

WORLD PROVERBS - Truth never grows old and prevails over falsehood in the long run, but seldom finds lodging

SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEART - JOHNNY/VIRGINIA/JIM/DONNA/BRANDON/SAVANNA/RAYMOND/MARSH

VIRGINIA - Hip replacement this Tuesday **JIM/DONNA** - Through with chemo/making a decision on radiation/D

may or may not lose a toe due to bone infection. **SCHWENKE** Steve Schwenke, John/Dolores' son-in-law's mother.

Schwenke, still in ICU/critical **BRENDA** - Brenda has ear infection/MRI for knot on leg scheduled. **ROY/JOHN BO**

OTHERS - Ouches due to cold weather, gonna be a long winter. **JAY/RAYMOND BILL** - Back in the hospital with

obstruction of the colon./Raymond follow up eye check/ He might be back driving @ nite again Hurray! **UNCLE BEN**

While articulating to John Boy last wk over the phone his batteries went dead in hearing aids. He lost sound and thought

died/a quick pinch on the cheek proved he was still in the land of the living. At his young age he remembers his Dad saying

get what ya pay for. Shopping Goodwill used batteries discount bad deal. **MARY** - Knee surgery 25th /hoping to drive

again/park walker for good after surgery.

THIS WEEK - PICK UP SEARCH FOR TRUTH CARDS - HAND OUT EVERYWHERE YOU GO

WINTER DINNER - ONLY FOUR WEEKS AWAY....

LEAD ME TO SOME SOUL COMING JAN 1ST - Jerry will explain on Jan

approach in 2014. No matter their occupation, the one common denominator that motivated the first century C

was their deep and abiding love for Christ and lost souls! So devoted were they in reaching lost souls with the

glorious gospel of Christ that Paul said the gospel "was preached to every creature which is under heaven" Co

It is implied that numerical growth is always associated with faithful congregations, when the Scripture teaches

such thing. When because of persecution (Acts 8: 1) the Jerusalem church was reduced from maybe 50,000 to

a single year, there was nothing at all wrong with the church. It was just as true and loyal and mission-minded

had ever been before.

WORD OF THE WEEK - 2nd PE^{TER} - This Epistle is the most disputed book in the New Testament. Some who a

the other books as genuine have doubts about Second Peter because the style is so different from that of First Peter. But th

balance of evidence is in favor of the authorship of Peter.

TIP OF THE WEEK - Get **EARTHQUAK** Insurance **ASAP!**

HUMOR - A child came back from Sunday School, and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-e

named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear".

POWER FOR TODAY - We are called to offer goodness and kindness to them. Our reward is not long

you' letters or being recognized as 'servant of the year' by newspaper or internet. However, Jesus says our rev

will be great. Could it be part of that character development that produces the hope that doesn't disappoint? P

but Luke says for sure that when we love like this we will be "sons of the Most High." Is there any greater re

LIFE IN AMERICA - Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military c

at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memo

speeches in American history. In just 272 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the

had to fight and win the Civil War.

DEACONS WHAT DO THEY DO? - Deacons thank God for their wives. Since she is "faithful in all things" (1 3:11), he expresses thanks to God for giving him such a great helper and the one human whom he can always count on to understand and support him.

LOCK STOCK & BARREL - Below the belt - The Queensberry Rules it is prohibited in a boxing match for a combatant to strike an opponent below the waistband. So to hit 'below the belt' is to behave in an, unfair and possibly cowardly fashion.

GIANTS - THOMAS WARREN, after serving in World War II began a life-long career as a preacher, educator and writer. He taught at Abilene Christian College. He taught and served as president of Fort Worth Christian College. He was the chairman of the Bible Department at Freed-Hardeman College and taught at Harding Graduate School. Throughout his years he stressed the importance of Christians being loyal to the divine pattern set forth in Scripture.

ALYING TONGUE - Insinuations: Making statements which leave untrue impressions. Inference: A chain of reasoning which condemns without evidence. Innuendo: A veiled reflection on one's character or reputation. Surmises: Placing guesses where the evidence is scanty or slight.

A PROUD LOOK - The Lord's half-brother and whole-hearted follower said: "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6). "Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken" (Jeremiah 13:15).

GRANDMA/GRANDPA LAWS - If you're running for a short line, it suddenly becomes a long line. When you're in a long line, the people behind you are shunted to a new, short line. If you step out of a short line for a second, it becomes a long line. If you're in a short line, the people in front let in their friends and relatives and make it a long line.

HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS - In the original language, the phrase "follow me" is in the present imperative, which implies there's continuous action. What Jesus is really saying is, "Let my disciple be following me continually."

NAME OF JESUS - GOD: (Isaiah 40:3) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - NO SUPPORTED/TULSA - Tulsans thank you for your continued faithfulness to His word, and His will.

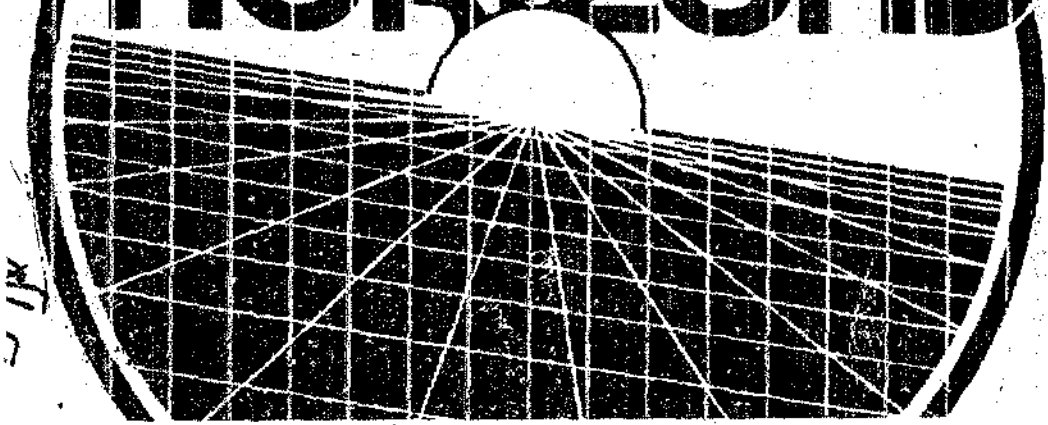
BIBLE QUIZ - Occupation of Ezra - Proverbs tells parents not to withhold from a child - King of Nineveh sat on what after hearing the word of God?

BRAIN TEASER - What keys don't unlock any doors?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Blessed is he who, having nothing to say, refrains from giving wordy evidence of it. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. Proverbs 15: 2

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION - Cut & Keep - Acts.16:25 - And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto the Lord: and the prisoners heard them.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS



THE OCCASIONAL CHRISTIAN

by Dalton Key

I remember well the words of a nervous young man who led closing prayer for a Sunday morning service some years ago. He began, "Father, as we leave Thee for another week . . ."

Now there was a prayer many lukewarm church members could relate to!

The Lord's body is plagued with far too many half-hearted, on-again-off-again disciples content to leave the God of heaven for another week. The world points a sin-gnarled finger at these Sunday morning saints and cries, "Hypocrite!" And, sadly, the charge sticks.

The problem is not a new one. The Old Testament prophet Hosea, describing the spiritually corroding condition of God's people in his day, wrote, "For your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away" (Hosea 6:4). Their religion was at best barely there and short-lived, like a morning cloud or early dew.

The Bible rather encourages stability and steadfastness. Christ expects His disciples to deny self and take up the cross of service and sacrifice, not once a week, but daily (Luke 9:23). The inspired apostle Paul insists that his readers be "steadfast, unmoveable" and not "weary in well doing" (1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9). And John records these earnest words, revealed to him from heaven itself: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10).

"As we leave Thee for another week"? No, that just won't work. Heaven holds no crown for the occasional Christian.

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COMETS AND WATER

One of the interesting questions that astronomers have wrestled with is how planet earth got so much water- a substance essential to life. All of science is a study of how God has done-what he has done, and how he created and distributed water is important. In July 1994, Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 slammed into Jupiter leaving dark streaks containing water. Recent measurements of the water in Jupiter's upper atmosphere show that 95% of the water there came from Shoemaker-Levy.

NATURAL FRACKING

There is a concern about fracking to produce gas and oil, fearing that such activity may contaminate groundwater. In Buffalo, New York, there is a fire burning under a waterfall that has been burning for as long as humans have been in the area. The fire is produced by a natural gas seep coming from the fracking of a shale 1,200 feet deep in the ground. It is bizarre to see this fire burning under a waterfall, but it is a reminder of how God has provided man with more than enough resources to live on this planet we call Earth. Also Oklahoma's are concerned about fracking and earthquakes. They may or may not be related.

