

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

LIBERTY

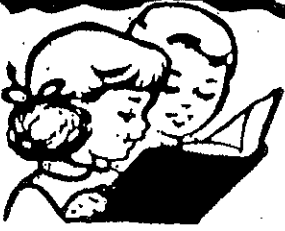
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WHAT IS A BOY OR GIRL WORTH?

There are clocks to tell the time of day,
Scales to tell the weight of hay,
but what rule, Sir, would you employ,
to tell the worth of a girl or boy?

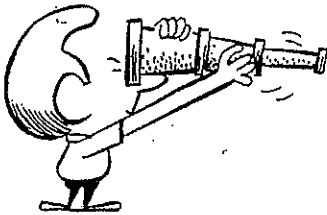
Measures there are for silver and gold,
by carats the worth of diamonds are told,
but there is no measure in all the earth,
to tell what a boy or girl is worth.

Days Gone By

On Feb. 28, 1854, the Republican Party was started in Ripon, Wisconsin. It is the Conservative Party.

If the Red Sea is before you, mountains to the left, desert to the right and the Egyptians are galloping up behind, start praising God. for the situation is ideal... for a miracle!

—Peter Allard



A Matter of Perspective

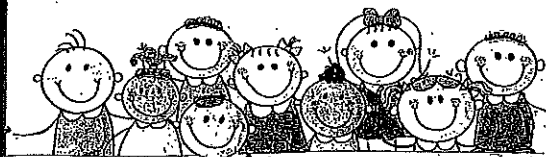
Funny how \$10.00 looks so big when you take it to church... and so small when you take it to the store.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible... and how easy it is to read a best-selling novel.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray... but we don't have

any difficulty talking on the phone or over the back fence with a neighbor.

On second thought, maybe these things aren't so funny after all. Perhaps they reflect our mixed-up priorities. Maybe our problem is that we're viewing our commitment to God through the wrong end of a telescope.



AN ODE TO OUR NURSERY WORKERS

Many, many thank yous,
To our ladies one and all,
Who are called our "Nursery Workers"
Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall.

You are willing, happy workers,
Always ready, come what may;
Changing diapers, rocking babies,
Supervising while they play.

While up in Heaven, God is watching,
Each and every little thing,
Doing deeds for precious babies,
Helping mothers, joy you bring.

Nursery Worker is your title,
Serving Jesus is your goal;
Joyfully tending little children,
Shows the love within your soul.

Thank You!!!

-Sharon Dice
November, 2016

SIN HAS LOST ITS SHAME IN AMERICA!

Last year I saw a greater boldness in wickedness. Hollywood has produced unparalleled amounts of sinfully graphic movies and television to plant evil thoughts and desires in the American people. The Bible is now treated as some sort of historical treatise rather than being respected as the living Word of God. To be non-offensive to contemporary American culture you cannot be against anything. To be "politically correct" you must "sinfully accept" any form of evil perversion in which individuals choose to engage. I am shocked over how open sin has become in the lives of the next generation. Sin has lost its shame in America.

- David Gibbs - Christian Law Association.

Could Evolution Be True?

PEOPLE ACTING LIKE ANIMALS

Maybe people did descend from lower animals because some church members seem to be stubborn as MULES about church work, sly as a FOX in business deals, busy as BEEES in spreading the latest gossip. But they have eyes like a HAWK to see the mote in a brother's eye. They are eager as BEAVERS about church suppers, but lazy as DOGS about prayer meetings and mean as SNAKES when things don't go their way. They are noisy as CROWS in calling for the church to advance but as SNAILS in visiting. Many are night OWLS on Saturday night and BEDBUGS on Sunday mornings as scarce as a HEN'S tooth on Sunday night.

- The Torch

FALSE PREDICTIONS ON CHRIST'S COMING

There have always been, and always will be, people who attempt to predict the exact time Jesus will come again or when the world will end. According to the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:36, we know all these predictions are false: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of Heaven, but my Father only." Then in Matthew 25:13 He says, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." That's clear enough to understand. So, don't be so foolish to believe false predictions, and don't waste your money and buy their books.

