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BETOKEN

DEFINITIONS

<u>Foreshow:</u>	by present signs.
<u>Indicate:</u>	something future by that which is seen or known.
<u>Grounds/Evidence</u>	for believing in the existence or presence of...
<u>Disclosure:</u>	Something that contains such disclosure, as the Bible.
<u>Synonyms:</u>	bespeak, denote, indicate, mean, point (to), signify, tell (of), testify, witness.

ORIGIN OF BETOKEN

<u>Middle English:</u>	bitoknen, bitacnen
<u>Old English:</u>	betācnian ("to betoken, signify, designate"), equivalent to be- + <u>token</u> .
<u>Dutch:</u>	betekenen ("to mean, signify")
<u>German:</u>	bezeichnen ("to call, designate")
<u>Swedish:</u>	beteckna ("to represent, designate, indicate")

EXAMPLE OF *BETOKEN* IN A SENTENCE...

The material in this book betokens a broad spectrum of 'light' to mankind; and memories experienced during my life.

REVELATION

The act of revealing or disclosing; disclosure.

Something revealed or disclosed, especially a striking disclosure, as of something not before realized.

THEOLOGY

1. GOD'S disclosure of HIMSELF and HIS *will* to HIS creatures.
2. An instance of such communication or disclosure.
3. Something thus communicated or disclosed.
4. Something that contains such disclosure, as the Bible.

Also called The Revelation of Jesus Christ as given to St. John the Divine. the last book in the New Testament; the Apocalypse.

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presented.**

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**YOU'RE NEVER
TOO 'COOL A CAT'
TO LEARN
SOMETHING NEW**

MY OFFERING, CONFIRMATION AND WITNESS OF THE CREATOR AND LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST

JESUS replied:

“ ‘Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

‘Love your neighbor and adversary as yourself.’

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**So do not worry, saying,
‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’
or ‘What shall we wear?’**

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly FATHER knows that you need them.

But seek first HIS realm and HIS righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry about itself.**

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV / Matthew 6:31-34

Check Website Below: The Two Worlds A Christian Must Live In:

<https://minoowkim.com/between-two-worlds-edfb0d0c3a6c>



**This is what Christians
are called to do between
the two worlds.
We are to patiently love GOD
and GOD'S people,
embracing and embodying
the tension we live in,
as our bodies transform
from the old to the new.**

FROM DUST TO DUST

David Tatum

The creation account in Genesis is foundational to the understanding of Biblical anthropology. GOD is the CREATOR of all that we experience as humans, and we are HIS creation. While there may be some topics in the Bible that demand that we take into account the possibility of progressive revelation, Biblical anthropology seems to remain constant and consistent throughout the majority of scripture. By correctly understanding our origins, we can also grasp what GOD is trying to return creation to through the process of redemption, restoration and reconciliation. The Biblical study of eschatology has often gone off course by forgetting this. The Genesis account attests to the fact that what GOD initially created was declared “very good”. Our theology should always keep in mind that the Biblical narrative tells a story in which the plotline seeks to restore what has been broken. Paradise has been lost, and paradise needs to be restored. The beginning of the book of Genesis and the end of the book of Revelation are in agreement on this issue. What has been lost; access to paradise, GOD walking with HIS people, and the TREE OF LIFE, are all promised to be restored to the earth upon CHRIST’S return.

Check Website Below For The Full Article:

<https://www.afterlife.co.nz/2019/09/from-dust-to-dust/>

"LEAN ON ME"

Bill Withers

**Sometimes in our lives
we all have pain, we all have sorrow.**

**But if we are wise,
we know that there's always
tomorrow.**

**Lean on me when you're not strong
I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry
on**

**For it won't be long
'til I'm gonna need somebody to
lean on.**

**Please swallow your pride
if I have things you need to borrow.
For no one can fill those of your
needs
that you won't let show.**

**You just call on me, brother, when
you need a hand
I just might have a problem that
you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.**

**Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend I'll help you**

**For it won't be long 'till I'm gonna
need somebody to lean on**

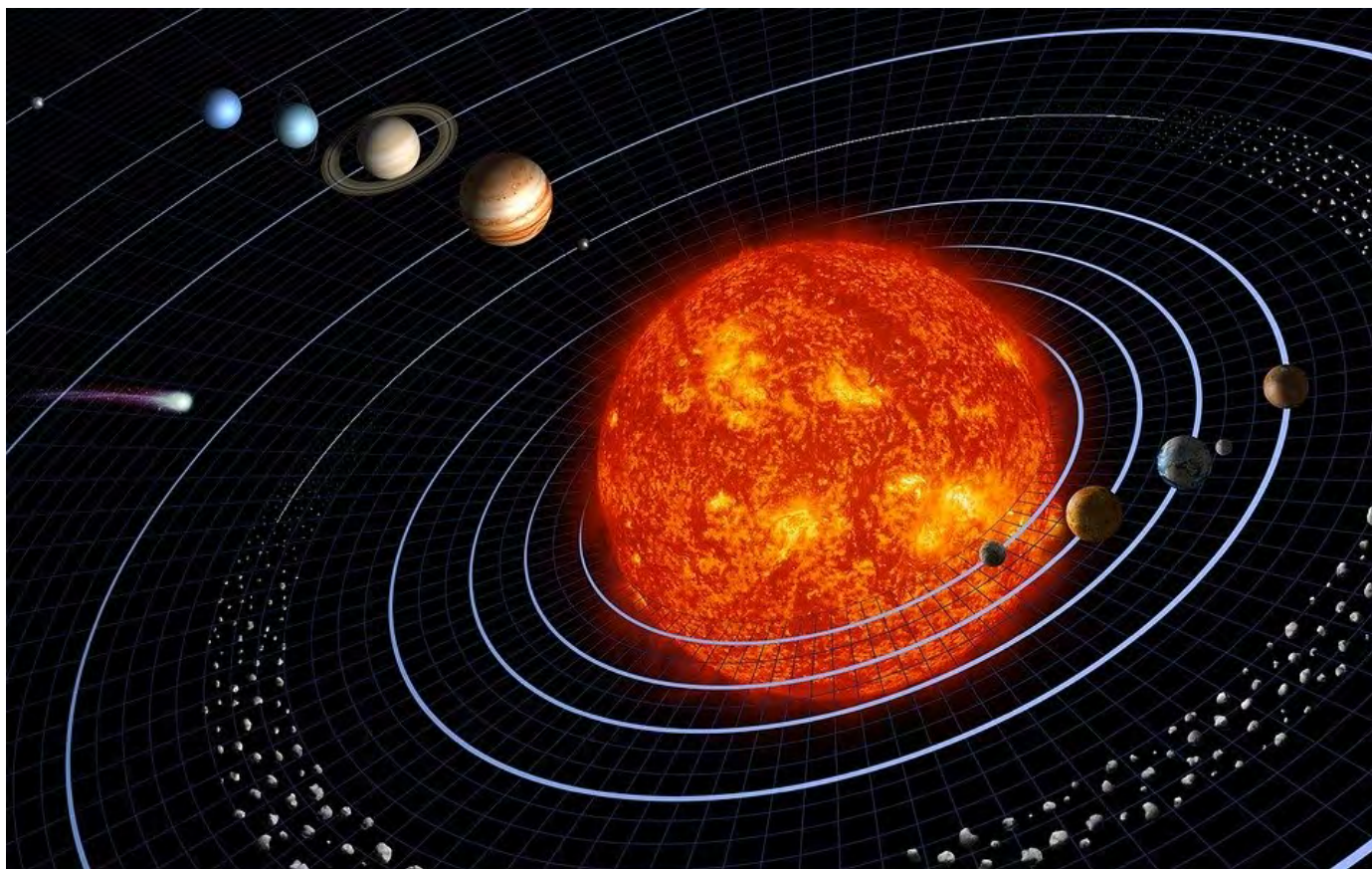
**You just call on me, brother, when
you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that
you'll understand,
we all need somebody to lean on.**

**If there is a load
you have to bear;
that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
if you just call me.**

**Call me if you need a friend
Call me, call me, uh-huh
Call me when you need a friend
Call me if you ever need a friend
Call me, call me
Call me, call me
Call me, call me
Call me, call me
Call me if you need a friend
carry on call me, call me.**

Check Website Below: Bill Withers Singing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkaexjc-1os>



SOLAR SYSTEM PLANET PLANETARY SYSTEM ORBIT SUN

Romans 1:20

“For HIS invisible attributes, namely, HIS eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”

Psalm 19

“The heavens declare the glory of GOD, and the sky above proclaims HIS handiwork.”

**Ev'ry sun and moon and star
ALL declaring who YOU are
We fall silent in amazement
Ev'ry word and deed of man
Ev'ry sea and grain of sand
ALL creation speaks and now
We sing to proclaim
YOUR majesty**

Chorus

**Let the earth rejoice
Singing with one voice
Let the people cry
HOLY HOLY LORD on high
Ev'ry creature sing
Praises to the KING
ALL creation cry
HOLY is the LORD**

**Ev'ry song sung on the earth
Will never capture ALL
YOUR worth
We fall silent in amazement
Let ev'ry humble heart
now see
The beauty of YOUR majesty
ALL creation speaks and now
We sing to the KING
above all kings
ALL creation proclaims YOUR
majesty
HOLY is YOUR name
in ALL the earth
ALL creation proclaims
YOUR majesty
And now we sing**

Check webSite: Science, The Bible And Its Accuracy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ovec43ktC4>

***Check Website: Speak, O Lord By Keith and Kristyn Getty; Alone, Yet Not Alone -
Joni Eareckson Tada***

**15 Worship Songs for Receiving and Responding to God's Word
(kevinhalloran.net)**

Top 12 Christian Songs About Faith (godtube.com)



MARGIT FESCKE

Margit was a guest aboard the Canadian Sailing Vessel Aqua Star in 1997.

The weather was rough in Toronto harbour as Aqua Star sailed through the eastern gap on her way to Bluffers Park Marina.

Upon her own initiative after Captain Sike stated it was too rough, Margit climbed up the mast to the crow's nest. Within moments of her reaching the top of the mast she was hurled out onto the steel deck of the yacht. It was fortunate that she wasn't thrown overboard into Lake Ontario as it would have been extremely difficult to rescue her.

Margit was rushed to the hospital. It was determined that she had swelling of her brain. After several weeks she was transferred to the rehabilitation unit beside Mount Sinai Hospital on University Avenue where she remained for another few weeks.

Margit was informed that she would suffer from short-term memory and would not be eligible to drive a vehicle.

Approximately 4-5 years later her life was ended in an accident while she was driving a vehicle in northern Ontario.

Click Websites Below For History And How To Rescue:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crow%27s_nest

<https://www.instructables.com/Rescuing-someone-fallen-overboard-from-a-boat/>



MARGIT

**Margit, Margit... beautiful, precious one.
Dig deep within and know Margit
that HE will give you all the strength you need
to override and be a winner.**

**Margit, Margit... know and realize
that HE is LIFE.
Take HIS hand and hold on tight,
with all your might.**

**Margit, Margit... you will see
how wonderful life will be.
Don't look back or worry about tomorrow.
Live each precious moment... to moment... to moment.**

**Margit, Margit... loving, caring, sensitive Margit
give HIM your soul with all your wit.
Ask and HE will forever hold you close to HIM
and you will mend in very short order.**

**Margit, Margit... so many love you.
They depend on you to maintain your fortitude.
Breathe deep and soak in the sweet smelling air.
Open your eyes to see HIS many gifts.**

**Margit, Margit... it is time – get up.
Come, play and enjoy a new life
with all those who care.
Live each day in praise of HIM.**



SHIPSHAPE

Shipshape, Creeation's sweet Cockapoo.

Black, soft and cuddly Poo.

Through curly locks his little eyes play peek-a-boo,
as he leaps over pillows and laps upsetting a big pot of stew.

Shipshape, having sea-legs since birth,
brings joy and great girths of laughter to visitors and crew.

His back end wagging with excitement,
he greets Matt's mates aboard, saying...
"Play with me, I deserve an award."

"Give me your shoe – I want to chew.
Play with me – throw me my toy.
I've been a good boy guarding Creeation
for Captain Matt of the Cree Nation."

Shipshape, stop biting my toe! Come, it's time to go.
On with his little life jacket, specially made,
nose pointing to bow, he sniffs the sea air and h o w e l s...
so that everyone stares,
as the bow rises and plunges on a big puff of air.

Much pleasure he brings, there is no doubt
to all those who go sailing
with Matt and Shipshape on lap
as wing-on-wing they sail South.

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Check Websites: 'How Much Is That Doggie In The Window' And Nfld. Dog.

<https://youtu.be/NlaAHqwTc8g>

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/videos/gallery/a-dogs-life-in-nfld-how-the-late-nukka-became-our-unofficial->



February 7, 1999

In Remembrance of:

Mrs. Natalie Fine

Toronto, Ontario , Canada- 1999

Mrs. Fine's appreciation of this poem, and her overwhelming compliments and encouragement prompted me to continue to write from my heart, in my fashion.

I write only when inspired. Writing is like a wonderful treasure I found, where my heart, mind and soul becomes lost and time disappears, taking me on a special adventure to a mysterious realm of joy.

Mrs. Fine has since passed away. When I met her she was ninety years of age, yet gave the impression of someone twenty years younger. Mrs. Fine projected a powerful example for young women of today. She had a quick wit, was most generous, possessing an outspoken manner with a positive attitude and gracious demeanor who was still active in the community and social clubs.

FEBRUARY 7, 1999

**Great sorrow enshrouds the world today.
Deluge of tears... hearts heavy with grief.
Distraught, they mourn the loss of one so very unique,
this century's beloved statesman has slipped away,
King Hussein of Jordan is his name.**

**At an early age on him was imposed
a difficult burden, to lead his people.
With wisdom, love and dignity he vowed to rule.
Global peace his ultimate goal.**

**Unfeigned, devoid of pretense, genuine was his way.
Endowed with charisma, kindness and generosity,
earning him worldwide esteem,
along with the trust and love of his people.**

**His message, lodged in hearts and minds,
loudly and clearly resounds,
"Dedication, Diligence and Focus toward everlasting PEACE".
The young forever will revere...
remembering an audacious, courageous Hegemon.**

**On the wings of angels prayers will take flight
ascending to heaven in praise...
"We beseech THEE O' LORD,
prepare in YOUR Heavenly Kingdom
a resting place for our noble, but humble leader,
King Hussein of Jordan is his name."**



DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY

Ephesians 6:10-18

**Fearful crosses I must bravely bear
when shadows fall in unexpected ways.
Lay YOUR wounded hand upon my weary head;
teach me, guide me LORD.**

**GOD'S Coat of Armour conceals the power
I will daily need
to give me courage through these days
on the traitorous paths that I must tread.**

**YOUR wondrous gift, the HOLY SPIRIT
within my soul abides,
verifying the eternal destiny and source to YOU...
the goal.**

**Jolt awake ALL to the joyous news of hope to capture.
Encourage hearts and minds...
accept the eternal rapture.**

**Understand that life on earth is but a moment to grasp.
The dilemma: eternity spent alone in darkness.**

**Beseeching ALL, *submit* while the
'Door of Opportunity' is open.
Invite forgiveness of errant ways, or be confronted
by judgment on that day... when it's too late.**

A white dove is shown in profile, facing left. It is standing on a snowy surface. In the background, there is a red and silver metal pipe. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white and light blue.

Always pray to have eyes that
see the best in people,
a heart that
forgives the worst,
a mind that
forgets the bad,
and a soul
that never loses faith in God.

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DEAR FRIEND

Anne Marie Henderson

GOD had a plan when HE arranged our meeting
that day in Bancroft 2005.

Whilst at the corner store with my nose in books reflecting,
was interrupted by an enquiring voice... it was you Anne.

Although our friendship dissipated, our spirits never forgot each other.
HE revealed to us that we must *accept* and *not* change each other.
Knowing that with a secular heart this would not easily be accomplished.

With contemplation and determined focus on our FATHER'S love
to know just what HIS *will* for us entailed
it would require we stand *apart* from *our* desires of self
and begin to comprehend the larger picture of HIS plan for each of us.

If we look at a rose, concentrate on its glorious beauty, we will see so much...
feather thin, gentle, delicate silky petals vulnerable to the elements.
Yet, set in perfect proportion to announce its splendor.
Protected by the CREATOR'S wisdom for survival with a sturdy, prickly stem.

Never to judge GOD'S special creations,
should be our ponder of each other,
to filter out and see only the beauty of each other's spirit,
leaving differences, quirks and baggage to a world we are in, but not of.

It is not us who matters...
it is our spiritual love for our CREATOR
who tells us we cannot be whole, if we do not surrender to HIS *will*
and, through obedience come firmly to HIS terms.

Accepting that only through our all encompassing love for GOD...
our love of relatives, friends, neighbors and foes
will there come into our lives and others
the ultimate joy which all strive toward, but seldom find.

FRIEND, may GOD bless you and keep you safe and in HIS keeping.
May HE open HIS Kingdom before your eyes.
May you know no greater love than the FATHER'S.
May CHRIST JESUS encompass you with courage, hope, peace and joy eternally.

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THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF “TIME”

Human beings are creatures of “time,” and we are preoccupied with that theme. We wear watches so that we can keep account of “time.” We ask regarding the criminal:

**“How much ‘time’ did he get?” And we ourselves muse:
“How much ‘time’ do I have left?”**

Our music contemplates this theme. We sing that “time goes on,” and at the same time lament that “time has stood still since we’ve been apart.”

The concept of time has been problematical for philosophers. There is even considerable controversy among biblical scholars as to precisely how “time” is employed in the divine scheme of things.

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

One thing is certain, the Scriptures make a distinction between the “temporal” and the “eternal.” Paul says that the things that are seen are “temporal” but the things not seen are “eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).

In describing GOD, the psalmist declares: “. . . from everlasting to everlasting, you are GOD . . .” (Psa. 90:2). Yet, in the same context, of man it is said: “The days of our years are threescore years and ten . . .” (v. 10). “Time” clearly does not relate to GOD and man in the same way.

Eternity is endless, but time is measured by a “beginning” and an “end.” The Bible commences with these words: “In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). JESUS once said: “But from the beginning of the creation, male and female made HE them” (Mk. 10:6).

Wayne Jackson

Check Websites Below: How We Misuse Time

<https://bible.org/seriespage/31-stewardship-time>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y27T16VcS60>

<https://www.robsworld.org/notime.html>

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/437-biblical-concept-of-time-the>

NON-EXISTENCE OF TIME

Prophesied In Bible

**Darkness increases second by second.
The world's nations reflect extreme malevolence.
Noxious is the spirit of gross degeneracy.
Heavy weighs the atmosphere
reflecting misery of the living populous
who encompass the globe.**

**The truth is before us... *'no... not one is good'*.
In our midst the veil is being lifted.
Signs, events, environmental changes, wars, earth quakes,
floods, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, diseases, suicides,
poverty and extreme ideologies.**

**Unfolding as related to us,
HIS wrath will destroy the earth.
Believe, trust, beg mercy, repent and be forgiven.
In the twinkling of an eye, all will be 'changed'.
The Kingdom of Heaven is being ushered in on earth.
All Saints will rise to sit and rule alongside HIM.**

**Granted a new life
as a citizen of GOD'S government/kingdom.
Our SAVIOR has brought us out
from the old world and its wickedness,
into the timeless new world of love, justice, hope and righteousness.**

**To this point, time has been our journey.
The goal: to improve one's character
as holy children of GOD,
reflecting the LORD of lords and KING of kings.
Praise GOD the FATHER; and HIS SON,
and the almighty power of HIS HOLY SPIRIT.**



Surinder S. Mundra

Check Out The Following Websites Of Organ Music, Flute And Voice

https://youtu.be/Jb_gr9zSVgg

<https://youtu.be/GNlf1nfA-do>

NATURAL TALENTS ARE THE GIFT OF GOD

Natural talents are abilities that are part of who you are – they may be artistic talents, intelligence, physical strength, organizing ability and so on. They are something that is ‘innate’ – part of us. Sometimes they are ‘latent’ – unrecognized and unused until some life circumstance brings them forward, and we discover that we have this hidden capacity or talent that we had know nothing about.

These ‘Talents’ Are Part Of The Way GOD Made Us.

Check Website Below: Beautiful Piano/Organ/Flute/Voice Music.

Please Subscribe And Leave A Comment:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5yxuDO1ZFhPyhrfsq98l8w>

TALENTS

A melodious voice of eloquence, is ecstasy to the ear.

**Unambiguous delivery of the verbal expression,
stimulates a crowd.**

**Genius fingers execute, vibrant, complex emotions
of the heart.**

**A delicate eye can seize and delineate the composition.
Although talents such as these were not bequeathed to me,
yearning for a way to exalt my SAVIOUR'S name, I prayed...**

**While beseeching my LORD for answers,
a trumpet sounded; silence filled the air,
as angels in song proclaimed:
"Praise YAHWEH through your free verse."
Overwhelmed with joy I exclaimed,
"YES! this I will be able to do."**

**HIS compassion and sympathy to my deficiency
opened my heart to comprehend HIS wisdom...**

**"How I praise HIM does not matter,
but, only that I do."**

**My gift lies in reflections from my soul
in dedication for the life HE bestowed to me.**

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Check Websites Below: 'ALMOST ANGELS' Walt Disney Movie (1 Hour)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0ZzqjmYVVU>

Young Chinese Boy Plays Carnegie Hall In New York

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oybU09RQUTs>



TRUSTING

**I rely on YOU my LORD and trust
that each day's happenings will find YOU close.
Empower me with YOUR strength and courage
to confidently wade through the strife and mire untouched,
unblemished each step along the path of life,
ever vigilant of the stocking evil eager to claim its victims.**

**I cannot be triumphant or courageous without YOUR presence.
It is too much for a mortal soul as mine to bear.
Corruption leers, tempts, demoralizes and imprisons the soul,
sucking strength away, restricting a bold stand for truth.
Dear FATHER, I desire YOUR constant dwelling in my daily life.
Never forsake me I pray.**

**Always perceiving when YOU are close to me.
Overwhelmed, I enter a higher sphere... fear ceases
and little effort is required to by-pass the sword of ugliness.
Wrapped in YOUR wisdom,
dressed in YOUR 'armour' for protection, I press on in love,
offering YOUR message of hope to the desperate,
burdened with hearts seeking forgiveness,
and YOUR eternal love.
Amen.**

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July 15, 2003**



I'M YOURS

**I hear YOU speaking to me LORD.
Not audibly, but through YOUR Spirit to my heart,
that secret room within my soul.
a corner reserved for YOU only.**

**With an understanding of my pain
YOUR wisdom perceives my heart's passion.
Gently guiding and directing me
to dedicate my life to YOU alone.**

**Suddenly revealed... the path that I must take
and, with abandonment I surrender my *will*.**

**Accepting forgiveness;
I'm sanctified through YOUR holy name,
to die, yet because of my SAVIOUR'S death, to live.**



SWEET JESUS

*I Pray YOUR Grace Be Given My Friend,
YOUR Humble Servant, ...
Vivian Graff
Bancroft, Ontario, Canada*

**Sweet JESUS, hear the pounding of my heart
aching for the welfare of my cherished friend, a skylark.
YOUR wisdom profound recognizes she ails
pining for YOUR tender touch upon her soul so that she might rise.**

**With her 'Life On Fire' for YOU, reassurance is still required.
Faith although strong, peace to cleave to is required.
Her act of devotion I leave with YOU LORD JESUS, to take the stand,
pleading freedom to rise by way of YOUR healing hands.**

**In her SAVIOUR'S footsteps she walks faithfully,
aiding the old and confined; ministering to others selflessly,
giving tirelessly to family members and friends.
I cry out 'help' on her behalf, a supplication for YOUR assistance.**

**Beseeching YOU a gesture be sent her way.
Dissipate fear; with unparalleled reflections, inflate her spirit ,
that she may perceive... life is but a moment in time,
and that all faithful servants
eternal glory at CHRIST'S call will receive.**

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Check Website Below:
Michael Lucarelli - Ave Maria
(Hail: Greeting/Acclaiming Marie Full Of Grace)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erq99dfxtfu>

CHOSEN

Luke 1:3; Luke 1:42; Luke 2:49-52; John 2:1-11

Do you ever wonder why GOD chose Mary above all women?
In Scripture little is spoken of her.
Could it be that Mary, among so many,
was the solitary one to meet HIS standard,
possessing a heart of reverent love and relationship with her LORD?
The CREATOR... the Spirit of Absolute Sacredness,
found HIS image and likeness in Mary, a genuine, devoted and virtuous soul.
In Mary, a humble servant of GOD, the Scriptures were fulfilled.
Only Mary possessed the holy attributes to carry within, the Sacred BABE.

Even in trepidation and predicament of unmarried state
Mary accepted in obedience the Gift of Love offered by her MASTER.
With joy Mary sang out, sharing with the entire world,
"Behold the handmaiden of the LORD; Be it unto me according to THY word."
In the eyes of the world, Mary was lowly, without rank,
yet Sovereign GOD placed Mary in the highest echelon alongside her SON.
Mary's cousin Elizabeth, filled with the HOLY SPIRIT confirmed,
"Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the FRUIT of thy womb."
As HIS earthly mother, Mary loved, nurtured, taught and supported her SON.
But when she lost HIM and later found HIM at the Temple...
and, when at the marriage feast
was unable to grasp her SON'S response to her request,
Mary held close all these things about HIM in confidence to herself,
pondering them in her heart.
Until finally, with bated breath, she lay at HIS feet, brutally nailed to the Cross
steadfastly awaiting HIS appointed time of death.
Comprehending *now* why GOD gave her this beloved SON to birth on earth,
GOD'S sacrifice, to liberate ALL mankind and bring them back to HIM.

Mothers, emulate the persona of Mary to the world.
Display obedience as did she to her Son;
and display GOD'S tender love to spouse and children alike.
Be unwavering through all incomprehensibilities
until your appointed time of passing.
Then to arise, and sit beside Almighty JESUS CHRIST,
Mary and all Saints eternally.

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March 21, 2008



TO ALL MY CHILDREN

*Audrey Moorcroft (1914 – 2004) Bancroft, Ontario
Margaret Easton's Mother – 90 Years Old*

**How compassionate was my LORD
not to have me linger on in pain.
HIS love so evident in the peace HE gave to me,
when I knew my blessed time was near.**

**Although difficult to make it known to you dear ones,
my heart cried out to HIM... yes
take me LORD to be with YOU.
And, with great compassion, HE lifted me up to be with HIM.**

**I know, but in the blinking of an eye
my children all will follow soon.
So joyous our reunion it will be
when we meet again in GOD'S company.**

**And so dear ones of mine...
let me rest in perfect peace.
Don't pine for me... you know I loved you so.
Just keep me in your hearts with fondest memories.**

**I pray that forever your minds, hearts and souls
in faith, trust and confidence, will focus on our FATHER'S goal.
Be in readiness for CHRIST'S ordained reclamation of the earth
coming in a resplendent heavenly-beam,
displaying HIS exalted eminence of worth.**

GOD Bless You All Richly With HIS Love Divine...

Mother

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CELEBRATION OF A BELOVED WIFE

Mario, Grand Falls... Wife Passed Away From Cancer 2011

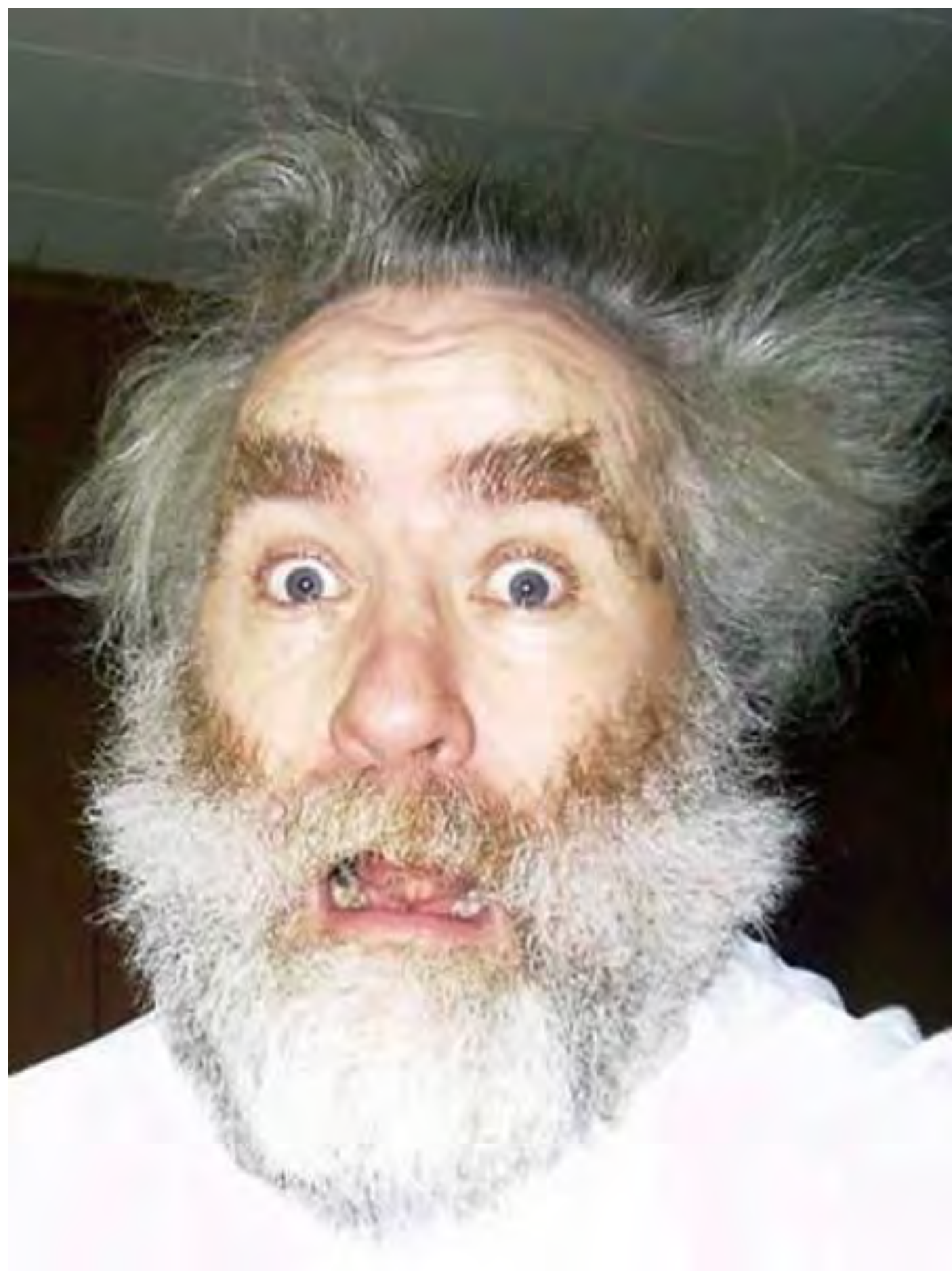
So many years together we two,
travelling through valleys so deep
we wondered if we'd make it through.
Yet, we did... climbing with joy to the mountain top,
up over the clouds where the sky is so blue,
seeing all the grandeur around us everywhere.

But now... it's unbearable dear one without you.
You've left me to struggle alone.
It will be a difficult task to overcome and continue in life
but, I will regain the courage instilled by you.
It's then, once again, I'll climb to the top,
to the top of the mountain, because you asked me to.

Yet, there are those days when I look down, so afraid I'll fall.
But, through the sunshine I see only you urging me on.
Your voice softly saying... "Honey, I love you so."
And it reminds me... that the sweet valley lies
just over the top of the hill,
toward the peaceful valley which few come to know.
It's there where I'll meet with you once again, Sweetheart.

HE'S promised us through faith that we will meet once again.
Praise HIM who gave us each other on earth.
In our acceptance of HIS unconditional gift of love
eternal life is secured and we will once again reside
together with HIM,
where pain, strife, turmoil and death are null and void,
in GOD'S Kingdom where there is... only blessed peace.

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S H O C K E D !

The earth revolves each day around the sun.
All that accompanies it,
in sequence moves with precision as an omega watch.

The world in upheaval since existence,
caused by our desire to do and have what pleases us,
living our daily lives o'er the centuries.

Greed, power, hate, killing and war
destroying flesh, mind, heart and soul.
The impact passed on destroying others.

Lacking what is kind, patient, tender and good,
within our '*hearts of stone*';
dragging all into a pit of misery and shame.

The world is magnificent, but mankind is wicked.
It's getting worse and worse.
Even so, I know the TRUTH of what's about to happen.

I have hope and faith
it will end at HIS due time.
I'll be ready... but will you?

All you scoffers who blasphemed me,
who said, 'it's weakness' 'stupidity' 'a crutch',
your day is coming sooner than you realize.

Oh ! What A SHOCK !
Traumatized, your mouth will drop wide open,
mortified because you *chose* unbelief.

Kneeling before the Great I AM for judgment
you'll beg of HIM, a lighter sentence, but HE is *just*
and solitary confinement in eternal darkness will be your abode.

While those with a 'heart of flesh', in hope, victory and faith
reside upon the throne beside HIM eternally....
The One of Truth, Justice, Holiness and Love.

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IS THIS A DREAM ?

**Is this life on earth merely a mirage?
Why am I dissatisfied and incomplete?
Why am I not fully brought into existence, but merely living to expire?
My psyche demands an explanation, "*What's Lacking*"?**

**'*Life In The Flesh*' is ephemeral and difficult to comprehend.
'*Time In The Flesh*' is as seen through the eyes of man;
an illusion created for our temporal earthly comprehension.
In reality, it is but a moment in space, unable to be defined.**

**'*Life In The Spirit*' however, is everlasting and lucid
The moment of truth man has ravenously been seeking.
Exemplifying the triviality of life and death on earth;
it reveals the authentic eternal home of our soul.**

**'*Life In A New Body*'... eternity where time is non-existent
without death, suffering and evil; love alone encompassing.
Praise the majesty of the universe and its CREATOR,
HIS victorious return and the 'beginning' as promised.**

**Awake... be in reality on earth; prepare for '*Life In The Spirit*'.
CHRIST'S written Word directs the way.
Faith, trust and obedience are HIS command,
for in the flickering of an eye HE will come to judge.**

**Overcome with exultation for the return of the LORD JESUS CHRIST
heart and mind desiring to please HIM.
The HOLY SPIRIT cleanses the soul with HIS sweet fragrance of love,
and the walk in HIS footsteps begins, in faith and submission.**

**Unwavering prayer commences for HIS wisdom and guidance.
Striving to impart HIS aspiration, I accept HIS message of liberation,
and at my closure of time, praising HIS holiness I utter,
*"I come, I come finally to rest
in the loving arms of my LORD and SAVIOUR... JESUS CHRIST."***



GOD'S BOXES

*From A Friend: Carolann Sike ...
To A Friend: Sharon Donovan, Whitby, ON*

**I have in my hands two boxes,
which GOD gave me to hold.
HE said, "Put all your *sorrows* in the *black* box,
and all your *joys* in the *gold*."**

**I heeded HIS words, and in the two boxes,
both my *joys* and *sorrows* I stored.
But, though the *gold* became heavier each day,
the *black* was as light as before.**

**With curiosity, I opened the *black*,
I wanted to find out why?
And I saw in the base of the box... a hole,
which my sorrows had fallen out by.**

**I showed the hole to GOD, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
HE smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me."**

**I asked GOD, why HE gave me the boxes;
why the *gold* and the *black* with the hole?
"My child, the *gold* is for you to count your blessings;
the *black* is for you to let go."**

THE JOURNEY

From The Cradle...



... To The Grave



IN DEDICATION

Swaran S. Mundra, & Sylvester Peter De Silva

GOD our FATHER...

YOUR power brings us to birth.

YOUR providence guides our lives.

By YOUR command we return to dust.

**LORD, *those* who have faith in YOU,
and die, still live in YOUR presence.**

Their lives change, but do not end.

**I pray in hope for *Swaran Mundra & Sylvester de Silva*,
who are now safely resting in YOUR bosom.**

I pray also for their families...

wives and sons

**that their tears and sadness will be wiped away,
and YOUR miraculous power will heal and fill their
emptiness with YOUR all consuming love.**

**In company with CHRIST, who died and now lives,
may *they* rejoice and sing YOUR praise.**

**At YOUR glorious return LORD JESUS, unite them once again
with wives, sons, relatives and friends. Amen.**

Author unknown

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***Check Website: The Lord's Prayer: An Interpretation By Emmet Fox
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6DsT5o3k_g



**CONSIDER
WHAT IS POSSIBLE...**

**“Even Your Enemies Can Change
If You Treat Them With Respect.”**

**Mandela
1918 - 2015**

**Released December 13, 2013
27 Years In Prison ‘Isolation’
466/64**



MUD PUDDLES AND SUNNY YELLOW DANDELIONS

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that. My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss everyone too much."

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross, and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from? No wonder GOD loves the little children! Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

I Wish You Big Mud Puddles And Sunny Yellow Dandelions!!!

HAVE A GREAT DAY

Author Unknown

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**Seattle Is About To Hit Year 16
Of The 10-Year Plan To End Homelessness**

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/jason-rantz-seattles-downward-spiral>

WOULD YOU SURVIVE...WALKING IN MY SHOES ?

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

"If in any of the towns in the land that the LORD your GOD is giving you there are Israelites in need, then do not be selfish and refuse to help them."

I'm homeless, yet not of my own choosing.
I'm not mentally ill nor an addict of alcohol or on drugs.
Although, *they* are souls just like you and me.
No, I'm one of the many where the company closed or downsized.

Hiring of many older personnel not possible,
as qualifications do not match the requirements.
A minimum wage job, without benefits, was only feasible.
Yet, even a second low paying job did not cover monthly expenses.

Rents are too high.
Housing out of the question.
Costs extreme making purchasing impossible,
even for an average middle class working person.

So, my last result... was to dwell in a 'tent city'
with a conglomeration of human souls trying to survive.
One's dignity and self esteem is shattered,
yet other alternatives are not available.

Those who are sitting in their comfy homes
with food, drink and finances secure,
don't like the idea of having vagrants nearby.
But, just wait... their time of insecurity is yet to come.

People have become so '*hard hearted*'.
They have no room for compassion or charity.
The world is changing quickly with extremes of
greed, selfishness, hatred and evilness.
I pray that you rethink... how long it may be before *your* job is extinct?