AFRICAN ORIGINS QUESTIONED

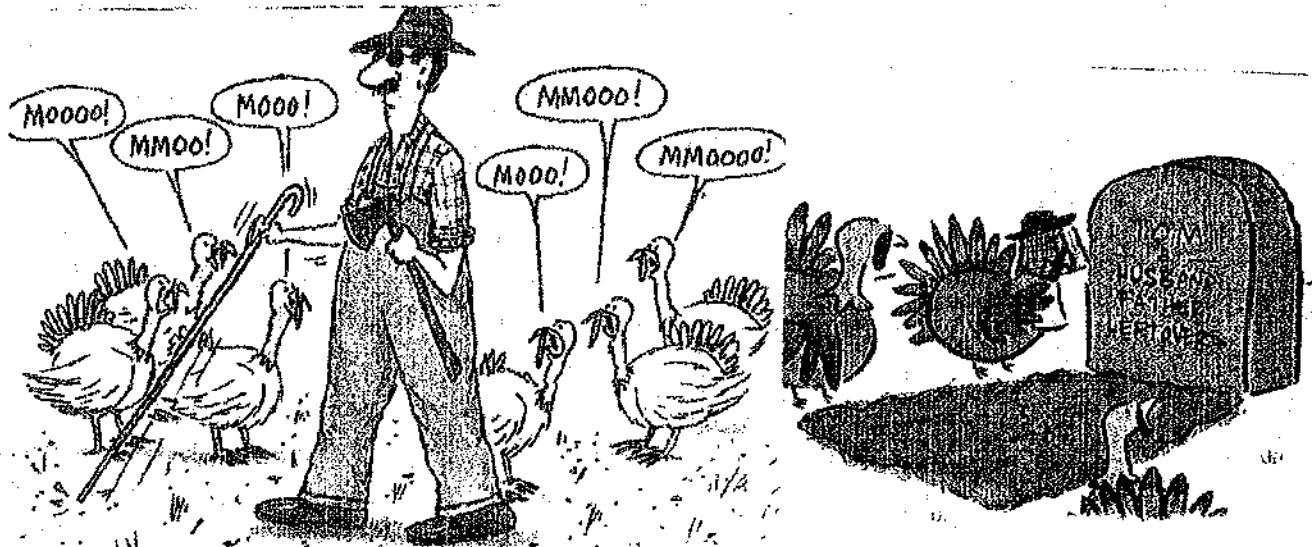
The media would have us believe that our origins are in Africa, and that man's origin is totally African in nature. Repeated finds have been made in Asia which challenge that notion. The most recent is an animal named *Archicebus achilles* recently found in China. The Bible indicates that man's origin is in the Fertile Crescent area in modern day Iraq, which is generally accepted as the "birthplace of civilization." The definition of what is man is part of the issue in this debate, but the "out of Africa" theory has evidence problems of its own.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ISSUE GROWS

In November 2012, Washington State and Colorado became the first states to legalize recreational marijuana. Between the medical uses of marijuana and the growing acceptance of it as a recreational drug, we can expect to see an accelerated growth in the health and social consequences of drug use, just as we have with alcohol. It has been well documented that people using marijuana perform poorly on tests of working memory. It has also been shown that the drug blunts concentration, weakens motor coordination, and interferes with the ability to scan one's surroundings for obstacles. The danger of people driving while using marijuana should be obvious. A 2009 study showed that tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels of 5 ng/ml of blood was as impairing as alcohol blood levels of .08. Between 1992 and 2013 hospital and rehab centers for minors abusing marijuana showed an increase of 188%. Alcohol abuse for the same group dropped by 64%. It would seem that Christians need to stand against this destroyer of God's temple (1 Cor 3: 16 -17) and not be participants in it. The argument that legalization means controlling the substance and lessening its effect does not seem to be compatible with the facts available on abuse.

ATHEISTS ERECT MONUMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

In Starke there is a granite slab that lists the Ten Commandments in front of the Bradford County Courthouse. Atheists have tried for some time to get the slab removed. Since they could not accomplish that, they erected a 1,500-pound granite slab near it giving quotes from public figures in the past including Madalyn Murray O'Hair supporting atheist views and ridiculing the Bible.



BTA - Monkey, donkey, turkey, jockey, hockey there may be others, but you get the drift.
Bible - Ezra was Priest Ez 7:12 - The rod of correction Prov 23:13 - Ashes/Jonah 3:6