Listed below are many (certainly not all) of the false and unscriptural predictions down through the years:

1. Prophet Maximilla - 156 A.D. - "After me there will be no prophecy, but the END." He was wrong!
2. Tertullian - In late second century. - "The Biblical command to increase and multiply is annulled by the fact we are living in the LAST AGE." He was wrong!
3. Pope Gregory the Great - 600 A.D. - "The world no longer announces the end but demonstrates it." He was wrong!
4. Beatus Liebana, a Spanish monk - 775 A.D. The end will come about 800 A.D. He was wrong!
5. Jochin of Fiore - 1184 A.D. - "The final battle will take place in your day. The Muslim general Saladin is one of the seven heads of the Beast in Revelation 13." He also told King Richard the Lionhearted that the Saracen army was the Beast rising out of the Sea and the Anti-Christ (the Pope) was already residing in Rome." He was wrong!
6. Ubertino de Casale - around 1300 - He said that Pope Boniface and Pope Benedict were the land and sea beasts of Revelation 13 and Benedict's number was 666. He was wrong!
7. Brother John - 1370 A.D. - "Two antichrists will arise, Jerusalem would be rebuilt and the millennial reign will soon begin." He was wrong!
8. Michael Stifel, German mathematician - He said the end-times would begin on October 9, 1533 at 8 a.m. Wrong!
9. Nicholas Rainarus a German from Nuremberg - 1606 - "I have chronological, certain proof from the Bible that the world will perish and the days will come in 77 years." Wrong!
10. George Bell - "Christ will come on February 28, 1763." (John Wesley preached all night opposing that claim to try and calm agitated crowds.) George Bell was wrong!
11. President Ronald Reagan - 1971 - He declared that a military coup in Libya was a sign of the end. "That's a sign that the day of Armageddon isn't far off. Everything's falling into place. It can't be long now." He was wrong! (Supposedly, Libya was fulfilling end-time prophecies by aligning with the Soviet Union. Since then the Soviet Union has fallen.)
12. Pat Robertson - 1980 - "The onrush of events toward the end of the year may see the world in flames. I guarantee you by the Fall of 1982 there is going to be a judgment on the world." He was wrong!
13. Seventh Day Adventists - (The Millerites) - Christ will return on October 22, 1844. No one will be saved after that." They were wrong!
14. Jehovah Witnesses - In 1918 they said that God would destroy all the churches and church members by the millions. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would return to human perfection. The Battle of Armageddon would be over by the Autumn of 1975. They were wrong!
15. Herbert Armstrong predicted the end would come in 1936, then 1943, then 1972, then 1981. He was wrong!
16. The book, "88 Reasons Why Jesus Will Come in 1988" - This book sold worldwide but Jesus did not come. He was wrong! (Many of these people made millions of dollars selling their lies to gullible people who did not know their Bible)
17. In 2012 - One preacher got the attention of the world when he predicted a specific date for Jesus to return. - He was very wrong!
18. Also in 2012 the Mayan calendar, supposedly showed that the end of the world would take place. It was wrong!

Future predictions will all be false, but someone will make lots of money from gullible people. The Bible will give you the truth. In Matthew 24:44 Jesus said, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." When it comes to the return of Christ we know WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY, and HOW, but no one knows WHEN. Christians should be looking and be ready for Him to come at any time.

Miscellaneous.

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ANOTHER GREAT-GRANDCHILD HAS ARRIVED

Our 33rd great-grandchild, a little girl, Makenna Lee Dice, was born on February 11, 2021. Her parents are Jeremiah and KayLee Dice, New Salem, Illinois, and her grandparents are Gary and Pam Dice, Baylis, Illinois. For us, Leonard and Sharon Dice, this makes 17 girls and 16 boys, with two more on the way.

WHAT ARE YOUR REALLY TRUE RICHES?

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the Gospel to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay. "What do you possess?" He questioned. "Oh, I am very wealthy," replied the minister. "List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

The man of God replied: First, I have everlasting life, John 3:16. Second, I have a mansion in Heaven, John 14:2. Thirdly, I have peace that passeth understanding, Philippians 4:7. Fourth, I have joy unspeakable, I Peter 1:8. Fifth, I have Divine Love that never faileth, I Corinthians 13:8. Sixth, I have a faithful, pious wife, Proverbs 31:10. Seventh, I have healthy, happy obedient children, Exodus 20:12. Eighth, I have true, loyal friends, Proverbs 18:24. Ninth, I have songs in the night, Psalm 42:8. Tenth, I have a crown of Life awaiting, James 1:12."

The tax collector closed his book and said, "Truly, you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

THE MAN WITH INDESTRUCTIBLE FAITH

A Christian was brought before a king who wanted him to recant and give up Christ and Christianity, but the man spurned the proposition. The king said, "If you don't do it, I will banish you."

The man smiled and answered, "You can't banish me from Christ, for He says He will never leave me nor forsake me."

The king became very angry and said, "Well, I will confiscate your property and take it all from you."

The Christian replied, "My treasures are laid up on high; you cannot get them."

The king became still more angry and said, "I will kill you."

"Why," the man answered, "I have been dead forty years; I have been dead with Christ, dead to this world, and my life is hid with Christ in God, and you cannot touch it."

Said the king, "What are you going to do with such a fanatic?"