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WISDOM

**Be very careful then, how you live—not as unwise, but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.**

Ephesians 5:15-16

**If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask GOD,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you.**

James 1:5

**How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!**

Proverbs 16:16

**Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every
opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace,
seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

Colossians 4:5-6

**Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good
life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.**

James 3:13

**Those who guard their lips preserve their lives,
but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.**

Proverbs 13:3

**“For MY thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways MY ways,”
declares the LORD.**

Isaiah 55:8

**For those who find ME find life
and receive favor from the LORD.**

Proverbs 8:35

**Whoever is patient has great understanding,
but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.**

Proverbs 14:29



The Shadow of El Shaddai

(el shad-di'): All-Sufficient One, LORD GOD Almighty

Websites Below: These are Beautiful Videos - Sung By Paul Wilbur With Lyrics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm4xLwZiMGk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwlMG1y2i2o>

EL SHADDAI occurs 7 times in OT: Gen 17:1, Gen 28:3, Gen 35:11, Gen 43:14, Gen 48:3. Refers to GOD as completely nourishing, satisfying, and supplying HIS people with all their needs as a mother would her child. *El*—denotes a GOD who freely gives nourishment. Knowing that GOD is El Shaddai matters. It matters because it reminds us that the LORD Is Our Mighty GOD, and like HIM there is NO other.

EL SHADDAI

**EL SHADDAI my Confidant,
my heart is heavy and I'm afraid.
I come to YOU with certainty that I am able to rest in YOU,
assured secrets within the castle of my heart...
the special dwelling place opened to YOU alone
are precious, safe and of concern to YOU,
my EL SHADDAI, my Confidant.**

**My FRIEND and PHYSICIAN
I need YOUR healing hand upon me.
I ask for YOUR awesome strength and mighty *will* power.
I'm afraid, but with YOU my EL SHADDAI
mind, body, soul and heart will be calmed and put at rest.
Aware that I am in YOUR healing hands,
all my fears will dissipate as I lie in peace with YOU.**

**EL SHADDAI my Confidant, my Shepherd, I will not want;
YOU provide green pastures and lead me beside still waters;
YOU restore my soul and direct me in paths of righteousness.
When I walk through the valley of the shadow,
I will not fear my demise...
for EL SHADDAI, my FRIEND is near.**

**EL SHADDAI prepares a table before me
in the midst of my afflictions:
and anoints me with oil;
pure joy overflows my cup, knowing at cessation,
I will dwell eternally in the house of EL SHADDAI.**

Amen



FAITH

**By the grace GOD rendered accessible to me,
faith, hope and benevolence forever I possess.
I'm onward bound with strength, diligence and patience,
never losing sight of HIS crown.**

**Stumbling blocks, strange dark corners.
Horrendous storms, nadir of dejection.
Surrounded by seas in a hurling chaos of white frothy spume.
In submissiveness, I never protest.**

**At night, bodies prostrate, without a word.
Alone, denied a soft, tender caress.
Cold, without feeling, like death.
Twenty jarring years imposed.**

**Around and around as a Carousel goes,
until someone S C R E A M S... "STOP, I want to get off."
Is this a dream? I'm not sure,
as the Carousel continues to spin.
Yet, it is faith which has carried me through.**



LOVE

Great courage is required to love unconditionally.

**It can bring forth both wondrous joy
and devastating pain.**

A mere portion of either sustaining one forever.

**The soul, the spirit will soar
to a higher heavenly plateau.**

**Pain in time withers and dies,
overcome by the power of love.**

**The desires of the heart holding tightly
to all the glorious memories
through the miraculous gift of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

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Click Websites Below: Nat King Cole Singing Love Songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1glriB54oE>

***I Will Always Love You: Whitney Houston Song
I Don't Have Nothing If I Don't Have You: Whitney Houston Song***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKOBgIEWqjQ>

***I Hunger For Your Touch*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsOF0cFRepU>**



WORDS

**Words (casual or direct) can be a trap...
depending what is implied
and/or by or to whom they're spoken.**

Words can hurt or heal.

**Parents' angry words can affect their children for life
causing emotional, physical and mental problems.**

Words can devastate beyond repair.

Words are extremely important...

therefore, think before opening your mouth.

Speak only with an undertone of love and caring.

Don't become attached to ill-spoken words as a habit.

You don't want to hurt anyone...

**so, just slip out the back door and don't stop running
rather than allow the words to escape and steal your joy.**

Life isn't easy... it's difficult.

**The accuser is constantly on your shoulder
attempting to pull you down into the gutter.**

What will keep your head afloat above the slime...

The LORD...

if you call on HIM with a contrite heart for guidance.

**Ephesians 4:31 - Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and
slander be put away from you, along with all malice.**

**James 1:19-20 - Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to
hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;
for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of GOD.**

Check Website For Complete List Of Scripture Verses:

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/anger#:~:text=%20100%20Bible%20Verses%20about%20Anger%20%201,A%20soft%20answer%20turns%20away%20wrath%2C...%20More%20>



IT'S NOT COMPLICATED

**Belief, faith, trust and hope. . . are condemned as not provable.
This is not a true assumption.**

Open one's eyes, listen, smell and touch the wonders about us:

**The skies above containing stars, planets, suns and moons
to name only a few wherein to SEE.**

**The earth below sprouts flowers, trees and rain to sustain
to name only a few wherein to TOUCH and SMELL.**

**The air we breathe, birds that fly, fish and animals that provide,
to name only a few wherein to SURVIVE.**

**The mountains, rocks, deserts, skeletons and genetics,
to name only a few in which to PROVE...
the existence of our awesome CREATOR.**

**Yet, man continually distorts the CREATOR'S name. . .
to glorify his own.**

**Man through 'organized religion' creates rules, regulations,
traditions and misinterpretations.
Thousands of churches promote different translations of Scripture.**

**If not for the salary/accommodation provided from tithes
Pastors, Priests, Clergy of one sort or another,
would not have the passion to preach.**

**Today the 'Good News' message is a '*profitable business*'
offering, '*at a cost*' to get one into heaven.**

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**THE WORD OF GOD, IS THE ONLY TRUE UNDERSTANDING.
MAN IS LAZY AND SELF-CENTRED WITH AN OUTLANDISH EGO
THINKING HE IS FAR ABOVE THE INTELLECT OF THE CREATOR.**

Ephesians 2:20-22

Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF being the CORNERSTONE, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the LORD. In HIM you also are being built together into a dwelling place for GOD by the SPIRIT.

1 Corinthians 3:17

If anyone destroys GOD'S temple, GOD will destroy him. For GOD's temple is holy, and *you* are that temple.

Romans 16:17

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered in MY name, there AM I among them."

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of GOD, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF being the CORNERSTONE, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the LORD. In HIM you also are being built together into a dwelling place for GOD by the SPIRIT.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one SPIRIT we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and *all* were made to drink of one SPIRIT.

1 Peter 2:9-10

**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people for HIS own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of HIM
who called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are GOD'S people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of CHRIST and individually members of it.

Hebrews 3:6

**But CHRIST is faithful over GOD'S house as a son.
And we are HIS house
if indeed we hold fast our confidence and
our boasting in our hope.**

Ephesians 1:22-23

**And HE put all things under HIS feet
and gave HIM as HEAD over all things to the church ecclesia,
which is HIS body, the fullness of HIM who fills all in all.**

1 Corinthians 12:12

**For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with CHRIST.**

1 John 1:7

**But if we walk in the LIGHT, as HE is in the LIGHT,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of JESUS HIS SON cleanses us from all sin.**

Check Websites Below: Confession Of Sin To A Priest

<https://www.gotquestions.org/confession-sin-priest.html>

False Teachers

<https://biblereasons.com/false-teachers/>

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BLAISE PASCAL

Pascal, it may be recalled, argued that if there were only a tiny probability that GOD truly existed, it made sense to *behave as if* (this is not truthfully contrite belief) HE did because the rewards could be infinite whereas the lack of belief risked eternal misery.

Pascal's wager is an argument in philosophy presented by the seventeenth-century French philosopher, theologian, mathematician and physicist, **BLAISE PASCAL** (1623–1662).^[1] It posits that humans bet with their lives that GOD either exists or does not.

Pascal argues that a rational person should live as though God exists and seek to believe in God. If God does not actually exist, such a person will have only a finite loss (some pleasures, luxury, etc.), whereas if God does exist, he stands to receive infinite gains (as represented by eternity in Heaven) and avoid infinite losses (eternity in Hell).^[2]

Pascal's Wager was based on the idea of the Christian God, though similar arguments have occurred in other religious traditions. The original wager was set out in Pascal's posthumously published Pensées ("Thoughts"), an assembly of previously unpublished notes.^[3]

Historically, Pascal's wager was groundbreaking because it charted new territory in probability theory,^[4] marked the first formal use of decision theory, existentialism, pragmatism, and voluntarism.^[5]

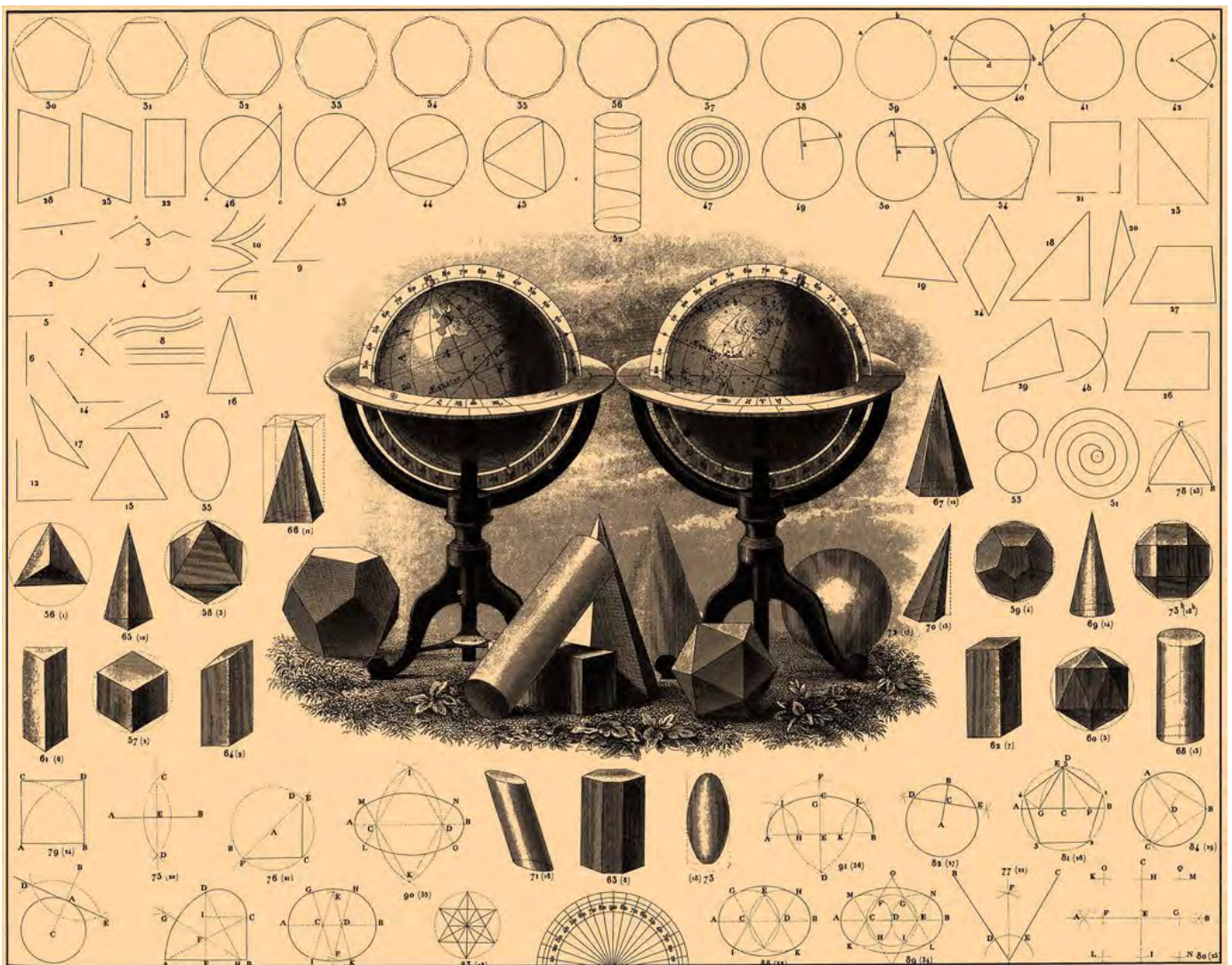
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SCIENTISTS USE MATHEMATICAL CALCULATIONS TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

SCIENTISTS have 'confirmed' the existence of God after proving a mathematician's theory which suggests that there is a higher power.

Sean Martin

LEIBNIZ'S MATHEMATICAL APPROACH TO GOD



<https://medium.com/however-mathematics/leibnizs-mathematical-approach-to-god-aa6844353b27>



FRIENDS

In Dedication To All My Friends

**Friends are very precious, unique to one another.
With affection they embrace each other.**

**Expressing their special gifts of the Spirit bestowed.
Judgment deferred, respecting the faults of the other.**

**Pillars of strength giving refuge
from the oppression of burdening afflictions.**

**Constantly lifting the assaulted soul to a higher plane.
Enfolding the heart with the pure tenderness of CHRIST.**

**Giving hope and encouragement to endure,
with the knowledge they are not alone, but always secure.**

**Fearless to affirm what must be said with honesty.
Yet, sensitive as not to wound the fragility of the soul.**

**Confident and dependable in all that is rendered.
Kindred spirits endorsed in the trust of each other.**

**Throughout the years sharing devoted camaraderie.
A blessing bequeathed from the HOLY FATHER.**

**Partaking of good times, as well as in sadness.
Sharing in happiness; joy brimming over.**

**My friend, I am humbled and honoured
to be granted the lofty position of being *your* friend.**

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FRENCH TOAST WITH CHAMPAGNE

Glamorous *Bite*



<http://glamorousbite.com/recipes/mains/lecsó-hungarian-pepper-stew-recipe/>

FRENCH TOAST:

INGREDIENTS

- **8 Slices of Whole Wheat Cinnamon Raisin Toast Bread - about 1" thick each**
- **4 Large Eggs - room temperature**
- **1/2 cup Whole Milk**
- **1 Tbsp Honey**
- **Pinch of Salt**
- **3 Tbsp Unsalted Butter or more if needed**

TOPPING:

- **1 Tbsp Powdered Sugar**
- **1/3 Cup Maple Syrup or Wine Syrup (recipe below)**
- **8 Oz Raspberries**
- **Zest Of 1 Lemon**
- **4 Fresh Basil Sprig**

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven 250 degree Fahrenheit.**
- 2. In large shallow bowl or baking dish whisk together eggs, milk, honey and salt until well blended.**
- 3. Toast the bread slices or let dry for a day or two.**
- 4. Then lay the toasted/dried slices singularly in the milk mixture, and let the bread absorb some of the egg and milk mixture. After 2 minutes gently turn each slice over and let it...**
- 5. Rest for 2 more minutes. Or soak the toast in two batches if you have smaller baking dish.**
- 6. In the meantime in a large skillet or griddle, melt one tablespoon of butter until foamy hot.**



Check Website Below: Hungarian And French Music:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hQ9QYXOKy0>

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7. Using a spatula arrange the toast slices without crowding the girdle and cook for about 3 minutes on each side or until light golden in color.
8. Transfer the golden slices to a fireproof serving dish and keep it warm until all the toast is cooked.
9. To serve, arrange two slices on a large plate and dust with powdered sugar and drizzle with the Maple Syrup. Decorate with fresh raspberries and a few basil leaves. Bon appetite!
10. There are many methods to make french toast and we like to soak the slices of bread for just a few minutes in the egg and milk bath. Then we fry them individually instead of baking them in the oven for a crisper texture. We like to use older toast bread because it holds the shape better and doesn't fall apart as quickly. For an extra boost of flavor we grated fresh lemon zest over the top. This is a brilliant recipe for any breakfast, brunch, or even dessert.

For a quick PINOT NOIR WINE SYRUP

INGREDIENTS

**1 cup Pinot Noir Wine
2 Tbsp Local Honey
1 Sprig of Fresh Basil**

DIRECTIONS

Combine wine and honey in a small sauce pan. Simmer over medium high heat for about 20 minutes or until reduced to about 1/3 cup. Add the basil sprig, set aside to cool down. Drizzle over the French Toast.

The ducks come to visit every year, and last summer the mommy duck had her baby ducklings in the garden and took them for a splash in the pool. It was so sweet to see the fuzzy little darlings sunbathing and learning to swim.



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A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!"

The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."



THE LORD'S PRAYER

A New Consciousness

**O' beloved FATHER of ALL Creation
who resides in the eternal cosmos
and who is present in ALL things
and ALL levels of creation.**

**May THY name always be held sacred
within our hearts, our minds and our souls,
and ALL of the earth.**

**May THY Kingdom reign
upon Mother earth
as it is in the heavens**

through our attunement to THY *will*.

**May we be open enough to receive the sustenance of
THY eternal life every day henceforth,
which ensures our daily bread upon the earth.**

**And may we be open to THY all-loving Grace
which cleanses us of all imbalances and impurities,
as we also open ourselves to be a channel of
THY all-loving Grace for others.**

**And may our attunement to THEE keep us
from straying from THY Kingdom,
and deliver us from any illusions
of our separation from THEE which spawns darkness.**

**For we recognize that the only true power,
glory and kingdom is YOURS
and can manifest within us,
and our world... and is eternal.**

Amen.

Rev. Simeon Nartoomid



The saying “live by the sword, die by the sword” is an idiom that basically means “what goes around comes around.” More to the point, “if you use violent, forceful, or underhanded methods against other people, you can expect those same methods to be used against you.”

John 18:10, Luke 22:51, Matthew 26:52, John 18:11

**Then said JESUS unto him:
‘Put up again thy sword into his place:
*for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.’***

WAR IS A CRIME

**Yes, I am one of them
but, I can still see and talk with my Mom.
I am still alive
and I have a wife and son.**

**If I had gone to Nam I might be dead,
and then who would be ahead?
My Nation you might recall...
bailed out after all.**

**So when all is over, said and done,
my fellow Americans, don't fret my fate...
or hate(me).
But, it doesn't really matter if you do...
I still love my Country thru and thru.**

Author

***Vietnam War - American Resister
An American (Now Canadian) Living In Canada***

WAR CASUALTIES

1,074 Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)

4,403 Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq)

382 Persian Gulf War

58,209 Vietnam War

36,574 Korean War

405,399 World War II

116,516 World War I

364,511 *(Union)* **133,821** *(Confederate)** Civil War

Sources: U.S. Navy, Department of Defense, Congressional Research Service

* Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.

WHERE'S GRANDPA?

My Grandfather Aldis I never met. He fought in World War I and was injured. He was brought home to Toronto, Canada. My Grandmother tended to his injury, but to no avail. Shortly thereafter he died leaving a wife and three children... a boy of 16 (my father) and two daughters. The family, especially my father, Robert Aldis, was deeply affected by this and would never talk about it to my brother Jack or me.

So where's the glory... a grandfather lost, a wife now a widow and three children without the love and guidance of their father... and the same goes for all those on the other side and the innocent civilians.

This also affected me and to this day I see no purpose whatsoever in a war being fought outside of one's own country.

The government is capable of defending its country and citizens, especially in 2020, with the latest technology and military equipment, surveillance of immigrants and refugees from an onslaught of enemies upon entry into its land whether by air, sea or land. Abraham Lincoln said, "North America can only be defeated from within" which government has adequate means of detecting. No country on earth should be fighting wars outside of its own nation.

Carolann Aldis Sike

Several pages follow . . .

AGAINST WHAT MORAL STANDARD IS WAR A CRIME OR A SIN?

Here, indeed, is a puzzle.

A PAINTING named Sacrifice, inspired by World War I and displayed at the Canadian War Museum, depicts slain soldiers, battle-worn survivors, and their families back home. Above the scene hangs JESUS CHRIST, impaled on a cross. Some observers are shocked that JESUS, the “PRINCE OF PEACE,” is painted next to scenes of carnal warfare. (Isaiah 9:6) Others, grateful for the sacrifices made by their countrymen, feel that GOD and HIS SON expect Christians to fight battles that protect the security and freedom of their nation.

Religious leaders have preached a message favoring warfare for centuries. In the year 417 C.E., church theologian Augustine wrote:

“You *must not* think that no one who serves as a soldier, using arms for warfare, can be acceptable to GOD. . . .

Others are fighting invisible enemies on your behalf by praying, while you struggle against visible barbarians on their behalf by fighting.” In the 13th century, Thomas Aquinas explained that “wars are licit and just in so far as they protect the poor and the whole commonweal[th] from an enemy’[s] treachery.”

What do you think? When military action is launched for a seemingly noble cause—to defend a nation’s freedom or to liberate the oppressed—does it have GOD’S blessing? To what “moral standard” might Christians turn to discern GOD’S *will* in the matter?

JESUS CHRIST’S EXAMPLE

Is it possible to get GOD’S mind on a complex issue like modern warfare? The apostle Paul acknowledged our predicament, asking:

“Who has come to know the mind of JEHOVAH, that HE may instruct him?’ But we do have the mind of CHRIST.” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

To help us, JEHOVAH GOD sent JESUS to earth as our Exemplar. What JESUS said and did reflected JEHOVAH’S own thoughts and ways. So, what did JESUS say about warfare? What stand did HE take on war?

There would seem to be no cause more worthy of armed defense than the life and security of JESUS CHRIST. One of HIS apostles felt that way. When JESUS was betrayed and arrested by an armed mob in the middle of the night, HIS friend Peter “reached out his hand and drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest and took off his ear.” Justifiable use of such weaponry? JESUS said to Peter:

“Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword.”—Matthew 26:47-52.

With the recent escalation of war between Israel and Hezbollah, the debate continues among Christians over the issues of violence and pacifism. Some Christians believe war is a viable response to injustice, while others disagree.

This raises the popular question, what would JESUS do and by extension, what should a Christian do? Does JESUS advocate a non-violent, non-resistant pacifism, or does HE allow for self-defense and military action, up to and including war?

WAS JESUS A PACIFIST?

Christians who hold to pacifism base their view primarily on two ideas they find in Scripture.¹ In the Sermon on the Mount, JESUS taught *not* to resist an evil person and *to pray* for those who inflict persecution, leading pacifists to profess the principle of non-retaliation. And when JESUS said that HIS Kingdom is not of this world, the case is made that Christians are Citizens Of A Spiritual Kingdom, *not* any man-made kingdom of this world. So while Christians remain in this world, they should *not* participate in the politics. Instead, Christians are to live such a unique lifestyle of

loving non-violence and non-resistance that it draws unbelievers to the Light of GOD'S love and forgiveness found in the cross of CHRIST.

APPLYING A BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW GRID

How should a biblical thinker respond to a peace-at-all-costs interpretation of Scripture? A worldview perspective aids our interpretation of Scripture not only by focusing on the immediate biblical context and cultural setting of the time, but also by incorporating a total integration of biblical worldview disciplines. A thorough study of these three areas gives the Bible student a richer understanding of the meaning of the text as well as a guide to applying that meaning to the contemporary situation.

Biblical context: At the beginning of JESUS' sermon in Matthew 5 we read, "HIS disciples came to HIM and HE began to teach them" JESUS is speaking to those who would be HIS followers and describes how they should interact on a day-to-day basis with one another in community. HE is *not* addressing the role of the state in protecting its citizens from either violence from fellow citizens or attack from outside forces.

Cultural context: When JESUS speaks about *not* retaliating if an "evil person" slaps you on the right cheek, HE is drawing upon a common Hebrew idiom. Since most people are right handed, the back of the right hand would have to be used in order to hit another person on their right cheek. The issue is *not* so much physical assault as social insult.² JESUS' point is simple: Don't return insult with insult, which was expected in that day and time.

In their book, *Social-Science Commentary of the Synoptic Gospels*, Bruce Malina and Richard Rohrbaugh explain the significance of the honor-shame society of JESUS' day.

[T]he pivotal value of the Mediterranean society of the first century was honor-shame . . . since honor of one's family determines potential marriage partners as well as with whom one can do business, what functions one can attend, where one can live, and even what religious role one can play, family honor must be

defended at all costs. The smallest slight or injury must be avenged, or honor is permanently lost.³

Thus, JESUS *puts a stop* to this kind of tit-for-tat social shaming by telling HIS followers to absorb the insult and to stop the potential family feud in its tracks. HE was *not* addressing the issue of physical violence or abuse, whether upon you, your family, or your neighbor. It is not as though JESUS were advocating that if a rapist attacks your wife, you should give your daughter as well. This passage lends *no support* in building a case for passivity to violence.

Worldview context: One thing is clear from a worldview study of politics: government is GOD'S idea.⁴ As early as Genesis 9:6, man is given the collective responsibility to bring a murderer to justice through capital punishment, thus laying the foundation for establishing an orderly and peaceful society through the oversight of civil government.

Moving to the New Testament, in the same sermon that JESUS teaches on turning the other cheek, HE also maintains that the state has the responsibility to dispense justice (see Matthew 5:25–26). Elsewhere, JESUS affirms paying taxes to the state (Matthew 22:19f), and Peter and Paul also weigh in on government's GOD-given role in protecting its citizens (1 Peter 2:13–14 and Romans 13:1–7).

LIVING IN *TWO* KINGDOMS

An investigation of all three contexts reveals that Christians are citizens of two kingdoms, the Kingdom of CHRIST as well as the kingdom of this world, yet with differing responsibilities in each kingdom. On the one hand, we are to forgive and pray for those who insult us, seeking earnestly to love them into CHRIST'S Kingdom. Yet on the other hand, we are responsible, as members of the civil body politic, to participate in and support government's role in maintaining peace and protecting its citizens. Securing these ends, in many cases, involves violent means (self-defense, protecting the lives and property of others, physical arrest, capital punishment, and warfare).

What is concluded from this brief overview? Should a Christian go to war? First, in the final analysis, there are clear biblical reasons on a personal level to defend oneself and one's family and neighbors from the violent actions of others. And second, the state is given the responsibility of defending the lives of its citizens, up to and including war on a national scale.

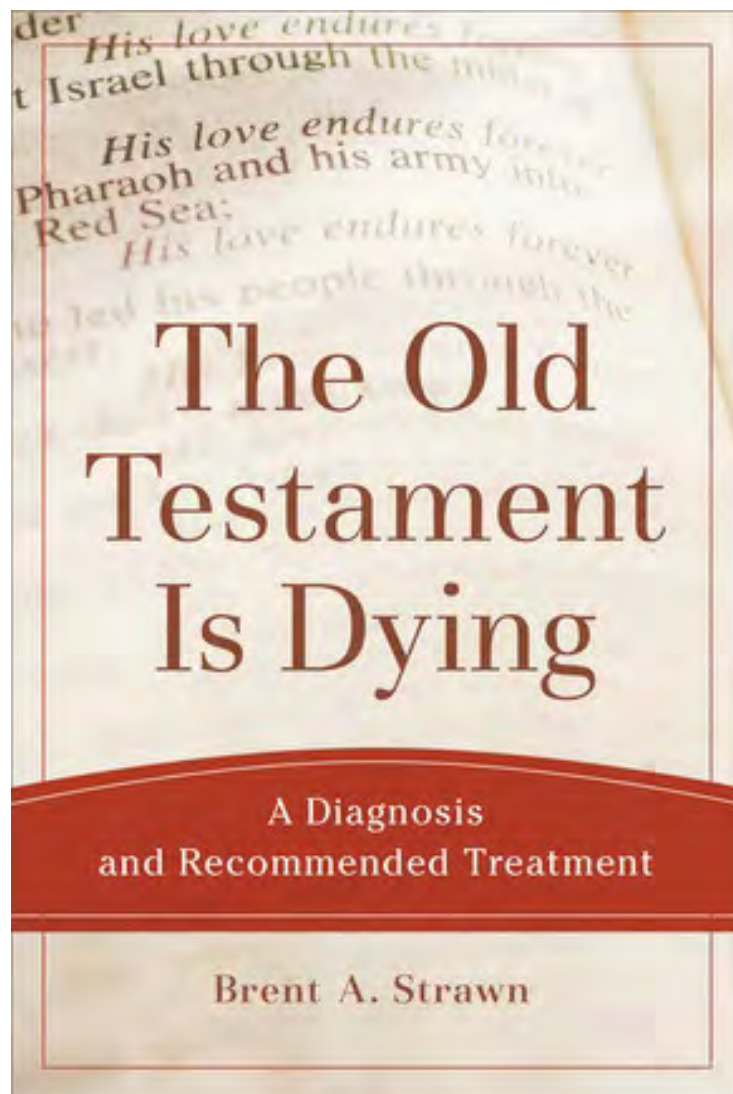
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WHY THE NEW COVENANT REPLACED THE OLD COVENANT (CONTRACT)

During Holy Week, on the night when JESUS gathered with HIS disciples in the upper room, HE declared that through HIS shed blood there would come into existence a “New” covenant, a glorious reality described in some detail in Hebrews 8. Here are some ten things about the New Covenant that all Christians should know:

(1) We know from Luke 22:19-20 that when JESUS offered up HIS body on the cross and poured out HIS blood so that we might be forgiven of our sins, HE was inaugurating and establishing the New Covenant. Here is how Luke records it: “And HE took bread, and when HE had given thanks, HE broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is MY body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of ME.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is *the New Covenant* in MY blood’ ” (Luke 22:19-20).

(2) But what need is there for a New Covenant between GOD and HIS people? Why wasn't the Mosaic (Old) Covenant good enough for all people and for all time? In saying that the Old or Mosaic Covenant wasn't "good enough" I'm not saying it wasn't "good". It was. It was an unprecedented blessing for the people of Israel. It provided them with laws to govern their behavior. It promised them spiritual and material and even military blessings if they obeyed that law and remained true to the covenant. GOD even instituted in that covenant the office of high priest so that the people would have someone to offer sacrifices on their behalf and represent them in the presence of GOD. That Old Covenant provided a sacrificial system in which the blood of bulls and goats at least temporarily enabled them to remain in fellowship with GOD. The Old Covenant under Moses was filled with grace, mercy, longsuffering, and love.

But the Old or Mosaic Covenant had three fundamental flaws. First, although there was a high priest who would regularly offer an animal sacrifice for their sins, such sacrifices could never fully and finally secure their forgiveness. "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Heb. 10:4).

Second, the law of the Old Covenant that came through Moses was unable to supply the power that people needed to fulfill and obey it. The Law of Moses was very clear in stating, "Thou shalt not" or "Do this and live" or "Be ye holy." But there was nothing in the law itself that could empower the people to obey it. The Law of Moses told the people of Israel what they should and should not do but it was never capable of supplying them with the internal energy or the spiritual power to obey. As someone once said:

**"To run and work the law commands,
yet gives me neither feet nor hands.
But better news the gospel brings:
it bids me fly, and gives me wings!"
Sam Storms, Pastor/Author**

Check Website Below For The Full Article:

<https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/article-10-things-you-should-know-about-the-new-covenant>

CHRISTIANITY AND THE ETHICS OF WAR

The main Christian view of war ethics is contained in the doctrine of the Just War.

The basic assumption of modern Christians is that war is rarely justified and should be avoided unless the Just War conditions are met.

An individual Christian may believe that the standard of evidence and argument required for them to support a war is higher than the standard of evidence that national leaders may require to go to war.

Christianity is no longer (if it ever was) wholly against war. Some say that modern Christianity has a 'presumption against war', but others say that it has a 'presumption against injustice' - and the bias against war comes from the injustice that war can do.

This view says that the aim of Christianity is to promote a world in which peace and justice flourish everywhere: war may sometimes be the tool needed to do this, and waging war may sometimes be a lesser evil (a lesser injustice) than allowing injustice to persist or tolerating the victimisation of innocent people.



CREAM OF GIANT PUFFBALL SOUP

Calvatia Gigantea, commonly called the giant puffball, is a puffball mushroom found in meadows, fields, and forests usually in late summer to autumn. It can be found in mostly temperate areas throughout the world.

These mushrooms are big the one I have is about ten inches across and 2 kilograms and the one my son Joshua has is 16 inches and 3 ½ kilograms, they have been known to grow up to 20 kilograms, I found these when I was checking on the Highbush Cranberries near my home.

Prep time 30 minutes

Cook time 25 minutes

Step 1: Gathering the Puffballs



Step 2: Ingredients

1 Giant Puffball Skinned and Diced

2 cups diced onion.

2 cups diced celery.

6 tablespoons butter

8 cups (2 liters) chicken broth.

½ teaspoon dried thyme.

1 teaspoon salt.

1 teaspoon ground black pepper.

1 teaspoon dried chives.

1 teaspoon dried parsley.

2 cups (1/2 liter) Crème Fraîche or Heavy Cream

6 tablespoons All-purpose Flour

Step 3: Directions First Step

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in medium sized stock pot, and saute onion and celery until tender.

Add 8 cups (2 liters) chicken broth and let simmer while you prepair the puffball.

Skin the puffball; this is easy, the outer skin of the puffball peels off just like a banana.

Then slice and dice the puffball to your hearts content.

Add the diced puffball to the broth, cover and simmer



for 10 minutes. After simmering for 10 minutes the puffball should be cooked and the pieces of puffball should not be floating.

Using a hand blender I puree the soup right in the cooking pot.

In small saucepan, over medium-heat melt 3 tablespoons butter, stir in flour and add milk. Stir until thick and bubbly, and add to soup.

Season with salt, pepper, chives, parsley and thyme.

Step 4: Directions Second Step

Simmer for another 5 minutes and serve with crackers or toast.

Since one of these mushrooms can easily feed twenty people and my family of four is much less, I will be dicing up the whole mushroom for soup and after dinner, freezing and canning the rest of the soup for later.

Step 5: Serve



Step 6: Cold Canning

Since two gallons of soup is more than we can consume in a single sitting I froze a couple meals and canned single servings for later.

Cold canning is a little different; most canning you can store your preserves at room temperature for long periods of time before use. With cold canning you just pasteurize the soup and keep the soup refrigerated for shorter periods of time before use.

Step 7: Cooking and Sealing

Start by preparing your jars for canning by washing and sterilizing.

Fill the jars to just $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch from the top of the jar. Place the lids on the jars loosely so that as you heat the jars the hot air and steam can escape.

Since the mushroom soup is already cooked you don't need to cook the contents other than to be sure the contents are sterile.

Place the jars in a pot large enough to hold the jars with a bit of space between them and tall enough to cover the jars up to the lid with water. I used a frying pan just for the picks.

Boil the water for five to ten minutes until the lids seal. Make sure the screw lids are tight and let cool on a rack.

When cool, store in the refrigerator up to two months until you use them.





Josehf Murchison

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COSMOS: MEASURED USING 'REAL DATA'

London: Researchers have recently used real data rather than theory and calculations related to general relativity to measure the cosmos for the first time.

A research team from Imperial College London and the University of Barcelona has used data from astronomical surveys to measure a standard distance that was central to their understanding of the expansion of the universe.

The research used current data from astronomical surveys on the brightness of exploding stars (supernovae) and on the regular pattern in the clustering of matter (baryonic acoustic oscillations) to measure the size of this 'standard ruler.'

The matter that created this standard ruler formed about 400,000 years after the Big Bang. This period was a time when the physics of the universe was still relatively simple so the researchers did not need to consider more "exotic" concepts such as dark energy in their measurements.

Previously the size of this "standard ruler" has only been predicted from theoretical models that rely on general relativity to explain gravity at large scales. The new study was the first to measure it using observed data.

The standard ruler measured in the research was the baryon acoustic oscillation scale. This was a pattern of a specific length which was imprinted in the clustering of matter created by small variations in density in the very early universe (about 400,000 years after the Big Bang). The length of this pattern, which was the same today as it was then, was the baryon acoustic oscillation scale.

The team calculated the length to be 143 megaparsecs (nearly 480 million light-years) which was similar to accepted predictions for this distance from models based on general relativity.

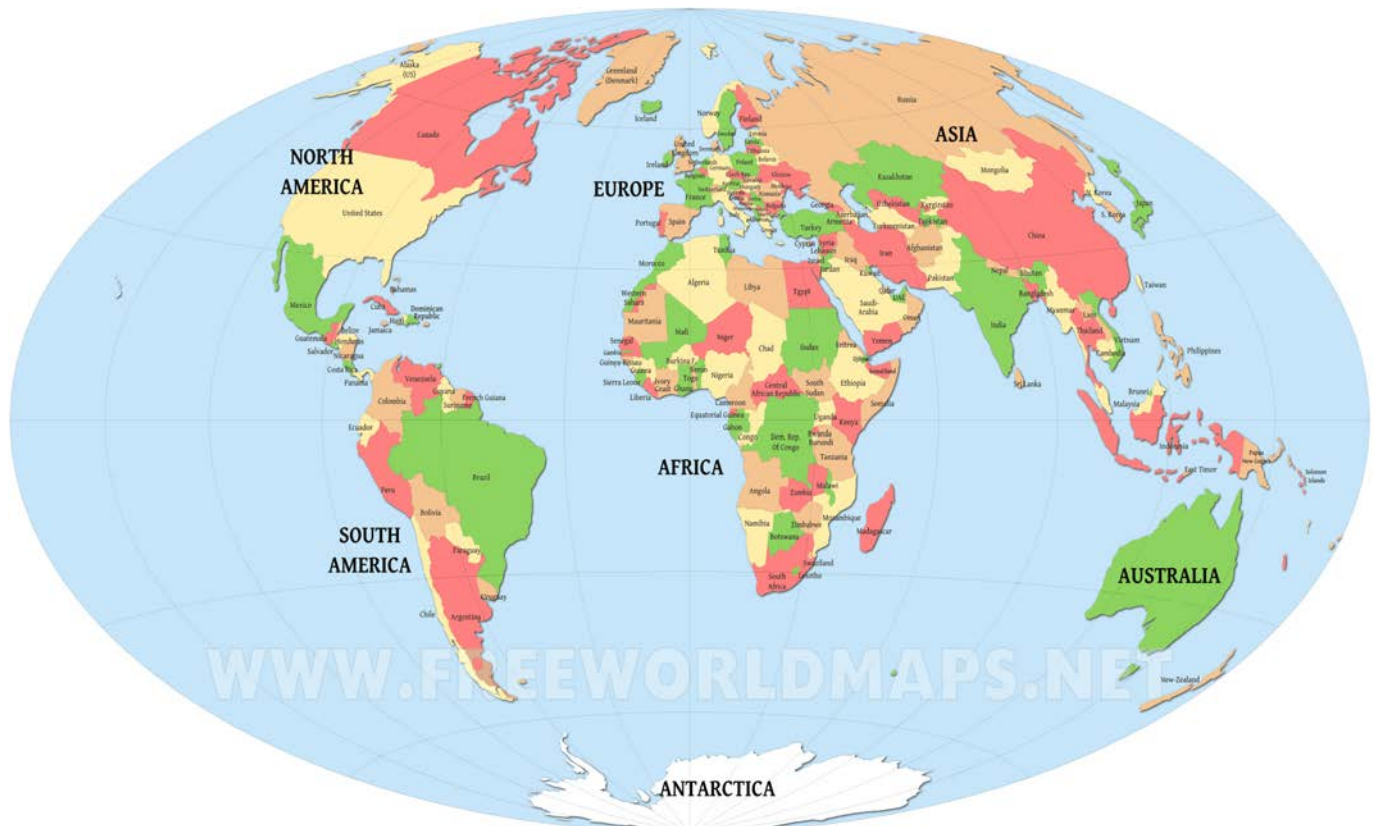
Professor Raul Jimenez from the University of Barcelona, said that the uncertainties around general relativity have motivated them to develop methods to derive more direct measurements of the cosmos, rather than relying so heavily on inferences from models and for the study they only made some minimal theoretical assumptions such as the symmetry of the universe and a smooth expansion history.

