II Cor. 3:17 - "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

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TO MY SURPRISE!

I dreamed Death came to me one night And Heaven's gates flew open wide. With kindly Grace St. Peter came And ushered me inside.
There, to my astonishment, Were friends I had known on Earth. Some I had labeled as unfit And some of little worth. Indignant words flew to my lips; Words I could not set free For every face showed stunned surprise As no one had expected me.

When men begin to "improve" on God's Word, they always go astray.

THE GREAT I AM

I am the beginning and I am the end I am the where, I am the when; I am the light where no man can hide I am the one who walks by your side; I am the Good Shepherd who tends the flock I am the Wonderful Counselor, I am the rock When thou art weak, I am strong, I shelter you from all the storm When you stumble, I pick you up help you drink from life's bitter cup I am the foundation on which you stand When all around you is sinking sand I am the eyes that never slumber nor sleep I am the one your soul will I keep I am the ears that hear your tender cry I am the one who wipe the tear from your eye; I am the Lord of Host, I AM the Great, I AMI Dorothy J Johnson

OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

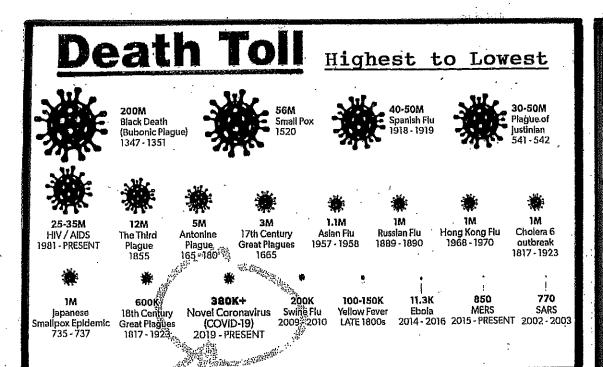
ТТМЕ



My name is time. I am the present moment. I am on the move. I measure out life. Some welcome me. Some fear me, Some could not care less, But none can stop me. I have not always been, Nor will I always be; God says, I am running out And he is in control. When I stop... When I am no longer now Eternity keeps on going And it will be too late For getting right with God. If you redeem me You will find me good If you use me You will find me precious. My name is Time I am nearing the end And I shall take you with me Into eternity.

In Days Gone By

On Jan 24, 1965, Winston Churchill died.
On Jan. 25,,1934, John
Dillinger was caught.
On Jan. 26, 1837, Michigan became a State.



The above chart shows the death toll of diseases down through the years, from the highest to the lowest. From ancient times to current times, diseases have taken multiplied millions of lives. In the 1800s, 10 million world-wide fell ill with tuberculosis. In 1918 the Spanish flu killed 40-50 million people, HIV/AIDS has killed 35 million, the Asian Flu from 1957-1958 killed 1.1 million, the Hong Kong Flu killed 1 million and the Roman Flu in 1890 killed 1 million people. Cholera outbreaks, Smallpox, killed hundreds of Swine Flu, Yellow Fever, Ebola, MERS and SARS have thousands more. So, serious illnesses have been with mankind since man has existed. The Bubonic Plague in 1347-1357 killed 200 million...and the list goes on and on.

Now, add to these killer diseases these facts. Nearly 40,000 Americans die every year in car accidents (Has anybody ever used that as a reason to keep Americans from driving?) And then, in America alone 60 million unborn babies have been murdered deliberately by American parents and doctors. (They call it abortion and healthcare for women.) These were deliberate premeditated murders. Do liberals say anything about this? No, they just go on promoting it!

The liberal media has created a terrifying narration about Covid-19 so liberal politicians can take control over everyone. Truth is, Covid-19 is far less worse than many epidemics in history. Elected officials overreact with easy money handouts and see this as a perfect opportunity to steal even more of our constitutional freedoms. They are setting up America for a socialistic future.

Great Things Can Be Said in a Few Words

The urge to quantify has always been strong in Washington, according to an item in the New York Times. This probably explains the following list which has been informally circulated within the government:

- The Lord's Prayer, fifty-six words.
- Psalm 23, 118 words.
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 226 words.
- The Ten Commandments, 296 words.
- United States Department of Agriculture order setting the prices of cabbages, 15,629 words.

Little Things

RUTH MILLER DENNING

A little more meekness, · By means of grace

A little more patience,

In problems to face. À little more hope, To banish the tears.

A little more confidence,

To lessen the fears. A little of each,

Seems a tiny mite; But combined will expel, Much wrong for right.

WHEN I

When I met Jesus. Burdens were heavy: Walking in darkness, No light in my soul; When all seemed hopeless, I heard a whisper Come unto me: just Believe and be whole.

When I met Jesus, New life He gave me: When I met Jesus. Old things pass'd away:: Lost sin and sadness, Found joy and gladness When I met Jesus That wonderful day.

When I met Jesus, Nights were so lonely; When I met Jesus The days were so long; Now I am singing, Joy bells are ringing, When I met Jesus He gave me a song.

When I met Jesus. I found the answer To all my heartaches, . My doubts and my fear: Daytime and night-time Now as I journey. I feel His presence; He always is near.

-Walt Huntley

This Age

This is the age Of the half-read page, The quick hash, The mad dash, And the bright night With the nerves tight: The plane hop, And the brief stop, The lamp tan In a short span, The big shot, And a good spot, The brain strain, The heart pain, And the catnaps Till the spring snaps— And the fun's done. And then comes taps.

-Virginia Brasier

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THE DICE FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW

Our 32nd great-grandchild, Vincent Alan Dice, was born on January 10 in the great State of Idaho. His parents are Michael and Anna Dice, and his grandparents are Kevin and Lori Dice of Iowa. Sharon and I now have 32 great-grandchildren, 16 boys and 16 girls. However, three more are on the way and we know that one is a boy and the other is a girl, so it will still be a tie until the 3rd one is born. We'll let you know how this all turns out!

WORKING TOGETHER WORKS!

The story was told of two ladies who lived in a convales—ant home. Each had suffered an incapacitating stroke. Marga—ret's stroke left her left side restricted, while Jennifer's stroke damaged her right side. Both of these ladies were accomplished planists but had given up hope of ever playing again. The director of the center sat them down at a plano and encouraged them to play solo pieces together. They did and a beautiful friendship developed.

What a picture of the church's need to work together! What one member cannot do alone, perhaps two or more could do together in harmony.

YOU THINK YOU HAVE FAMILY PROBLEMS? Listen to the situation of this young man:

- 1. A few years ago I met a young widow with a grown-up daughter and we got married.
- 2. Later my father married my step-daughter. That made my stepdaughter my stepmother and my father became my stepson.
- 3. Also, my wife became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law.
- 4. Then the daughter of my wife, my stepmother, had a son. This boy was my half-brother because he was my father's son, but he was also the son of my wife's daughter which made him my wife's grandson. That made me the grandfather of my half-brother.
- 5. This was nothing until my wife and I had a son. Now the half-sister of my son, my stepmother, is also the grandmother. This makes my father the brother-in-law of my child, whose stepsister is my father's wife. I'm my stepmother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew and I AM MY OWN GRANDPA! (And you think you have family problems!)