding Laundry

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Someday you will be doing your own laundry. These are a few things I have learned over the years.

1. Always remember the miracle of **Laundromatic Pressure**. The force exerted by the weight of clothes at the top of a pile of dirty laundry is inversely proportional the square of the number of days since laundry day. When factored with enough time and pressure, the dirty laundry at the bottom of the pile becomes clean. (Sniff, sniff ...close enough!)

2. My handy Laundry symbol guide.



Advanced laundry guide

Functional laundry guide

GUIDE TO LAUNDRY SYMBOLS

Of Toilet Paper and Canons

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Romans 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son

Long before this class time began, I made plans. **Long before He made the universe, God made plans.**

I wanted a roll of toilet paper, so I went to the store.

God wanted a relationship with us, so He came to this earth.

I found the roll I wanted on the shelf. It did not come looking for me first.

God came looking for you and I first as well.

I took the roll of toilet paper to the checkout stand and paid the price to make it mine.

God went to a cross and shed His blood to pay the price to make you and I His property.

The roll of toilet paper accepted my arrangement and I took it home.

You and I need to accept God's gift of salvation.

Let me put this delicately—had I not rescued that roll of toilet paper from its predicament, it would have faced a life of unspeakably disgusting things!

If God did not rescue us

from our sin, we would be facing an even more disgusting and awful future ourselves!

Now that the roll of toilet paper is mine, I can begin executing the plans I had for it.

When we become Christians, we are in a position to be used by God for His planned purpose in our lives.

I begin unrolling and removing the stuff I don't want on the roll.

We have stuff in our lives that doesn't need to be there—sin—and God wants to rid us of those things.

The roll of toilet paper does not resist my gentle process.

We need to be willing to allow God to work in our lives.

I know what I need the roll to be, and will continue the process of trimming and removing material until it finally becomes truly useful.

God will clean up our sinful hearts if we let Him, because He has a plan for our lives.

I have a target dimension for the roll of toilet paper. I want to remove everything that does not total 100 mm in diameter.

God has a target for every Christian's life—we

are to become like Christ.

Finally, the toilet paper is loaded into a 100mm canon and fired through the air in an amazing display. Everyone wonders in awe at the spectacle.

God will do amazing, awesome things in your life as well. Let Him do the work in your heart, and go along for the ride! And we will all wonder in awe at the great things God has done!

The Formula For Love (Solve for "I")

$$9x - 7i < 3(3x - 7u)$$

$$9x - 7i < 9x - 21u$$

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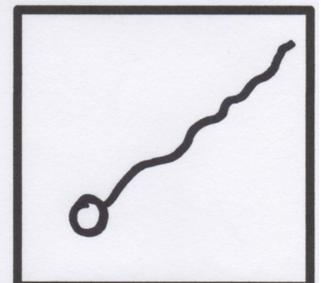
$$\frac{-7i < -21u}{-7 \quad -7}$$

$$i < 3u$$

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What Texting Shorthand Will Look Like When Your Generation Reaches 60

- ATD—At the doctor's
- BFF—Best friend fell
- BTW—Bring the wheelchair
- FWIW—Forgot where I was
- IMHO—Is my hearing aid on?
- TTYL—Talk to you louder
- LMDO—Laughing my dentures out
- AIFOTV—Asleep in front of TV
- WTALOS—Wow that's a lot of stairs!
- WRU—Who are you?

4 Faces, 4 Gospels, 4 Names

By Mr. Lyle (mrlyle1@gmail.com)

Ezekiel 1: 5-11

5 and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human, 6 but each of them had four faces and four wings. 7 Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. All four of them had faces and wings, 9 and the wings of one touched the wings of another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved. 10 Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle. 11 Such were their faces. They each had two wings spreading out upward, each wing touching that of the creature on either side; and each had two other wings covering its body.

Ezekiel struggles to find words to adequately describe the scene before him in the first chapter of his prophecy. One cannot read through the entire narrative without asking "What in the world are we seeing?" Four creatures are introduced in the passage, completely beyond our comprehension, with four faces each. That particular attribute is more than just a bizarre oddity, it has significance. The Bible is not a mere piece of literature. It is an amazingly intricately interwoven collection of writings obviously inspired by God and put together by Him for our use to understand Him.