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EARTH *WITHOUT* BOUNDARIES



EARTH *WITH* BOUNDARIES



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BOUNDARIES

It wasn't like this in the beginning.

Boundaries never existed.

**There was only the Garden of Eden on Earth,
the FATHER'S gift to man.**

But, then our great, great... grandparents disobeyed.

GOD then took Paradise on Earth away from man.

**Ever since, man yearns to create his garden
from a plot of land on which to dwell.**

**But, then '*the mafia*' who loved power,
demanded control of all the land be under their control.**

**The beginning of countries, governments
and freedom's demise.**

The power hungry, create wars to achieve their goals.

**Control of people, land, minerals, oil and money
without thought, respect or love for their brothers.**

So began the passport, visa and restrictions... to move.

**Like cattle the multitudes are contained
within the boundaries.**

Man has lost his earthly liberation.

**No more the nomadic life at *will* is granted
to move with the seasons or as his heart yearns.**

**Long hours at labour,
his spirit wrapped in chains.**



THE YOUNG EARTH

The Real History of the Earth – Past, Present, and Future

REVISED
AND
EXPANDED

John Morris

**Man is lost in an economic/political world of materialism,
where money is the *god* that rules...
the motive for life itself.**

Humanity is suffering in its earthly hell.

Man has abandoned his CREATOR.

Life whirls out of control without law, order and justice.

**Centuries after Earth's creation and mankind's dilemma,
life will never revert to GOD'S original design.**

**GOD sacrificed HIMSELF for the sins of ALL humanity...
that they may enter HIS Holy Kingdom
through JESUS CHRIST to freedom.**

**Praise HIS Holy name, KING of Heaven and Earth.
HIS peace and joy is given man to endure this heathen place.
Faithful hearts are full of HIS Holy Spirit.
HIS Word remains with those who love and fear HIM.
HIS faithful are given courage and lifted above the squalor.**

**The Triune GOD offered HIMSELF: GOD the FATHER,
GOD the SON JESUS, and GOD the HOLY SPIRIT,
rising from the grave and then ascended into Heaven.
HIS HOLY SPIRIT indwells ALL faithful believers.
ALL will dwell eternally with JESUS in HIS Holy City under
HIS government.**

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CATERPILLAR - BUTTERFLY

A Perspective Befitting Man's Attention!

Man in his sinful, evil ways resembles the caterpillar as he crawls in the miry mud and slim at the lowest level of humanity.

Man in his righteousness and GODLY character, resembles the magnificently beautiful butterfly which has been transformed.

Man was placed originally on earth in the 'butterfly' state through GOD'S creative ability. Man was created in the image and likeness of GOD (with HIS character and spirit). Man was perfect and beautiful as the butterfly in his spirit and heart, originally. GOD loved HIS creation 'man' unconditionally and therefore, gave man the ability to 'make choices and decisions for himself'. But, man's pride, vanity and selfishness overcame him and he disobeyed GOD'S instruction and lost his innocence and was now **conscious of sin.**

As GOD planned the transformation of the caterpillar to a butterfly at creation, so also was it GOD'S plan for man's transformation to the likeness and image of HIMSELF once again, **even after sin.**

GOD in HIS infinite wisdom created man for HIS delight because HE loved HIS creation and it was perfect and good. As well HE gave man dominion over all of the earth and HIS creation to keep, maintain and control. GOD for this purpose created **man with an intellect far greater than any other creature.**

Man, as the highest order of creatures, (not with instinct through design) but by man's intellectual capacity, heart and soul, gave man of all the creatures, the sole opportunity to **make his own choices in his daily personal life and the dominion over the earth's responsibilities.**

GOD has **allowed man to either remain in bondage to the evil of the earth, as was given to the **Angel Lucifer, or the ability to fly in freedom** like a butterfly under the direction of GOD in HIS *will* and in obedience toward a Holy state.**

Man does not have the same Almighty Power and Intellect as GOD his CREATOR, and never will. Therefore, must depend on GOD'S guidance if he wishes to have a life pleasing to GOD and himself with peace in his heart and soul. With this obedience is also granted the assurance that at the end of man's life man will return to be forever in the place of his origin throughout eternity.

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Check Out: National Geographic Video:

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HAPPY 65TH BIRTHDAY

Celista Musclow

**What a blessing to own a name so exquisite
bestowed with a purpose by GOD.
An imprint reflecting an angelic spirit full of grace
gifted on the day of your birth.**

**Displaying a humble nature so sweet and serene.
An essence which radiates beauty in stature and soul.
Loved dearly by all those about you,
Elwood, Evelyn, Pierre, friends and neighbours.**

**Touched by the warmth of your gentle heart,
my heart sings
as does the trill of a Mocking Bird
or as the fragrant beauty of a rose
delights both man and *its* CREATOR, our LORD.**

GOD Bless You... Love Carolann

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Julie Andrews, Walt Disney 'Mary Poppins'

FEED THE BIRDS

**Early each day to the steps of Saint Paul's
the little old bird woman comes.
In her own special way to the people she calls,
"Come, buy my bags full of crumbs;
come feed the little birds, show them you care
and you'll be glad if you do.**

**The young ones are hungry... the nests are so bare.
All it takes is tuppence from you.
Feed the birds, tuppence a bag.
Tuppence, tuppence, tuppence a bag.
Feed the birds," that's what she cries
while overhead, her birds fill the skies**

**All around the cathedral the saints and apostles
look down as she sells her wares.
Although you can't see it, you know they are smiling
each time someone shows that he cares.
Though her words are simple and few,
listen, listen, she's calling to you.**

**"Feed The Birds, Tuppence A Bag
Tuppence, Tuppence, Tuppence A Bag"**

Richard M. Sherman / Robert B. Sherman

Check Website Below For Music:

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Charwoman Feeding the Birds (1988), oil on panel, from the collection of Ahti Aalto, Kuusimiesmuseo, Oulu



BE THAT AS IT MAY

**People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
*forgive them anyway!***

**If you are kind, people may accuse of selfish, ulterior motives;
*be kind anyway!***

**If you are successful, you will win some false friends
and some true enemies;
*be successful anyway!***

**If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
*be honest and frank anyway!***

**When you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
*build it anyway!***

**If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
*be happy anyway!***

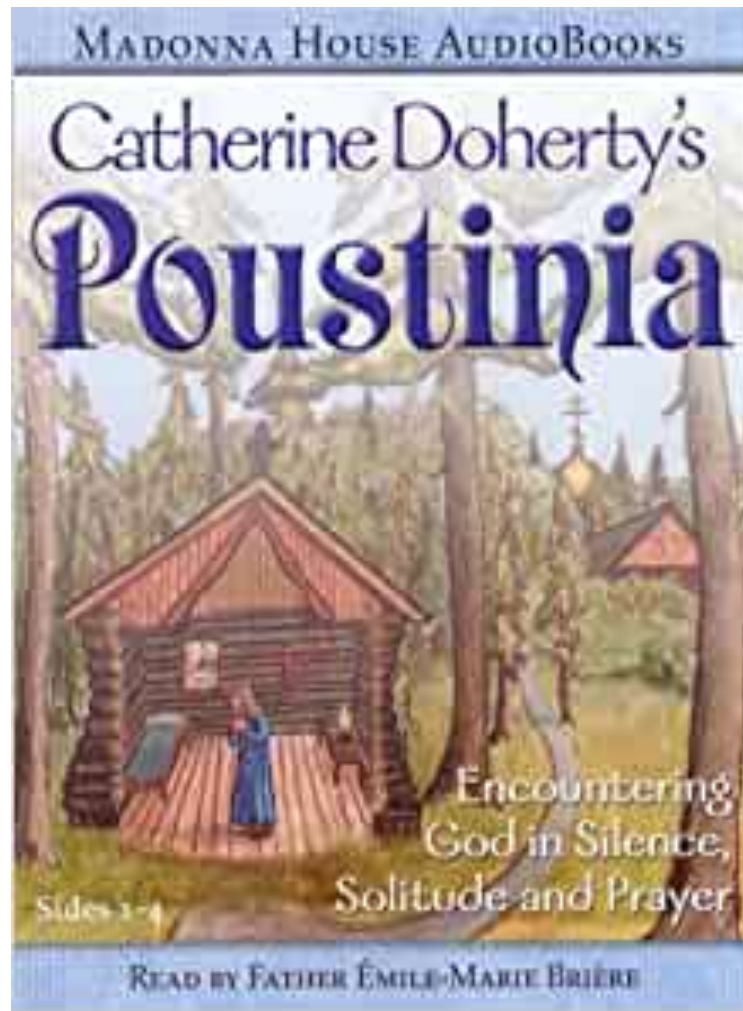
**The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
*do good anyway!***

**Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
*give the world the best you've got anyway!***

**You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and GOD;
*it was never between you and them anyway!***

**Mother Theresa
*Handwritten On The Wall Of Her Room***

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CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

The love story of GOD with man: how did HE come down into the womb of a woman, before which an angel lay prostrate? Was it like a sheet of flame, or a fiery arrow? Was it quietly like the cool light of the star? Or was it fast like a falling star? But the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Beautiful, the All-Perfect LORD of CREATION did descend into a woman's womb and lay there for nine months, even as every mortal child has to.

In a stable in Bethlehem the world and humanity heard the first declaration of love of GOD to man, heard it on earth, not through the mouths of prophets but through GOD HIMSELF! I hear the cry of the child and the love of GOD pierces my heart. I watch as HE grows amongst us and hear HIM hammering, planning, in Saint Joseph's workshop. A child, a youth, a man, amongst us for love of us. The sound of HIS footsteps, even though HE walked barefoot on the soft dust of Nazareth, is music in my ears, for each step speaks of love, for us, for me. GOD so loved us that HE blended with us. HE identified HIMSELF with us in the humble ways of a workman. HE was just a plain carpenter, a child of manual labour, as HIS foster father was.

How much HE loved us: to be obedient to creatures, to an ordinary man and woman, you might say! This love that hides itself in Nazareth and identifies itself so perfectly with ordinary folks like you and me. Suddenly, across Palestine a voice was heard and the wind picked it up and threw it against the whole world unto the cosmos, the Word of the MAN who was a carpenter and at the same time was GOD! I hear HIS voice now thundering in my ears, enlarged by the megaphone of centuries. And yet it seems brought to me on some old and gentle spring breezes from Palestine.

The world and man again heard the voice of GOD, speaking in accents of love, teaching love, shouting love, living love, performing miracles, curing, consoling and warning. This overwhelms me: that the earth on which I walk has a little spot which the footprints of CHRIST, the footprints of GOD, are still etched upon. They might not be seen with human eyes, but they are there. They are there because HE loved me!



ABSOLUTELY COMPLETE

**We are completely, completely, absolutely complete in HIM,
yet, responsible to do our part.**

**We are to daily read HIS word, precepts and commands.
With focused thought our mind must fully comprehend
and even more importantly, apply it.**

**We are to speak with HIM in love
asking for wisdom and seek it.**

**We are complete in HIS indwelling us with... HIS Holy Spirit
Everything is possible because of HIS power given us
yet, we must manifest the power by faith.
We must believe and trust the Word of GOD.**

**Let us *demonstrate* our completeness.
Display the gift of the Holy Spirit and its nine manifestations:**

**Wisdom
Knowledge
Faith
Healing**

**Discerning Of Spirits
Interpretation
Miracles
Tongues
Prophecy**

This will then produce the Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

**Love
Joy
Peace
Long-suffering
Gentleness**

**Goodness
Faith
Patience
Self-control**

**Now we will be filled to *full* measure
and ready to overcome ALL adversities.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkfczjtUASo>

The Three Minds

Conscious – The active analytical portion of our mind, our active awareness

Sub-Conscious – The home of instinct and storehouse of experience

Super-Conscious – Our Greater Awareness

Dynamic Interplay of Key Functions of the Mind



Figure 2

THE MYSTERY OF LIFE

We are living in the sub-conscious;
never quite aware nor grasping
the reason for the gift of life.

How did we come to be
this arrangement of the flesh?
It is after all a combination of minute atoms.

But, it is not the flesh.
It is our mind which rules the flesh.
And, there is so much more to comprehend.

It is The *Holy Spirit* who brings us to
super consciousness
of what the quest is all about... our great goal.
Yet, we cannot quite accept the simplicity of it all.

Until... the END, when we then realize...
that we are returning from whence we came,
the flesh to dust and the spirit to its eternal abode.

It is not for us to know,
but faith in JESUS CHRIST is what's required.
This is when the *miracle* takes place.
Body, soul and spirit at HIS return,
unites as one with HIM.

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Check Websites Below: Activate Your Superconscious Mind In 2020

[HTTPS://WWW.INDEPENDENTFEMME.COM/ALL-YOU-NEED-TO-KNOW-ABOUT-THE-SUPERCONSCIOUS-MIND/](https://www.independentfemme.com/all-you-need-to-know-about-the-superconscious-mind/)

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HUNGARIAN POPPY SEED NOODLES

Imola Tóth



[HTTPS://WWW.PEACEFULDUMPLING.COM/RECIPE/HUNGARIAN-POPPY-SEED-NOODLES](https://www.peacefuldumpling.com/recipe/hungarian-poppy-seed-noodles)

Poppy seed is widely used to make yeast breads, sweet rolls, pastries, and coffee cakes in Hungary. This one is more of a weekday dish, we normally serve it after a one-pot soup, like goulash or bean soup. And yes, it's a sweet noodle! Although this dish isn't familiar to most Americans, similar versions are also popular in Poland and Austria.

This dish can't be more simple to assemble. All you need is some wide strip pasta, poppy seeds and sugar. I love to use caster sugar because over the hot pasta it just melts much better. The important thing is that the poppy seeds must be ground first, it's quite a different taste from the whole ones that are sprinkled on top of baked goods. I grind the poppy seeds in a coffee grinder, always together with some granulated sugar otherwise the oily poppy-seed paste would just stick. The standard ratio of poppy to sugar is two to one.

YIELDS 1 serving

PREP TIME 05 min

COOK TIME 10 min

- 100g wide strip egg noodle pasta
- 50g black or blue poppy seeds
- 50g caster sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare your pasta according to package instructions.
2. Grind the poppy seed in a coffee grinder meanwhile.
3. Once the pasta is done, transfer it to a plate, top it with poppy seed and caster sugar, combine well.

Serve While Still Warm.

Check Website Below For Hungarian Gypsy Music:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CCF2bfRYN4&feature=emb_title



BOLD IN CHRIST

**LORD, how YOU'VE blessed me with discernment.
Perceptive to comprehend how much YOU cared at my creation,
blessing me with gifts to esteem YOU.
Understanding that simple pious faith will not unearth the veracity I seek.
Only in the active pursuit of transparency will truth be found
which Satan refuses to expose, in fear that he reveals his deceit.**

**Our duty is to boldly strive in our labours;
Praying for wisdom that truth be uncovered in all things.
In gratitude I praise YOU for all bestowed upon me,
with prudence and common sense persevering.
In confidence, determined and convicted
I walk on, enthusiastically battling storms.**

**Onward ever forward to overcome the enemy.
As YOU direct my life, setting the compass for each passage;
never knowing what, when or where, I wait in eager expectation;
comforted always by YOUR boundless love for me.
YOU'VE given me a life that most will never realize,
full of challenges, excitement, hope, love, joy and even disasters.**

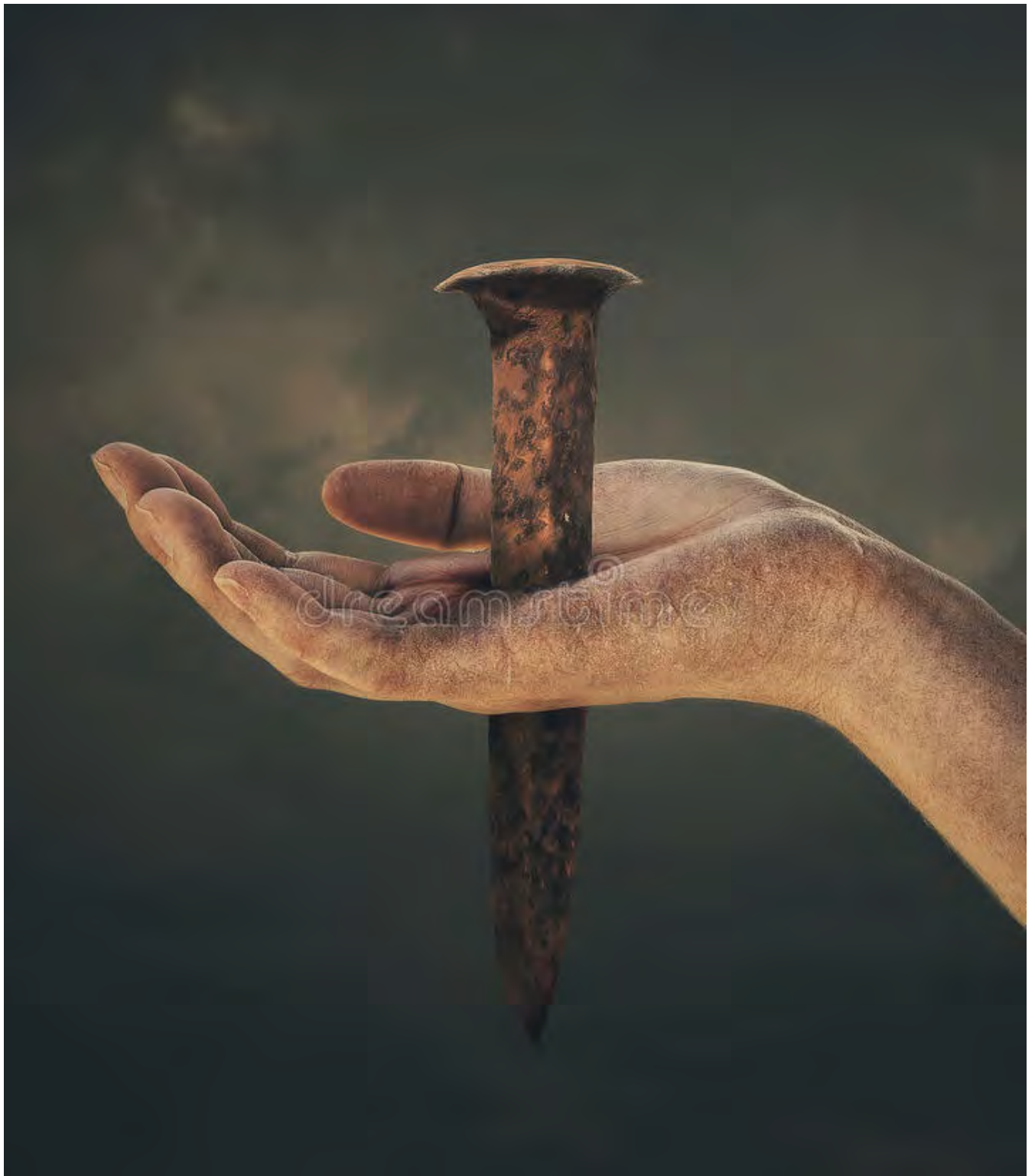
**Comprehending always that YOU are ever so near.
I speak and YOU hear each thought I utter.
Responding softly, whispering from within my core
'the secret place' within my heart where YOU forever live.
With courage, alive with enthusiasm, directed by YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,
I'm so honoured; my strength and very essence is gifted by YOU.**

***The gifts given me, I use to honour the CREATOR
FATHER, SON, JESUS CHRIST and HOLY SPIRIT.***

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Check Website Below: Becoming: Truthful Catherine De Souza

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COURAGE

**Dear JESUS, I beg, lay YOUR wounded hand upon my weary head.
Teach me to have courage in those paths that I must tread.
Give me the grace and wisdom to understand
these crosses bravely borne
will keep me close to THEE within YOUR grander plan.**

**And, if at times a shadow falls in unexpected ways,
place YOUR gentle hand in mine and guide me through those days.
YOUR protective grace and eternal blessing I humbly crave.
I implore, impart upon ALL mankind a revelation of the heart
to save and claim their souls.**

**Our fate is linked with the internal dwelling of YOUR Holy Spirit.
The LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOUR of our eternal fate
offers the title 'SAINT' to ALL mankind.
Dwell in the safety of HIS love and mercy 'ere it's too late.
The reward... perfect peace and freedom of body, soul and mind.**

**Humbly surrender your *will* and heart to HIM.
Request in truth forgiveness of all your sins.
Love and praise HIM alone and your neighbour as yourself.
In faith accept HIS promise... to be *taken up* upon HIS return
to dwell eternally with the Holy Lamb of GOD.**

**Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born in human flesh
was GOD'S ultimate gift to ALL mankind.
The perfect, *only* SON of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST
who offered HIS life at HIS FATHER'S request,
to free our souls and after death... *eternal rest* with JESUS.**

Amen

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May 29, 2004**



ECCLÉSIA

***Ecclesia* is the Aramaic word JESUS used when HE said...
HE would build HIS *Ecclesia*... not 'Church'
which is an incorrect translation.**

**An *Ecclesia* is a gathering of two or thousands
or a group, community, country, nation, city etc.
of those who believe HE is the MESSIAH, the SON of GOD the FATHER.**

**JESUS *never meant* HE was actually going to construct a building
with brick, stone, wood etc. but, a *people of faith* in HIM
who would be HIS *Temple*.**

**JESUS was born by the HOLY SPIRIT of the FATHER
with the full manifestation of the FATHER.
HE was both fully man and fully GOD.**

**HE came to save the people of the world from their sins
by paying the ultimate price to set them free.
HE promised they would rise again from death, with a spiritual body as HIS.
and, to live eternally with HIM in HIS Kingdom under HIS government.**

DID YOU KNOW ?

**Although things are not perfect because of trial or pain,
continue in thanksgiving, do not begin to blame.**

**Even when the times are hard,
fierce winds are bound to blow...
GOD is *forever* able.**

**Hold on to what you know.
Imagine life without HIS love; joy would cease to be.
Keep thanking HIM for all the things love imparts to thee.**

**Move out of "Camp Complaining".
No weapon that is known on earth,
can yield the power praise can do alone.**

**Quit looking at the future.
Redeem the time at hand.
Start every day with worship; to "thank" is a command.**

**Until we see HIM coming victorious in the sky,
we'll run the race with gratitude exalting GOD most high.
There'll be good times and yes, some also will be bad,
but...
Zion' (*Universal ~~Church~~ Ecclesia*) waits in adoration...
where none are ever sad!**

**Sent to me by Sharon Robinson
Bankcroft, Ontario, Canada**

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February 5, 2005**



DOMINION OVER ALL

**Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, HIS supremacy shown throughout the universe,
sits almighty with power on HIS throne.**

HIS authority humbles the creatures of HIS creation.

The invasive enemy of our soul HE alone is able to destroy.

Espouse HIS holy name; ask that HE abide within your heart.

Tell HIM of your wrongdoings; ask for HIS compassion.

Believe, have faith; HE will never leave you.

Daily as we live our lives filled with stress, uncertainties,
doubts, unsettling issues and fears of all description,
be familiar with the FATHER;
HE will dwell within us if we just pray to HIM and ask.
Prayer, a gift from our SAVIOUR, CHRIST JESUS,
so we might converse with HIM.
The gift is full of blessings to receive and give away to others.
There is no cost. It takes but a few moments.
Let's begin today to pray unceasingly for each other.

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

Holy FATHER, I ask YOUR blessing on
my husband, family, relatives, friends and neighbours.
Reveal a divine indication of YOUR absolute sovereignty and unconditional
love.

Holy Spirit, minister to spiritual and earthly needs.
Where there is pain, release it through
YOUR forgiveness and mercy, giving grace and perfect peace.

Where there is self-doubt, empower with a renewed confidence.
Encompass with safe keeping loved ones during comings and goings.

Open eyes and ears to the wisdom of YOUR protective armour against
worldly temptations that take our eyes, hearts and minds away from YOU.

A world ever-growing with the evil of degenerate man;
the deception clearly displayed in his deeds and darkness of his soul.

Build faith and trust in YOUR covenant to us, the true security for our soul,
to live daily as servants to YOU LORD alone, without compromise.

Grant affirmation and insight, with a vision of YOUR return to judge.
Knowing with certainty that ALL faithful will be gathered,
deceased and existing, to JESUS' subliminal SELF.

Help us to realize that YOU O'LORD are the true Lover of Our Soul!

I seek these blessings in the precious name of our LORD GOD and SAVIOUR,
JESUS CHRIST.

Amen

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Isaiah 11:6

**“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
and a little child shall lead them.”**

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

**Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard;
neither have entered into the heart of man,
the things which GOD hath prepared for them that love HIM.
But GOD hath revealed them unto us by HIS Spirit:
for the Spirit searches all things,
yes, the deep things of GOD.**

LIKE A CHILD

**Faith allows us to enter peacefully into the dark night
which each of us faces at one time or another.**

**Faith walks simply like a child,
between the darkness of human life
and the hope of what is to come.**

**'For eye has not seen, nor ear heard
what GOD reserves for those who love HIM.'**

**Faith is a kind of folly;
the folly that belongs to GOD HIMSELF.**

Catherine de Hueck Doherty

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HIS
mercies
are new every
morning
Lamentations 3:23

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COMPASSION

**Forgiveness, Kindness, Tenderness, Feeling, Heart,
Mercy, Sympathy, Sharing, Charity, Tolerance,
Consolation, Solace, Condolence, Comfort,
Encouragement, Relief, Clemency, Well-Wishes**

The Holy Scriptures, in Romans, is where Paul tells us, as Christians, how we are to give preference to one another. In other words, we are to focus our lives on the needs of others rather than on our own wants and needs. The Greek word used in the passage (for compassion) means "to go before and show the way, to lead." It is not enough to talk about the need, to be upset or to feel badly. We are to pray to the HOLY SPIRIT of our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, asking for HIS strength, courage, confidence and discernment as HE abides in us in order to handle the need of the other. We are to go forward in action to solve the problem. We are to shine and reflect HIS unconditional love in our action and speech toward everyone, even those against us, as we take charge of the situation.

Romans Chapter 12, Versus 1 - 21

In this Chapter Paul explains perfectly the *true compassion* of a Christian and how it should be displayed. Read and apply his teachings to all areas of your daily lives.

Three Key Points To Help Enable Taking Action:

1. BE PASSIONATE

JESUS was passionate about the work HE did.

**"My food is to do the *will* of HIM who sent ME,
and to finish HIS work"
(John 4:34)**

Let us then with

CONFIDENCE

draw near
to the
throne of

grace

that we
may receive

mercy

& find
grace

to help
in time

of need.

hebrews 4:16

Just as food invigorates your body, doing GOD'S *will* and helping others will invigorate your spirit !

2. TAKE FOCUS OFF YOURSELF

When we are conscious only of ourselves, we will never be effective in our compassion toward others because we aren't looking out for the needs of the people around us. Using HIMSELF as the example, JESUS said:

**"Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be a servant.
Just as the SON of MAN did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life a ransom for many"
(Matt. 20:26,28).**

3. DO SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE

It's not enough to feel sympathy and just talk about the problem – you must do something about it. That's what real compassion is:

AN ACTION !

Nine times in the Gospels we see the phrase:

"JESUS was moved with compassion."

And every time we see it, we know we are about to see results! Five thousand men are about to be fed with five loaves and two fish; the sick are about to be healed; people are about to be delivered.

**GOD is calling us all into realms of effective compassion
through action.**

Go before others and show them the way!

Eastman Curtis Ministries

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DEAR LITTLE FLOWER CALLED... CAROLANN

Thank you for the last message.

**Before I involve myself in philosophical adventure,
I'd better wish you good luck with your birthday.**

How is it to be forty years and still handsome and nice?

**I've just contacted Henrik, but he was not at home,
but Hanne, his wife, promised to ask him to write.**

**But another thing you sent me... a melody -
I listen to it every day, because it is so beautiful.**

That's right, you give me a good mood...

Thank you.

Everything is ok here.

**The summer is on her way,
and we are looking forward to meet her.
Give my best regards to this fangolini/guy.
Some day we must write a little bit more
about our daily doings.**

With Love

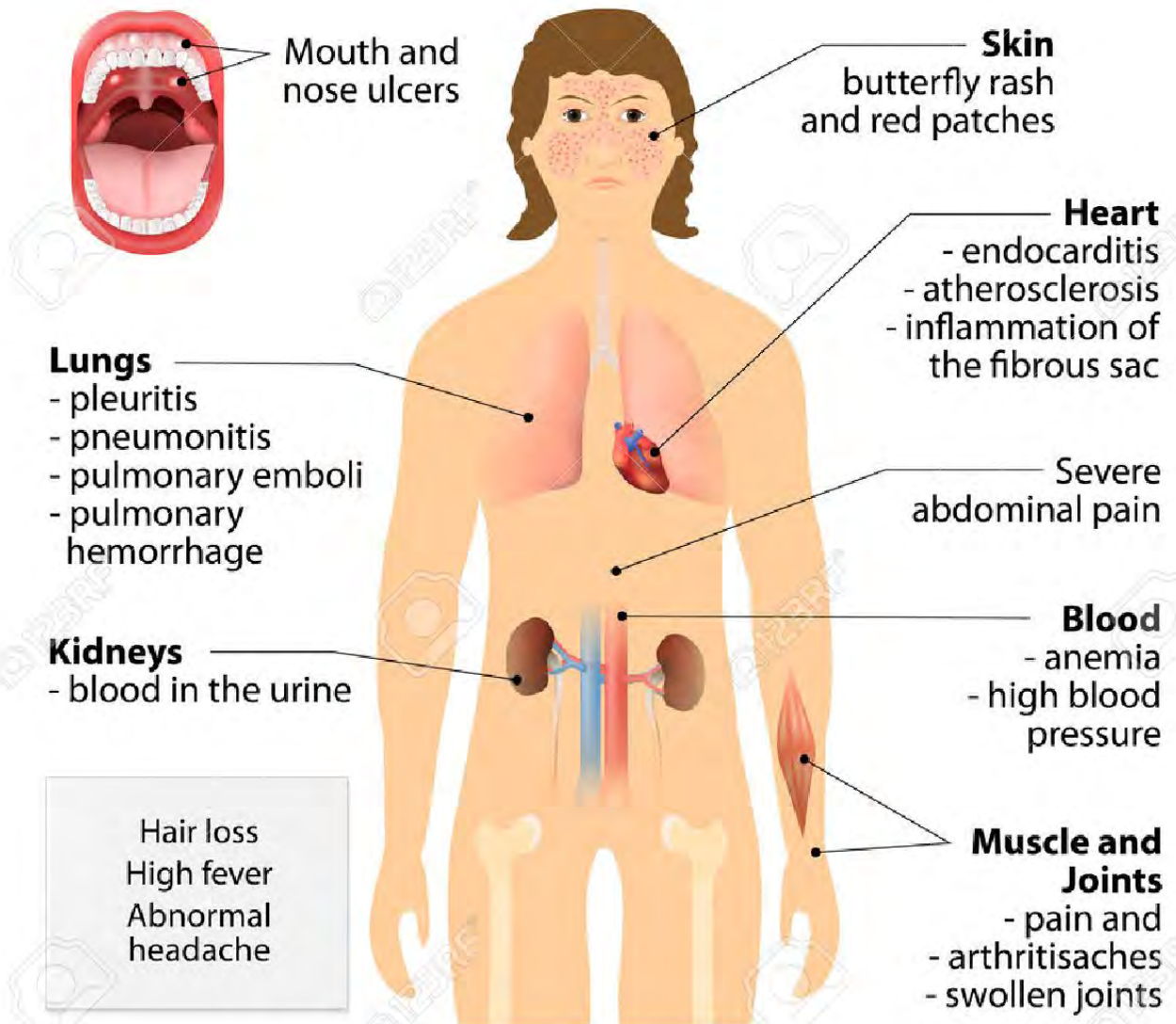
Karin and Erling Bitch

Midde;fart, Denmark

Our Danish Friends We Met In 1989 On Our Journey To Leningrad, Russia.

***(Karen Passed Away With Breast Cancer 2013;
Erling Passed Away With Kidney/Liver Cancer In 2014.)***

Systemic lupus erythematosus



SLE

When I was 50 years old I was diagnosed with Lupus which I continue to suffer with, but thankfully not as severely as most.

Carolann Sike

The Facts

Lupus, also called systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), is a chronic inflammatory condition that can affect any part of the body, including the skin, joints, kidneys, heart, lungs, and nervous system. It is one of the most common autoimmune diseases (diseases in which the immune system attacks its own body tissues).

Lupus is an unpredictable lifelong condition that typically affects young women between 18 and 40 years of age, but it can affect men and those older or younger. The ratio of women to men with lupus aged 15 to 40 is 12:1. Lupus occurs in 1 in 10,000 men, 1 in 1,000 white women, and 1 in 250 women of African descent.

In the early days of treating lupus, doctors only recognized the most severe cases and there were very limited treatments. As a result, the survival rate was not very good. Today, doctors usually recognize cases much earlier, and more mild cases, and there are now better ways of managing the disease. As a result, while there is still no cure for lupus, the survival rate is close to 90% 10 years after diagnosis. However, available treatments all have risks and side effects, so people with lupus sometimes have to choose between those risks and the effects of their disease. In some cases, the disease is more moderate and minimal treatment is needed.

Check website below for complete information:

<https://www.medbroadcast.com/condition/getcondition/lupus>



DECEASED

October 31, 2004

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes to the belly.

He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a slightly greased coffin.

Dozens of celebrities showed up to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Cracker Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch.

**The grave site was piled high with flours.
Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and
described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.**

**Doughboy rose quickly in show business,
but his later life was filled with turnovers.**

**He was not considered a smart cookie,
wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.**

**A little flaky at times, he became a crusty old man,
but was considered a roll model for millions.**

**Doughboy is survived by his wife, Playdough, two children,
John Dough and Jane Dough: plus he had one in the oven.**

**He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.
The funeral will be held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.**

Death Notice Sent By: Sharon Robinson

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HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE



In 1990, NASA completed its longtime vision to put orbiting telescope in outer space. The Hubble Space Telescope, the first major optical telescope, represented the "most significant advance in astronomy since Galileo's telescope." NASA released this image in 2015 to honor the 25th anniversary of the space observatory.

Check website below: 'An Undiscovered Country' John O'shea

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGJ7dT8OCwY&feature=emb_title

LEONID METEOR SHOWER

Chris Ciaccia



"The Leonids will peak on Nov 16-17, 2020 night," the American Meteor Society [writes](#) on its website, adding the moon will be 5% full, making it easier to see from both hemispheres.

The Leonid meteor shower happens as a result of the comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle, which has a 33-year orbit around the sun. The meteor shower is "debris from earlier returns that also happen to be most dense at the same time," AMS added.

Check website below for full article:

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/leonid-meteor-shower-light-up-sky-this-week-what-to-know>



WHAT IS TRUTH?

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to CHRIST," (Col. 2:8).

If there is such a thing as truth, then we should be able to find it. If truth cannot be known, then it probably doesn't exist. But, it does exist. For example, we know it is true that you are reading this.

'Is there such a thing as something that is always true all the time? Yes, there is. For example, "Something cannot bring itself into existence." This is an absolutely true statement. In order for something to bring itself into existence, it would have to exist in order to be able to perform an action. But if it already existed, then it isn't possible to bring itself into existence since it already exists. Likewise, if it does not exist then it has no ability to perform any creative action since it didn't exist in the first place. Therefore, "Something cannot bring itself into existence" is an absolute truth.

The preceding example is a truth found in logic, but there are truths that are not logical by nature. It is true that I love my wife. This isn't logically provable via theorems and formulas and logic paradigms, but it is, nevertheless, true. Therefore, we can say that truth conforms and affirms reality and/or logic.

If we ever hope to determine if there is such a thing as truth apart from cultural and personal preferences, we must acknowledge that we are then aiming to discover something greater than ourselves, something that transcends culture and individual inclinations. To do this is to look beyond ourselves and outside of ourselves. In essence, it means we are looking for GOD. GOD would be truth, the absolute and true essence of being and reality who is the author of all truth. If you are interested in truth beyond yourself, then you must look to GOD.

"I AM the TRUTH"

For the Christian, the ultimate expression of truth is found in the Bible, in JESUS who said, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE..." (John 14:6). Of course, most philosophers and skeptics will dismiss HIS claim, but for the Christian, HE is the mainstay of hope, security, and guidance. JESUS, who walked on water, claimed to be divine, rose from the dead, and said that HE was the TRUTH and the originator of TRUTH. If JESUS is wrong, then we should ignore HIM. But, if HE is right, then it is true that we should listen to HIM.

The eyewitnesses wrote what they saw. They were with HIM. They watched HIM perform many miracles, heal the sick, calm a storm with a command, and even rise from the dead. Either you believe or dismiss these claims. If you dismiss them, that is your prerogative. But, if you accept them, then you are faced with decisions to make about JESUS. What will you believe about HIM? What will you decide about HIM? Is HE true? Is what HE said true?

Truth conforms to reality.

JESUS performed many miracles and rose from the dead.

