

Have One Mind (in Christ) - Philippians 2:5

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The Judgment Hour is Come — Jerry O'Donnell

Revelation 14:7 states, "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come...". And that is where we get our title from, prompting us to conduct a study seeing that the judgment appears to be separate from the second coming, which is symbolically pictured in Revelation 14:14: "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

What Type of God Do We Serve?

Before we enter into such a serious subject, let us remember what type of God we serve. 1 John 4:8 says, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." We serve a loving God who even sent

His only Son into this world to die for our sins. Now that is the ultimate love one could ever express – John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Who Is the Judge?

Acts 17:31 says, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead." There is a judgment day, and notice who will carry it out – the one who was raised from the dead – that is Jesus Christ. Are we sure? John 5:22 says, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." Clearly God the Father has handed the role of judgment to His Son who earned it by His sinless life and selfless sacrifice of Himself.

Is that bad news? 1 John 2:1 says, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an

advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." A thesaurus renders the following for the word ADVOCATE: ALLY, DEFENDER, SUPPORTER, ATTORNEY, and COUNSELOR. This sounds encouraging! The one who judges us is on our side. So, if we spend time with Him every day by reading His Word and communicating with him through prayer, then, no, it is not bad news, it is wonderful news! But if we do not know Him or do not desire to spend time with Him every day, then it is bad news.

This is like dating. Nobody has to tell a couple to make time for each other. When a note is written to the beloved, it may be read many times. This should be the same relationship we have with Jesus. We should not have to make time for Jesus, but rather we should have to make time for everything else. And we should not grudgingly read His Word; rather, we should be anxious. Oh, how our priorities are out of order. There are all these societal pressures eating at our time. Who do you think is behind it all? That is right – Satan.

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So, we must earnestly spend time with Jesus every day.

What Is the Judgment Like?

Daniel 7:9-10 says, "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened." This is an awesome sight. Millions of angels around God the Father's throne as the books are opened and fire is proceeding out from the throne.

When does this scene occur? Continuing on, Daniel 7:13-14 says, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed." The books being opened for the judgment scene occurs before the second coming. This is exactly what Revelation revealed.

What books are opened? Revelation 20:12-13 says, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out

of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." One of the books is the Book of Life. Did you also notice how Daniel parallels Revelation and Revelation parallels Daniel? You cannot fully understand one without the other.

In addition to the Book of Life, there is another book that is used according to Malachi 3:16-18, it says, "Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." The Book of Remembrance contains all of people's actions and thoughts. As people confess their sins, the record of that sin is then blotted out of the Book of Remembrance.

Remember, if our name is in the Book of Life, we will be judged as being allowed to enter into heaven (Revelation 21:27). If our name is not in the Book of Life, we are then judged to go to the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).

Revelation reveals that only those in the Book of Life are referred to as overcomers (Revelation 3:5).

The overcoming is that of sin, selfishness, and this world. We only can do that by accepting the atoning blood of Christ through salvation. We also learned that it is a gift, which we are free to accept or reject (Ephesians 2:8). To accept it, we must first realize that we are a sinner and repent of the sin we have committed (Luke 13:3). Then go boldly to Jesus in secret and confess our sins, at which point He will forgive us of our sins (1 John 1:9). He will then blot them out of the book of remembrance. However, true repentance and confession will then lead to conversion where we are a new creature, not desiring to commit the sin again (2 Corinthians 5:17). After conversion, we will then be impressed to make restitution where possible (Luke 19:8). By rationalizing that God will overlook the little sins because "I'm such a good person" is the way one rejects the free gift of salvation. That is because Isaiah 64:6 says "But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Many call this the "born again experience", but did you know that God has a definition of what "born again" is? 1 John 3:9 says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." So, if one is continuing to sin, then they are fooling themselves if they think they are born again.

Now, we just read a moment ago in Revelation 20:12-13 that we are

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The mission of *Have One Mind (in Christ)* is to encourage the desire of “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:12), “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15), and to “abideth in the doctrine of Christ” (2 John 1:9) by following the words of Jesus, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23).