Each creature had four faces; the first, the face of a man, the second, the face of a lion, the third, the face of an ox, the fourth, the face of an eagle. A parallel can be drawn to the

four Gospels found in the New Testament. Luke wrote his gospel from the viewpoint of a medical doctor. He saw first-hand the humanity of Jesus. Jesus was indeed a human being, and Luke referred to Him often as the Son of Man. The first face mentioned was the face of a man. The second face was that of a lion, a symbol of kings throughout history. A beginning to end reading of Matthew reveals that he saw Christ as a king. Matthew begins that portrayal with his record of the Magi visiting the Child shortly after His birth. Mark saw Jesus through the lens of a servant. He recognized that Jesus came as the Servant of God, a man who learned obedience as an example to us. An ox is a beast of burden whose life is dedicated to serving its master. The final face was that of an eagle. The eagle represents divinity. Jesus was and is divine—He is God. No other inspired writer explained that more clearly than did John in the first verse of his gospel. And through the remainder of his book, he focuses on the reality that Jesus was God in human form.

Revelation 19 describes for us in detail, a rider on a white horse. That rider, found in verses eleven through sixteen, is Jesus Christ. When He returns in the fullness of His glory, He is described by four specific names.

Whose rider is called Faithful and True. No one is more loyal than is the faithful servant. Mark mentioned that attribute. *His name is the Word of God.* Immediately, we recall John's opening words. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the great I AM. *He has this name written: KING*

of KINGS and LORD of LORDS. Matthew couldn't have said it better. *He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.* The fourth name is actually a secret in Revelation. The greatest mystery of Scripture is this simple fact: Why would God, the Creator, the Almighty, lower Himself to the condition of his creation, man, and walk among us? His love for us is astounding, a great unknown quality to us were it not for the fact that He demonstrated His love toward us by going to a cross and dying a very human death on our behalf. Luke recounts in detail the human being he touched and talked to face to face, who he also recognized to be God.

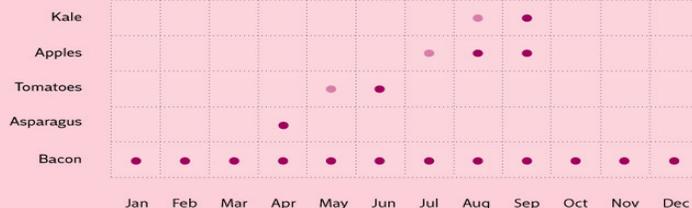
Four unique Gospels, four unique faces, four key attributes of God, masterfully intertwined in the Bible. The Word of God is unlike any other piece of literature, and the deeper one looks into Scripture, the more there is to be learned. Never discontinue that thrilling discovery.

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.

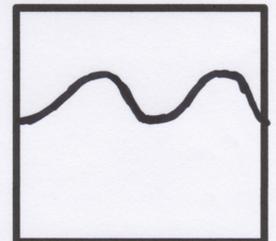
Now, yesterday's tomorrow is today and likewise, tomorrow's yesterday is today. And, tomorrow just as it nears arrival, suddenly becomes today, and today then becomes yesterday. It follows that yesterday's tomorrow and today's tomorrow are tomorrow's yesterday and today's tomorrow respectively. However, today, when seen from tomorrow's today is yesterday. And yesterday's tomorrow, as seen from today, is tomorrow's yesterday.

Yesterday's yesterday's tomorrow's tomorrow is actually tomorrow's yesterday—AND THAT'S TODAY!

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Essential English (Words you can use in your next term paper)

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Adolescence—The period when a boy refuses to believe that someday he will be as stupid as his father.

Ants—People who marry uncles.

Adult—A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Aquarium—Interactive TV for cats.

Bananosecond—The time elapsed between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement.

Boy—Noise with dirt on it.

Dust—Mud with all of the juice squeezed out.

Enclubma—An emergency vehicle that can only be seen in a rear view mirror

Gross Ignorance—144 times worse than regular ignorance.

Me—What Geronimo yells when he jumps out of an airplane.

Ow—The first word spoken by a child with an older sibling.

Period—A comma that has curled up and gone to sleep.

Skeleton—A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

Subdued—Like, a guy who, like, works on one of those, like, submarines, man.

Vegetarian—A not so skilled hunter

The First Pulpit

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Ezra 9:4

Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

Accomplishments define a man. Look at what he does, and you will also see the focal point of his heart. That was true of the prophet Ezra. We find a man whose life and actions revolved around his lifelong pursuit of the Word of God. He is described as a student of the Word, a scribe, and his achievements stand as testimony to that fact.