Check Website Below For Full Article:

<https://carm.org/what-is-truth>



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VERACITY

Defeats Prevarication

**Believers of *Truth*,
living lives reflecting its supremacy...
where are they all?**

**They are few who glow with its radiance.
Where are the courageous that stand above the crowd
espousing *Truth* without compromise.**

**How difficult it is, is it not
for fallible man to mirror the perfect image of *Truth*
against the girdling aggregate of nefarious humanity.**

**Yet, placed with responsibility to make the *choice*
why is it so difficult to choose... *Truth*
and stand out from the flagitious preponderance?**

**We are all called to the battle of disharmony within the soul.
'Right from Wrong' - 'Justice over Inequity'.
What's so difficult... could it be pride of the ever-looming ego?**

**Narcissism to satisfy one's glorification, held above the *Truth*.
The original plan of the MASTER'S Mind discarded.
Status, power and material gain at any cost set as the standard.**

**The world's wars, disease, oppression,
and the pursuit to stop the horrors and ravages of famine
will always be a part of daily lives.**

**Pestilence, disease, death, murder, suicide, hatred and crime...
why do these iniquities exist - focus and ponder?
Could it be man's refusal to surrender his soul to *Truth*?**

**What a joy to live moment to moment
with a courageous spirit, free in its conviction
of *Truth* over *Deception*.**

**Possess confidence and strength to stand up against
taunting disapproving hisses and boos
contra to the passion for *Truth* - not the distortion of it.**

**Rise above the crowd to endure
the wails of the world's agonies and sorrow
along with the torment of innocent ones.**

**Posses humility, integrity and grace
to sustain and bear all the anguish that cannot be undone,
perceiving and receiving peace in the *Truth*.**

**Worldly lives are destined for affliction
and the contrivance in due time will be unveiled
to the internal silent voice of the heart.**

**Uncompromising decisions will not be in vain.
Replications in due time will be revealed
exposing, once 'hearts of stone' to those of 'flesh'.**

**The great *Revolution* moves throughout time
exposing *Truth* the VANQUISHER, each to the other.
In obedience, awaken to the murmur of *conscience*.**

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October 9, 2004**

***Check Website Below Re: What Is Truth:*
<http://www.whatistruth.org.uk/whatistruth.php>**

HUNGARIAN COTTAGE CHEESE NOODLES WITH DILL AND BACON

Túrós Csusza



I remember our whirl-wind visit to Hungary in 1972 and taking a side-trip to the fascinating *Hortobágy* – the Great Plains. The restaurant there is famous for its amazing *Túrós Csusza*. I still remember the aroma wafting from the kitchen nearby and we all partook of second helpings or was it thirds? I can't remember. Originally my grandmother said they used the *Lacey Large Squares – Fodros Nagy Kocka* which are pasta in 1"X1" squares, but twisted in 3D. But, that never stopped my mother from using the packaged broad egg noodles!

Directions:

Bacon – use 1 lb. bacon (*Hungarian Szalona*). Cut bacon into bits about ¼" wide and fry in pan until brown and crispy. Remove bacon, set aside and reserve fat. Prepare noodles as per package directions. Drain – set aside. In a large dish, place the drained noodles and top with crumbled cottage cheese. Bake at 350°F for 10-15 minutes just to heat through, being careful not to cook the cheese.

Serving Suggestion:

Serve with *generous* dollops of sour cream and bacon bits and a drizzle of bacon fat and garnish with finely chopped fresh dill and fresh cracked pepper. A meal



you will not forget! I get hungry just describing it to you.

NOTE: - In a serious pinch - you can use store bought cottage cheese, just place in cheese-cloth to drain overnight. (Discard the liquid or give it to the cat)

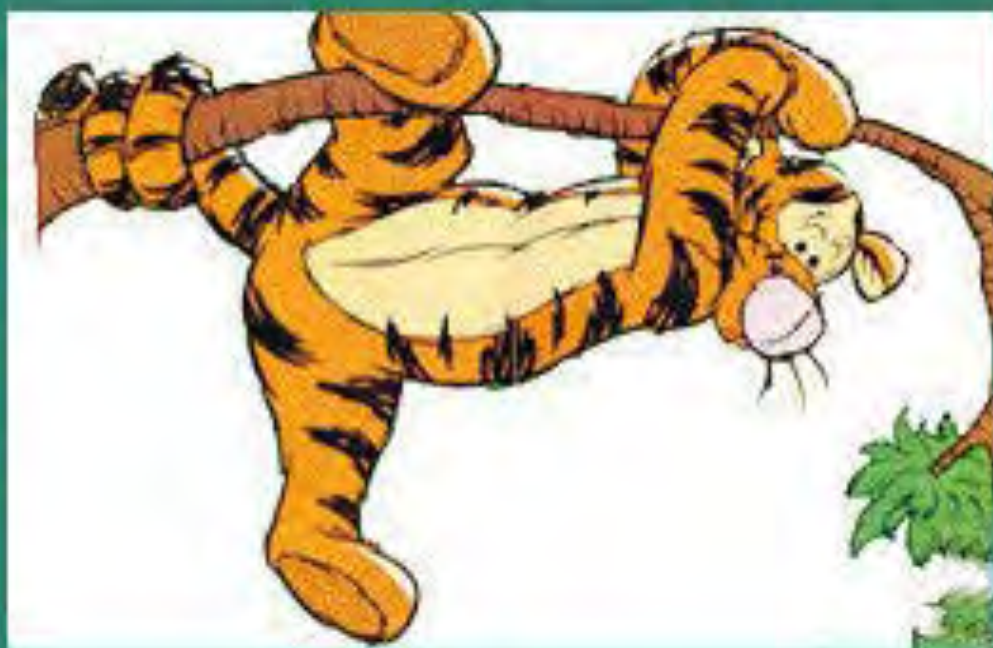
Túrós Csusza is a Hungarian savoury curd cheese noodles or cottage cheese noodles made with small home made noodles or pasta. Túrós Csusza is a traditional noodle dish of the Hungarian cuisine. The original Hungarian noodles used for this dish are home made with flour and eggs, mixed into a dough and torn by hand into uneven fingernail sized pieces and boiled in water. However, any broad egg noodle can be used instead of the home-made noodles.

The noodles are cooked in salt water and drained, mixed with butter, with slightly salted and crumbled curd cheese (often sheep's milk cheese), chopped fried crispy bacon and topped with special thick Hungarian sour cream (tejföl) and heated in the oven for a few minutes before serving.

Check Website Below:

[http://www.helenshungarianrecipes.com/COTTAGE CHEESE NOODLES WITH BACON.html](http://www.helenshungarianrecipes.com/COTTAGE_CHEESE_NOODLES_WITH_BACON.html)

How long till Friday?



DON'T WISH YOUR LIFE AWAY

Get Enthused, There Is Much To Do Today.

**Become infused, show compassion to lonely people
or climb a church steeple.**

**Clean and polish the glockenspiel
that it might resonate and peal.**

**Tug the cords, make the chimes ring out
encompassing the earth with angelic resonance.**

**Give your thanks in prayer to GOD for HIS treaty of love
offered by HIS beloved SON, a cherished peace dove.**

**HE rescued us onto the FATHER
by HIS life's gift of love.**

O' LORD, YOU are worthy above all in the universe.

**Let "every tribe, tongue, people and nation"
rejoice, bursting forth with song in elation... Alleluia!**

**We shout out in majestic song
glorifying YOUR name to the world
SAVIOUR... Sovereign LORD of earth and heaven,
CHRIST JESUS.**

**Forever with us evermore
our Bread and Wine...
for which every man eternally thirsts.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Daily Petition To My Creator

A Solemn Supplication Or Request, Especially To A Superior Authority; An Entreaty

Our FATHER who art in heaven,
My dearest LORD and MASTER, who abides within my soul,

Hallowed be THY name.
Holy is YOUR name.

THY kingdom come.
Invade my essence with YOUR dominance.

THY will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Make visible the desires of YOUR heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.
**In faith and trust I plead,
grant me today YOUR blessings to strengthen my spirit.**

And forgive us our debts,
Humbly I implore, release me of all my sins,
as we forgive our debtors.
and likewise, in obedience, I forgive my neighbours.

And lead us not into temptation,
Protect my body, mind and soul from sinful acts,
but deliver us from evil:
and disengage my heart from all immoral thoughts:

For THINE is the kingdom, and the power,
YOU are my Sovereign LORD and SAVIOR,

and the glory, forever.
My authority and my uniqueness.

**The HOLY SPIRIT is in eternal movement
toward a perpetual *revolution* of our heart, mind and soul.**

In The Name Of The LORD, JESUS CHRIST

I WILL GIVE YOU



**AND GIVE YOU A
HEART OF FLESH.**

Ezekiel 36:26 ©Adron/14

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HEARTS OF STONE

What's happening to mankind?
Hearts full of apathy like stone
devoid of sensitivity but to self alone.
Other's afflictions of agonies poo-hooed as trivial.
Echoing, "Too bad, let them take care of themselves."

News escalates of gross indecencies to man and nature
acknowledged as normal world culture;
Sexual indulgent decadency violating innocent babies,
girls and boys.
Foresight lacking; intrusions of environment not heeded;
catastrophic wars and
sexual characteristics flaunt the moral decline of man.
Behaviour viewed as not evil;
indifference approves indulgence, without fear.

If perchance these horrors *their* families did afflict
would offhandedness *still* agree 'normal'
with no consequences to bear?
Our world is a cesspool of iniquity;
animalistic tendencies invading the character of man like a
predator who lurks in darkness to stalk and trap its prey.

Why have the sheep changed their coats from white to black?
For the *selfish wants* and *desires of the ego*.
Where have the remnant gentle white lambs fled?
Into the heart of JESUS.
When did this horrific state begin?
In the Garden of Eden.

What dependability can be placed on world governments?
NONE. ...



Will the culprits suffer the consequences of their actions?

YES.

Who is at the head of this corruption?

Man and his prideful nature.

Man's conceit and self-esteem leads him to deceive himself.

**The enticer of that pride is the evil demon
of desire within the soul**

The weakness of the flesh enticed by ego, full of self.

**With pride man looks upon himself
as powerful in his sinful state like a grass fire,
as repulsive spirits disseminate.**

Believing mighty in his power, depends on himself alone.

Realizing *not* his vulnerability to the beast within.

Deceiving himself to think all is right when all is wrong.

**Inevitably to go down to the earth in death;
in judgment to burn.**

**Refuge from this abominable state
is found within the pages of Scripture.**

The Victor always, the ALMIGHTY LAMB of GOD, who reigns.

**Yet, even in this state of wretchedness
GOD stretches out HIS hand.**

**One last offer is extended to ALL mankind to overcome;
to remove the heart of stone...**

and with humility to replace with a heart of flesh.

Repent of immoral acts committed; plead HIS forgiveness.

**Submit to HIM; peace and joy will encompass you
as CHRIST JESUS transforms you into a '*gentle white lamb*'.**



1 Samuel 17:49 - And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang [it], and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

1 Samuel 17:45 - Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the GOD of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

HITTING THE MARK

**We are all inclined in attempting to '*Hit The Mark*',
although, incapable to reach the STANDARD.**

**Some give up, others continue to strive toward the goal.
Yet, in reality, understand it's impossible.**

**What is the Mark... the STANDARD?
The high Mark is set by our CREATOR found within HIS Word.**

**HIS creation was endowed with holy perfection.
Yet, we decline to follow HIM, choosing rather our own desires.**

**The CREATOR yearns for union; a relationship with HIS children.
HE awaits our comprehension of HIS plan.**

**Our stubbornness... will in time subside.
As there is no other way, except through JESUS CHRIST who shows
'the Way, the Truth and the Light'.**

**ALL humankind will fall, as ALL mankind has sinned.
It is only through our LORD and SAVIOUR
that the Mark can be obtained.**

**Accept the *true* MARKSMAN who works on our behalf.
Praise HIM, Talk to HIM, Sing to HIM and Love Him
and in faith remain until our dying day.**

**The closer to JESUS we become, our perfection will grow.
The awesome miracle takes place when JESUS raises us
as Saints to live alongside HIM.**



Beliefs, Practices, Worship

Check Website Below:

<https://www.learnreligions.com/quakers-beliefs-and-practices-701370>

NO WARRIORS

In Flanders's Field the poppies grow
row on row, where once *they* stood.
John McCrae's proclamation remains immortal
touching many a heart and mind.

Mist of sadness veils the earth.
In death, their glory to receive.
If Truth were known, the glory they would not seek
as evil forever lingers on.

The sins of a few, their selfish desires,
egos grasping for power.
The deception... *to defend your country*,
to the kill the naïve flock like sheep to the slaughter.

Quakers refuse !
Spiritual Warriors for the glory of GOD alone.
As Christian soldiers, onward they march *as to* war
with the cross of JESUS ever on before.

To follow the Quaker's example,
there would be no killing – no war.
Only *Life* as written in the Word
praising JESUS, reigning LORD of this earth.

Do not be deceived by the nefarious few,
and their promotion of grandeur recited.
Armies require men to slaughter
NO Warriors – NO War – NO Death.

With our declaration of HIS sovereignty,
HE accepts the sins of our mortal soul.
As a Soldier of Peace, we'll stand at HIS side
showered with grace, love, joy and peace evermore.

I AM WOMAN



Check Video Below: Helen Reddy Singing:

I AM WOMAN, Plus More

<https://ca.yahoo.com/news/trailblazing-i-am-woman-singer-helen-reddy-dead-at-age-78-024502868.html>

WHAT IF WOMEN RULED THE WORLD?

Not so long ago, the idea that women might rule the world seemed slightly ridiculous - like something out of science fiction. But in an essay to mark International Women's Day, political analyst and former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers argues it's now a topic that can be seriously discussed.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-21661744>

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, QUEENS WERE MORE LIKELY TO WAGE WAR THAN KINGS

During a meeting of her war council in June 1482, as she plotted the siege of a town in Granada, Queen Isabella went into labor. After a brutal 36 hours, only one of the twins she bore lived, and, days later, her troops returned bloodied and defeated. But the 31-year-old queen proved as tenacious in war as in labor. In less than a decade, Isabella had taken Granada from the Moors, unifying Spain, and launching the rise of history's first global superpower.

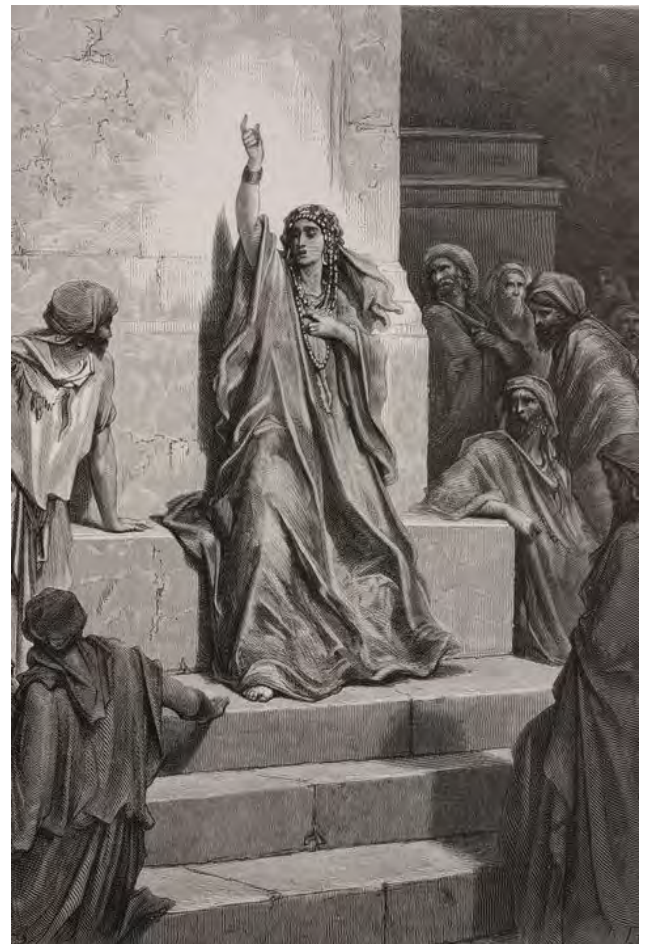
Nowadays Isabella is less known for her conquests than for having paid Christopher Columbus to sail the oceans—maybe because we don't often think of queens as warmongers.

<https://qz.com/967895/throughout-history-women-rulers-were-more-likely-to-wage-war-than-men/>

10 REASONS WHY WOMEN ARE BETTER THAN MEN

This is a truly awesome list and we had a lot of fun compiling it. The debate about who is better will continue in the long term but meanwhile let's enjoy both the lists of the series compiled!

<https://www.wonderslist.com/10-reasons-why-women-are-better-than-men/>



**JESUS AND HIS ADORATION, AFFECTION,
DEVOTION AND FONDNESS
FOR WOMEN**

***Check Websites Below For All The Interactions
With Women Jesus Had Within Scripture***

**[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus%27_interactions
with women](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus%27_interactions_with_women)**

**15 AMAZING WOMEN IN THE BIBLE
TO LEARN FROM AND ADMIRE**

**Times May Have Changed, But Their
Examples Still Shine**

**[https://www.womansday.com/life/g26484834/wome
n-in-the-bible/](https://www.womansday.com/life/g26484834/women-in-the-bible/)**

Kisses



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I WAIT

A beautiful song is created when I think of you, Honeycom.

I wait; yes I yearn to touch your warm lips once more.

My eyes look out to the sea from where you'll come to me.

I wait; yes I yearn to see your sweet face once more.

**You'll conquer the waves in LABRADOR STAR
as you sail to me.**

I wait; yes I yearn to hear your soft voice once more.

**To once again be joined on the last leg
of our adventurous journey.**

I wait; yes I yearn to be of one heart my love eternally.

**GOD gave us each other in love
to transcend life's adversities together.**

I wait; yes I yearn to experience our passion once more.

**In joy and laughter; pain and tears,
these awesome years knitted our spirits together as one.**

**I wait; yes I yearn to hold you my love again...
forever more.**

***Honeycom, My Sweet Leslie...
Best Wishes On Your 66th Birthday
All My Love, Hugs and Kisses***

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October 2, 2006**



Abducted from her home in Toronto, ON Canada. She was sexually abused and murdered. Cecilia was found in a Park in North York, Ontario. Her killer was a guest from China living with the family.

Cecilia Zhang

Check Websit Below Of An Actual Pedophile:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF9-r4JjRBw>

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN

Luke 18:16

*But JESUS called them to HIM and said,
“Let the little children come to ME, and do not forbid them;
for of such is the Kingdom of GOD.*

**LORD Almighty, I pray... in YOUR wisdom and compassion
look upon the children violated in their innocence.**

**Beings so iniquitous
subjecting them to unspeakable acts of savage eroticism.**

**Babes, yet crawling; children, not of school age,
teenagers, not yet adults born into this sinful and ungodly world.
Incest, pornography and other revolting abnormalities
committed daily, torturing YOUR immaculate ones.**

**YOU are a loving GOD, a rational FATHER and forgiving LORD
but, parallel to YOUR love is YOUR wrath on evil
upon the wicked committing these atrocities...
knowingly transgressing YOUR authority.**

**I pray, judgment will not be spared on those
in governing positions passing laws of protection,
yet, allowing loopholes in the name of “creative merit”
legally allowing abhorrent injustices on the undefiled.**

On behalf of the innocent, I intercede in JESUS’ holy name.

**Wipe away from their memories
all wretched wrongs committed against them.**

**Enter dear FATHER into the dwelling place
of their precious hearts.**

Abide with them.

Flood their essence with YOUR HOLY SPIRIT divine.

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CUTEST Auditions EVER On Got Talent And Idols - YouTube



List Of Christian Denominations

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Christian denominations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations)

Christianity By Country

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity by country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country)

***The Correct Meaning Of
"Church" And "Ecclesia"***

<http://www.aggressivechristianity.net/articles/ecclesia.htm>

DENOMINATIONAL ARROGANCE

Denominational arrogance and its selfish pride
expressed in dictatorial doctrine of the Christian faith.
They who believe they hold sole right to CHRIST'S Holy Body and Blood
lacking generosity in their unwillingness to share
the Eucharist (blessing) presented at The LORD'S Supper.

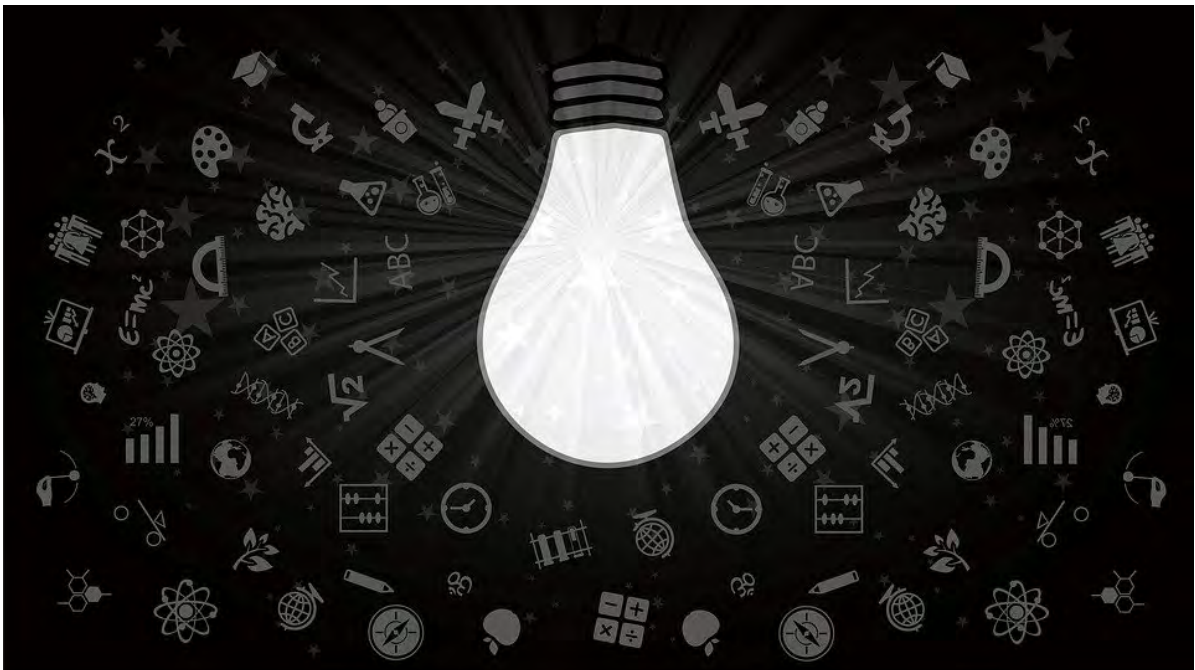
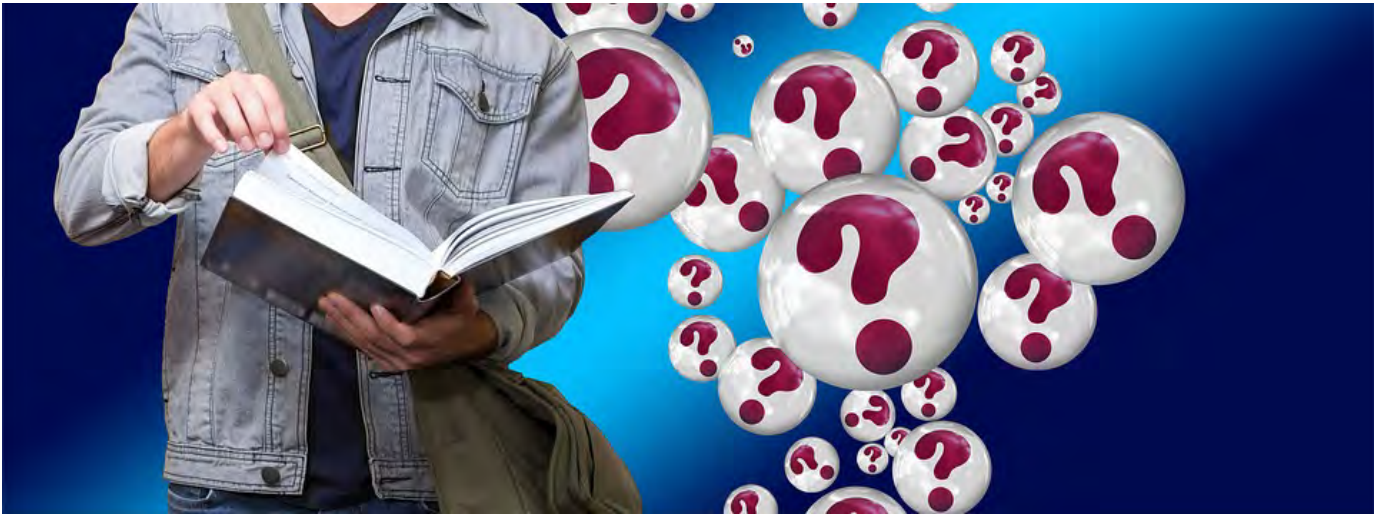
HE asks for humbleness and charity of heart: repentance of sins,
a plea to HIM for forgiveness and acceptance of our soul.
Yet, with a deaf ear man proclaims laws of his own.
As the Pharisees, full of leaven,
dismissed the teachings of CHRIST our LORD.

He offers the 'HOLY SPIRIT' through grace to every man.
Clothed in meekness in our 'new man' unites us with our LORD
accepting the gift of HIS Perfect, Precious, Body and Blood.
In submission we offer ourselves to the FATHER
and in praise we glorify HIS precious name.

CHRIST'S catholic=universal/world-wide assembly= ~~church~~=ecclesia
is *not* a denomination,
but the unassuming faithful souls who walk in HIS Light.
A denominational name or building
are *not* required to dine at HIS Holy Feast.
A home, beside still waters, beneath a tree, a closet
is where communion with CHRIST takes place.
The Way, Truth and Life are freely offered to mankind
- ask and it shall be given.

Repent, surrendering your *will* to the LORD as KING
of your heart, mind, body and soul.
In obedience walk in HIS Spirit down the narrow road to eternal life.
Love the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST above all other gods
(the world, its false teachings and materialism).
With generosity of heart, spirit and actions,
reflect a mirrored image of CHRIST to others of yourself.
Love and pray daily for family, friends, neighbours, enemies and
those held captive by the arch-enemy.

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FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXPLORE INFORMATION OUTSIDE OF THEIR USUAL STANDARD STUDIES...

... that Churches ecclesias provide, the following may be of interest especially with university students/younger people. As you check each video out, at the end of video there are more items that will pop up for additional information.

Hello Friend:

When's the last time someone asked you what you believe? You know—about the big things in life. We're a church ecclesia that loves to ask questions, and loves people with questions. We don't have all the answers, but exploring together is pretty much our favourite thing.

Got Questions?

<http://themeetinghouse.com>

Anabaptist Invasion - Bruxy Cavey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxc-DVDnyEM>

Antabaptist Studies

From Baptist To Anabaptist - Greg Boyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTqKdbnvDqA>

Greg Boyd: Is Satan Real?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lbnEXoXRaA>

Going To Hell In A Nutshell | Greg Boyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lm5RTphmPM>

Greg Boyd - Gay Marriage Amendment

Greg Addresses A "Third Way" For Churches Ecclesias To Approach Gay People, As Well As The Marriage Amendment Vote In Minnesota.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySkB30rf5Ao>



WATCH THESE CLOUDS CHANGE COLOUR IN THIS GORGEOUS TIMELAPSE

**The beauty and magnificence of the world
GOD placed us in... we should be so thankful.**

Check Website Below:

Turn On Sound –

Make Picture Full Size To See Video

https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/videos/gallery/watch-these-clouds-change-colour-in-this-gorgeous-timelapse/sharevideo/6168829990001/most_popular



THE LIGHT ALWAYS SHINES

**Out of the darkness the LIGHT always shines
reflecting the morn of a new day.
Its radiance filtering through the haze
as dew drops moisten flowers blooming abreast of the bay.**

**Out of the darkness the LIGHT always shines
no matter the turbulence, struggle or confused time.
When provoked by adversity, terror and the unknown
leave the CAPTAIN in charge to draw the bearing line home.**

**Out of the darkness the LIGHT always shines
HIS enduring truth assuring confidence for peace of mind.
The LORD GOD reminds us to release all doubt and fear...
HIS enlightenment will furnish the strength to bear.**

**Out of the darkness the LIGHT always shines
like the small sparrow He rescues and binds.
We are HIS entitled, special to HIS heart alone;
blessed in faith with HIS HOLY SPIRIT divine.**

**Out of the darkness the LIGHT always shines...
our GUIDING BEACON directing o'er time.
Setting the compass to elucidate HIS desired inclination
until moored at journey's glorious safe haven to rest in exaltation.**

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September 4, 2003**



I HAVE A VISION

Romans 14:11-12; Mark 13:32-33; 35-37

**They say: "Oh, don't be silly.
How can there ever be peace in this corrupt world?
Are you crazy?
If there were only two people on earth
there would still be unrest, disagreement, anger,
and even war."**

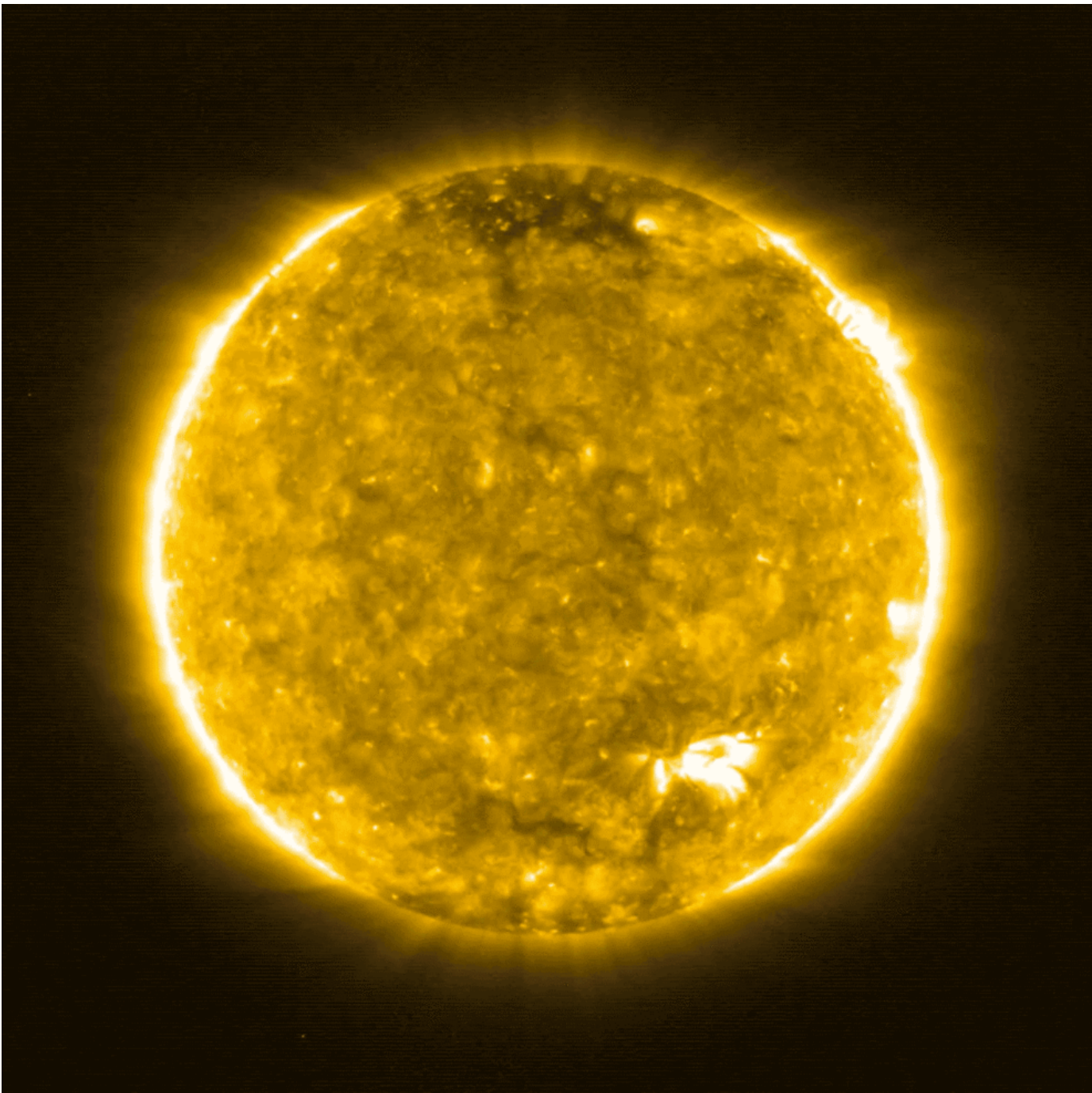
**Yet, I have received a vision... and it is this:
mathematically, if only one of us would place our trust
in HIS almighty powerful Word and live it,
according to HIS precepts,
and that one faithful believer influenced two others
and on and on...**

**CHRIST'S Army of Love and Peace would grow expeditiously
putting in place a *new* earth and *new* life for mankind.**

**The LORD GOD'S plan was conceived before the world began.
It will materialize... perhaps not in our time;
yet it is in progress and will be fulfilled.
Focus with all your capacity,
love with all your might and passion.**

**CHRIST is returning sooner than we think.
In the flickering of an eye
HE will raise us ALL from sleep –
Believers and Unbelievers to be judged.
ALL will prostrate before the LORD and SAVIOUR, KING JESUS
and at the trumpet's blast...
HIS Kingdom and Government of Righteousness begins.**

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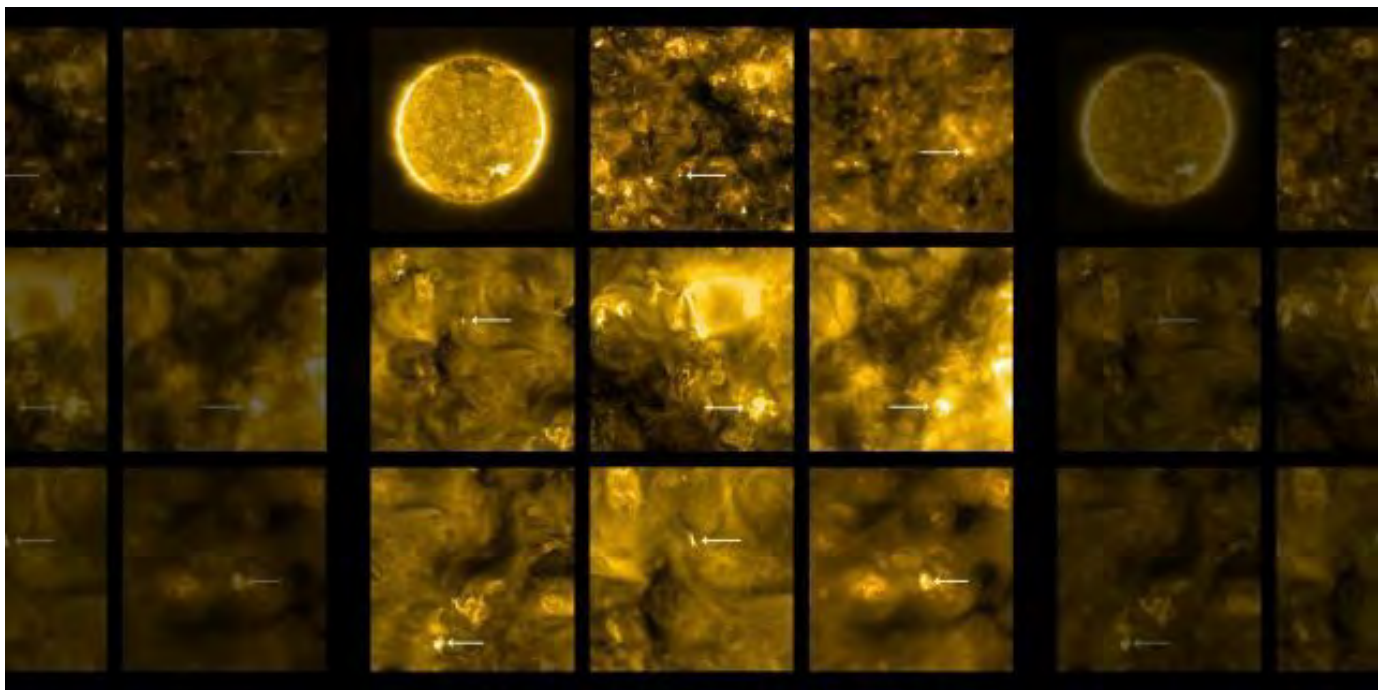


HISTORIC NASA PICTURES OF THE SUN

NASA has released the closest-ever pictures of the sun, which were captured by the agency's Solar Orbiter.

A joint mission with the European Space Agency, the Solar Orbiter was launched on Feb. 9, 2020. The probe completed its first close pass of the star in mid-June and was flying within 48 million miles of the sun when it captured the closest-ever pictures.

“These unprecedented pictures of the Sun are the closest we have ever obtained,” said Holly Gilbert, NASA project scientist for the mission at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., in a statement. “These amazing images will help scientists piece together the Sun’s atmospheric layers, which is important for understanding how it drives space weather near the Earth and throughout the solar system.”



<https://www.foxnews.com/science/sun-gets-close-up-historic-new-nasa-pictures>



HAVE I TOLD YOU ?

Honeycom, have I told you lately that I love you?

Have I told you there's no one else above you...

but for the LORD, Saviour of my soul.

Honeycom, you fill my heart with laughter.

You ease my troubles, that's what you do.

**You take away all my sadness,
and fill my heart with gladness.**

Honeycom, our love is blessed.

**It shines as bright as the sun's light,
and it's ours to keep and hold onto tight.**

**Joy overflowing at the end of each day,
we're behooved to acclaim our thanks and
pray to the SOURCE**

who showers all our needs... a cherished gift.

**Bathing us in the warmth of the
eternal *Spirit of Love* which lifts.**

*Written Using Concept From A Song
Song by Rod Stewart*

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January 20, 2006**

Stop yelling... I'm not yelling



The worst time to say anything is when you're angry

USE THE GIFT

**Why, when you know how much it hurts
do you say the things you do to me?**

**You are capable of better yet,
reluctant in your essence, held back by pride.**

**Prideful, fearful and unwilling to commit
to your heart's yearning and its true desire.
Paralyzed, you resist imparting love to others.**

**A sorrow greater even still,
your trepidation to accept the gift when offered?**

**GOD'S love, HIS very sum and substance
HE imparted to all mankind.**

**HIS unconditional gift of love to open,
use and give away.**

**To delight, bring hope and cheer...
not to gather dust unused
lying in a corner of your heart decaying.**

**No greater gift of love has any man displayed
than JESUS CHRIST our dear LORD,
when upon Calvary's cross, HE gave HIS life away.**

**Wrapping His arms around our hearts,
forgiving each and every one of us our sinful ways.**

**With prudence, before it's too late
I implore, pass on YOUR gift of love today.**

WHAT IS A TIMELINE?

A timeline is a visual representation of information or events displayed in chronological order.

WHAT IS THE BASIC TIMELINE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

The following timeline of the Old Testament has been compiled with the assumption that the genealogies are literal and complete. If so, GOD created the world about 6000 years ago. All years are approximate.

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Old-Testament-timeline.html>

WHAT IS THE BASIC TIMELINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT?

The New Testament timeline covers only about seventy years. Although the Gospels and the book of Acts give us a fairly good idea of the sequence of events, we do not have the exact years in which things happened. We do not even know for certain in which years JESUS was born and crucified.