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judged by our works, yet the Bible tells us that we are saved by faith. How is this possible? James 2:14 says, "What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" Well, that is our question. So, what is the answer? James 2:17-18 states, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 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." Faith is demonstrated by works and works give evidence of faith. It is like rowing a boat. With two oars, one labeled faith and the other works, using only one would lead to going in circles. But when used together, one can go straight ahead.

Consider this, to go by faith only, means that one can live in sin. Going by all works gives way to a selfish motive in trying to earn heaven, while proper faith and unselfish works give evidence of Christ working in you.

Now even though mankind tries their best to deny the existence of God, we as a world do use God's principles. There is the seven-day week that all countries use in one form or another. There is using beasts to represent things such as countries. And then there is the judicial system, which is also based on the Bible. In its simplest form, the judicial system contains three main steps – there is first the investigation, second, the verdict, and third, the sentence. All trials and judgments go through these three steps. Let us now examine each of these steps

from the Bible as it applies to the judgment.

What Does the Bible Reveal About the Investigation?

Does the Bible substantiate the investigative phase of the judgment? Romans 2:16 says, "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." Jesus at some future point will search out the secrets, which Psalms 44:21 reveals is what is in man's heart – his desires, his decisions.

When is the investigation conducted? Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Since we all are destined to die, then we are all appointed to be judged. Our life is reviewed by heaven upon death.

Are we sure lives are not reviewed before death? Psalms 51:3-4 says, "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin [is] ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done [this] evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, [and] be clear when thou judgest." Psalms 37:32-33 says, "The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged." These verses reveal a future time of being judged.

Who is subject to being judged? 2 Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad." Notice that no one will escape the judgment.

What is at stake during the investigative judgment? Revelation 20:15 says, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 21:27 says, "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." What is at stake is our destination, which is dependent upon whether our name will remain in the Book of Life or not. In short, the investigation is used in deciding who is going to heaven and who is going to hell.

What is investigated during this period?

Matthew 12:36-37 says, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Every word is recorded and that which is spoken properly will be considered "just" while those spoken improperly shall "condemn" us. Luke 11:23 says, "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." Our speech either gathers or scatters. If it scatters, then we are serving Satan. You may ask how is that possible? Well, cutting friends down for the sake of a joke is one way, and Satan is really cunning because if the victim shows any sadness, Satan implants the phrase to be used, "What, can't you take a joke?"

Another way is gossip. Gossip is not simply just talking about

people. It is letting another know something that they did not have a need to know. If you or the other person cannot help solve a person's situation, do not utter it. But if the desire is to pray for the individual, still very little should be divulged.

Yet another sly way is that of negativism. There is an unwritten rule, yet very powerful. It is called the Law of Reciprocal Influence. As people utter and focus on positive things, more positive things begin to occur. And as more and more positive things occur, it affects others in a positive manner and makes all around us happier people. That is God's side. Satan's counterfeit is the blatant opposite that so many people find themselves in. As negative remarks are uttered, more negative things tend to occur. And as they occur, it affects others in a negative manner. What benefit does it provide? It usually makes one feel worse and the person we utter it to also feels worse.

Basically, there are only two sides in this world – God and Satan. Each word that we speak either gives glory to God or Satan. And God forbid if at any time we would glorify Satan.

Another thing brought up in the judgment is found in James 2:10-12, which says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." We should be keeping God's law, seeing we are going to be judged by it.

The next area investigated is revealed in Matthew 5:28, which says, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." The world says, "You can look but don't touch." God says, "Don't even think it!" Why? Because as people think it, people eventually have the tendency to act upon it.

Similarly, Matthew 5:22 says, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool,

shall be in danger of hell fire." Not only is murder a concern, but also Jesus says even if we are angry with our brother or sister, who is our fellow man, we are in danger of going to hell.