Ezra was of the priestly line, but because there was no temple in Jerusalem, he could not serve in that capacity. So he devoted himself to the study of God's Word, sharpening his understanding in preparation for his role in the plan of God. He probably wrote the books of I and II Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah and was the one responsible for organizing the Psalms, playing a large part in settling the canon of Scripture. It was he who stood before those who had returned to

Jerusalem from Babylon, and positioned on the first pulpit mentioned in the Bible, simply read the text of Scripture to those listening and explained the meaning as he went. The revival and reformation that took place from this unassuming act was stunning. The Word of God is very sharp and will cut the heart in places no other implement can reach.

If a theme were to be assigned to the book of Ezra, it would be "The Word of the Lord". There are ten direct references to the Word of God in this short book, with the key verse found in Ezra 9:4. They "*trembled at the words of the God of Israel*". Seventy years of captivity had an effect upon the people, but there was no revival seen during their time in Babylon. It was not until the day that all the people gathered in front of the Water Gate, and stood in reverence as Ezra read from the Scripture for over six hours, that something began to stir in their hearts. They began to see that the

commands of God demanded performance. Obedience and holiness before an Almighty God finally became an issue to be dealt with, and it changed the lives of many, drastically. God's Word is powerful. Ezra understood that well, and his life reminds us of what is truly important.

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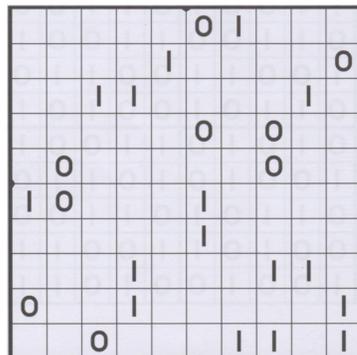
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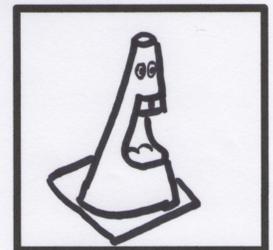
This report is brought to you today by Dr. Sniffle reporting live from Quicherfussin.

The moral of the story:

If you don't like it, deal with it cupcake, 'cuz life doesn't revolve around you!



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Alice's Six Impossible Things

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Near the end of the 2010 movie remake of "Alice in Wonderland", Alice is about to fight the dreaded *Jabberwocky*. As she prepares herself mentally for the battle, she counts six impossible things that she now believes in:

1. There is a potion that can make you shrink
2. There is a cake that can make you big.
3. Animals can talk
4. Cats can disappear.
5. There is a place called Wonderland.
6. And she completes her list by admitting to herself that she can indeed dispatch the ugly *Jabberwocky*.

And having convinced herself, she slays the horrible animal.

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Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

In Lewis Carroll's sequel to *Alice in Wonderland* called *Through the Looking Glass*, Alice is complaining to the White Queen. "There is no use trying", she says, "one can't believe impossible things."

But the White Queen responds, "I daresay you haven't had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

I believe in six impossible things, and I didn't have breakfast today, so it still counts, right?! Here is my list.

1. God created this universe, and everything in it, from nothing. He spoke it all into existence in six, literal, days. And gave us a record of it all in the book of Genesis. That's impossible.

2. God created Adam and Eve with a free will to do as they wish. They/we failed, we sinned, and God still loves us. That's impossible.

3. God despises sin so intensely, that a relatively short time after creation, He destroyed the world with a cataclysmic, world-wide flood. And only 8 people, and two of every kind of animal aboard an ark, survived that catastrophe. That's impossible.

4. God loves us so much that He made a plan to redeem us

so that we can live forever with Him in Heaven. Jesus, who is God, came to this earth, laying aside His Heavenly prerogatives while He was here, and lived a perfect sinless life as an example to us. He died and was buried and rose again. He still lives! That's impossible.

5. God is coming again some day to take all believers to be with Him forever. And we will live happily ever after FOREVER! That's impossible.

6. God will soon judge sin completely and finally as time and this earth come to an end. Hell is very, very real and worse than we can possibly imagine. That's impossible.

I hope you understand I am being facetious as I recount these things as impossible. The world we live in counts all of these six items to be preposterous and blatantly impossible to even consider. However, for the Christian, these impossible things are the very basis of everything that we believe. Without them, we have nothing.

As you continue your walk with the Lord, cement these six "impossibles" into the foundation of everything that you believe. Don't allow the world to create

doubts in your mind. All things are possible with God—even the impossible things! He tells us that all we need do is to believe.