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/New-Testament-timeline.html>

TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The mystery of 'time' is in one's personal experience of it.

**My dear father left this earth...
his passing remembered with clarity,
as though, thirty years were non-existent.**

**Yet, issues of only yesterday,
remembered as events long past.**

**'Timeline' fashioned by the human mind
to comprehend this world and the things thereof,
whereby to prognosticate and envision a logic
of the planet and its cosmos.**

**The ARCHITECT, HIS design complex,
elucidates the multifaceted 'time'
in Genesis through Revelation.**

**'Timeframe' a configuration of the imagination.
When eradicated, as prophesied
will transform into a 'timeless' abiding paradise.
Souls will be filled with celestial peace and joy
exulting and glorifying HIM perpetually.**

**The ALPHA, the OMEGA... awaits
inviting you into the Kingdom of HIS Eternal Love.**

Praise the CREATOR.

**Praise, Hosanna to the Highest.
Praise the HOLY SPIRIT and its Almighty power,
and the Divine Promises that draw near.**

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<https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/ecclesiastes-3-1>



RISEN ANEW

When young and full of life and vigor
there is no time for contemplation of other than the ego...
we are invincible; the world is our playground.
And so, we play without respect for life or others.
No thought is given to our perception of a higher domain.
We live in a subliminal state; death does not enter the equation.
Heart, mind and spirit sleep.

Yet, there will come an occasion to ALL mankind
when the body slows... bones will ache;
and to ALL that live of flesh, the inevitable... DEATH.
It is now when we are stricken with awareness
questioning all the 'whys' of our existence.
The time has arrived for our maturity and infancy left behind.
It is now when we realize our fragility.

The heart, mind and soul is where we now dwell
in search for where the SPIRIT'S higher realm resides.
The CREATOR of ALL that is, was and will be, is pursuing us.
We originated from the Holy One our CREATOR... the great I AM.
The LOVER of our soul in constant pursuit of our love.
HE is our core, our essence, what makes us WHOLE.
Accept, believe, trust in faith that HE alone cares and will save your soul.

Our heart must humbly accept all that is righteous in love
for HIS name's sake.
Surrender in love to the LORD GOD'S authority over HIS creation.
Life in the flesh is our education toward our spiritual risen life.
Eternity is where our spirit will reside alongside our beloved LORD.
There is no reason to fear, as HIS promise has been given us.
We're HIS beloved children; at death victorious,
we'll rise... a new body in eternal life.
HE died and rose to life
because of HIS consuming never-ending devotion for us.

Our CREATOR, LORD GOD and SAVIOUR... JESUS CHRIST has shown the way.

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**Saturday, September 26th 2020, 12:37 pm - The casket is made of mycelium, the underground root structure of mushrooms, and filled with a bed of moss to stimulate decomposition.
DELFT (Reuters) -**



**View of a part of a Loop Cocoon, a living coffin, made of mycelium, at YES! Delft Incubator of TU laboratory in Delft, Netherlands
September 21, 2020. REUTERS/Esther Verkaik**

BIODEGRADABLE 'LIVING COFFIN' AIMS TO PROVIDE SOURCE FOR LIFE AFTER DEATH

A Dutch start-up has created a biodegradable "living coffin" made of a fungus, instead of wood, which it says can convert a decomposing human body into key nutrients for plants.

The company, Loop, says its casket is made of mycelium, the underground root structure of mushrooms, and filled with a bed of moss to stimulate decomposition.

"Mycelium is nature's biggest recycler", Bob Hendriks, the creator of the living coffin told Reuters.

"It's continuously looking for food and transforming it into plant nutrition."

Mycelium also devours toxins and turns them into nutrients.

"It's used in Chernobyl to clean up the soil there from the nuclear disaster", Hendriks said.

"And the same thing happens in our burial places, because the soil is super polluted there and mycelium really likes metals, oils and microplastics."

The coffin is grown like a plant within the space of a week at the company's lab at the Technical University of Delft by mixing mycelium with wood chips in the mould of a coffin.

After the mycelium has grown through the wood chips, the coffin is dried and has enough strength to carry a weight of up to 200 kilograms (440 lb).

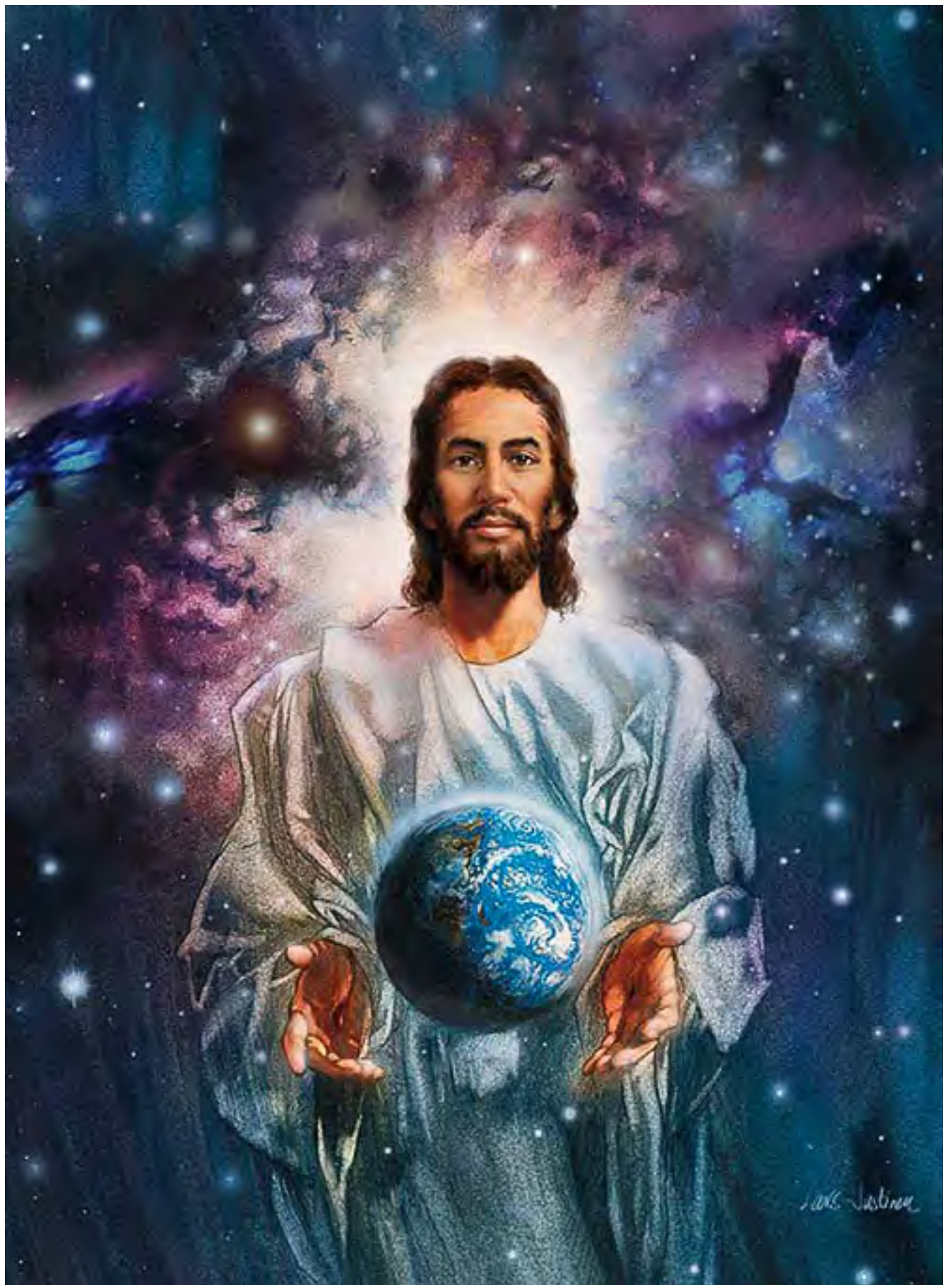
Once buried, interaction with ground water will dissolve the coffin within 30 to 45 days. Decomposition of the body is estimated to take only 2 to 3 years, instead of the 10 to 20 years it takes with traditional coffins.

Loop has so far grown and sold 10 living coffins, Hendriks said, for 1,500 euros (\$1,761) a piece.

"When the living coffin is in the ground you can even water it, add seeds and you can decide what tree you want to become." (\$1 = 0.8518 euros)

Esther Verkaik; Bart Meijer; Alexandra Hudson

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/biodegradable-living-coffin-aims-to-provide-source-for-life-after-death-dutch>



“EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS.”

Revelation 22:20

**Christians, you who say you believe in CHRIST JESUS...
believers in the Trinity of your faith...
those in baptism who vowed to live your lives
reflecting the SAVIOUR'S image...**

Where Are You ALL?

**You are few who live the Gospel without compromise.
How difficult it is, is it not...
to walk the narrow road of which HE spoke?
How difficult it is... to reflect HIS perfect image.**

**We are all called to fight the battle of our soul.
We'd do well to pray unceasingly for its protection,
against the worldly tenacity of Satan set before us.**

**Neglect neither, prayer for agnostic neighbors,
that they would make the choice
to raise their voice in acceptance of
CHRIST JESUS as their LORD and SAVIOUR.**

**This effort, as Disciples of CHRIST, HE requested us to do.
This alone, to love HIM, our neighbour and enemy as ourselves.
Why waste precious time praying to the LORD
in pursuit of stopping wars, disease and oppression?**

**Our SAVIOUR said, the horrors and ravages of famine,
pestilence, political/religious conflicts and death
forever will remain with us.**

**This sad world full of poverty, murder, suicide, hatred, war and
illicit sexual diversions will always be around us.
We are to live in it but, not partake of it.
Therefore, waste no time... pray unceasing prayer as in...**

Mark 9:24

“Lord I believe; help thus mine unbelief.”



**Moment to moment whilst you live your daily lives
pray constantly that GOD enrich your faith,
protecting your soul in its conviction.
In trust and love espouse HIS Holy Name.**

**In HIS strength endure the world's agonies,
and, the sorrow and torment of innocent ones.
Rise above... look to heaven – pray for the souls in Satan's gripe.
HIS grace will sustain you to bear
all the anguish you cannot undo.**

**Our sympathy and prayers are unable to banish
the moans and groins of this world's vices.
Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, knew and told us so.
HE warned time and time again – the journey would not be easy,
that the road is narrow and few will travel on it.**

**Therefore, become detached.
Sell all and leave those you love, if they are not with you.
Follow HIM, and unlike Peter, do not rebuke HIS will.**

**JESUS said, we shall all suffer tribulation in this world.
GOD'S contrivance in due time will be revealed.
Remain steadfast in HIS Word and live it.**

**Be silent and listen to the whispers of the HOLY SPIRIT directing.
Know, at HIS *will* and time, your prayers will be answered.
Doubters for whom you prayed,
in their heartache will cry out to HIM.**

This is CHRIST'S REVOLUTION (transformation) for the world.

**Each to live unyieldingly HIS love toward the other,
until as HE said...**

“Lo, I come quickly.”

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SLEEP

**Weary... so very tired...
of the world's worthless frivolity, iniquity and grief.
When my time comes to sleep... what ecstasy it will be
to sleep in miraculous peace 'the long sleep'
before HE comes to awaken me, and raise me up anew,
endowing my body with an aura resembling HIS.**

**In perfect contentment and joy I will await HIS coming
when all Saints will be gathered to HIM as one.
In Almighty Power and Splendor HE will reign Supreme
creating a new Earth and Government...
without sin, mourning, death and wailing of hearts.**

**Wherein to live in a world
of wondrous precious joy eternally.**

**My LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST...
faithful, true and long-suffering.
HE knew me and loved me *first*
before I even recognized HIM.**

**Now, in HIS Assembly of Faithful Believers... I honour HIM.
In obedience, I keep HIS commandments,
offering HIM my love; praising and exalting HIM.
The ONE who sacrificed...
to release me from the chains that bound me.
My Sovereign LORD and KING... JESUS CHRIST.**

Amen



SOARING... SOARING

GOD is magnificent.

**HE has endowed some with miraculous abilities
to delight the eyes and enchant the ears.
Each stroke, each note enriching the soul,
making possible a small glimpse of Heaven.**

**Our very essence overflows,
unable to contain the splendor.
Contentment bestowed, spirit abandons the body...
just for a moment...
soaring, soaring to meet HIM in all HIS Glory,
praising joyously HIS Majesty.**

**With such a display,
why are some unable to comprehend
the scope of HIS love without equal?
Incapable to accept HE is the infinite CREATOR
who has lifted the 'veil' for us while yet on earth...
giving a peep of what has been prepared for us in paradise.**

**HIS gift of love...
a sacrifice on the cross, resurrection and ascension
that HE might welcome us into HIS '*many mansions*'.
In our anticipation...
we soar to meet HIM on the mountain top
to reside with our eternal SAVIOUR and KING forever more.**



RIPE FRUIT

**Our parents, when we as youngsters
were the foundation of our earthly love.
Their warm hearts covered us with hugs and kisses
healing all our hurts, wiping away all our tears.**

**Mom's cooking, the best in the entire world...
nobody could match her chocolate chip and nut cookies.
Dad, always near, wrapped us in his arms,
giving confidence and courage
to face life throughout our years.**

**And yet, we've really taken it all for granted,
as they were always *just* there.
Believing they'd be there forever to comfort us
and knowing we could always go home.**

**Or, so we thought, until one day
mom fell ill... very ill and suffered so in agony.
Who were we to turn to?
There was no one who'd understand our despair.**

**Questions... why?
Why did Mom have to suffer so?
It wasn't fair... she didn't deserve to have such a destiny.
Why? Why? Why?**

**We are much older now and at another stage of life.
We've been told there is a GOD,
and even someone named JESUS.
But never did we pay too much mind,
because we didn't need HIM then as a friend...
we had Mom & Dad.**



**Perhaps, just perhaps,
now we'd better check out this person JESUS.
Just who HE is, and why all the fuss.
We should read HIS life's history
in the book called ' *The Bible*'.**

**JESUS, our LORD and SAVIOUR
is capable to direct our path through life.
HE is always pursuing and knocking
at the castle of our heart's door.
GOD manifested in the flesh... JESUS,
sacrificed HIMSELF for our sake.**

**HE is our life's teacher and example now;
the LOVER of our soul.**

**Realize life is not merely flesh and blood (physical).
There is a higher plateau... our spiritual journey.
We must travel back to our CREATOR
through JESUS CHRIST, who sets us free to overcome...
heartbreak and pain along our path.**

**It is only possible, based on the *choice* we make,
to accept HIS unconditional love.
Confessing how much we need HIM,
we offer our contrite heart in truth.**

**There is no other that you can trust.
HE keeps HIS promises;
HE is sufficient for ALL through eternity.
and when our span on earth has ended its course
we'll fall as a ripe fruit off the apple tree,
into the loving arms of JESUS.**



PASSING THE BUCK !

**Like Eve, don't *Pass The Buck to the Serpent*,
as likewise, Adam passed the blame to Eve.**

**Granted to mankind alone, the ability to make '*choices*'...
an inheritance of unconditional love established by the CREATOR.**

**Yet, mankind persists in blaming... someone or thing,
visible or invisible; tangible or intangible.
At the core of man's heart... disobedience, ongoing since eons.
The intention... to deceive himself, others and the CREATOR.**

**Man's human nature struggles in vain to make right '*choices*'.
Obsessive desire for power, prideful conceit and selfishness
lead inevitably to death and injury upon the innocent.**

**The consequences...
war, destruction, famine, disease, poverty and murder.**

**Do not Pass The Buck onto Satan, the Devil, Lucifer, the Serpent or
Dragon, Adversary, Old Man, Deceiver,
or any other metaphorical terminology.**

**Call it what it truly is... DISOBEDIENCE to the CREATOR'S command
and therefore, ONE'S OWN SIN committed in the sight of GOD.**

**The ultimate sin... when man Passes The Buck to the CREATOR,
placing the blame for ill-made '*choices*' onto the LORD GOD,
JESUS CHRIST.**

**ALL mankind's wrong '*choices*' HE took upon HIMSELF
paying with HIS life, that we might be free to
live with HIM eternally.**



**Confess what is of ONE'S OWN MAKING;
take responsibility; question one's conscience.**

**Where have your '*choices*' taken you so far?
Why are you in existence? What do you want from life?
When will you come to terms with reality and the Truth?**

**Can't you see the magnificent glory of the Creation about you?
Can't you comprehend its perfection?
Has not the human body, mind and soul made you wonder?
Scientists in disbelief finally bow to a Sovereign Designer...
not evolution.**

**Perceive: accept the weakness of ALL mankind.
Discern: the LORD'S HOLY SPIRIT is available to direct.
Comprehend: no other love than the Almighty is capable to offer:
infinite joy, peace, trust, patience, strength and wisdom in one's life.**

**Be transformed.
Allow the HOLY SPIRIT to invade one's heart, soul and mind.
Become precious in HIS sight.
Surrender to righteousness (virtue, morality, honesty, justice,
decency).**

**Rise to sit alongside the one GOD,
KING, LORD and SAVIOUR of mankind...
CREATOR of all that is... JESUS CHRIST.**

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ANTICHRIST

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antichrist>

John 12:31

Now judgment is upon this world; now the prince of this world will be cast out.

Ephesians 6:13

...12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore take up the full armor of GOD, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness arrayed,...

ANTICHRIST

Antichrist – detail from a fresco at Osogovo Monastery in the Republic of North Macedonia. The inscription reads:

"All kings and nations bow before the Antichrist."

In Christian eschatology, the Antichrist, or anti-Christ, is a person prophesied by the Bible to oppose Christ and substitute himself in Christ's place before the Second Coming. The term (including one plural form)^[1] is found five times in the New Testament, solely in the First and Second Epistle of John.^[2] The Antichrist is announced as the one...

"who denies the FATHER and the SON."^[3]

The similar term *pseudokhristos* or "false CHRIST" is found in the Gospels. In Matthew (chapter 24) and Mark (chapter 13), JESUS alerts HIS disciples not to be deceived by the false prophets, who will claim themselves as being CHRIST, performing "great signs and wonders".^[4] Two other images often associated with the Antichrist are the "little horn" in Daniel's final vision and the "man of sin" in Paul the Apostle's Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.^[5]

In Islamic eschatology, Al-Masih ad-Dajjal (المسيح الدجال) is an anti-messiah figure (similar to the Christian concept of an antichrist) that will deceive humanity before the second coming of JESUS. The concept of an antichrist is absent in traditional Judaism, although in some medieval texts the symbolic figure Armilus appears.



DESOLATION & EXULTATION

Anguish & Joy

**Many hold a pessimistic view of life,
as ALL souls must endure desolation to experience exultation.
This fact is irrefutable.**

**Saint or sinner, there is no disparity,
All will have to bear the weight of the mortal condition.
There is no alternative, but to comply.**

**Yet, out of the destiny of gloom and wretchedness,
suffering allows the rise of jubilation to be recognized.
The core is where the crucial contrast lies.**

**The LORD has made it possible for ALL to bear, victoriously
through the essence of the HEART
in which the character of the soul resides.**

**HIS self-less love offers tranquility,
and strength to uplift the weakened mind, body and spirit.
Triumphantly the birth of a NEW day is born.**

**Lifted out of darkness into the Light of HIS power;
from a pessimistic attitude transformed into optimism.
Hearts re-established with hope; fear of despair defeated.**

**Awe-struck at the miracle... praise pours forth in adoration.
All glory is given HIM, the risen LORD and SAVIOUR.
O' what a friend... JESUS CHRIST, the LOVER of the soul.**

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THE COMMOTION OF SPRING

**Melting snow silently disappears
into the bowels of the earth.**

**Winds sweep clear the land of debris.
Pursuing raindrops close in to encourage rebirth.**

**Birds flutter and chirp, their melodious songs filling the air.
Out of burrows peek field mice, squirrels and the big bear.
Deer and moose return to the valley
in anticipation once more.**

**Children excited joyfully come outside to play.
Voices raised in merriment and laughter
accompanied with giggles.
Bodies free of heavy clothing, feel and smell the fresh air.**

**Housewives busily clean windows and home.
Husbands gather garden tools ready to plow.
Seeds laid in order are in hand to plant.**

**Love and giddiness are in the air.
Hearts flutter and soar with excited delight and wonder.
Joy overflows their hearts acknowledging the feeling of love.**

**But, it is the *wise* who know the secret... and they praise GOD,
giving thanks to the LORD for the end of a long cold winter,
and return of the CREATOR'S
Spring-filled Spirit in their lives.**

All Glory Be To GOD, Our LORD JESUS CHRIST



CINDER-BLOCK

Matthew 7:3 Luke 6:42; Ezekiel 36:26; Jeremiah 17:9

**We... we, who have never, known war and its horror,
experienced the death of a love one,
nor the loss of a child.**

**We... we, who have never, experienced unemployment,
the loss of one's usefulness,
the onset of depression, fear, suicide.**

**We... we, who have never, fought off rape,
looked starvation in the face,
or known homelessness.**

**We... we, who have never, struggled against demons,
imprisonment... not only of body, but soul and spirit,
with the wretched cry of hopelessness.**

**We... we, who criticize their predicament, placing beneath us...
would our faith be adequate to sustain us in such dilemmas?
We who are so fortunate, yet have no charity in us.**

**We must take that *cinder-block* from our eye,
take the *stone* from out of our heart,
and recognize, but for GOD'S grace go we.**

**What would we hope for in such desperate situations?
Would we not require the basics...
food, water, bed, and a helping hand?
Would we not plead for the loving arms of JESUS about us?**

**Well... what are we waiting for?
Put that CHRIST-LIKE love into action...
DO SOMETHING!**

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BREATHE

**YOU are the air I breathe.
YOUR Holy presence lives within me.**

**YOU are my daily bread.
YOUR very Word speaks to me.**

**Always in my midst.
YOUR tenderness and love envelopes me.**

**In times of desolation
I praise YOUR almighty name.**

**YOU are the air I breathe.
YOU are my life eternally.**

Michael W. Smith

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KALEIDOSCOPE

**The Kaleidoscope created by the MASTER'S hand,
engineered to hold the great diversity of life.
Encompassed within the cosmic sphere of HIS plan
the exquisiteness of every shape,
size and colour intended.**

**Like the glass within the Kaleidoscope,
all uniquely designed differently from each other,
displaying the breathtaking pattern of HIS glory,
as each mingles with each other.**

**We are HIS pleasure; we belong to HIM.
HE created every piece of the Kaleidoscope,
and now it's up to us to live together as ONE,
to achieve HIS plan of LOVE.**

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HIDING PLACE

**When *'just being'* gets strenuous leading off course,
leaving me arid, thirsting for the joy of life...
I run and hide into the presence of the LORD
where my heart, soul and spirit are restored.**

**A haven of peace and joy, without confusion or discord
where CHRIST conceals me in HIS loving arms.
I linger with HIM for hours in my *'secret'* hiding place,
in the shadow of HIS grace bestowed.**

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CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is an Abrahamic monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of JESUS of Nazareth. Its adherents, known as Christians, believe that JESUS is the CHRIST, whose coming as the MESSIAH was prophesied in the Hebrew Bible, called the Old Testament in Christianity, and chronicled in the New Testament.^[1] It is the world's largest religion with about 2.4 billion followers.^[2]

Christianity remains culturally diverse in its Western and Eastern branches, as well as in its doctrines concerning justification and the nature of salvation, ecclesiology, ordination, and Christology. Their creeds generally hold in common JESUS as the SON OF GOD—the logos incarnated—who ministered, suffered, and died on a cross, but rose from the dead for the salvation of mankind; as referred to as the gospel, meaning the "good news", in the Bible (scripture). Describing JESUS' life and teachings are the four canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John with the Jewish Old Testament as the gospel's respected background.

Christianity began as a Second Temple Judaic sect in the 1st century in the Roman province of Judea. JESUS' apostles and their followers spread around the Levant, Europe, Anatolia, Mesopotamia, Transcaucasia, Egypt, and Ethiopia, despite initial persecution. It soon attracted gentile GOD-fearers, which led to a departure from Jewish customs, and, after the Fall of Jerusalem, AD 70 which ended the Temple-based Judaism, Christianity slowly separated from Judaism.



**He that believeth on ME, as the scripture hath said,
out of his belly shall flow rivers of LIVING WATER.**

JESUS uses the phrase “living water” in two instances in the Bible. The first instance is found in John chapter 4. JESUS was tired and sat at a well while HIS disciples went into town to buy food. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and JESUS asked her for a drink. The Samaritan woman was quite shocked because JESUS was a Jew, and Jews simply hated the Samaritans. Of course, she had no idea who JESUS was and asked Him how HE could ask her for water since HE was a Jew.

Jesus ignored the question and went right to the point, “If you knew the gift of GOD and WHO it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked HIM and HE would have given you LIVING WATER” (John 4:10). Notice that HE does not say that HE is the LIVING WATER, but that HE would give LIVING WATER to her, and when she received it, she would never thirst again. Of course, that does not tell us what the living water is! For that, we must go to another passage of Scripture. In this case, JESUS is in the temple surrounded by a throng of worshippers. HE suddenly cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to ME and drink. He who believes in ME, as the Scriptures said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of LIVING WATER.’ But this *HE spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in HIM were to receive*; for the Spirit was not yet given, because JESUS was not yet glorified” (John 7:37-39, emphasis added).

Here JESUS refers to the HOLY SPIRIT as the LIVING WATER. External influence of the Spirit had always been given in the conversion and sanctification of the Old Testament saints and prophets, but the gift of the Spirit who would indwell believers *had not yet been received* (Acts 10:44-45). So, though many people say that JESUS is the LIVING WATER, JESUS HIMSELF intended the phrase to mean the HOLY SPIRIT who dwells in believers and seals them for salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14). It is the ministry of the Spirit, flowing out of a heart redeemed by GOD, that blesses believers and, through them, brings life and light to the world.

Check Website Below For Complete Information:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity>



SECRETS

Jeremiah 23:23-24

**Secrets deep within the castle of the heart,
hidden from loved ones, friends and others.
Secrets locked up reflecting guilt.
We all have them... secrets burdening the mind
held hostage in the sanctuary of the soul.**

**In some cases guilt may not be of one's making.
Yet, the horrific, shameful and dishonourable circumstances
leave injury to the flesh; spirit, soul and mind confused and broken.
Worthlessness sets in.
Another's guilt has stolen the purity of the heart.**

**We cannot tell... for fear of criticism and condemnation.
And, as years go by, heavier becomes the weight of secrets.
What is the way of absolution to freedom for heart and soul
as, no man can know the thoughts and heart of another.
And, no man can be trusted, as ALL have guilt within.**

**Let me tell you of the ONE who can be trusted for your freedom.
The *only* ONE who knows ALL mankind.
The ONE who understands men's hearts and sinful nature.
You need not confess to any other... it is your *choice* to make.
His name is JESUS, LORD and SAVIOUR of ALL mankind.**

**Rid the burden, lighten the load.
Wipe the slate clean through CHRIST JESUS your SAVIOUR.
Read HIS history, keep HIS precepts, walk in HIS Light.
Transform, abide in the HOLY SPIRIT as you reflect HIS holiness.
Offer your *will* and receive HIS love, joy, peace and eternal life.**

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GENTLE, COMPASSIONATE, CHARITABLE SOUL

**Although HE made us each distinct, for reasons of HIS own,
blessed are they who received HIS gentle soul.**

**For it's those who take the time to give,
without a moment notice...
tender love and care to all creatures both great and small.
Loving, rejoicing, weeping, mourning
over every creature won or lost.**

**The compassionate ones who heal
little birds, kittens, bunny rabbits, fawns, puppies, porcupines, and
human babies too.**

**They lift and hold them close, restoring broken wings
so they might fly.**

**And, for the lack of a mother's milk with compassion
their little tummies are filled enabling to again run free.**

**Why are these souls so charitable?
What makes them stand out from the rest of us?
It is by virtue of their innocent acceptance to be GOD'S servant
that HE bestowed HIS gift upon them.**

**An extra ounce of love and grace so they might reflect
the little birds and the fragility of the human race.**

**Within these gentle souls is a heart that comprehends
the pain of hurt brought on by earthly blows.
They perceive the agonies their LORD endured upon the cross.
These souls who love beyond themselves
see only the face of JESUS CHRIST... in each and every one of us.**



“I AM the LIGHT of the world” (John 8:12) is the second of seven “I AM” declarations of JESUS, recorded only in John’s gospel, that point to HIS unique divine identity and purpose. In declaring HIMSELF to be the LIGHT of the world, JESUS was claiming that HE is the exclusive source of SPIRITUAL LIGHT. No other source of SPIRITUAL TRUTH is available to mankind.

There are two types of light in the world. We can perceive one, or both, or neither! When we are born into this world, we perceive physical light, and by it we learn of our CREATOR’S handiwork in the things we see. However, although that light is good, there is another LIGHT, a LIGHT so important that the SON OF GOD had to come in order to both declare and impart it to men. John 8:12 records, “When JESUS spoke again to the people, HE said, ‘I AM the LIGHT of the World. Whoever follows ME will never walk in darkness but have the LIGHT of LIFE.’” The allegory used by the LORD in this verse speaks of the LIGHT of HIS TRUTH, the LIGHT of HIS WORD, the LIGHT of ETERNAL LIFE. Those who perceive the true LIGHT will never walk in spiritual darkness.

Check website below for full article.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/light-of-the-world.html>

IMAGINE

**I can imagine when my heart is full and overflowing,
that I see clearly my GOD looking straight at me.**

**Although there is somewhat of a mystery
to define clearly HIS actual substance.**

**Hidden are HIS eyes, ears, mouth, head, and body
yet GOD, the Almighty CREATOR, stands before me.**

The brilliance, the fire of the power of HIS LIGHT dominates.

I know it's the FATHER...

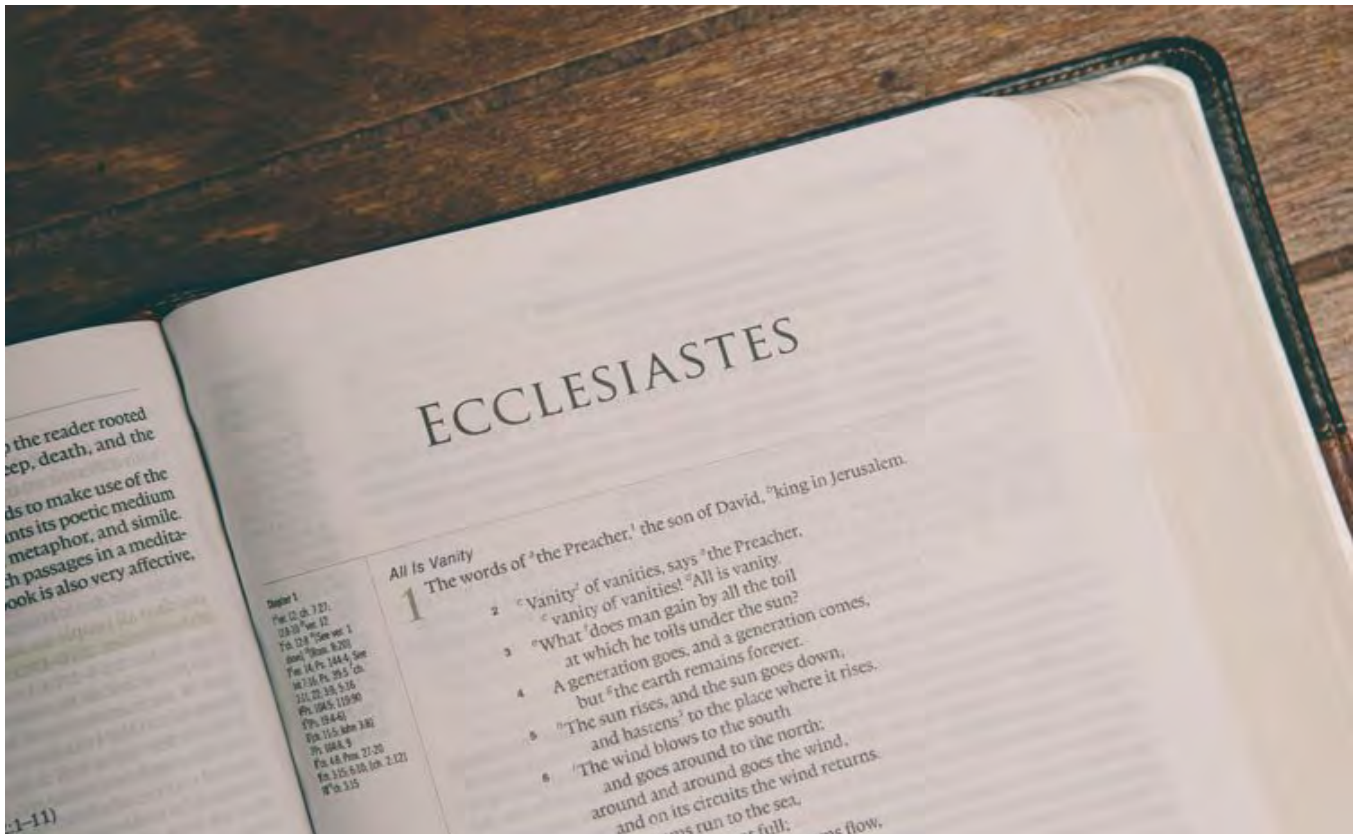
I can hear HIS voice of authority.

**Upon my resurrection HE'S promised... I will see HIS face
and sit alongside HIM on the throne.**

**I can imagine... at least for now, the day of HIS return...
when HE reigns as KING of Kings and LORD of Lords.**

**HIS Kingdom come,
HIS *will* be done,
in heaven and on earth...
when HE will govern ALL nations.**

WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES?



Ecclesiastes is wisdom literature in regard to kind of a big picture of life. Does it have meaning or not? Plenty of people do not think there is much meaning to life. If you said to many people,, “Is there a real, ultimate meaning to life?” would say, “No, I don’t think so. You do what you can, you get along, if you can make money fine, do whatever makes you happy because all too soon you will be old and you’ll be sick and you won’t be able to enjoy life.” There are a lot of people for whom that is a philosophy. Proverbs looks at that philosophy from one point of view by giving a lot of individual bits of advice about how to live life.

Ecclesiastes looks at it from the kind of big picture overview and says, “Well, wait a minute, is there really meaning to life?” What Ecclesiastes does is to say, “Okay, suppose all of life really is just empty, just useless, just meaningless?”

Ecclesiastes repeatedly uses the term *hevel* which means in Hebrew something like a vapor or a wisp of something. It says life is like a vapor, like a wisp, there is not a lot to it. No matter what happens you eventually die. Humans and animals die alike. After you are dead, you are gone. Once you are dead you cannot look back on your life and say, "Gee, that was a great life wasn't it?" You just are dead, you do not remember anything.

Now of course, this is not the ultimate purpose of Ecclesiastes; its ultimate purpose is to cause us not to think that way. But by looking at life as honestly as possible from the point of view of a person who thinks there is not life after death and there is not judgment and that GOD will not call all things to account and evaluate what we have done. Ecclesiastes really forces us to ask the question, what meaning does life have *without* GOD. What meaning does life have if GOD only watches and does not have a direct activity in our lives?

What meaning is there to life if there is no final judgment? And it provides the answer at the very, very end of the book with the words, "Here is the conclusion to the whole matter after all has been heard. Fear GOD and keep HIS commandments. This is the whole duty of man because GOD will bring everything that has been done into judgment." So in fact, Ecclesiastes calls for us very eloquently to live our lives with GOD'S purposes in mind. Ecclesiastes is saying, in effect, implicitly, the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. But it is doing so in a kind of a reverse way by chapter after chapter examining what little there is to believe in if a person does not hold to an after-life and does not hold to a final judgment.

Check website below:

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/blog/curious-christian/6-12-2012/what-main-point-book-ecclesiastes>



ONLY 33 YEARS OLD

**Dear LORD, I come to YOU with a very sad heart
for a young man who has been given such devastating news.**

**The verdict by the doctors today...
“We’re extremely sorry to give you our diagnosis,
but there is nothing we can do for you.”**

**LORD, he has two small boys and a wife.
He broke down and cried at the news.**

**LORD, I am calling on YOU to help if it be YOUR *will*
He requires a ‘*miracle*’ which *only* YOU are capable of giving.**

**I do not know if he believes in YOU, but YOU know.
Perhaps YOU could check this out.**

**If this young man is not a believer, would you please give him:
a symbol, dream, thought, vision of hope to hold on to.**

**YOUR word in Ecclesiastics expresses how the King felt.
It is so true of so many today.**

**Yet, JESUS had not yet come to give LIGHT in those days.
Today is different... today we have the LIGHT of the World...
JESUS CHRIST.**

**If people would only take the time and effort to read,
to comprehend and to grasp the Truth of YOUR Word and its power.**

**Mankind has given up hope because of all the wickedness
in the world and in their lives.**

**I humbly ask for YOUR help to be given to this young man lying in bed
at a hospital in New Brunswick CANADA.**

**I implore YOUR mercy and indwelling within his heart.
In the name of my LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST... Amen**

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May Flowers Always Line Your Path

And

Sunshine Light Your Day.

H.O.P.E

**HELP! Almighty Eternal Holy FATHER.
Our values, set by YOU, are shattered in a web of deceit.
Prayers no longer exist on the lips of mankind.
EL SHADDAI, I plead for YOUR all powerful hand.
Man is blind and being gobbled up by the Deceiver,
never to experience YOUR blessed promises.
Never to dwell in the Kingdom of GOD,
but to spend eternity alone in the bleakness of space.**

**Despair, anguish, hopelessness invades hearts and minds.
Innocent souls live in desperation.
The upheaval and confusion not of their making.
Yet, perceiving nothing of YOU they weep and gnash their teeth.**

**LORD, pursue them when they cry out in terror.
Encourage them to recognize YOUR presence dwells within,
upon acceptance of YOUR love...
and comfort, peace and protection are then obtained.
Upon the return of JESUS HE will usher in
GOD'S government and the resurrection of ALL.**

The wonderful resurrection hope:

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

**⁴ And GOD shall wipe away ALL tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying;
neither shall there be any more pain...
for the former things are passed away.**



CARBON MONOXIDE

In the past, before air quality regulations and catalytic converters, suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning would often be achieved by running a car's engine in a closed space such as a garage, or by redirecting a running car's exhaust back inside the cabin with a hose. Motor car exhaust may have contained up to 25% carbon monoxide. However, catalytic converters found on all modern automobiles eliminate over 99% of carbon monoxide produced.^[109] As a further complication, the amount of unburned gasoline in emissions can make exhaust unbearable to breathe well before losing consciousness.