And if what of our actions then? Matthew 10:33 says, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." How can people deny God? Titus 1:16 says, "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." By continuing in sin, people deny the power of Christ to grant victory over sin. Is this really a factor in the judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil." Every action is brought into investigation. The New Testament also supports this. Romans 1:32 says, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the

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same, but have pleasure in them that do them." 1 Timothy 5:24-25 says, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some [men] they follow after. Likewise also the good works [of some] are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid." As we see, our actions go before us into judgment.

But there is good news regarding the sins that have gone before us into judgment. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Is there an example of the investigation process?

Ezekiel 33:13-20 gives that example: "When I shall say to the righteous, [that] he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; [if] the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the

statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways."

How deep does the investigation go?

Psalm 44:21 tells us, "Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart." Some sincere Christians think that avoiding a sin is a matter of controlling the exercise thereof. God searches deeper – right into the hearts.

This is a very thorough investigation. Wow. It sounds really hopeless. It does not look like we have a chance to make it past this stage of the judgment.

Well, take heart. Hebrews 7:25 says, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." It may seem impossible but remember our Great Attorney. He is able to save us. He tries every possible means to win our case. He is in constant intercession on our behalf; it is just a matter of letting our Attorney work for us, in other words, surrendering all to Him.

And if we fear approaching God, consider John 6:37, which says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Jesus is willing to represent everybody. There are no exceptions.

When we trust our attorney fully, how successful is He? Jude 1:24 says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." That is hard to imagine – being presented to God the Father as being faultless (without sin).

If we allow Jesus to be Lord and Ruler in our lives, the first phase is not bad. Then there is the second phase – the verdict.

What Does the Bible Reveal About the Verdict?

Revelation 22:11 declares, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." There is going to be a time when these very words will be spoken, identifying the verdict

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of all. After the evidence has been completely investigated, a guilty or not guilty verdict is rendered. Notice that this appears before the second coming, which is in verse 12. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Also notice that His reward is with Him when He comes.

Matthew 25:32 says, "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats." The investigation determines who will be known as the sheep and who will be known as the goats. Jesus is coming back for His sheep. Amen?

Once the verdict is read, only the sentencing remains.

What Does the Bible Reveal About the Sentencing?

Revelation 11:18 states, "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth." This is simply stating that when Jesus returns, He will be handing out the sentencing phase of the judgment.

2 Timothy 4:1 says, "I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." What portion of the judgment is carried out at this point? John 5:27-29 says, "And hath given him authority to execute judgment

also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

The reward of the sheep is recorded in Matthew 25:34, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The reward of the goats is recorded in Matthew 25:41: "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

What will the reaction of the wicked be? Revelation 6:16 says, "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." They are not prepared for the return of Jesus. They did not spend time getting to know their Attorney. They were careless with their thoughts and words. Satan led them down, down, down the road of sin to the point that they did not want to change. They went along with the crowd. And when that sky splits open, they will know that He is not returning for them and will cry to be buried in the earth.

What will the reaction of the saved be? Isaiah 25:9 exclaims, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad

and rejoice in his salvation." These are those that were daily getting to know their Attorney by reading His Word. These are those that spent time in prayer. These are those that detested sin, and they even trained their minds not to lust or think evil of another. These are those that went through difficult times willingly, knowing that it would lead to a much happier future. They know that when the sky splits open, their Advocate is coming to take them home.

Imagine What We Have to Look Forward To!

Imagine, No more death. No more disease. No more goofy taxes. No more debt. No more work. No more glasses. No more fear. No more tears. No more sorrow.

"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard" what is waiting for us (1 Corinthians 2:9). It will be heaven! It all can be yours. What is seventy years in comparison to eternal life? Do you agree that it is worth it?

John 10:27-28 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand." Are you willing to follow Jesus in all that He says and be sheep to receive the sheep's reward?

May God Bless you and may you continue to look upon the heavenly things that your Father and His Son are preparing for you, keeping your eyes off the earthly things that will soon fade away.