That's a bit tough in our world. Many have the erroneous idea that visual proof is necessary before they can believe. Our senses will fool us. Many a magician has made a very good living capitalizing on that idea. The only thing that is solid and completely trustworthy is God's word, the Bible.

I believe in as many as six impossible things before breakfast. I hope you will also.

Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they have been given, than to explore the power they have to change it. **Impossible** is not a fact, it is an opinion. **Impossible** is not a declaration. It is a dare. **Impossible** is potential. **Impossible** is temporary. **Impossible** is nothing.

My Little Hippo Poem

My hippo has the hiccups
And his hiccups shake the ground.
The floor is always rumbling
When my hippo is around.

I bought him at the pet store
But I missed a small detail.
I didn't see the sign that said:
"Hiccupotamus for sale."

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The Soap Opera of Daniel 11

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Famous Quotes And Stuff

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"18...19...20! Yup, he's got all of his hands and feet!" (Mr. Potato Head at the birth of his son)

"Moses, thou shalt hold down the Commandment Key and hit 10" (Hezekiah 5:3)

"Showers are great. They make you feel nice and clean, you sound like a professional singer, and they help you make all of life's tough decisions.

I love my pillow because it gives me a new hairstyle every day.

Has anyone else noticed that the character "&" kind of looks like a guy dragging his rear end across the floor?

Lazy people fact #3549837465: "You were too lazy to read that number".

Dear Math, Please grow up and solve your own problems. I am tired of solving them for you.

Daniel 11: 2-35

2 "Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece. 3 Then a mighty king will arise, who will rule with great power and do as he pleases. 4 After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others. 5 "The king of the South will become strong, but one of his commanders will become even stronger than he and will rule his own kingdom with great power. 6 After some years, they will become allies. The daughter of the king of the South will go to the king of the North to make an alliance, but she will not retain her power, and he and his power will not last. In those days she will be betrayed, together with her royal escort and her father and the one who supported her. 7 "One from her family line will arise to take her place. He will attack the forces of the king of the North and enter his fortress; he will fight against them and be victorious. 8 He will also seize their gods, their metal images and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt. For some years he will leave the king of the North alone. 9 Then the king of the North will invade the realm of the king of the South but will retreat to his own country. 10 His sons will prepare for war and assemble a great army, which will sweep on like an irresistible flood and carry the battle as far as his fortress. 11 "Then the king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North, who will raise a large army, but it will be defeated. 12 When the army is carried off, the king of the South will be filled with pride and will slaughter many thousands, yet he will not remain triumphant. 13 For the king of the North will muster another army, larger than the first; and after several years, he will advance with a huge army fully equipped. 14 "In those times many

will rise against the king of the South. Those who are violent among your own people will rebel in fulfillment of the vision, but without success. 15 Then the king of the North will come and build up siege ramps and will capture a fortified city. The forces of the South will be powerless to resist; even their best troops will not have the strength to stand. 16 The invader will do as he pleases; no one will be able to stand against him. He will establish himself in the Beautiful Land and will have the power to destroy it. 17 He will determine to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will make an alliance with the king of the South. And he will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom, but his plans will not succeed or help him. 18 Then he will turn his attention to the coastlands and will take many of them, but a commander will put an end to his insolence and will turn his insolence back on him. 19 After this, he will turn back toward the fortresses of his own country but will stumble and fall, to be seen no more. 20 "His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle. 21 "He will be succeeded by a contemptible person who has not been given the honor of royalty. He will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue. 22 Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and a prince of the covenant will be destroyed. 23 After coming to an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully, and with only a few people he will rise to power. 24 When the richest provinces feel secure, he will invade them and will achieve what neither his fathers nor his forefathers did. He will distribute plunder, loot and wealth among his followers. He will plot the overthrow of fortresses—but only for a time. 25 "With a large army he will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South. The king of the South will wage war with a large and

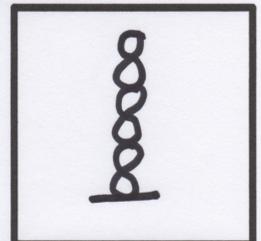
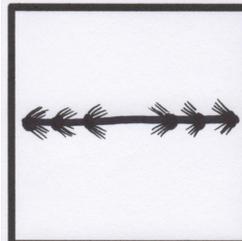
very powerful army, but he will not be able to stand because of the plots devised against him. 26 Those who eat from the king's provisions will try to destroy him; his army will be swept away, and many will fall in battle. 27 The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but to no avail, because an end will still come at the appointed time. 28 The king of the North will return to his own country with great wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country. 29 "At the appointed time he will invade the South again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before. 30 Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him, and he will lose heart. Then he will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant. He will return and show favor to those who forsake the holy covenant. 31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. 32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him. 33 "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them. 35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

Today we will overlay this very passage with world history and see an amazing, perfect match written many years before it actually happened.