HOPELESSNESS

*In Memory Of My Cousin Ross Burns
1941 - 1991*

**Without hope you cannot exist.
Desperation and depression encompass.**

**Suicidal thoughts seep into the mind.
The goal.... to control and take down.**

**It invades and destroys.
Now the end is close at hand.**

**You did not want to know GOD.
You did not call on HIM for help.**

**You did not confess your wayward ways.
You did not ask HIS forgiveness.**

**The responsibility was yours to make...
a '*choice*' for a life with JESUS CHRIST or eternal abyss.**

**The SPIRIT of GOD was not in you.
The powers of evil (sin) ...
GOD alone destroys when called upon.**

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Check website below for bible verses on suicide:

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Committing-Suicide/>

LECSÓ – HUNGARIAN PEPPER STEW

XOXO
Judit + Corina



LECSÓ

True to our Hungarian roots we are always delighted to find sweet yellow, orange or red peppers at the market and as the pepper season in California is coming to an end we already gave up hope to find fresh peppers to make our Lecsó - Hungarian Pepper Stew Recipe. If you had Ratatouille before, it is very similar and so perfect when you need a quick and healthy lunch or dinner.

This Lecsó - Hungarian Pepper Stew Recipe is so easy to make and we love how the paprika and peppers fill the house with spicy warm flavors. Judit's grandma (Corina's great grandmother) was the first in her recollection to make this simple dish and the recipe has been passed on from mother to daughter for generations now.

Red bell peppers are Superfoods that are rich in antioxidants and one pepper has double the Vitamin C of an orange. They are low in calories and quite filling plus contain Vitamin A, which is good for the skin. The Paprika powder came from a little further away, we got that at the Csarnok or Central Market Hall in Budapest when we visited this summer. On the way back from Europe it did cause some issue at the New York airport security check since who checked Judit never heard of paprika spice before and she had several bags neatly wrapped in her carry on luggage. Santa Barbara Farmer's Market Lecsó is a very tasty pepper and tomato ragout (with onions and a good amount of Hungarian Paprika powder)



which is served for lunch or dinner and there are many delicious neighboring relatives such as the Spanish lecsó called Piperade Basquaise, and Italian Peperonataja and the French, as you may know, call it Ratatouille.

Hungary endured many “visitors” or invaders over the centuries and each time they left something special to enhance the local dishes, like coffee and lovely aromatic spices from the Turks.

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Many of the Hungarian recipes include lard or oil, onions, and the most celebrated spice - "Hungarian Paprika." Every time we inhale the aromas of these fragrant threesomes we are transported back to mom's kitchen. These three ingredients are called the "holy three" of Hungarian cuisine.

RECIPE

**Prep Time 5 mins
Cook Time 20 mins
Servings: 4**

INGREDIENTS

**2 Tbsp Lard or oil
1 Large Onion - finely chopped
2 Tbsp Hungarian Paprika - mild or not so mild
6 Hungarian Peppers or Bell Peppers
3 Ripe Tomatoes diced/Tomatoe Juice
Salt
Black Pepper
1/3 cup Water/Whit Wine (Sauvignon Blanc)
1/2 cup Couscous/Brown Rice
1 pound Smoked Kielbasa - cut crosswise into 2 inch lengths**



INSTRUCTIONS

Heat the lard/oil in a medium-large pot and add the finely chopped onion. Saute onions over medium high heat until it becomes translucent.

Sprinkle in the Hungarian Paprika and with a wooden spoon stir well.

Slice the peppers in edible size after removing the white membrane inside.

Immediately add the Hungarian Peppers/Bell Peppers and tomatoes/juice and stir again really well or the paprika can burn and will taste bitter!

Cover the pot and cook by stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and black pepper.

Pour in the water/white wine. If needed add a little more water for a soupy texture.

Add the sliced Kielbasa and cook covered on low heat for 10 minutes. Also potatoes, dumplings, eggs can be added to the stew if desired.

Optional: serve over coocoos, rice or fresh whole grain bread.

Check websites below:

<http://glamorousbite.com/>

Website below shows how they grow the peppers... very interesting, but the music, song and fellow singing is absolutely beautiful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wykxYzSmsxM>



MY SOUL WANTS TO FLY

Left at my heart's door by a STRANGER, a gift signed...

"I live in heaven. Just knock, I AM home."

This precious gift, a Book,
unlocked the latch and set my spirit free.

The STRANGER knew my need...
the void and wretchedness within.

The Book, a history of the STRANGER'S life
held the only evidence to heal a broken life.

So now, I'm getting ready to meet HIM.
I want to know what the STRANGER'S home is like
and, where this place called 'heaven' is?
My soul wants to go there... my soul wants to fly!

HE cares... I'm no longer weary with anguish.
Relieved of my burdens I now have hope.
In faith, I believe and trust
the Truth of HIS Word in the gift of a Book.

I've abandoned my old life of doom,
risen anew in a life more precious than gold.
HE'S calling me... *'Come... I AM home.'*
The HOLY SPIRIT beckons, *'Hold tight, fly with ME.'*

Hands raised to honour HIS holy name,
I ready myself to soar to the vault of heaven.
As the world quickly fades, I'll not turn back
as there's nothing to lose, yet everything to gain.

Soaring in rapture, the last light-year just ahead.
My best FRIEND, the STRANGER awaits me.
A broken life, my gift to the STRANGER, is all I have to give,
yet, it's priceless to HIM.

HIS life, given in place of mine, that I might stand,
face to face before the Great I AM.
Redeemed, unashamed, sanctified, worthy and
authorized to sit with the KING, my best FRIEND, eternally.

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IN SEARCH OF THE ORACLE



THE ORACLE...

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD OR PRECIOUS STONES.



THE QUEST

**Life it seems is perpetually full of anguish
where you must endure, or
be eaten up with self-pity, despair,
jealousy and malice.**

**To righteously accede each affront
one must affirm and commit to forgive and forget
devoutly accepting each indignity.**

**But, with due respect, is it truly possible
for a human's sinful character
to acquire qualities reserved for Saints?**

**Do mere mortals,
constrained with inclinations of egotism and pride
actually believe they alone have the capacity
to conquer this dilemma?
They realize not the grief lies within their very nature.**

**Mankind has taken various routes to find the oracle.
Young and old, rich and poor, literate and illiterate,
dignitaries and celebrities have searched...
many in vain.**

**For those who fall into the bottommost pit
and in their anguish cry aloud,
"GOD where are YOU... I need YOU"...
in that precise moment, HE extends HIS hand to rescue.**

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THE ORACLE FOUND... JESUS ENTERS WITH INTENSITY



**In forsaking pride, man is lifted out of the grime and
JESUS enters with intensity, into heart, soul and mind.
HE opens the door to The WAY, The TRUTH and The LIFE.**

**GOD'S creation of the universe and mankind's life within
is laid out in the Holy book... the Bible,
chronicling HIS only begotten SON'S life on earth.**

**The oracle discovered, man accepts baptism.
The old life buried, he arises out of the water
born anew with the saving GRACE of JESUS.**

**In devotion and dedication of one's life to the LORD
the HOLY SPIRIT enters to create a Saintly soul
with the *autonomy*
(independence or freedom, as of the *will* or one's actions)
to emulate and be CHRIST-like.**

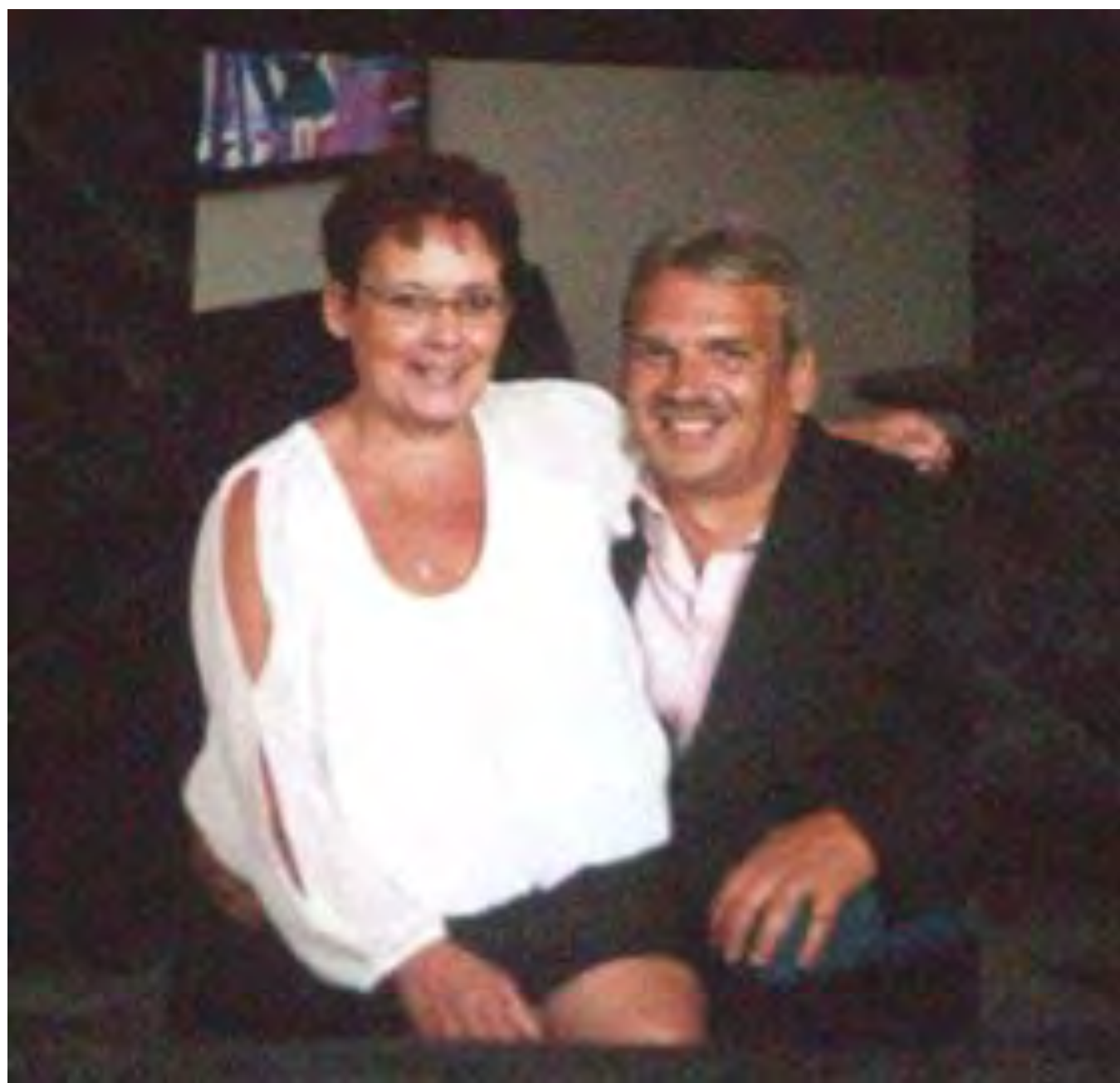
**An exalted gift from the LORD and SAVIOUR...
HIS forgiveness of sin,
HIS saving Grace, eternal love
and union with the HOLY SPIRIT, through HIS crucifixion,
death and resurrection consummated.**

**Rejoicing with praise to the FATHER, SON and
power of the HOLY SPIRIT.
Receiving the fulfillment of HIS peace,
joy, fellowship, hope and...
at cessation, the reward HE promised...
to behold the Beloved Infinite Lamb... LORD JESUS CHRIST.**



*Never be afraid to trust an unknown future
to an all-knowing God.* Carrie Lea Broom

Illustration by Carrie Lea Broom



“S N A R E D”

In memory of a friend, Shelley Hayes, for which I cannot find closure.

An unexpected message left on my telephone last night...

“Carolann, Shelley... she died today... they say of cancer.”

Shock and disbelief overwhelmed me.

Shelley was so young to die... just 47.

News in our small community usually travels fast.

Yet, others as well were unaware Shelley was even ill.

It was within the space of 7 days that Shelley unexpectedly left us all.

This young woman who possessed a spirit of love for friends and animals.

“SNARED” in the ‘blink of an eye’ Shelley’s ‘*breath of life*’ was taken away.

Friends, family and loving husband, Warren of 37 years were at a loss.

It was known Shelley had physical and emotional problems,

all of which must have contributed to her early passing.

Death... so final.

Never to hear her voice, kiss her cheek or hug her again.

But, with faith in JESUS CHRIST, one knows

ALL mankind will be raised from’ *the long rest*’ to stand before CHRIST.

I am going to miss Shelley and will always keep her in my heart.

Although, I say aloud to myself...

“If Shelley had only known JESUS, most likely she would still be here.”

It’s a mystery to me why Shelley’s heart was closed to HIM.

If Shelley had only asked,

JESUS would have taken all her guilt, pain and anguish,

curing her of all emotional conflicts, forever to abide within her.

JESUS would have put His loving arms around her and given her HIS joy.

It is a heartbreak, Shelley’s passing, for those who loved her.

Shelley was loved by so many she wasn’t aware of.

Goodbye my dear friend, until we meet again upon the LORD’S return,

to live in peace with HIM eternally.

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MARIE MUNDRA

**Inevitable was my meeting you in 1987.
Oh, to be so blessed with insight to have acknowledged
such a special soul as you, who strums a different cord,
unique from all the others.**

**Music of Cherubs flows from your lips
illuminating your beauty within.
Sweetly, softly with conviction you praise
HIS name unabashedly... of ridicule you are unafraid.**

**HIS gift to you, *Marie*...
HE bestowed a wit to suffer all the fools;
a courageous spirit
and, virtuosity that stands out above the crowd.**

**HIS gift to me, greater even still...
HE gave me you, my dear friend, *Marie*.**

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January 1999**



TOUCH ME NOT

**I am a thing of beauty.
Touch me not, for I am frail.
Just admire from a distance.
Inhale the fragrance and you will behold
the Magnificence of the CREATOR.
HE, WHO conceived such splendour
in the gifts HE gave us;
to uplift our spirits;
to beautify our habitat,
and to make us conscious, that we too,
are like the flowers of the field,
here today... gone tomorrow
to the garden of HIS Glorious Embrace.
Just like the flower... remember,
leave a sweet, indelible fragrance for posterity.**

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MY PERFECT FRIEND

To My Dear And Loving Friend

Elizabeth Calhoun

Sunday, July 19, 2015

Woodstock, New Brunswick

**Within you, I've found the perfect friend;
someone who I know will be there till the end.
And, they're not just thoughts I hope will be fulfilled,
but thoughts that will stand forever still.**

**Still, as the wind on a hot summer's day.
Still, as your friendship I'll never betray.
Still, as the characters in a photograph.
Still, as your breathless, silent laugh.**

**Within you, I've found the perfect friend.
A mind that I can comprehend.
A person I see is so much like me.
A mutual relationship so carefree.**

**Carefree, as a child who questions the world.
Carefree, as a scream that goes unheard.
Carefree, as an adult blessed with a dream.
Carefree, as water flowing downstream.**

**Within you, I've found the perfect friend
with whom I can be real, and never pretend.
You've always been someone unique from the rest.
You hold a piece of me no other can possess.**

Author Unknown

"Happy Birthday"

Wishing All Of GOD'S Blessings Throughout Your Life

All My Love, Hugs And Kisses, Carolann Sike



THE EGG

**The EARTH, a celestial body, resembles an egg,
suspended in the gaseous mass of infinity;
its content filled with trillions of souls.**

**No longer is man amazed at the world's enormity
but, claustrophobic, at its growing minuteness.**

**Gifted with abilities bestowed by the ALMIGHTY,
man has shrunk earth's size within the egg,
creating a need for transformation of values.**

**'UNITY' of nations must be imposed
or the shell will dislodge
and mankind succumb to its destruction.**

**At last GOD'S Great Master Plan is unfolding,
causing man to open eyes, ears and hearts.**

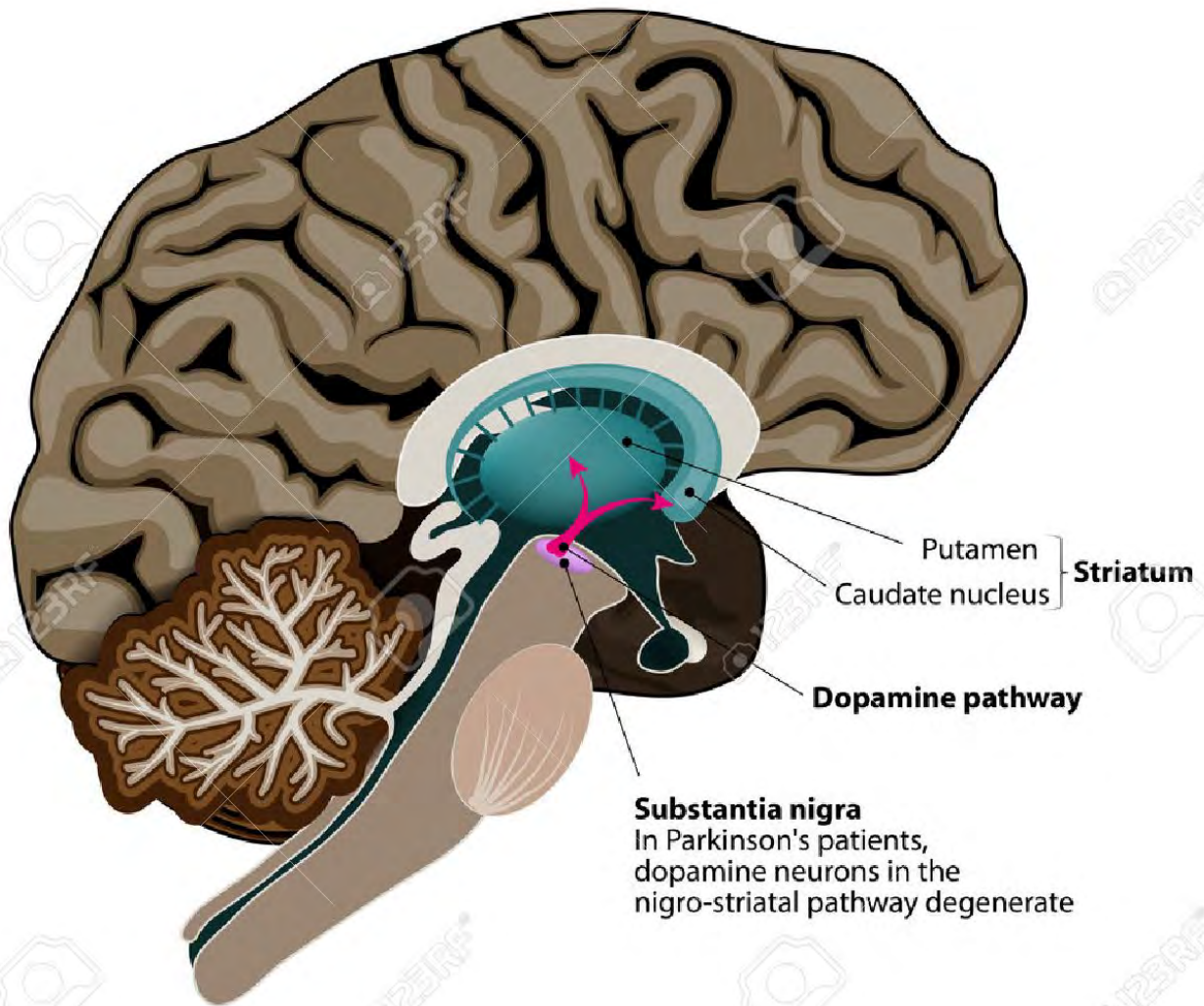
**Only by the FATHER'S *will*, wisdom, love and power
will man ultimately be compelled
to plea for governance.**

LORD GOD, SAVIOUR CHRIST JESUS & HOLY SPIRIT

HELP!

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February 5, 2017**

PARKINSON'S DISEASE



AN OLD LADY'S POEM

What do you see nurse, what do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?
A crabby old woman, not very wise,
uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply
when you say in a loud voice, "*I do wish you'd try!*"
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
and forever is losing a stocking or shoe.....
who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will,
with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse; you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
as I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten ...with a father and mother,
brothers and sisters, who love one another.
A young girl of sixteen, with wings on her feet,
dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at twenty -- my heart gives a leap,
remembering the vows that I promised to keep.
At twenty-five now, I have young of my own,
who need me to guide and a secure happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grown fast,
bound to each other with ties that should last.



**At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
but my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty once more, babies play round my knee,
again we know children, my loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead;
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own,
and I think of the years and the love that I've known.**

**I'm now an old woman ...and nature is cruel;
'tis jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart.
There is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
and now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
and I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the yearsall too few, gone too fast,
and accept the stark fact that nothing can last.**

**So open your eyes nurse, open and see...
Not a crabby old woman, look closer...**

see ME !

Author Unknown



PRAY

**I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task;
'Why doesn't GOD help me?' I wondered.
HE answered, 'You didn't ask.'**

**I wanted to see joy and beauty but,
the day toiled on gray and bleak.
I wondered why GOD didn't show me.
HE said, 'But you didn't seek',**

**I tried to come into GOD'S presence;
I used all my keys in the lock.
GOD gently and lovingly chided,
'My child, you didn't knock.'**

**I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I *had* to take time to pray."**

Author Unknown



Check website:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/migdophin/4570550762/>

WHERE'S THE WAR?

Where's the war?

On the other side of the world, you say?

Has our country been attacked?

**I haven't seen warships on our shores,
nor overhead any planes, rockets or missiles.**

So, how come? Why are we going to battle?

**Governments, church leaders and contingents
give misleading excuses
that the nation must be protected against terrorists
to provide the prerequisite for a 'Just' war' ?**

Global Warming

Too Many People - Not Enough Space

Food Is Scarce – Unable To Feed All.

**More excuses for engaging war
rather than using the intellect given
to correct hazardous situations responsibly
in a loving way.**

**Global warming, the responsibility of corporations,
to change their methods, systems and products.
And the masses to learn responsible copulation.**

Are these people our enemy?

They don't even have shoes,



**Nor enough food and water let alone war machinery.
You can join the forces to kill your brother... but not
me.**

**There will be condemnation for murder under GOD'S
law:**

**"A new command I give you: Love one another.
as I have loved you, so you must love one another."
(John 13:34)**

**"But I tell you who hear ME: Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you."
(Luke 6:27-28)"**

**And GOD spoke all these words, saying...
"Thou shall *not* kill."**

**All are deceived by government leaders and
media propaganda,
You are adding to the ranks of the war machine ...
rather than fearing the authority of GOD.**

**Oh yes, you may be brought home... in a box,
or return missing a limb and suffering PTSD,
without a job, homeless and eventually commit
suicide.**

...



**November 11th you'll be remembered for one minute
amidst tears, pomp and glory for bravery,
and a 10-gun salute to your deceased name.**

**But again I ask, 'Where is this war being fought?'
Across on the *other side of the world*, you say?
Shame, shame on our nation.**

**Or return missing a limb and suffering PTSD,
without a job, homeless and eventually commit
suicide.**

**November 11th you'll be remembered for one minute
amidst tears, pomp and glory for bravery,
and a 10-gun salute to your deceased name.**

**But again I ask, 'Where is this war being fought?'
Across on the *other side of the world*, you say?
Shame, shame on our nation.**

**You've fulfilled the plan of the adversary,
giving power to principalities and the Prince of this World,
and the *planners* who *never support* you on the front lines.**

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No, they sit at home,
drinking wine and consuming cheese cake,
laughing and enjoying life with family and friends.

The *planners* create and put wars into motion
to benefit themselves...
the world financial system, corporations,
banks and affluent...
on the backs of innocent blood and brotherly love.

The name of the game is power, money, land, and oil,
and, so, every 15 to 20 years another war is produced.
Somewhere another war appears on the globe.

Interestingly though, war *never originates* in our nation.
No, but the day is coming...
when the LORD JESUS CHRIST will set foot on the Earth.

HIS wrath will extend to us when HE has witnessed enough
of man who caused such destruction
and taking of innocent lives.

HE'S coming in a blaze of glory to fulfill HIS promise.
Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were
loud voices in heaven, saying,

“The Kingdom Of The World has become
the KINGDOM OF OUR LORD and of HIS CHRIST, and HE
shall reign forever and ever.”

Revelation 11:15

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**For our wrestling is *not* against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities,
against the powers,
against the world-rulers of this darkness,
against the spiritual hosts of wickedness
in the heavenly places.**

Eph 6:12:

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***Check below the statistics of world wars and their fatalities in our
lifetime:***

**[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/36/Wars by
Death Toll Chart.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/36/Wars_by_Death_Toll_Chart.jpg)**

PRIDES PROGRESS: VICE AND VIRTUE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

This is a video discussion highly intellectual, yet understandable if one understands Scripture. It breaks down all the many sins in scripture with a broader view than many are aware of or take into consideration.

Oliver O'Donovan, Author

The video is approximately an hour in length.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBfOxqt9eb8>



U.S. HAS KILLED MORE THAN 20 MILLION PEOPLE IN 37 “VICTIM NATIONS” SINCE WORLD WAR II

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/us-has-killed-more-than-20-million-people-in-37-victim-nations-since-world-war-ii/5492051>

AMERICA’S WARS FACT SHEET - VETERANS AFFAIRS

https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_americas_wars.pdf

WORLD WAR 2 STATISTICS

<https://www.secondworldwarhistory.com/world-war-2-statistics.php>

AMERICAN RAPE OF VIETNAMESE WOMEN was Considered “Standard Operating Procedure”

Robert J. Barsocchini

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdAcBb_lj04

CHRISTIAN LIVING: WAR AND VENGEANCE IN THE EPISTLES AND REVELATION

No pacifists were among the Old Testament righteous. In the law, loving neighbor did not exclude all possibility of killing neighbor. Neighbors who committed certain crimes were put to death. Warfare itself was at times an expression of faith and love for God. The idea that love, faith and war are inherently in conflict and mutually exclude one another is not an Old Testament idea. The Mosaic blessings for obedience to God did not bring freedom from war, but victory in war. In the Old Testament, God is the great warrior who trains, leads and fights alongside his human servants. In the Old Testament, within certain bounds, God gave to humans the authority to take human life.

In the second article we asked, Does the New Testament teach a pacifist ethic that is by its nature radically different from the Old Testament's approach to war? And, Has God rescinded from humans their limited authority to take human life?

To answer these questions our second article explored the Gospels. We found that the Gospels uphold some soldiers as honorable examples for Christians of faith and love. Jesus never called soldiers to leave their profession. Jesus never renounced the Old Testament perspective that in some circumstances love and killing may go together.

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Though Jesus taught the turning of a cheek when struck once, he never discussed self-defense when confronted with a murderer. Though he never used deadly force, he never renounced deadly force in the defense of the poor, the weak or the widow. He never spoke against one nation coming to the defense of its citizens or the citizens of another nation. The strident antiwar rhetoric of many pacifists was not a part of Jesus' teaching. Jesus never equated all ways of taking human life with murder. Even he could command armies, and would fully set up his kingdom with violent deadly force. His self-sacrificing and forgiving spirit did not eliminate all cases of either his or someone else's use of deadly force.[1]

Jesus limited his ethical illustrations to person-to-person situations. His examples of how to love even our enemies did not deal with life-threatening situations, such as attempted murder or invasion. They dealt with less violent situations that one might face within a community. They said nothing about three-party or group conflicts. Jesus said nothing about a state's responsibility to protect its citizens or maintain public order. Jesus' examples never directly addressed the broader issues of military and police force.

The dichotomy that some Christian pacifists make between love and all forms of deadly force, including warfare, is unknown in JESUS' ethic. The looked-for



radical departure from the Old Testament's view of war is not in the Gospels.

Romans 12:17-21

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Philippians 2:15

Look for more Verse Concepts so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of GOD above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.

Revelation 6:9-11

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

<https://archive.gci.org/articles/war-and-vengeance-in-the-epistles/>

DECIDING WHAT TO BELIEVE:

Yes, all this can get confusing. You can take a position of "Who Cares?" - "Why bother?" I'll just believe that I believe and leave it at that... but is it really the best position?



THE CLINIC

The Clinic is a place where sick people go.
They know care can be found there.
Staff are dedicated to efficient patient flow.
Appointments to make, ringing telephones everywhere.

Charts to be pulled, patients arriving two-fold,
'Hello, Mrs. Fine... please, take a chair.'
Dr. Cheng and Waisglass, the CCU prepare,
for critical care patients they hope to spare.

Dr. Veinish, her services in much demand,
depends on Secretary, Margaret Plant, to lend a helping hand.
Dr. Dombrower, between hospitals does scurry to and fro.
With confidence, his Secretary, Martina Janovjak, his office does control.

Dr. Izukowa, a tremendous load does bear.
Her Secretary, Peg Samuel, is very much aware.
Dr. Gordon, Head Geriatrician, resides one floor up.
Secretary, Carolann Sike, hired to manage his administrative life...
Good Luck!

And between the two, Tina Waisglass and Sike,
they keep his schedule extremely tight.
Having on staff these *treasured* women, maintaining each patient's case,
is it any wonder, the Clinic is such a GREAT place?

Together they laugh, they cry and even complain somewhat.
But, all in all, they're an undeniably fantastic lot.
May their companionship continue, in good humour and fun...
blessings overflowing, endowing each and every one.

And by closing Millennium Twenty-two Thousand and Two
the *treasured* women their reward will receive,
as they assemble together in Heaven above
alongside Angels, celebrating HIS eternal love.

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John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection
and the life. He who
believes in me will
live, even though he
dies; and whoever
lives and believes in
me will never die.



John 11:25

“ I AM the RESURRECTION and the LIFE ”

**Jesus said unto her,
“I AM the resurrection, and the life:
he that believeth in ME, though he were dead,
yet shall he live.”**

HALLĒLŪYĀH

(Praise GOD)

Many speak about HIM, but little else I know,
except, that HE is called JESUS, SON of the CREATOR...
YAHWEH.

Then one day, my eyes were opened and I saw the LIGHT...
I got it! I got it! Praise YAH.

Manifested in JESUS was YHWH's HOLY SPIRIT,
IMMANUEL... 'GOD with us'... in the flesh: JESUS.

Overflowing with hope and joy at the revelation
I praised the LORD for HIS awesome GIFT.

Searching the SCRIPTURES evidence was found,
the history of HIS life from eternity to eternity.

Praise and glory be to the LAMB of GOD,
for HIS unconditional love, sacrifice and forgiveness.

WISDOM told me to pay attention
as this was *also* a history of *my* life.

Since our first encounter, many years have passed.
Heart, soul and mind rest in PEACE rejoicing.

TRUE and TRUST WORTHY is HIS promise to the *faithful*...
“ I AM the RESURRECTION and the LIFE ”

Hallēlūyāh, Hallēlūyāh, Hallēlūyāh

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THEY COME AND THEY GO

**One day a young woman appeared
at the President's door.**

**Suzanne Clautier, a willowy long-legged beauty,
in a whirl entered the room.**

**With a flick of her long dark hair,
she sat down in a chair responding with quick wit
to the President's prolonged stare.**

**Spartan and oh so dull she did find him.
Flying through numerous tasks so menial,
she murmured,
"Let me out of this Executive Suite prison,
I'm suffocating; my acumen has no autonomy."**

**One day, not long after, Suzanne did exclaim,
bursting forth with joy and great girths of laughter,
"Bombardier... they've hired me; Bombardier...
I'm free.
I'll miss you all,
but for sure *not* the Executive Suite down the hall."**

**Baycrest's loss;
yet, we will truly miss you and your flamboyant zeal.
Wishing all the freedom your heart so desires;
May you fly as a comet through the vastness of heaven.
Forever in HIS keeping; safe in all that life deals.**



NICK CALHOON

**Our dear colleague, at 26 from Russia did arrive in Toronto, Canada
to seek his fame and fortune sweet.**

Possessing great determination, a job he sought and got.

**With uniform and keys in hand, he guarded Baycrest Centre
and its land.**

As time passed, his strong diligence the head honcho it did impress.

**An extraordinary opportunity was offered
to accomplish the dream he long sought after.**

**Consultations and red tape took place
until finally it was time;
absolute focus and colossal discipline to face.**

**Many have tried, but few their goal did reach.
You endured and the victory was yours.
How proud we are of you Nick Calhoon.**

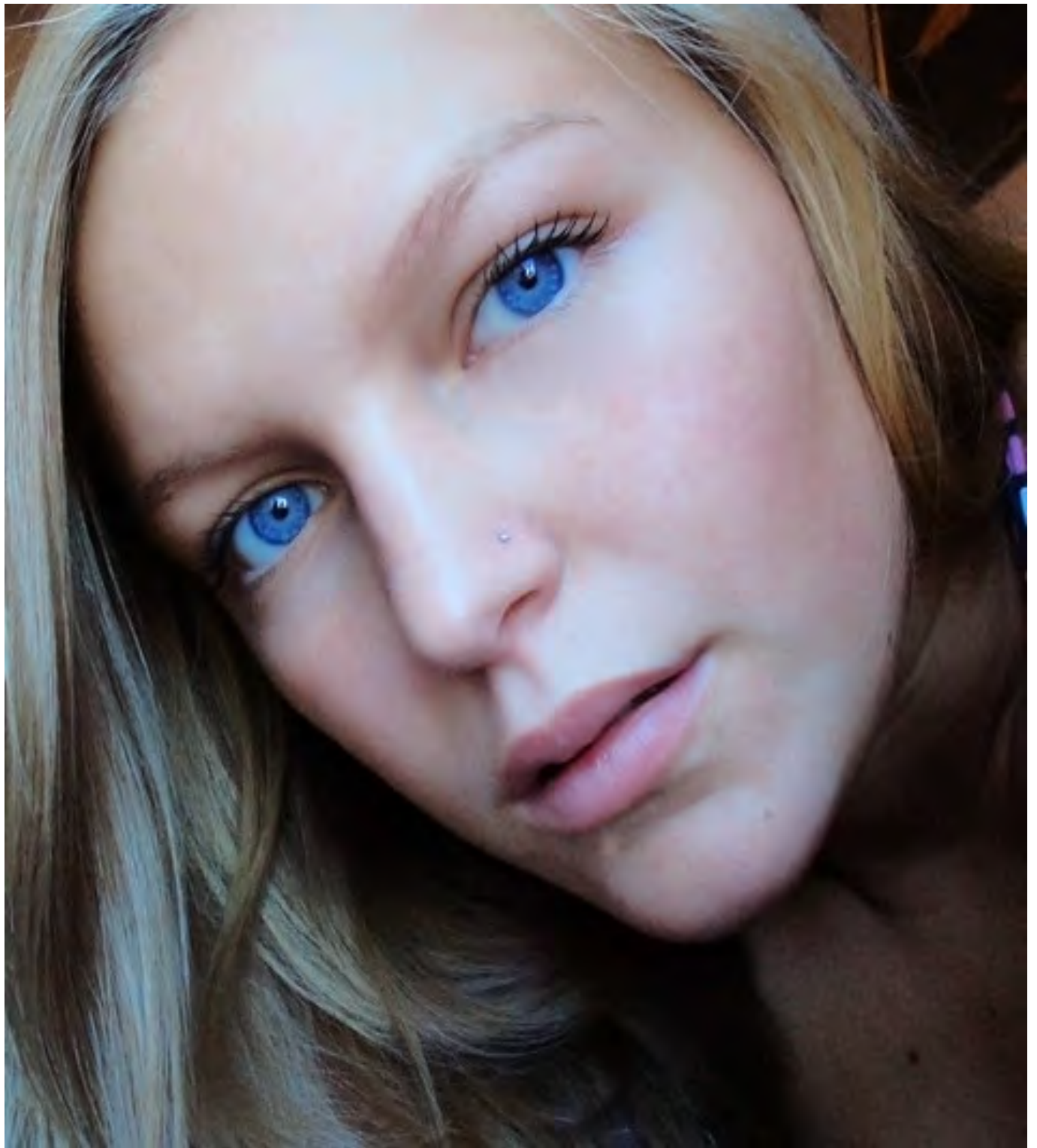
**Attributes required for this high station,
without exception, you possess:
Observance, sensitivity, warmth and patience,
understanding, generosity and compassion.**

**You achieved at 33
through devoted assiduous effort, the well-earned title of:**

Doctor Natan Khotianov

***May GOD Bless You
Direct You
And Keep You Forever Safe In HIS Keeping.***

**(I was unable at the time to pronounce Natan's last name and so called him:
Nick Calhoun... an Irish name versus a Russian name... he didn't mind at all.)**



ALEXANDRA

Baycrest Centre For Geriatric Care

Finance Department

1998 - 2000

**WHO is the beautiful swan with the joyful eyes
diligently fulfilling her duties?**

**She greets them with genuine sweetness
in a resonance so softly she utters... 'May I be of help?'**

**WHERE is the beautiful swan with the joyful eyes
as I'm unable to observe her enchanting eloquent face?**

**Someone else now sits in her place.
Oh! She is ill and in a worrisome state.**

**WHAT is wrong with the beautiful swan with the joyful eyes?
Is it the flu or a very bad cold... thoughtfully enquiring?**

**'No, we're not quite certain.
She suffers headaches; neurological scans will unveil the diagnosis.'**

**I PRAY dear LORD for the beautiful swan with the joyful eyes.
Restore her body and soul... make her whole.**

**For the sake of her children... a girl and a boy
endow with YOUR strength, as quietly she waits in anticipation.**

**WHEN is the beautiful swan with the joyful eyes returning?
'In a few days... we are optimistic.'**

**Good as new, so don't feel blue,
as once again, the ravishing swan will sit in her pew.**

**WHO is this beautiful swan with the joyful eyes?
Ah! Ah! Alexandra, Alexandra it is you!**

**How wonderful to once again view your radiant face,
and to adore your eyes, so exquisitely blue.**

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HOOPIE

**It was Hoopie, not Hilda my dear Aunt
when I was a wee girl struggling with words.**

**Like 'umber umber' for 'umbrella'
and Hoopie, for Hilda was so much easier to say.**

**I remember Queen's Park in Kingston
When you and Uncle Bob were newly weds,
in pilot-blue uniform (so handsome) lifting me high in the air.**

**I remember the cottage Granddad built at Minette Point in Barrie
Called *Laugh-A-Lot*.**

**You, with me in toe, crossed a field ,
when suddenly from out of nowhere a great bull appeared.**

**I never forgot your loving hand as it stretched out to me,
afraid and in tears, you consoled me, taking away all my fears.
I remember Granddad's big house on Humewood Dr. in Toronto
where we all lived as a close-knit family.**

**Your first baby, Bobby, all of a sudden seemed to appear.
This now made eleven of us residents there.
St. Michael and All Angeles each Sunday we'd go to give thanks
returning home to Grandma's yummy Sunday dinner,
then up to bed and say my prayers.**

**I remember Granddad building birdhouses for his Canaries;
and riding in his old Ford as we chugged up Hwy 11 for hours.
never forgetting a brown paper bag, a necessary item
to catch my car-sickness... inevitable.**

. . .