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

“How do I stay healthy since we are living in such unhealthy times?” I hear a similar question at least once a week and my answer is always the same – “In order to *stay* healthy we have to *be* healthy in the first place, and most of the population is not.” But the good news about that is that your own personal health is not a corporate thing, meaning it is yours, and yours alone, aside from that of the population, to make decisions about. Just because everyone around you may be sick does not mean you have to join them and be sick or unhealthy, too. It also does not mean you have to stay away from everyone in fear of getting sick.

One main concern is recognizing and removing ourselves from all of the deception surrounding health. Many times we have been told to stay inside our homes, and that means breathing stale, recirculated dead air. Furnace or AC filters can not and do not purify your indoor air; it simply is not possible. Most of us are suffocating from all of the stuff we have in our houses of which the vast majority of items are made of an artificial material. Chemicals from every item in our homes flood our air not only during the installation of new building materials, but they continue to gradually leach into the air for years to come – a more subtle (but dangerous) process referred to as off-gassing is taking place constantly inside our dwellings, so we are never away from it. Even the deterioration of artificial

products is an issue, producing more noxious fumes. Resorting to burning candles to rid the room of the smell only exacerbates the problem, adding even more contaminants to the air; and even most commercial cleaning products we use can be just as troublesome.

When was the last time you saw an office building with windows that open? Even worse, how about a school where most children spend the majority of their days inhaling dead air which is affecting their behaviour, their IQs and health in general; or how about a hospital? Ironic, isn't it, that the very place most believe they can go to get well cannot even open the windows to let in fresh air. Everywhere we go, recycled air, at best, is forced upon us, even in our own personal vehicles. That new car smell that so many love? – Deadly.

Yes, there is pollution in that air that we do let into our homes, but the farther we are away from others, the better our air. If you can smell the bacon your neighbors are having for breakfast that is a clue you need to have more distance between you and them! The geographical area in which we live even plays a part in the purity of our air. I am not talking about the obvious dangers of polluted city air, but the terrain. History proves, for example, that villages in low-lying areas that may exist between close mountain ranges which serve to cut off

adequate current are in danger of producing vitiated, or defective air, rendering the residents of such areas much more prone to diseases which we might believe to have been pretty much eradicated, such as scrofula, hydrocephalus and even cretinism in these areas where vital life-sustaining air is vacant. The air respired habitually in these gorges is stagnant, humid, warm – a breeding-ground for disease.

Whenever possible our homes should be constructed on high, dry ground (as opposed to lowlands), where water will drain away and not settle around them for some time after rains; if not, poisonous substances will be left to rise and float in the air which are noxious to health, causing various lung diseases and fevers.

It is said that a human can live for three weeks without food, three days without water, and three minutes without air. May we accept the free air of heaven by day or night as one of the richest blessings that we can enjoy. Fresh air will have several positive health improving effects – it purifies the blood, refreshes the body and mind, and helps to make the body strong and healthy. Good ventilation in our homes is a vital necessity. Open those windows wide and air out your rooms for a while each day, yes, even in winter! We still have control over that.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Split Pea Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. green split peas (about 2 1/4 cups), rinsed and odd peas removed
- 3 large carrots, chopped
- 2 celery sticks (some leaves ok), chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 head of cabbage (about 2 cups), finely shredded
- 2 heaping teaspoons herbes de Provence (or 1 teaspoon thyme and oregano)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon vegan Worcestershire sauce, optional
- 4-6 cups vegetable broth or water* (see notes)
- Sea Salt to taste

- 4 tablespoons fresh parsley, roughly chopped (or 2-3 teaspoons dried)

Instructions

1. In a Dutch oven or pot, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil or 1/4 cup water over medium-high heat, add the onion and sauté for 5 minutes.
2. Add carrots, celery, garlic, cabbage and herbs, and sauté, stirring frequently, for 3-4 minutes.
3. Add the split peas, bay leaves, Worcestershire sauce and vegetable broth.
4. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Stir in parsley 30 minutes before removing from heat. Let soup cool slightly and remove bay leaves.
5. Using an immersion blender, carefully, as to not burn yourself, puree soup until desired consistency. You can

also puree using a food/processor or blender, may take two batches. Taste for seasoning, adding salt as needed. Soup will thicken upon standing.