Jeanette History

1. April 2, 1917 Jeannette Rankin becomes first woman in Congress.
2. Jeannette Pennsylvania was named after the wife of one of it's founding fathers.
3. Jeanette Dixon is running for a school board position in Rockville, Maryland.
4. "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" is an old French Christmas carol from the 1500s.
5. Jeanette Loeb is a walking tour guide through historical Jewish Amsterdam.
6. Jeanette Lee, AKA "The Black Widow", is a #1 world ranking billiards player.
7. Jeanette is the name of a wedding gown offered by "Maggie Soterra Designs.
8. You can go camping at Jeanette Lake, MN.
9. Google search "Jeanette" and on page 50 you will find Jeanette oi-suk yew.

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Daniel 11: 10-35

There are those who question Daniel 11. Because it is so historically accurate, they claim that it could not have been written before these events came to be. The Bible is God's word. He operates outside of the framework of time. He knows the past, present and the future. Those who doubt that

reality are not ready to admit that God could ever be that amazing.

When secular world history is laid over Daniel 11, remarkable parallels can be seen. The symmetry is incredibly detailed.

We will finish our look at the Seleucids and Ptolemies as they fought, schemed, fell in love, spied, stole, cheated, murdered, lived and died. All the ingredients for the most sordid real life soap opera the world has ever seen.



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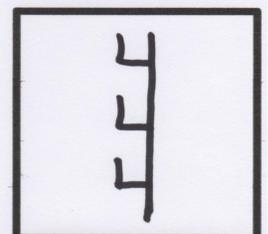
Motivation is the fine art of inserting circumstances or events into the life of your child for the sole purpose of convincing them to do what you want them to do because THEY want to do it.

Exhortations, Guidance, and Encouragement from a Dad Who Has "Been There, Done That."

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Developmental education may take many forms. The wise parent understands that each child is unique. And to be truly effective, discipline must be administered carefully. My parents corrected me as a child. I now suffer from a psychological condition known as "Respect of Others".

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Corner Idioms Found In Our Culture

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How many of these do you know?

1. To corner the market
2. To back someone into a corner.
3. To cut corners.
4. From the four corners of the world.
5. To have someone in your corner.
6. Out of the corner of ones eye.
7. To turn the corner.
8. To be in a tight corner
9. Catty-corner
10. To paint into a corner.
11. To be around the corner.
12. A corner kick.
13. The corner pocket.
14. A cornerback
15. Bringing in the corners
16. A corner throw
17. Riding a good corner.
18. Long and short corners
19. Cow corner.
20. A neutral corner.
21. The corner rule.
22. Kings in the corner.
23. Corner chess.
24. Lutz corner.

Question:

What is red and sits in the corner?

Gravity Corner

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Matthew 10:16

16 "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Hands down, the most trying, difficult, and physically demanding object lesson I have ever done has to be a short movie I made called "Gravity Corner".

I came up with the idea from a Saturday Night Live skit I had seen in 1986. Comedy magicians Penn and Teller were featured that night and one of their best moments involved them doing various basic tasks, but with very unique twists. Gravity did not work normally for them that night.

Fast forward in time about 15 years. Imagine a 45 year old guy building a set based on that old Penn and Teller skit, and convincing his kids to help him film one of the silliest things he has ever tried to do!

The preparation took several days, planning everything in detail. There were safety concerns to be addressed as well. The result was an unedited 10 minute video that took a total of 45 minutes to record. It was the most physically demanding thing I have ever done in my life!

It was filmed in a VHS format, so the quality is a bit lacking. I wish I could have a do-over and get a nice digital version, but I am not sure that I could do it again at my present age.

If I could have an entertainment themed television show, this movie would be my first episode. Spoiler alert—the show is all about gravity!

When you begin watching the movie, you may genuinely be amazed at what I was able to do. Eventually though, you will probably figure things out, and not be quite as amazed, but hopefully still entertained.