**I remember Grandma Seaton and her bright kitchen dishes
upon which, each day, she'd give brother Jack and me lunch.
Each summer at Hall's Lake in Muskoka,
Ontario's north land we'd congregate...
grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, now totaling twenty.**

**Memories are many of a loving supportive family
swimming, boating and enjoying each moment.
Fresh air, trees, birds and fishing with my father
and country dancing.
And watching Mrs. Brown bake doughnuts for us kids.**

**I remember when sweet little shy Rickie joined your fold.
Life was difficult and money scarce
but, never a complaint did you make.
And then once again came
another wee bundle appeared on the scene... John.**

**I remember at ten taking a great adventure alone to visit you.
On streetcar and bus travelling north on Yonge Street
and down into Hogs Hollow.
I felt real grown up at my successful arrival at your gate
anxious to see my new cousins living at Winona/Bathurst.**

**For two weeks I stayed and made a new Finnish friend.
We ate hot fruit soups
and in the nude we took saunas and sunbathed.
In my little red VW bug,
I remember visiting you in Nobleton, Ontario.
We had so much fun swimming in the backyard pool.**

...



**Attending parties at the Maple Flying Club
and meeting new friends; and
taken by a Danish pilot high up in the air in his very small plane.
I remember Uncle Bob's invitation to Leslie and me...
'Come sail with us on our new yacht 'White Whisper'.**

**We made it in three days from Calgary to Port Cobourg.
The next year Hoopie, you and Uncle Bob sailed South for 5 years.
It was soon after (1985) Leslie and I took on a similar adventure.
AQUA STAR was launched and we sailed North to the Arctic.**

**We received heart wrenching news while on our journey
Uncle Bob had passed away.
It was never the same for you Hoopie after that,
yet you always seemed to me
a young girl at heart in your 80th year.**

**While sitting with your leg pulled up under your chin
you reflected on times past as
we confided in each other our experiences.
The light in your eyes ever so bright
expressing the joys of past years.**

**I never thought of you any other way but 'a young spirit'.
Like girlfriends we confided in each other
relating our joys and sorrows.
Aunt Hoopie, I miss you
and the ache in my heart is so great that I bear.
Yet, until we meet again in GOD'S company,
I'll hold on to our special memories.**



A CRY FOR HELP !

**LORD JESUS, I meditate on YOUR Word
moment by moment throughout each day.
YOUR teachings acquaint me with how I must respond in life...
not as one of the *world* who does not know YOU,
but with a heart and mind filled with obedience in love.**

**The Scriptures direct, guide and aid in wisdom
against ever present evil.
I surrender my *will* and abide close to YOU.
Yet, even though I pray, abide and surrender
I remain stressed and anxious with the uncertainties in my life.**

**LORD, I have a cantankerous spirit, blemished in its yield,
stealing the dilemmas from YOU, using as *my* plight to correct.
In anguish I cry out for YOUR help.
Doubts creep in... even when I believe YOU will restore.**

**Help! dear SAVIOUR, take away my desire to be in control.
Keep me focused, not to falter or faint...
restrained in the realm of YOUR Spirit's mastery,
knowing the road walked in faith is narrow, yet in YOUR control.**

**Dwelling quietly, daily in my small poustinia alone.
Coming near to Your presence.
Desolate of all worldly things and people.
My sole companions... YOUR sacred WORD and HOLY SPIRIT.**

...



Dear God,

There are so many people in this world who are in need. Please show me and my husband how we can help. Use us Lord for Your glory and use us to be a blessing to others. I pray You would show us how to use our resources to help others. Give us eyes to see those who are in need. I pray that our marriage is used for a great purpose of drawing hearts back to You through generosity in Jesus' name AMEN!

Unveiled Wife

**Help of the Paraclete lifts my mind, heart and conscience
taking them from worldly delusive desires
which consume Spirit and soul,
now able to soar to a higher plateau...
close to heaven and YOU.**

**Overcome with revelations of truths by the HOLY SPIRIT.
Confident in YOUR trustworthiness,
almighty power and Sovereignty.
YOUR mysteries accepted; and miracles evidenced in my life.
Vividly clear is YOUR limitless love and great plan for me,
put in place before time.**

**YOUR desire that man become one with YOU
in CHRIST JESUS,
YOU, O' LORD, put all things in place...
good and bad, at YOUR discretion,
that we would understand the seriousness
of the choices we make...
that are not ours to make,
but made in humble trust through prayer with YOU.**

**Righteousness and life or disobedience and damnation.
Spiritual children in CHRIST JESUS will reap their rewards
promised by the LORD GOD, lover of our soul.
Eternal peace at death, to reside on HIS right hand in the
Kingdom of GOD.**



JENNY RYAN

**Sweet young Jenny from Canada's 'rock'
with cello and dream came west
to Toronto, the 'big apple', Ontario the province
a music teacher she did seek.**

**Eagerness and vivacity engulfed her angelic face.
Five foot-four and big blue eyes.
With confidence she was challenged with her first huge task
to master with excellence the dance of the 'Csardas'.**

**As she practiced she exclaimed,
"What is this music, who composed such a perplexingly beautiful piece?"
'Magyars' the dance of the Hungarian peoples was avowed.
Its history thousands of years old, forever remains in their heart and soul.**

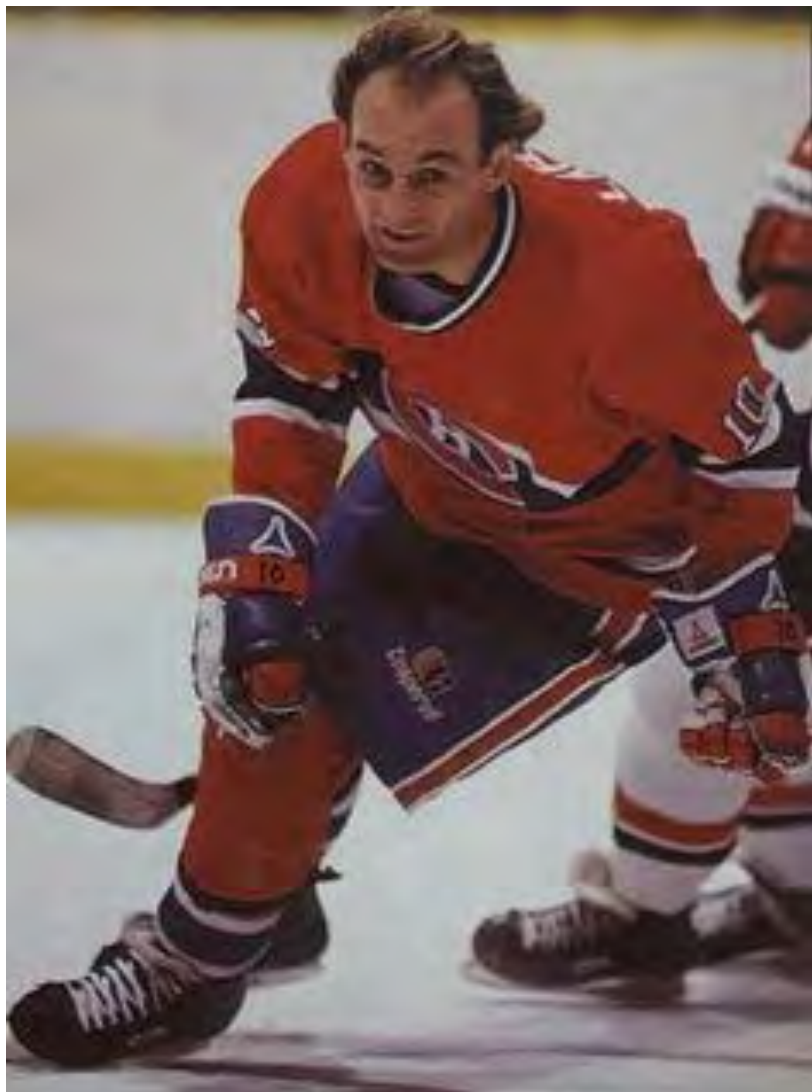
**The melody was strange, captivating and electrifying
to the ears of a Newfoundlander, yet Jenny learned quickly, making a vow,
"One day I will visit this land of the Magyars
so exquisite the music; so too must be its people."**

**Her debut took place February 10, 1999 at St. Steven's Church.
Sweet Jenny played to a full house of Magyars
choosing with purpose the 'Csardas' to play,
winning their hearts as the applause resounded throughout the church hall.**

**Enchanted with the young Irish Jenny
they clapped for an ovation... play more, and again... play more.
At the end of the concert, so impressed, I congratulated Jenney exclaiming,
"I'll remember your name when I see it lit up on the Royal Alex's billboard.**

**Jenny Ryan
"World Renown Cellist, Performs Here This Week."**

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February 1999**



MEMORIES

**"He SHOOTs... He SCORES!" will no longer be heard
from the rafters of Maple Leaf Gardens any more.**

**Tonight is the last and they all came
to pay homage to the place that was home
of Canada's great game called... 'Hockey'.**

**They came from all over – fans young and old.
'The Old-Timers' who had devoted their lives to the game,
thrilling the audience... every penny well spent,
as Foster Hewitt, mike in hand, with excitement shouted out,
"He SHOOTs... He SCORES!" and to their feet the fans arose.**

**Our beloved Maple Leafs, the world's finest of players
will no longer play on the ice they loved best.
As big and tough as the collection was... tears in torrents did flow...
men, women and youngsters alike.**

**It was not easy to say their goodbyes to a lifetime of memories...
'Frank Mahovlich, Johnny Bower, Eddie Shack and Henderson'
watching with amazement as skillfully they stick-handled down the ice
masterfully making their way toward the goalie and
with a slap-shot hear Hewitt cry out,
"He SHOOTs... He SCORES!" in overtime play.**

**What excitement ! What fun !
At closing, came a request from the great legends,
"We beg you remember the Old-Timers and the Famous SIX
and the nostalgia an era inspired
sitting in Maple Leaf Gardens on a Saturday night;
listening on Radio or TV to Hockey Night in Canada."**

**And now, once again, our team brings in the millennium...
at Toronto's new NHL home, the... Air Canada Forum
located at Bay and Front Street in Toronto.**

Check websites below re: Guy Lafleur:
<http://ourhistory.canadiens.com/player/Guy-Lafleur>

<https://www.saltwire.com/sports/hockey/stu-on-sports-i-feel-very-lucky-guy-lafleur-says-about-his-health-491816/>

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WILMA

**Wilma is an elegant lady.
A graceful style she possesses.
Long legs in movement accentuate swaying hips
with a harmonious proportioned line and mass
in essence consummating the perfect lady.**

**She comes to me at my beckoning.
Eyes like pools of soft creamy chocolate
searching to make contact with mine,
begging for more affectionate interaction from me.**

**Standing tall on two slender legs, a full six feet in height;
an exact match in stature – we meet eye to eye.**

**Gentle, hardly a sound does she make.
Her skin so smooth like velvet to touch.
In rapture she lays as her tummy is stroked.
When we go walking how exquisite she looks
proudly strutting her stuff.**

**We've known each other all these years
but, she's just a young girl at heart.
A grand old lady who has served me well
lighting up my days with unconditional love,
giving companionship, laughter and joy.**

**We're the very best of pals.
I can talk to her for hours you know.
Age eight is eighty in dog-years they say.
At the end, a huge void impossible to fill, will linger forever
in remembrance of my beloved friend 'Wilma' a Great Dame.**

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March 1999**



TWINKLE, TWINKLE

*Tova worked in the Clinic at
Baycrest Centre For Geriatric Care*

**Tova Berle, a star shining bright.
Like her name, she's unique.
Full of smarts, she darts in flight
her goals always in sight.**

**To uplift and encourage through laughter
those burdened, struggling in strife.
Talent perfected, she understands well the spectrum
with humility, the cross of responsibility accepting.**

**GOD'S grace HE has bestowed
on this pure and wondrous soul;
Intellect, diligence, vigour and analytical savvy.
It's an honour, a delight to have met
a kindred spirit I'll never forget.**

**I beseech of my LORD and SAVIOUR
encourage and empower with YOUR everlasting love;
protect this beautiful young dove.
Direct the peacemaker, be her Pathfinder
as she streaks through the Elysian Fields,
a luminous, inspiring meteor in flight.**

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PURIFYING

Rushing flowing water;

Purifying as you travel;

Keeping all in order.

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June 19, 2000



MY BROTHER JACK

**We were only a year and a half apart.
Everyone thought we were twins.
I was the older and always wanted to protect him.**

**As we grew into our teens
Jack slowly departed from family events.
His life had been taken over with hockey.**

**From the age of eight
Jack had been enrolled in the NHL farm team...
The Toronto Marlboros.**

**Jack was a natural athlete.
He excelled in hockey (centre), swimming (under water),
racing (100 metre), football (quarter back),
baseball (short stop), pool and golf.**

**Jack was also gifted with a high intellect
He was offered free tuition at Toronto's prestigious
St. Michael's College... but declined the offer.**

**When Jack was 17 his life was turned up-side-down
The NHL cut him from the list of players joining the
Toronto Maple Leafs
Their reason... too many injuries.**

**Jack was 6 ft. tall with a slim build.
He was a great stick handler and goal scorer
although he suffered many injuries because of his slight build.**

...



**Jack suffered a cut over his right eye,
teeth knocked out, shoulder broken,
spleen removed and multiply concussions.**

**Now his life was on a drastic decline
Gambling, drinking, smoking, employment losses
improper eating habits and health issues.**

**Unpaid gambling debts leading to injuries...
and sexual misconduct.
He took advantage of his mother, friends and relatives.**

**I loved my brother very much...
but was very disappointed, upset and angry
at how he wasted a gifted life.**

**Jack past away in 1986 with cancer in Calgary, Alta.
He cried out for his mother on his death bed.
He is buried at the foot of our father and mother's grave
in North York, ON.**

**Jack knew right from wrong like all of us,
yet his ego and pride took over.
This is the war, the struggle within each of us to overcome.**

I pray that the Lord will have mercy on my beloved brother, Jack.

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July 14, 2020**

Check Websites: Some Of Jack's Hockey Team & Record

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto Marlies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto_Marlies)

<https://www.hockeydb.com/ihdb/stats/pdisplay.php?pid=91341>



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Lillian (Lynn) Marshall

What's in a name you ask?

**Memories... of sand, beach and fresh smelling air.
Fragrance of flowers, tall grass waving to the rhythm of the breeze.**

**Magnificent tress; leaves of rainbow colours; shapes and sizes galore.
Wild flowers sprinkled over the grounds at Granddad Seaton's cottage**

"Laugh-A-Lot"

**Then down to *Minet's Point* where we'd go,
jump off the dock and take a dip.**

**Scary journeys at night to the out-house; crying babies in cribs,
trips in the Model 'T' Ford; oh, what a delight.
Romance by moonlight at a Lake Simcoe dance hall,
where Aunt Mary met Mel.**

**Fifty odd years have passed, and the scenery has changed somewhat.
Fields we once romped in are now very few
and the great timbers are slowly fading from view.**

**But, forever there has been one constant
never changing, constant, wondrous quality for all to behold.
What use to be a tiny wee house next door, now is huge
matching her big heart... Lynne Marshall is her name.**

**Possessing enthusiasm, energy. laughter and generosity of spirit,
an identifiable, indelible tone of voice that everyone knows.
She opens her heart and welcomes all who come knocking at her door.**

What's in a name, you ask?

**Happy times with family and friends; and remembrances of baby kittens.
Thanks for the memories Lynn - Happy 95th Birthday.**

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February 11, 2001**



LIFE

**Live your life with love toward each other.
Have faith in the CREATOR of ALL, with the knowledge
HE alone is the way to peace everlasting.**

**Forgive transgressions of others,
as HE forgives yours, even unto the judgment,
when you will receive, for obedience, HIS gift.**

DEATH

**Direct every aspect of your life
when tempted at the crossroad with energy and
expression as intended by the DESIGNER.**

**Inaugurate CHRIST'S rules and apply to your life as
HIS reward (gift) will be great...
to reside in HIS glorious presence throughout infinity.**



Check website below:

<http://biblewatchman.com/thetwowhitehorsesofrevelation.htm>

WAR HORSE

WAR

The OUTCOME... never changing.
Filled with horrendous mourning and torture of hearts on both sides.
Explanation unwarranted, results always fruitless.

PEACE

ATTAINABLE... never alone;
only through surrender on both sides to the LORD JESUS CHRIST
by way of conversion and becoming CHRIST-like.

TRANSFORM

EXCHANGE... the 'old' self for the 'new' and succeed the dispute
charging forward with might in charity and compassion;
standing daily boldly, firm, avoiding vain hypocrisy.

VISUALIZE

The OUTCOME... unique, positive, desired, occurring
through prayer for HIS almighty wisdom and authority.
A 'new hope' is offered for the future.

WAR HORSE

Be a WAR HORSE... who opens eyes and hearts
with faith, confession and servitude
allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to enter and invade the soul with inner peace.

PROMISES

HIS PROMISES... to HIS treasured, HE gives everlasting, unconditional love.
Joy engulfs and anticipation awaits the glorious day
when greeted face-to-face by JESUS.

VICTORY

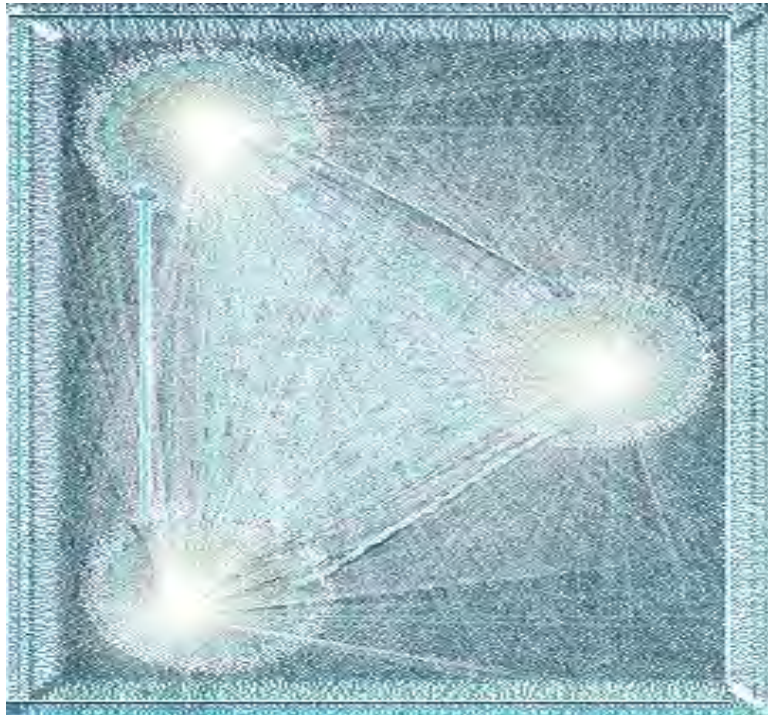
At mortal CESSATION... as promised, you will ascend body, soul and spirit
and be welcomed home to dwell alongside the most potent WAR HORSE of all
the Almighty JESUS CHRIST, LORD, SAVIOUR and KING of Heaven,
Earth and Universe.

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April 23, 2003

BIRTH OF MAN IN THE FLESH



RE-BIRTH OF MAN IN THE SPIRIT



A GIFT FROM GOD

JOHN 3:6,7

Jesus answered...

**"Most assuredly, I say to you,
unless one is born of the water and the Spirit,
he cannot enter the kingdom of GOD."**

**"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and
that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Do not marvel that I said to you,
"You must be born again.
The wind blows where it wishes,
and you hear the sound of it,
but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes.
So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

A re-birth of the spirit of man occurs when man has opened his heart, mind and soul in acceptance, believing in faith and trusting in the Sovereignty of JESUS CHRIST as LORD of the universe/earth; that HE is our CREATOR, the FATHER, the SON, our SAVIOUR and HOLY SPIRIT, our comforter and protector. After confessing our sins and receiving the HOLY SPIRIT into our lives the immersion in water follows. As CHRIST commanded and also did HIMSELF in obedience, we make a public announcement to GOD and man of our conscious decision/choice to surrender our *will* to the *will* of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.



THERESA OUGH

Bancroft, Ontario, Canada 2001 - 2005

**I know you hurt, I feel and see it in your very essence.
Lost in this dark and evil world you struggle to be free to fly...
to soar like an eagle.**

**Afraid to trust yourself, to love yourself and others.
Unable to give your love through a word, a touch, a hug, a kiss or a deed.**

**You are not this harsh soul you emulate to me
through speech, not becoming to you.
Through multiple actions and deeds scattered like seeds in the wind
desiring acceptance from all, no matter whom.
Silently, through veiled actions saying... 'like me', 'love me...
'I'm Theresa Ough'.**

**You truly are GOD'S messenger of hope HE sent to me
on that optimistic day in summer 2003.
I thank the LORD; HE put you in my path.
Theresa Ough, you are GOD'S angel in shining armour,
although harbouring a broken wing rendered years ago.**

**Working in mysterious ways, GOD has a purpose for us all.
A wise messenger of HIS will intercede on your behalf.
Through your faith my LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST will heal you.
Your breaking heart, soul and mind will be given HIS peace forever.**

**HE'S known you since before your conception Theresa
because HE created you... in HIS very own spiritual image.
HE'S known the pain you've suffered, but is waiting for you to call on HIM,
So that HE may lay HIS physician's hand upon your brow and heal you.
Through HIS crucified SON'S suffering on the cross, JESUS made it all possible.**

**Your spirit will be lifted up to Heaven
in the moment of your acceptance as you say:
"LORD JESUS, forgive me my wrong doings, come live within my heart.
In YOUR mighty name LORD, direct me; give wisdom, courage and strength."
And, at the speed of lightning, HE will be at your side to walk forever
showering you with unconditional love throughout eternity.**

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August 3, 2003**



**To: Hazel, Bob, Pam And Your Entire Family:
May You Have A Blessed Celebration Of Christmas
And
Its True Meaning.
May Joy And Laughter Fill Your Hearts.**

All my love, hugs and kisses... Carolann

HAZEL HOLMES

Just a little something as a Christmas gift along with a small booklet of Scripture verses which I thought you may appreciate.

I was told that you spoke at church on Sunday November 29, 2015. I'm very sorry that I missed your witness. I know how much you love the LORD GOD and what a beautiful inspiration to others you are in living your faith in trust, strength and courage... knowing without a doubt that you have overcome all obstacles life has thrown your way.

I first met Hazel six years ago (2010) at Beechwood Baptist Church on a Wednesday evening at the Prayer/Bible Study Meeting.

From the first moment I was aware of Hazel's humble, gentle and genuine way. It wasn't easy for me being a new resident in a small town in rural N.B., yet Hazel made me feel like I had always been part of the group. I was able to confide things to her and vice versa. We just seemed to click.

I was shocked to hear of her illness and devastated at her passing. Yet, I knew the LORD JESUS dwelt in her as she glowed with HIS righteousness. Hazel's faith was strong and she knew that she would, at HIS return and her resurrection, sit alongside her SAVIOUR and as promised - see the face of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hazel was a shining example of a Genuine Christian soul. I feel so very privileged to have had Hazel in my life over these past six years. Hazel will forever be in my memory.



HAZEL HOLMES

In Loving Memory

**Dear LORD, please comfort...
Bob, Pam and the entire Holmes Family in their grie.,
Love them, lift them, give relief
for loss they've suffered, sadness felt.
Make this sorrow slowly melt.**

**LORD, let happy memories ease their pain,
creating peace like a gentle rain.
And as YOU help them make it through...
draw them closer, LORD to you.**

Sincere Condolences On Your Loss.

Anonymous

**Carolann & Leslie Sike
January 23, 2016**



HOLY SPIRIT

**With astonishment... I did not deduce these 'words'
lodged inside of me.**

They were drawn out by YOU.

**Therefore, with reflection I reason,
in YOUR mysterious way...
there is a greater plan unfolding.**

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August 31, 2003**



GIANT ASTEROID TALLER THAN EMPIRE STATE BUILDING TO PASS BY EARTH, SAYS NASA

June 3, 2020

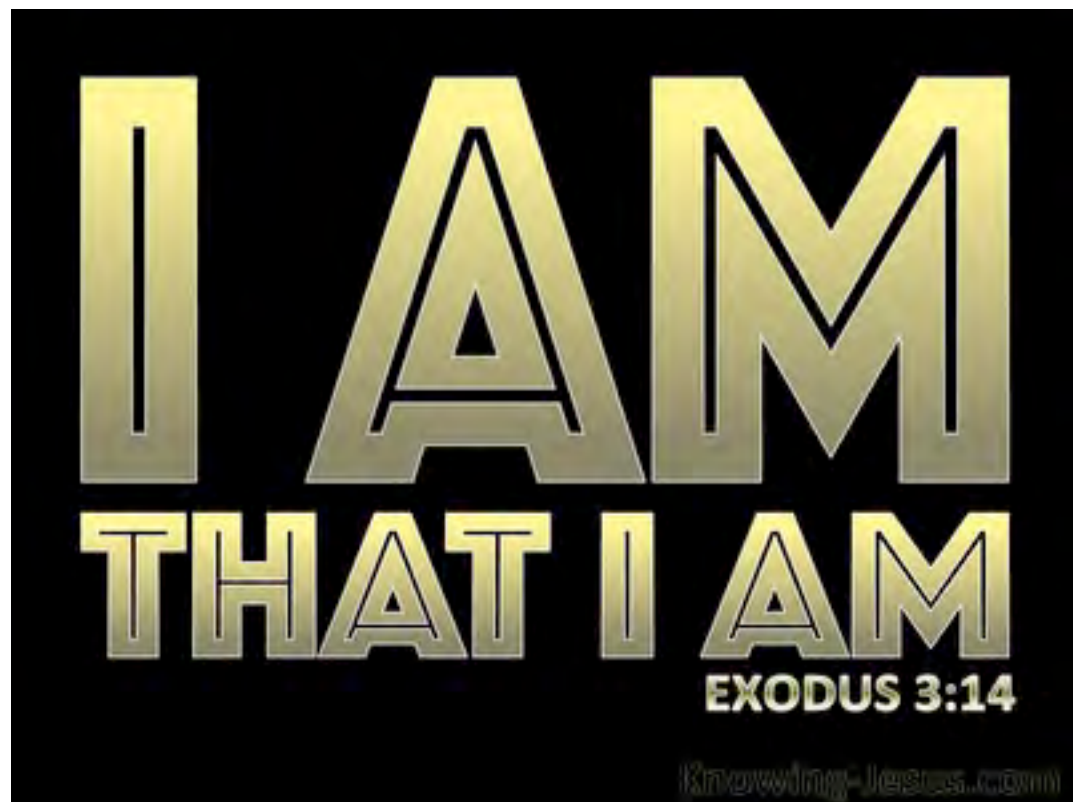
NASA is tracking a giant asteroid which may be taller than the Empire State Building in the US, and it will be flying near the Earth on June 6 (Saturday).

Given the name rock 163348 (2002 NN4), the space rock is believed to be travelling at a speed of 5.2 km a second or 11,200 miles per hour and will pass by near the Earth's orbit this week.

According to the dailystar.co.uk, it is estimated to be between 250m and 570m (820ft and 1870ft) —NASA so it could be taller than the Empire State Building (443m or 1453ft) and the London Eye (135m or 443ft) combined.

The International space agency has classed the asteroid as an Aten asteroid, which is a space rock following a very wide orbit around the Sun.

Scientists do not think the asteroid will collide with Earth but will keep an eye on it in case it enters Earth's atmosphere by chance. Asteroid 163348 (2002 NN4) is expected to zoom past Earth at 12:50 pm (IST) on Sunday this week.



MY FATHER'S WORLD

A Higher Plateau For The Human Soul

Abundant wonders encompass HIS world.
The Earth, its perfect sphere with clockwork manoeuvres.
Set upon its axis,
each season's glorious transformation comes and goes,
offering poignant restoration for the soul.

The universe, its vastness eternal
sustains planets, stars, sun, moons, milky-ways, black holes,
and galaxies in trillions,
set and timed in constant faultless order within their orbit.

Man, magnificently formed, has uncovered his DNA.
The intellect of man may translate intricate genetic material...
but, the human soul he never will originate.
The simple truth of the ARCHITECT'S cosmos, man's pride obscures.

'The Big Bang' theory *'Darwin's Evolution'* concept,
taught as the way of our creation, was simply postulated...
'Nothingness' cannot produce something to cause a detonation;
nor is it possible for *'evolution'* to sustain
such impeccable perfection.

The Earth, forever a battleground of rampant evil
warring against man's corrupt ego.
World leaders bloated as gods, break sacred laws.
In the name of *'freedom'* nation against nation
kill each other's fellow man.

Families divided, children molested,
old, poor and the hungry forgotten.
Morals expunged; the name of their GOD lapsed from consciousness.
Power, greed and money the route of the cause.
Problems such as these play on every human mind
yet, *'reasoning power'* is not the solution to a higher domain.

...

The heavens are
telling the glory

of

God and

Their expanse is declaring
the work of His hands

Psalm 19:1

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**Within the 'heart' our soul is indebted and predestined
to the spirit realm,
A fire of passion is required to search the interior castle of our soul,
where answers lodge to be uncovered and illuminated.**

**In one's eager thirst for GOD, the '*LOVER of Our Soul*'...
the great I AM will listen, guide and set you free, if you are bold.
HE'LL quietly whisper the affirmation to perceive:**

**Who am I?
*A child of the Holy Spirit.***

**What am I meant to be?
*A man full of love toward his fellow brothers.***

**Why did it all come to be?
*To glorify and love HIM at HIS pleasure.***

**How did it all come to be?
*Through HIS almighty infinite power.***

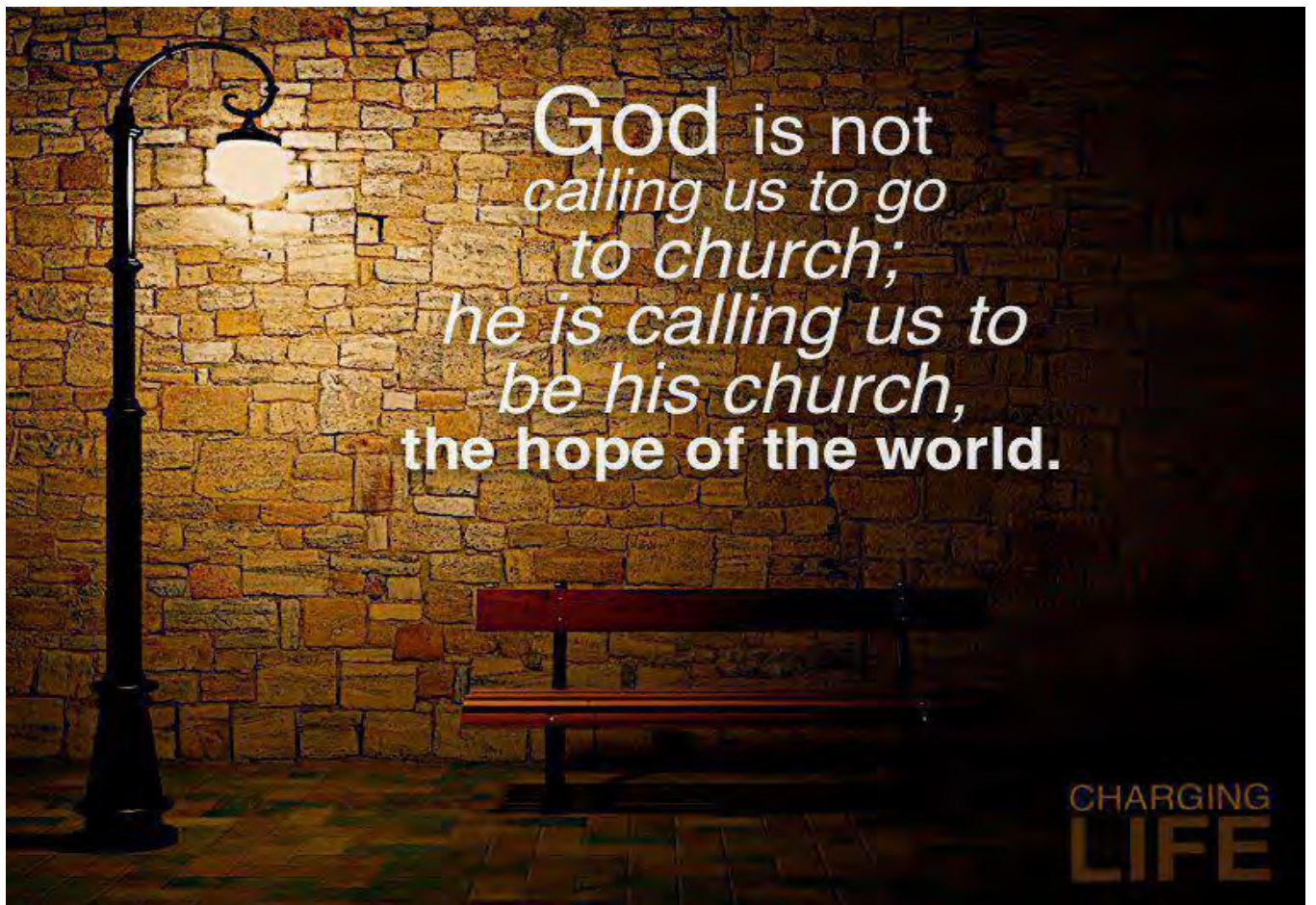
**Centuries past our LORD revealed it all
within the Holy Scriptures, the '*true*' history of HIS world.
JESUS divulged the truth, offering the simple, yet narrow way.
Holy Perfection, HE gave HIS life to save us from eternal separation,
to live reborn in righteousness, joy, peace
and love beyond description.**

Listen up, all of you!

**Love, truth and peace will make full your life.
HE alone is the '*Light of the World*'; SAVIOUR of HIS creation.
Temporary is Earth, as life upon it, until HIS triumphant return...
when ALL will be called for judgement.**

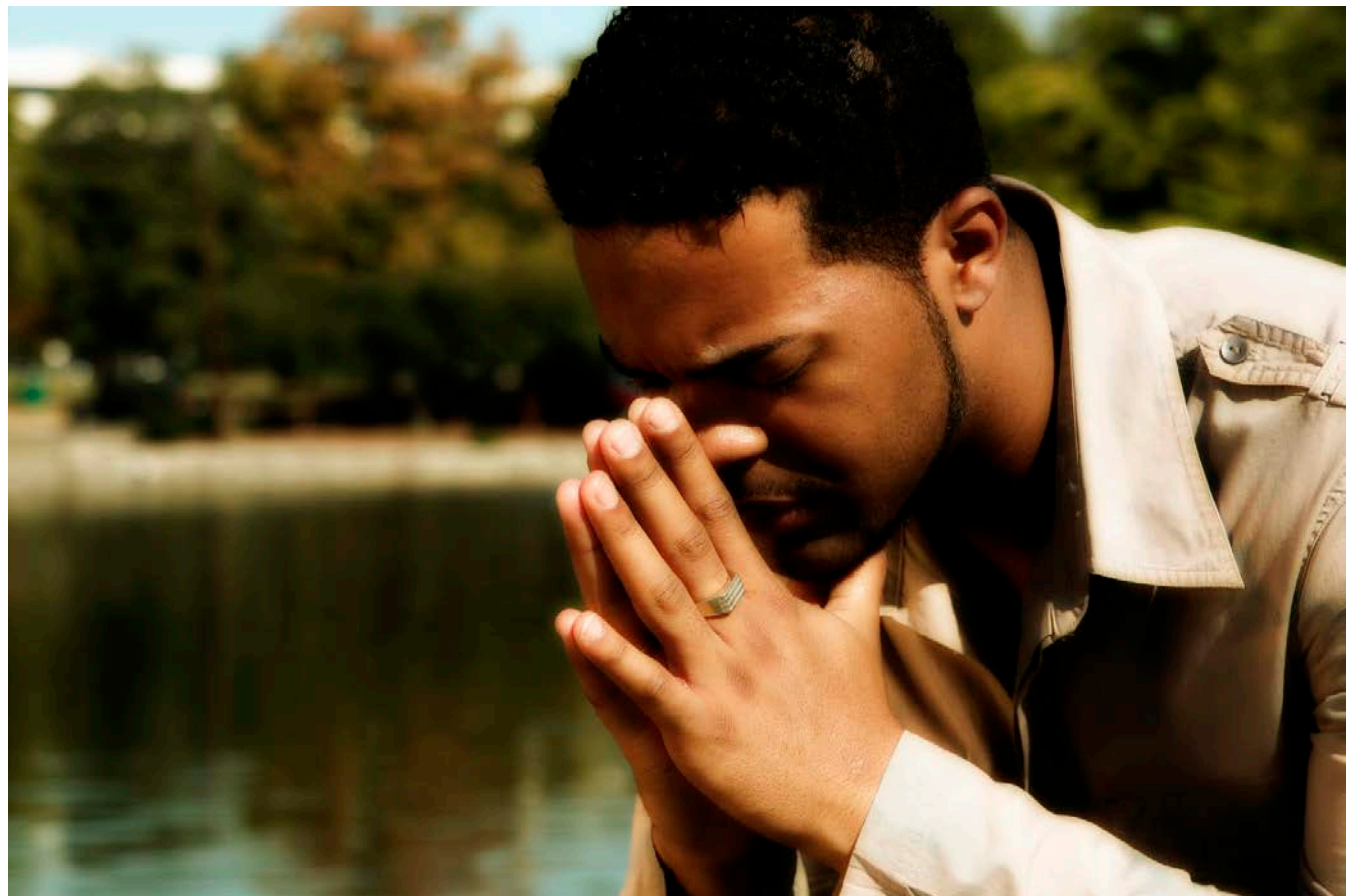
**Imperfect as we are, HE offers forgiveness now, not later...
it is our '*choice*' alone to make.
HIS grace, hope and renewed life HE'LL bestow eternally.**

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God is not
*calling us to go
to church;*
*he is calling us to
be his church,*
the hope of the world.

CHARGING
LIFE



To *'hit the mark'* cannot be accomplished via material gain
nor by titles inherited or earned through academics, business
or physical achievements.

Neither will the higher ground be reached through
philanthropy or nobility,
and especially not through the intellect of the mind.
Yet, *everyone* is eligible to attain the exalted plane and soar.

With a hungry zeal to know, the heart must in faith accept...
to humbly follow, serve and emulate the LORD of love and peace.

The road you'll travel as a Saint will be rough;
but craving fully satisfied.

'Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT' will overflow
and fill your sum and substance.