Store: Leftovers can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 5-6 days. Store in mason jars or to-go containers for easy grab-n-go lunches. Freezes well for up to 2 months, just let thaw before reheating.

Serves 4-6

Notes:

*Make this oil free by using 1/4 cup water in place of oil when sautéing on the stovetop.

*To adjust thickness of soup add more or less water/broth.

*If you do not have an immersion blender, gently use a potato smasher and press down. The soup will not be smooth.



Natural Vitamins

Benefits of Eating Pumpkin

1. Rich in Vitamin A and highly nutritious, providing a boost to the immune system and helps maintain good vision.
2. High in antioxidants which may reduce chronic disease risk along with lowering the risk of cancer.
3. Nutrient density and low-calorie count may promote weight loss.
4. With containing potassium, Vitamin C and fiber may benefit heart health along with helping with hypertension.
5. Contains compounds that promote healthy skin.

6. May help improve your metabolic health, which is how well your blood sugar is managed and the distribution of fat on your body.
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8. The pectin helps with regular body elimination process.
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10. Helps protect one's liver.



Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 John 2:1 states, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” The goal, as God’s children, is to not sin, however, if we do make a mistake, have a selfish moment, do sin, that does not mean we are doomed. We go back to 1 John 1:9, and “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). And if someone does not think they have anything to confess, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” and “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us” (1 John 1:8,10) “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Please note that these verses do not reflect the current and future status. The word “sinned” is past tense. We are not to be living in the state of sinning. To be cleansed of all unrighteousness is not just a forgiveness and it is off the books, but it is also the removal of the desire to sin, removal of being careless; it is the ceasing of doing the sin. So, do you “sin not” or are you keeping the Advocate so busy that it has become a way of life?

Hidden in 2 John 1:7 is the sanctified or holy life. “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” Quick readers will say, “No. I do believe Jesus came in the flesh. His disciples were able to touch Him, and He ate with them, and He got tired and slept.” That is not what this means. Preachers are preaching that Jesus did not take on human nature but the nature of Adam before he fell. Therefore, no one can be perfect. Only Jesus is perfect. This is the lie. Because that means as Christians, why even try to be perfect? Why even try to be holy? Hence, very few Christians do not live a holy life. First, referring to Jesus, “he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham” (Hebrews 2:16). “We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Now, by taking on fallen human nature, that means Jesus did not just live a human life, die on the cross, and rise, saving us from the penalty of sin, He also, “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps” (1 Peter 2:21). “He that saith he abideth in him

ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1 John 2:6). “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Revelation 3:21). It is true that Jesus is the only one perfect, but once we are born again, we too can be perfect for “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). And “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24). That covers past, present, and future status. We have our record cleansed as if we did not sin, and He can keep us from sinning! That is the good news! That is the true gospel! Besides, Jesus Himself tells us, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate” (Luke 13:24). “Strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:14). And “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4). So, Jesus came in human nature, set the example to follow, and

even commands us to be perfect of which He supplies the “divine power” “unto life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3) for “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God” (Luke 18:27). So, are you believing the lie and living a careless life because Jesus was really a god on earth and not in the sinful flesh of temptation, or do you believe “God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3) and therefore live a Christ-like life, even being a true Christian (follower of Jesus Christ’s example)?