The world you live in is genuinely difficult to understand at times. It can look impossible at first. But understand that God is in control of everything, and He knows what is going on. The good thing is that we have been given a behind the scenes look at this world and how it operates. It is commonly called "The Bible".

God has spelled out in remarkable detail what we can expect here on this earth. He has also given us everything we need to know to deal with the difficulties handed to us. Use the resource He has given you. Read and study your Bible!

So Where Did The Word "Corner" Come From?

To answer that question, we travel back in time to the Roman Empire. The Latin word used to describe a projecting point or a horn was *cornu*. The French picked it up as *corne* hundreds of years later. By the 1300's, through use and the natural changes that a living language normally undergoes, the French had modified it to become the word *cornere*. We Englishmen borrowed it from the French and made it ours by deleting the e.

My Little Poem Corner

A candy bar.
A piece of cake.
Two liter Coke.
A chocolate shake.

Crème filled Long Johns.
Oreos.
Two dozen glazed
Doughnut holes.

A slice of pie
Make it two.
I'll have another.
Three will do.

Vanilla wafers.
Cherry punch.
My wife slept in
While I made lunch



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The Fisherman Who Mumbled

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Matthew 28;19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

When I was in High School, I had an incredible summer job. I worked for a custom wheat harvesting crew. You see, in the plains states, wheat ripens as early as May in the South, and as the summer progresses, the wheat crop ripens later the farther North you travel.

This unique feature allows custom wheat harvesting crews to travel all through the summer, following the ripening and cutting the wheat with large combines.

Typically we started in southern Oklahoma in mid May, and followed the process all the way to northern Montana by Mid August. It was 3 months of brutally hard work, 100 hours a week many times, very little if any time off, but excellent pay!

Because it was important for the farmer to get his wheat harvested in a very short time, we traveled with as many as 10 combines, 10 large trucks, and 4 travel campers to sleep in. Meals were brought out to the field, and we were relieved by someone of our combine driving responsibilities just long enough to eat—the machines never stopped running! We traded drivers on the go.

I noticed one week that the owner was relieving me each day at exactly 12:00. That was odd

So, after several days of this strange behavior, I asked him why. He admitted to me that a radio personality named Paul Harvey had been telling the same joke all week long but never gave the punch line. He really wanted to know the punch line of that joke, and my combine had the only working radio!

Well, Paul Harvey finally gave the punch line and my boss then could tell me the entire joke. It is one of the best I've ever heard, and I still use it to this day as a Sunday School lesson.

It is all about a fisherman who did an amazing job of catching fish on very cold mornings. No one

else seemed able to land anything, but he was doing incredibly well. When all of the other fishermen asked him his secret, he just mumbled. This went on for days. Finally they could take it no longer and the empty handed fishermen demanded of the successful man to know his secret.

He slowly leaned over, removed something from his mouth, and then very distinctly said "The secret is to keep the worms warm."

We are called to share the Gospel with others. Jesus called it fishing for men. You have to have the right "bait". Are you willing to do what is necessary to "keep the worms warm?"

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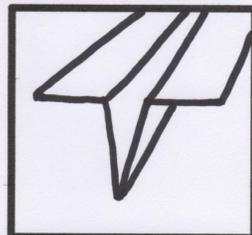
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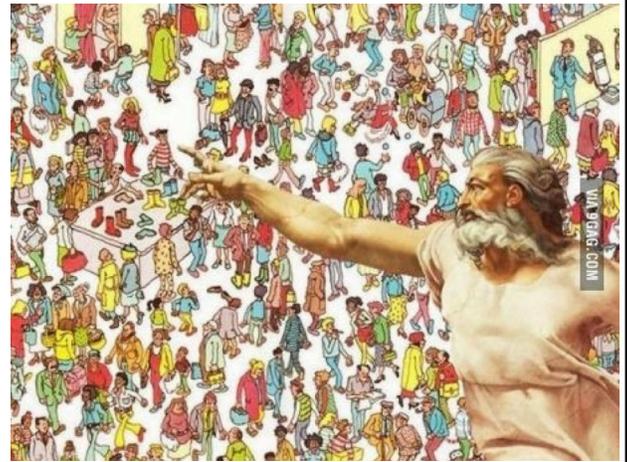
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Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess



God Always Knows!



The Chicken in the Library

A chicken marches into the library, walks up to the library desk, and says: "Book, book, BOOK!"

The librarian hands over a couple of slim children's paperbacks, and watches the chicken as it leaves the library, walks across the street, through a field, and disappears down the hill.