Serenity will permeate the soul from the heavenly domain.
Rescued out of darkness and mire of the mind's sinful ways,
you are offered tender, unconditional gifts of love
for the rest of your days.

Comprehend your short time upon this Earth...
where at its completion eternity you'll enter.

Accept as written in the Book of Geneses HIS creation.

Understand that in the flickering of an eye...

HE will command a stop of time and infinity begin.

It is urgent; we must band together in this fight to save our kinsmen.

Dauntless, we must march forward as examples.

In HIS honour, display the way of life to live.

Rescue the lost, if they will surrender into the loving arms of JESUS.

Upon HIS decree, the door of Heaven's Kingdom will open
inviting HIS faithful *'come in'* to fill HIS many mansions.

HIS promised blessing bequeathed, HIS Saints behold in rapture...

'The Holy of Holiest'.

Bowing to the ALMIGHTY and praising HIM in song...

'Hosanna in the Highest'



THE ILLEGAL WAR - MARCH 19, 2003

**World history has changed its course today.
A 'World Government' is in progress.
A second Rome is taking shape.**

**With overwhelming opposition to the war
the U.S.A. thumbed their nose at the United Nations,
ignoring countries and their plea for consensus.**

**How pathetically shameful this government's callous decision
who, a decade ago, to meet their own agenda
chose to supply the lethal weapons of mass destruction to Iraq.**

**U.N. inspectors were unable to discover any implements of confrontation
yet, President Bush insisted... Saddam was camouflaging them.
In this the U.S.A. exposed their guilt as they knew the truth.**

**The culprits were themselves
having provided Iraq with missiles and biological warfare.
Cunning backfired... Saddam now a major threat to U.S.A. and, Zionist Israel.**

**Arrogance and a lack of intellectual patience
to resolve the solution peacefully.
On March 19, 2003 U.S.A. declared their illegal war against Iraq.**

**Canada, Germany, France and Russia refused to be a part.
A decision made, albeit conceivably for their specific agendas.
Nevertheless, they stood firm, intrepid against their ally.**

**Propaganda communicated reasons for this battle...
Saddam Hussein, weapons of mass destruction,
terrorism, democracy for Iraq, and... OIL
The Truth: Zionists' global control through World Government.**

**Our faith and hope are in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
His great plan a mystery we cannot know or understand.
World prayers ascend
for the thousands of needless innocent victims of this conflict.**

**Awake to the decree of the Holy Scriptures.
A Second coming of Rome; an anti-Christ to be exposed.
Conceivably, could it be the U.S.A. and their ally... Zionist Israel?**



Check website... A Mother's Day Gift
Surinder S. Mundra's Music and Luncheon

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CELEBRATION OF MY MOTHER'S LIFE

Margaret, Elizabeth Seaton Aldis - June 22, 1906 - May 6, 2003

**Sweet Mother, you were always there.
Patiently you nursed me as a baby through afflictions
and in childhood, whilst overcoming major illnesses.
When a teenager you protected and fretted over me.**

**Your constant vigilance endured,
ever present to keep me safe.
Remaining by my side even into adulthood,
until death did part us on May 6, 2003.**

**Beloved Mother, your warm and caring spirit
has played a major part in every realm of my life...
as nurse, protector, provider and teacher –
your generosity overflowed.**

**Constantly sympathetic to my every necessity.
Full of understanding and tolerance.
My effort to emulate you fell short,
incapable of becoming an image
of your outstanding character.**

**Remembering the happy times with family... Father and Jack
Granddad, Grandma; relatives and friends.
Those special days... weddings, birthdays, summer holidays
and new born babies.**

**Vivid memories of my homecomings after long journeys
when together we'd jump for joy, hugging and kissing.
Our affection overflowed as we laughed
and, cried buckets of elated spontaneous tears.**

...



**Sorrowful times were also scattered in between
but, we came through each and every occurrence... together.
Dissatisfied at never expressing appropriately my incessant
love for you, even though I tried,
words were never adequate.
Times were ample when I took advantage
and did not honour you.
And, as personified you and your exorbitant affection for me,
without hesitation, with gentle patience,
forgiveness was dispensed.**

**Together we acknowledged our faith
in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.
Our repentance given in prayer, GOD bestowed
HIS grace upon us.
The HOLY SPIRIT came to abide within,
and our very essence overflowed with hope.
Confidently optimistic,
we yearned to enter into HIS Holy Presence
to praise and adore HIS splendor and unending love
for ALL mortal souls.
Trusting we'll be united to tarry in GOD'S heavenly kingdom
where we'll love, hug,
kiss and jump with great joy, once again.**

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March 31, 2003**



KATHY'S TESTIMONY

Brethren Church, Bancroft, Ontario, Canada

**Just the other day, it was brought to mind so poignantly
when at *Ladies' Night*, I heard Kathy's testimony.**

**It's funny how GOD uses people to help each other
in simple, but profound ways, each helping the other's sister.**

**Kathy may never know how those few words she spoke
affected me to evaluate and take a closer look.**

**Kathy was depressed, wondering why GOD had deserted her.
But, *my* confidence in HIM was strong; *my* bruises HE had healed.**

Of *my* sins I had been forgiven; HE was *my* focus, *my* strength.

**Yet, as I closely pondered Kathy's words, I knew at length
that all was not at rest within my soul.**

Truth elevated itself to the surface with a smell so foul.

**Although I had forgiven my offender all the hurt he inflicted
many years ago,**

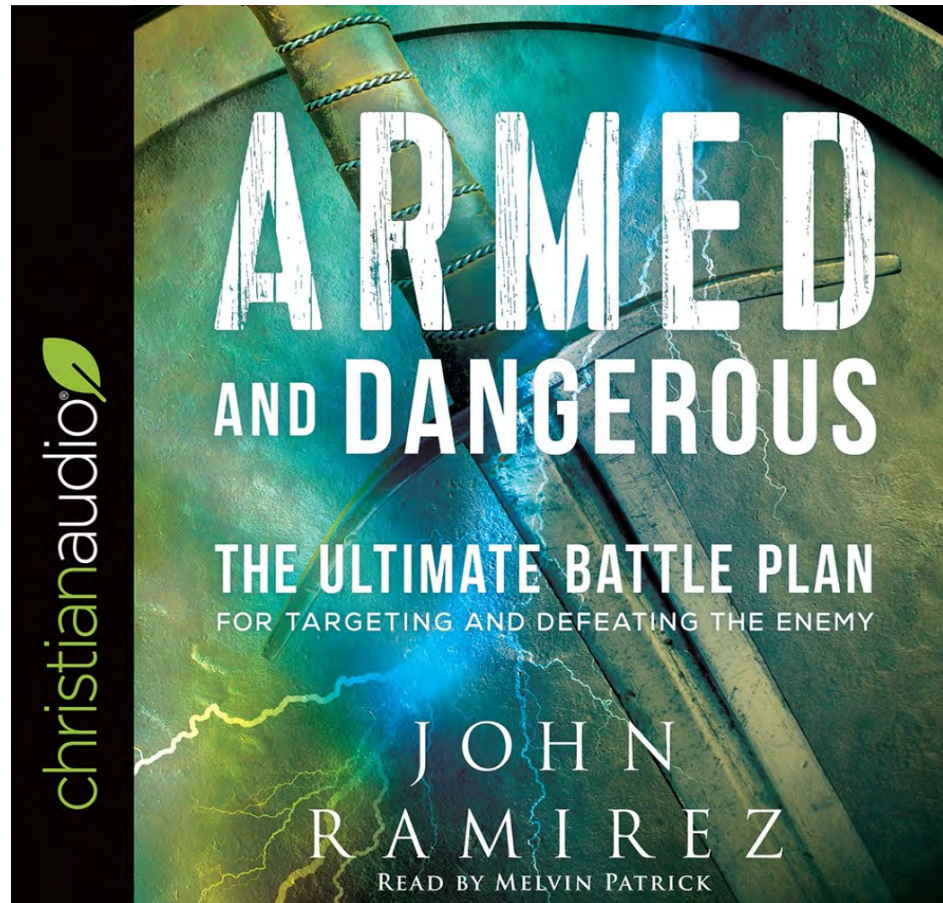
**the devil would surface the pain deep from within,
again and again, bringing tears.**

**Perceiving this would be a continuous battle to be fought
where watchfulness must be constant, and my LORD always sought.**

**Our soul is gentle; it is holy and righteous; it must be protected.
Our obligation... to pray for help against Satan's ceaseless invasion.**

The HOLY SPIRIT

**must be stationed at the door of our innermost haven.
Yet, once is not enough; prayer unending must be prompt.**



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Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, (A)be strong in the LORD and in (B)the strength of HIS might. ¹¹ (C)Put on the full armor of GOD, so that you will be able to stand firm against the (D)schemes of the devil. ¹² For our (E)struggle is not against (a)(E)flesh and blood, but (G)against the rulers, against the powers, against the (H)world forces of this (I)darkness, against the (J)spiritual forces of wickedness in (K)the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, take up (L)the full armor of GOD, so that you will be able to (M)resist in (N)the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, (O)HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING (P)PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵ and having (Q)shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶ (b)in addition to all, taking up the (B)shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the (S)flaming arrows of (T)the evil one. ¹⁷ And take (U)THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the (V)sword of the Spirit, which is (W)the WORD OF GOD.

¹⁸ (c)With all (X)prayer and petition (d)(Y)pray at all times (Z)in the Spirit, and with this in view, (e)(AA)be on the alert with all (AB)perseverance and (AC)petition for all the Saints, ¹⁹ and (AD)pray on MY behalf, that utterance may be given to ME (AE)in the opening of my mouth, to make known with (AF)boldness (AG)the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I AM an (AH)ambassador (AI)in (f)chains; that (g)in *proclaiming* it I may speak (AJ)boldly, (AK)as I ought to speak.

ARMED & DANGEROUS !

Ephesians 6:10-20

**Armed and dangerous - ready for battle...
my COMMANDER and CHIEF stands at the head.
Following HIS lead with confidence and passion
I march onward to deface the foe.**

**My COMMANDER is the FIRST and the LAST.
Born with a strategy before time.
Doubt, anxiety and fear they are not my dilemma.
HIS power is autonomous and frighteningly awesome.**

**HE came possessing the SPIRIT of VICTORY.
With honour I follow HIS zeal.
HIS omnipotent, invincible authority indwells and instructs,
safeguarding in the trenches... on land, sea and in the air.**

**Armed and dangerous, I'm ready for battle.
Dressed with the whole armor... teachings of my COMMANDER.
Alive with assurance I climb the hill... and the next, and the next.
I plunge and rise on waves; I dive and soar to new heights.**

**After surviving the storms, the foes in flight and
reaching the peak,
the loftiest mountain is finally claimed as I touch heaven's gate.
I report to my COMMANDER already aware of my victory,
"I've scaled the summit at YOUR command".**

**Once again HE reiterates the promise spoken earlier at the base...
"As Universal COMMANDER and CHIEF of all Divisions,
your reward for obedience I present... a position of similar rank,
to sit with ME, LORD JESUS CHRIST, at the COMMANDER'S table."**



LESLIE SIKE

**Captain, Canadian Sailing Vessel Aqua Star
Builder, Ship-Wright, Horticulturist, Landscaper, Architect, Photographer,
Author, Navigator, Cod Jigger, Interior Designer, Plumber, Electrician,
Sharp Shooter, Mechanic, Photogenic Memory, Satellite Operator, Motorman,
Heavy Machine Operator, Speaks 6 Languages, Charismatic, Quick Wit,
Perfectionist, Opera Singer, Outstanding Cook, Farmer And...
My Husband**

Leslie, born Laszlo, October 2, 1940, in Misco, Hungary.

Special to me in every way, but not to me alone.

**YOU were truly generous in his creation LORD,
endowing with attributes rare, in all dimensions.**

**The moment of our encounter,
compassion struck my heart.**

**His demeanor portraying a lonely,
shy and searching soul.**

**Perceptiveness enlightened me to his needs and longings,
having shared our life in marriage since July 25, 1969.**

**Life a roller-coaster, emotions in turmoil and anguish...
partaking in laughter, anger, accomplishments,
sorrows and joys.**

**Life a merry-go-round, accelerated and
catapulted out of control.**

But, through trials and tribulations together held tight.

We've changed from what we formerly were 51 years ago.

Things important once to me, are no longer.

Sailing the high seas is an option remote.

Physically unable, emotionally not prepared to commit. ...



**Leslie continues to search, and as his wife I comprehend.
His adventures reaching to the high north, in perilous seas.
Believing all he requires to sustain him, is himself alone,
cursing JESUS as nonsense and weakness,
unnecessary in his life.**

**LORD, I confess my faith, bearing a heart renewed.
Praying for Leslie to be made cognizant to know
it is YOU LORD his spirit hungrily searches for.
Bring peace to his soul;
initiate in his heart a magnificent new adventure.**

**Dear JESUS; expose a path into this angry man's heart.
Like 'a bolt of lightning' show him YOUR existence is true.
Explain... stripe naked his heart to receive YOUR message,
"I AM, the Alpha, the Omega – your CREATOR".**

**Shake him to realize that because of YOU he lives.
Give him passion to walk in YOUR 'light';
renewed and fearless in YOUR 'love'.
Provoke him dear JESUS, I implore, in YOUR holy name
allowing the dove of salvation to quickly rest on his head.**

**Make him perceive, it is strength and not weakness
received through YOUR holy name.
Embrace his heart HOLY SPIRIT.
Expose the integrity of the Cross.
Beseeching YOU JESUS, purify,
and eternally cherish my beloved, *Leslie Sike*.**

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***Check Website Below: When A Christian Is Married To A Non-Christian
1 Peter 3:1 & 1 Corinthians 7:14-16***

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A NEW PETŐFI STATUE IN CHINA

Charles Balintitt Jr.



Dedication of Petőfi statue in Chongqing; Petőfi statue in Shanghai

This month when we think of one of Hungary's greatest national holidays, the commemoration of the beginning of the uprising against the Habsburgs on March 15th, 1848, we also have to think about Petőfi Sándor. While Kossuth Lajos was the voice of the Revolution, Petőfi Sándor was its spirit. It was his poem, "*Nemzeti Dal*" (National Song), which was recited over and over from the beginning and throughout the Revolution as the anthem of the rebellion. The powerful words of this poem became the battle cry of Hungarian patriots as they roused their fellow citizens to take action.

This past December 2nd, a new statue of the great Hungarian poet, Petőfi Sándor and his wife, Szendrey



Júlia, was dedicated in the city of Chongqing in western* China. It is a bust showing the two of them embracing each other. This was done in memory of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The sculpture, by Szórádi Zsigmond, was a gift from the Hungarian Foreign Ministry. The event included speeches by Szócs Géza, a chief advisor to Prime Minister Orbán Viktor and by Zhang Ling, vice-chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

You may be asking yourself: Why place a statue of a Hungarian poet in a park in China; and why this poet in particular; and why in this city? Well, there are a few reasons: First of all, there are new Hungarian courses being offered in a few Chinese universities, including Chengdu, Xi'an and Chongqing. Second, a direct flight from Budapest to Chongqing will commence in the near future. Third, currently the main signs of Hungarian culture in China can mostly be found in coastal cities, such as Beijing or Shanghai, and Hungary wanted to establish a presence in the interior of the country.

Another reason is that most Chinese students already have some knowledge of Petőfi, because his poem "*Szabadság, Szerelem*", is part of the curriculum in most Chinese primary schools:



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Szabadság, Szerelem!

E kettő kell nekem.

Szerelmemért föláldozom

Az életet,

Szabadságért, föláldozom

Szerelmemet.

Freedom, Love!

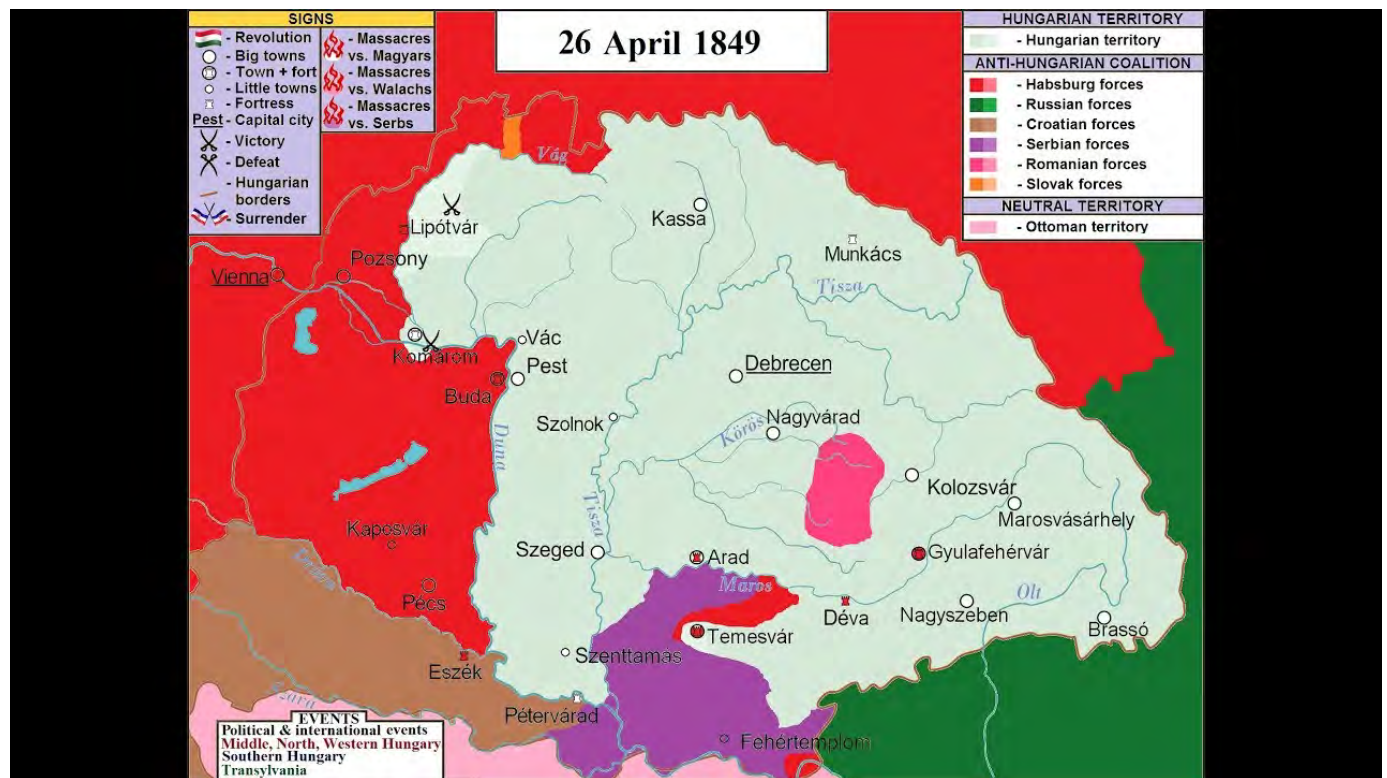
These two I need.

For my love I sacrifice

My life,

For Freedom, I sacrifice

My love.



When I went to Hungarian school on Saturdays, from the mid-1960's until the mid-1970's, at the end of each school year a number of students had to learn and then recite a poem in front of all of their fellow students, parents and teachers. I remember that at least 2 of the poems that I recited were written by Petőfi Sándor. One of them, of course, was "*Nemzeti Dal*"; the other was "*Szeptember végén*" (At the End of September). By the way, the New York Hungarian School was named after another famous Hungarian poet, Arany János, who was also a contemporary of Petőfi Sándor. In fact the School which, when I was a student, had been housed in the classrooms of the former St. Stephen of Hungary Church and School, is still going strong a half century later, but now at the New York Hungarian House.

As it turns out, the statue in Chongqing is not the first statue of Petőfi Sándor in China. Another statue was dedicated 3 years ago in Lu Xun Park in Shanghai. The Chinese poet, Zhou Shure, who was known by the name, Lu Xun (9/25/1881 -

10/19/1936), translated many of Petőfi's poems into Chinese. Lu Xun's poems were also translated into Hungarian and his statue can be found in Kiskőrös, Hungary, the town where Petőfi was born.

Even though Hungary has remained a more homogenous society than many other areas in Europe, there is still a conglomeration of other nationalities in the country. There were probably few greater Hungarian patriots than Petőfi Sándor. But many years ago, it was actually my late father-in-law, Milutin Petkovich, who told me that Petőfi was really Serbian. As it turns out, he was born Alexander Petrovic, to a Serbian father and a Slovakian mother, yet he grew up to be an exceptionally proud Hungarian.

It was truly amazing how many beautiful poems he wrote during such a short lifetime. He joins some of my other favorite poets, who all left this world way too soon. But each of them still managed to leave a legacy of wisdom, culture and beauty, worthy of one much, much older than they: Lord Byron was 36, Percy Bysshe Shelley was not quite 30 and Petőfi Sándor was only 26 and a half!

***Chongqing is referred to as western China probably because of its distance from the coast, but it is really more south central China.**

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Budapest 1956

a history of the Hungarian Revolution



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OCTOBER 23, 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

Leslie (Laszlo Sandor) Sike, born October 2, 1940, has lived through the 2nd World War, escaped the 1956 Hungarian Revolution at the age of 16, on his own, through mine fields and frozen river to Austria and found his way through Europe (Germany, Netherlands and eventually to France) where he boarded a ship eventually arriving in Nova Scotia, Canada at Pier 21. He was given a train ticket to British Columbia and a little money. From that point on he made his way... working at a multitude of jobs, eventually owning his own company. A truly self made-man who accomplished what others only dreamed of doing through hard work and determination using his GOD-given wit, abilities and charismatic charm.



FELLOW HUNGARIAN REFUGEES TO CANADA

...from the (1956) Hungarian Revolution.

**Leslie met them in Fort St. John,
British Columbia, Canada**

Left to right:

Julius Jozsa

unknown

Gypsy

Buda

Leslie Sike

**All but Buda were 16 years old
and on their own to make a life in Canada.
They have remained friends to this day.**





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MY PRAYER FOR YOU GERRY

**I call him to come...
“Deliver me 5 cords of wood.”
With conscientious dedication and efficiency
in no time he is here and its done.**

**He is a quiet and gentle soul.
Somewhat shy, polite and sports a broad smile.
He tells me of his mission to help the lepers,
with GOD’S pure light glowing on his face.**

**On a particular day when I called
the voice responding was slurred and language vulgar.
What changed a soul to abruptly transform into evil...
except to perceive faith has been lost?**

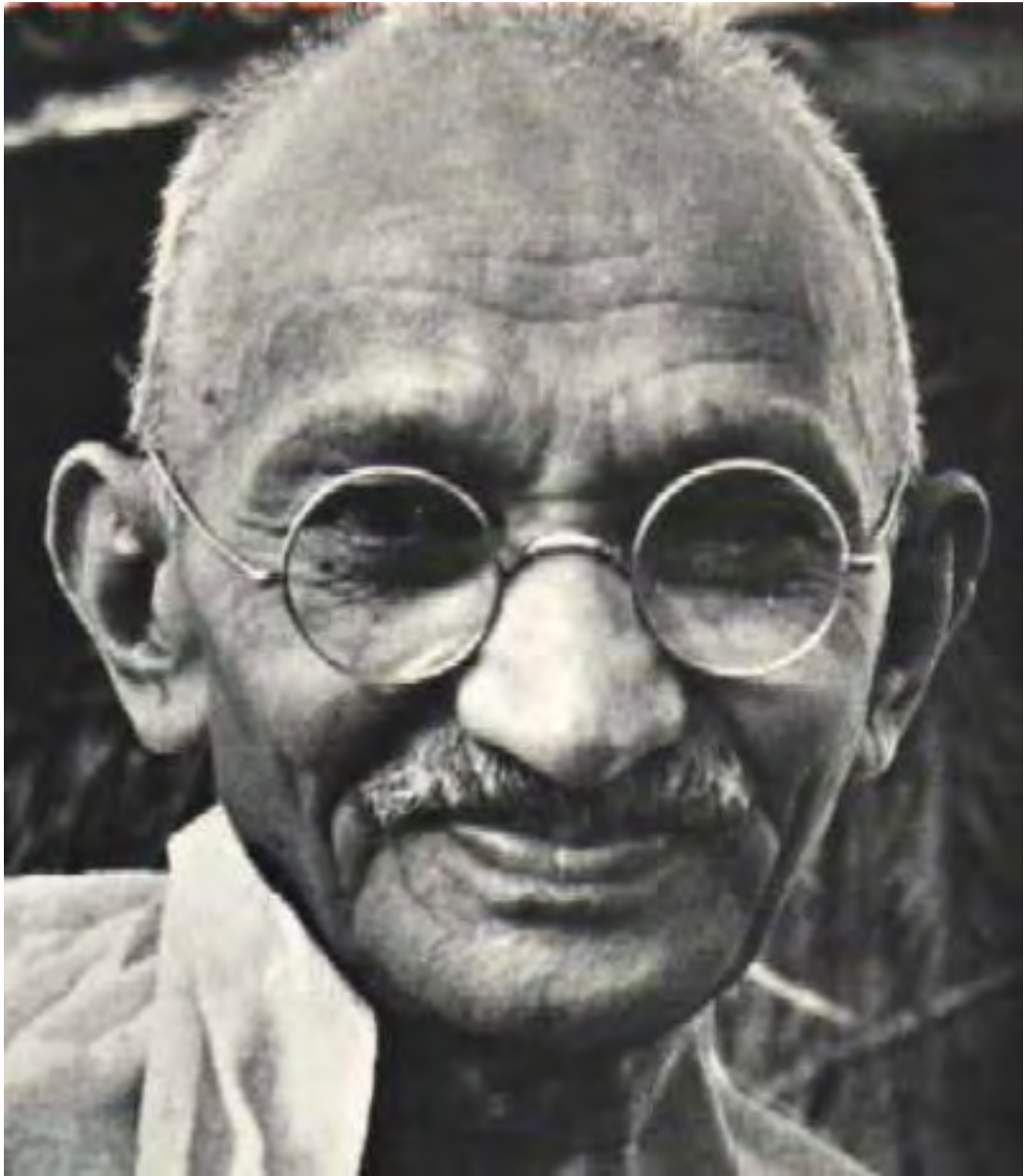
**He gave up hope, neglecting to plea to JESUS his SAVIOUR.
He allowed the blackness of Satan to enter.
Lucifer seduced him, knowing the pleasures he delights in.
And once again the Devil contrived a victory.**

**Loneliness without a loving woman in his life;
a companion to share thoughts and desires.
Unable to accept this burden
he made the choice to accept the Devil’s offer.**

**Dear LORD, I pray for this troubled soul.
YOUR very OWN creation whose name YOU’VE always known.
I appeal in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST
give him comprehension, strength, wisdom and courage to overcome.**

**Living in a pit of dung with flesh that is weak and a lonely spirit,
YOUR mighty work of a transformation is required.
Only through YOUR power is it possible
to grant this man a wondrous miracle in his life.**

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Mahatma Gandhi

**THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS**

YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE **YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD**

1 Peter 4:9-11 - Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

1 Peter 4:10 - As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of GOD.

Galatians 5:13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only [use] not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Matthew 20:26-28 - But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Isaiah 58:10 - And [if] thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness [be] as the noonday:

Matthew 25:35-40 - For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:

I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give HIS life a ransom for many.

James 2:18 - Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 - For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto GOD;

Ephesians 4:28 - Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

...



Romans 12:6-7 - Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, [let us prophesy] according to the proportion of faith;

John 13:12-17 - So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

Hebrews 6:10-12 - For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Colossians 3:23-24 - And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SERVING OTHERS

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."

³⁶ "What is your request?" he asked.

37 They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

38 But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

39 "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!" Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering."

40 But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

41 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.

42 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.

45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

John 13:1-17

13 It was just before the Passover Festival.^(A) Jesus knew that the hour had come^(B) for him to leave this world and go to the Father.^(C) Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had

already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.^(D)

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power,^(E) and that he had come from God^(F) and was returning to God;



4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.^(G)

5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet,^(H) drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."^(I)

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean,^(J) though not every one of you."^(K)

11 For he knew who was going to betray him,^(L) and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

13 "You call me 'Teacher'^(M) and 'Lord,'^(N) and rightly so, for that is what I am.

14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.^(O)

15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.^(P)

16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master,^(Q) nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.^(R)



WHAT DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

**As humans possessing intellect
we have made the path to our CREATOR difficult.
We are behooved to simply thank HIM for our life.
Is it such an effort to bow before HIM, our KING?**

**Are we unable to comprehend
how we've transgressed against HIM?
Our conscience tells us, yet we do not listen.
We do not fear the ONE who gave us life,
and the ONE who will take it from us to judge.**

**Is it necessary to have buildings in which to worship HIM,
where we dwell but once a week to praise HIM?
Our homes can entertain a group the same.
As families gather together and worship HIM at home,
or, in nature beside a river or a pond
with 'Bread and Wine' daily HE should be remembered.
And, why dispute men's different understandings of HIS Word?
HE asks each of us to read HIS word
using our own comprehension as written in its purest form.**

**Will all this bickering really matter
upon HIS return to earth whether one is:
R.C., Anglican, United, Baptist, Wesleyan, Brethren, , Protestant,
Jehovah's Witness, 7th Day, Evangelical, Lutheran, Pentecostal,
Mennonite, Latter Day Saints or Gospel; Islamic, Hindu, Buddha, Jain,
Sikh, Tami, Shinto, Confucian and/or Atheist?
He is waiting for us ALL to come to a consensus.
Our strength lies in the unity of ONE GOD and *not* divided.**



**Much more is possible together, working as a team.
The separation of HIS Church (ecclesia) –
Our will be done... *not* HIS
is man's doing, once again, to sin against GOD'S teachings.
The Church of JESUS CHRIST is *not* a building
but the multitudes of faithful around the globe
baptized in the name of the FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT,
Confident in HIS Word and live it.
Faithful in HIS Word
are CHRIST'S Church (ecclesia) around the world.**

**The FATHER told us HIS SON should be the center of our lives...
SAVIOUR, LORD and KING of both earth and heaven.
Reflecting CHRIST, we are to live by HIS example
displaying HIS attributes
amongst friends, neighbours and adversaries
throughout the market places of the world,
using our talents, the gifts HE has created in us
loving, adoring and praising HIM daily
repenting our sins and asking HIS forgiveness of them.**

**Dwell in silence daily... away from earth's noises and things.
Meditate on the mystery of HIS greatest gift to ALL mankind;
JESUS' miracles, teachings, suffering, death and resurrection.
Both fully man and fully GOD in perfection.
HE Knows our weaknesses and dependency on HIM...
HE sacrificed HIMSELF for us with a love beyond comprehension
that we might be acceptable to dwell with HIM in our eternal life.
With faith live out this supernatural life GOD has given us.**

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TRADITIONAL HUNGARIAN CAULIFLOWER SOUP

YIELD - 6-8 bowls

INGREDIENTS

1 head Cauliflower

8 Cups water or chicken/vegetable broth

1 Tbsp Flour

2 Tbsp Butter or oil

1/4 teaspoon paprika

2 Tbsp Chopped parsley

salt & white pepper to taste

1 cup sour cream (optional)



PREPARATION

1. Break cauliflower into sections removing tough fibers. Add enough water/broth to cover. Cook until just tender. Make roux with butter, flour and paprika, cook for 3-5 min. Add to soup gradually, stirring frequently, cook another 3-5 min until there is no taste of flour. Remove from heat, adjust seasoning stir in sour cream if desired Optional dumplings can be added at the last 5 min.

*Check websites below for more information
such as:*

*Cauliflower-Carrot Cheesy Tots
Cauliflower-Crust Pizza*

[https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/member/views/
hungarian-cauliflower-soup-50076611](https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/member/views/hungarian-cauliflower-soup-50076611)

*A slightly different version of:
Hungarian Paprika Cauliflower Soup*

[https://www.seasonsandsuppers.ca/paprika-spiced-
cauliflower-soup/](https://www.seasonsandsuppers.ca/paprika-spiced-cauliflower-soup/)



THE CORRECT MEANING OF "ECCLESIA"

Now, let's look at the word, *"ecclesia"*. This Greek word appears in the New Testament approximately 115 times. That's just in this one grammatical form. It appears also in other forms. And in every instance, except three, it is wrongly translated as *"church"* in the King James Version. Those three exceptions are found in Acts 19:32, 39, 41. In these instances the translators rendered it *"assembly"* instead of *"church."* But, the Greek word is exactly the same as the other 112 entries where it was changed to *"church"* wrongly.

In Acts 19, *"ecclesia"* is a town council: a civil body in Ephesus. Thus, the translators were forced to abandon their fake translation in these three instances. Nonetheless, 112 times they changed it to *"church."* This fact has been covered-up under centuries of misuse and ignorance. The Greek word *"ecclesia"* is correctly defined as: "The called-out (ones)" [ECC = out; KALEO = call]. Thus, you can see how this word was used to indicate a civil body of select (called, elected) people.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica:

In the New Testament, *"ecclesia"* (signifying convocation) is the only single word used for church. It (*ecclesia*) was the name given to the governmental assembly of the city of Athens, duly convoked (called out) by proper officers and possessing all political power including even juridical functions.

Obviously, in Greece an *ecclesia* had no resemblance to a church. An *"ecclesia"* was a civil assembly in Athens even before the writing of the New Testament. In the Oxford Universal English Dictionary (considered the standard for the English language) the word *"ecclesia"* is listed in its English form as used by our English



forefathers. (Nowadays, only forms of the word appear - like, "*ecclesiastical*").

Quoting from the Oxford Universal English Dictionary on the word "*ecclesia*":

Ecclesia [mediaeval Latin, and Greek - from : SUMMONED] -A regularly convoked assembly, especially the general assembly of Athenians. Later, the regular word for church.

Thus, two of the most prestigious word resources in the English language confirm the fact that an "*ecclesia*" was originally a select civil body, summoned or convoked for a particular purpose. What, then, did the writers of the New Testament mean when they used the word "*ecclesia*" to describe a Christian body of people? We can assume that they intended to convey the original Greek meaning of the word: a body of Christians called out of the Roman and Judean system to come together into a separate civil community. It meant a politically autonomous body of Christians under no king but JESUS; under no other jurisdiction but that of JESUS. No man ruled them! Only CHRIST. And that was the reason these same Christians ran into trouble.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Instructing the Christians in Corinth to flee from sexual immorality, the apostle Paul exhorted, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from GOD? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor GOD with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Indeed, GOD the FATHER created our bodies, GOD the SON redeemed them, and GOD the HOLY SPIRIT indwells them. This makes our body the very temple of the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD.



Those who do not belong to CHRIST do not have the SPIRIT OF CHRIST residing in them (Romans 8:9). Thus, their bodies are not a temple of the HOLY SPIRIT. Clearly, then, the greatest thing we can do for our bodies is to make them into a temple for GOD'S SPIRIT. And we do this by placing our trust and faith in JESUS CHRIST as our SAVIOR. The moment we do this, the indwelling of GOD'S SPIRIT takes place (1 Corinthians 12:13). Our salvation is then sealed and guaranteed (Ephesians 1:13-14). The HOLY SPIRIT will then be with us forever (John 14:16), given by GOD as HIS pledge of the believer's future inheritance in glory (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).

As the HOLY SPIRIT resides in us, therefore, we are to honor GOD with our bodies as they "are not [our] own," as Paul said. We have indeed been bought with a price. And it was not gold or silver or other perishable things by which we were redeemed; it was with the precious, unblemished blood of JESUS CHRIST (1 Peter 1:18-19). Ordained by GOD before the foundation of the world (Acts 2:23), CHRIST'S blood purchased us out of the slavery of sin and set us free forever. And as Christian's bodies are GOD'S temple, we are to use them to glorify GOD.

If GOD meant simply to convey the idea that the Spirit lives within the believer, HE could well have used words such as "home," "house," or "residence." But by choosing the word "temple" to describe the Spirit's dwelling, HE conveys the idea that our bodies are the shrine, or the sacred place, in which the Spirit not only lives, but is worshiped, revered, and honored. Therefore, how we behave, think and speak, and what we let into the temple through our eyes and ears becomes critically important as well, for every thought, word and deed is in HIS view. Even though HE will never leave us, it is entirely possible to grieve the HOLY SPIRIT (Ephesians 4: 30).



Instructing the Ephesians to not grieve the Spirit, Paul told them to “get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in CHRIST GOD forgave you” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

When we live by the Spirit, we will no longer gratify the desires of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:16). Kings and rulers, were arrested, crucified and martyred. They dropped Caesar as their King and took up CHRIST.

In Acts 17, verses 1-6 we see that Paul and Silas had a reputation that preceded them. They were "turning the world (system) upside down." What was their inflaming message? Were they telling the people to find a minister and support him; go to church every weekend; be nice to their neighbors? Could this have been the message that set the city fathers against them? Or maybe they were asking people to send their tithes to them so they could build a nice church or develop a Christian recreation center? No? What then? What were these guys doing that was "turning the world system upside down"? The answer is found in verse 7:

"Whom Jason hath received (into his house): and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another KING, one JESUS."

Now is that clear? Do you see what they were doing? They were announcing ANOTHER KING! Not Caesar! This was a KING who was bigger than Caesar. They were forming civil bodies that no longer looked to Caesar as their king. They were forming civil outposts for CHRIST'S conquering army! They were at war!



Julius Caesar At War

Paul and Silas weren't "church builders" like preachers today claim. They weren't proselytizing people from one church or synagogue to another. They were kingdom builders! They were dethroning rulers in the minds of the people and alienating them from the mental hold Caesar had upon them through heathenistic (central) government. They were teaching the principles of Christian government. They were putting forth the call of GOD to whomever would hear and obey, and those whose hearts responded to the call became citizens of CHRIST'S KINGDOM and joined themselves to the *ecclesia*, or community of believers.

CHURCH AND STATE DESTROY LIBERTY

The Oxford Dictionary also has an interesting entry under "*congregation*":

...used by Tyndale* as a translation of '*ecclesia*' in the New Testament, and by the sixteenth century reformers instead of "church." (*William Tyndale was the fifteenth century reformer and Bible translator murdered by the church) .

Tyndale was willing to die for GOD'S word and truth. He didn't like the word "*church*." Instead, he used the word "*congregation*." Now that tells us something! Godly Tyndale, and other sixteenth-century reformers who were more reputable, did not like the word "*church*." They used other words like "*congregation*," "*governmental assembly*," etc.

When you consider the fact that an "*ecclesia*" was "*a civil body politic*", this is strong proof that the Christian *ecclesias* we read about in the New Testament were independent civil bodies of Christians - independent from worldly kings and governors, ruled by the Theocratic government of GOD'S SPIRIT. They wanted freedom to