The next day, the chicken is back. And walks right up to the librarian, drops the books on her desk, and says, "Book, Book, BOOK, BOOK!" The librarian hands over a few books and again watches the chicken drag them away.

The next day, the chicken comes for a third time. Drops the books on the desk, and says, "Book, Book, Book, BOOK!!!"

This time, once the chicken is out the door, the librarian follows — across the street, through a field, and down the hill to a small pond.

On a rock on the edge of the pond is the biggest frog the librarian has ever seen. The chicken walks up to the frog, drops the book on the pond's edge, and says, "Book, Book, Book!"

The frog hops over, uses the front leg to push through the pile, and says: "Read it, read it, read it..."

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Cyrus Brown's Prayer

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Cleaning House and Had Some Leftover Porpoise Stuff

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1. Old sailors never die, they just lose their porpoise.
2. I know a guy that works at Sea World, but I don't think it's on porpoise.

A Porpoise Named Purpose

A porpoise named "Purpose"
On purpose, I'm sure, was
Perplexingly perfect,
And persistently pure.

Now "Purpose" would purpose
To perform and be sweet,
And purchase a purple
Paraguayan parakeet.

It came in a parcel
Portrayed to be porous
And written on the side
"Hi, my name is 'Porpoise'"

So "Purpose" had "Porpoise"
And "Purpose" had purpose:
A Porpoise with purpose;
A Porpoise with "Porpoise"

Philippians 4: 6

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

A Prayer Poem

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.

Prayer is a great gift that God has given to each of us. We have the opportunity to talk to God directly from anywhere at anytime and we are allowed to talk for as long as we want. Your cell phone contract doesn't even come close to that!

The Bible describes God as one who is interested in having a deep relationship with us. While we do not have the luxury of physically hearing the voice of God, His Spirit residing in the heart of every Christian is capable of communicating directly with our heart and mind.

But we must be willing to listen to Him. God usually is not someone who shouts at us over the noise of our everyday life. Rather, His is a still, small voice that we must be attentive to hear.

For many, God is a sort of "vending machine" that they go to when they need

something. It is true, He will be there if we need anything. But the deep relationship with God comes from walking with Him all the time. He is there, whether we recognize Him or not. Why not acknowledge His presence and live like He is right beside us all day long?

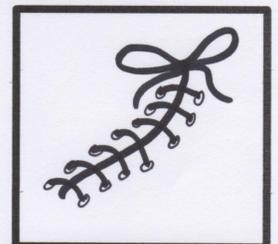
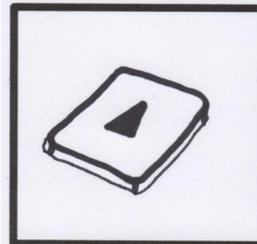
Prayer simply defined is "talking to God". It can take the form of eyes closed and head bowed, but I find it nice to go through the day talking to God—maybe not out loud, but in my heart. It gives me the chance to talk to Him about even the smallest of things. I have found He cares about those things too!

Forever

The Bible states that God has placed eternity in the hearts of men. Essentially, that means that God has given each human an understanding that there is actually a forever and an accompanying desire to enjoy that eternity. Deep down, everyone wants to go to Heaven some day. And Heaven is going to last forever. We as human beings find that concept difficult to comprehend well. The following is my favorite description of how long forever is going to be.

Imagine a solid granite mountain—100 miles long, 100 miles wide, and 100 miles tall. It stands alone—no weather to tear it down, nothing to affect it at all—except a little chickadee. Once every 1,000 years, that little bird flies to the top of that monstrous mountain, and sharpens its little beak against the granite face, wearing away an infinitesimal amount of stone in the process. When that mountain has been finally worn completely away by that little bird that visits just once each millennia, the equivalent of one day of eternity has not yet passed.

Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess



Leftover Words that Needed to be Used Somewhere
Extra, Unused, Residual, Surplus, Unconsumed, Uneaten, Untouched, Unwanted, Remaining, Unclaimed, Vestigial, Surviving, Remnant, Leavings, and Excess. **Thank You.**

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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.

My challenge for you today is to make a very important choice. I want you to be a part of one of the most memorable opportunities you will ever be allowed to enjoy. It is known as "?????????". ?????????? is difficult to explain on paper. My expressed purpose here is that you have the opportunity to understand the wonderful things that are promised to all of those who are committed to being a part of this memorable experience.

In a few moments, each student here will be asked a very simple, but crucial question. A simple "yes" answer will ensure your position in ??????????. And all of the amazing things that are therein.

To turn down the incredible offer of ?????????? will result in your removal from the rest of the class. Those who choose not to embrace the experience of ??????????, will be cast out into a dark hallway and required to sit on the floor until the rest of us have indulged ourselves.

My sincerest desire is that everyone partake of the wonders of ??????????.

The choices we make in life are crucial. Even those that we may think small and insignificant, can be life altering. Our decisions have consequences. God's ultimate plan for our lives is that we learn to make wise, godly choices.

The implication is that we must read and study our Bibles. To know God's way and live accordingly is the most rewarding life you can imagine. Anything less than that is second best or worse.

My prayer for you is that as you go through life, you will understand the importance of Bible study and prayer. Satan will try his best to sway your opinion. He will spare no effort to deceive you and take you down a road of misery.

The Bible describes Satan as "wicked". Imagine a boat owner who must take his boat out into the ocean, but he understands that his boat is not seaworthy. He knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that it will sink when it gets out into deep water. Now consider the type of person who would then remove all of the lifeboats, and give away free trips to unsuspecting passengers, fill his boat to capacity, and set sail for deep water, knowing that he and all of his passengers will drown. That is a reasonable definition of wicked.

Satan knows his end. And is determined to take as many people with him as he can. Don't let yourself be one of them.

The ultimate choice we must make is to have Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Is He yours?

Stuff For Today

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- The Lord's Prayer
- Pencil Trivia
- ??????????

The Lord's Prayer (Technically)

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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 towards 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.

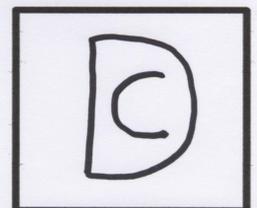
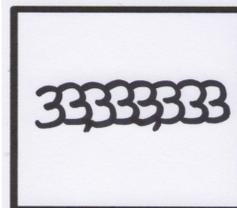
Pencil Trivia

1. Got time to kill? The average pencil holds enough graphite to draw a line 35 miles long. History doe not record anyone testing this statistic.
2. Most pencils sold in America have eraser tips, while those in Europe usually have none. Europeans are obviously more confident scribblers.
3. NASA discovered that pencils can write in zero gravity. So they were used on many of the first space missions.
4. Though very rare, left-handed pencils do exist. Most are to be found in private collections.
5. Where do pencils come from? Well, to not be too technical, a Mommy pencil and a Daddy pencil meet and get married, and have lots of baby pencils. They feed them and take care of them and they grow up and eventually go to school. And that's where you usually find them.

Here we go again.

I have to manage my anger because people can't manage their stupidity!

Wait, Wait, Let Me Guess



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Today's Graduation Ceremony

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Pomp and Circumstances beyond our control

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The End

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How many of these lessons do you remember?

1. Finding a watch under one of three cups.
2. George Wilson's pardon.
3. Prince Charmin.
4. The rat trap
5. Hu Waru
6. The celebration of COTSA
7. 6 impossible things
8. Funeral for a friend
9. The story of Ruth
10. A Kroger Christmas
11. Famous artist Ly Lé
12. The Gospel in the gates of Jerusalem
13. Four faced creatures
14. The impossible football game. AKA Mr. Lyle Bowl XVI
15. RATZ: Reveal Another Terrific Zero
16. The 100 mm canon
17. Kung Fu Moses
18. Magnets
19. The trial of Gill Teaman
20. Bob and Darla's wedding
21. Bearing fruit
22. Finding an Easter egg. AKA Picking the Lamb
23. The fisherman who mumbled
24. The huge rope
28. Gravity Corner
29. And who can forget the amazing "Wait, Wait Let Me Guess"

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Good Bye

See you later, alligator
After awhile, crocodile
In an hour, sunflower
Toodle-oo, kangaroo
Gotta go, buffalo
Adios, hippos
Chow chow, brown cow
See ya soon, baboon
Adieu, cockatoo
Better swish, jellyfish
Chop chop, lollipop
Bye Bye, butterfly
See ya mañana, iguana
Give a hug, ladybug
Can't stay, blue jay
Farewell, gazelle
Take care, brown bear
Stay loose, bull moose
Good wishes, little fishes
Gonna hit the road, spotted toad
I'm outa here, white tailed deer

I would just like to take a few moments to congratulate myself on sitting through your graduation ceremony.