We could just pull from verse 5 but that would be an “advanced” study, so we are including all three verses to prove our point. Jude 1:5 -7 says, “I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are

set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” Verse 7 tells us that it is an example that we are to avoid. Therefore, if a Christian, despite believing they are saved by grace alone and no need of sanctification, were to die in fornication, they will be lost. In the context, verses 5 and 6 would be the same pattern, only, instead of Egypt, that land would be symbolic. It is symbolic, as described throughout Exodus, as the old way of life in sin. If a person does not believe they can be taken out of sin into a holy and sanctified life, they will be destroyed for their unbelief. So, do you believe God can “keep you

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from falling” (Jude 1:24), or are you mocking grace by continuing in sin, even enjoying being entertained by fornication on TV or in the movies?

Revelation 2:14 is symbolic stating, “But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.” Notice that this is New Testament teaching and basically teaching us to learn a lesson from Balaam and Balak. It is found in Numbers 22 through 24. Balaam had taught Israel to break the commandments to cause a cessation of God’s blessings, therefore, all who teach in one way or another that the commandments mean nothing today are teachers of Balaam. In fact, Jude says, “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness” (Jude 4). Revelation 2:14 uses the word “fornication” which James defines as “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4). And that explains why we have such worldly Christians today. Because they are using the excuse that grace is all we need and we can ignore holy living. This has caused such poison to enter into the church that just about every Christian rejects obedience anymore. If they have any “obedience” it is of their own definition instead of God’s. So, are you living in spiritual fornication

following the ways of Balaam and Balak dismissing God’s commandments, or are “ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58), which includes living in obedience to His commandments (James 1:25, Psalms 78:7)?

Matthew 4:17 says, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Jesus taught a sanctified message – holy living. To repent does not allow a person to stay in their sins. The word “repent”, though primarily defined in the Old Testament, does not change just because it is the New Testament. Jeremiah 18:8, 26:3 tells us that repenting is to stop doing evil. Ezekiel 14:6 tells us that to repent means “turn [yourselves] from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations”. Ezekiel 18:30 tells us “Repent, and turn [yourselves] from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.” And in the New Testament, “repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance” (Acts 26:20). To do works meet for repentance is to stop sinning and live a holy life. So, do you daily repent of any evil in your life, or do you just go along with the worldly and evil crowd?

So many Christians read parables of Jesus and not realize that they were spoken for eternity. It was not for the Jews or immediate disciples. For instance, Mark 4:2 says, “And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto

them in his doctrine.” Notice this is the doctrine of Christ hidden in a parable. Remember, “He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9). Mark 4:3 starts with, “Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow”, and Mark 4:8 ends with “And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.” We are to be the good ground Christians. What is the result? A sanctified life! Jesus tells us “The sower soweth the word” (Mark 4:14). Mark 4:20 concludes with, “And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive [it], and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.” The Word of God brings forth fruit. Some think this is witnessing and bringing in 30, 60, even 100 more people to the church, but that is not so. Fruit is character. “Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance” (Luke 3:8), and “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23). So, have you changed from your old life into a godly one as a result of His Word, or are you still the same old person just claiming to be saved?

Luke 1:71 says, “That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us” and reaffirmed in Luke 1:74 by stating, “That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies” and

continuing on to put the context about our enemies with the words of "might serve him without fear" along with Luke 1:75, which says, "In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." "The enemy that sowed them is the devil" (Matthew 13:39) "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]" (Ephesians 6:12). Our enemy is not other human beings that mistreat us, that are anti-Christian. Our enemy is the devil. And Jesus alone has gained the victory over the devil and his evil angels for us and in turn, we now are to "serve" Jesus and do it "in holiness and righteousness" not just some of the days or most of the days but "all the days of our life". If we do not, we have then joined the enemy again willingly and will be lost "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Peter 2:21). See, people are not eternally saved; we have the freedom to choose to leave God's hand at any time (John 10:27-29). So, are you living the holy and righteous life known as the sanctified life, or are you serving the enemy instead, being a traitor to the deliverance from sin?

1 Corinthians 1:18 states, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." It does not take the

power of God for Christians to simply say, "I believe". The power of God is revealed through conversion, repentance, transformation. When God takes a

person steeped in sin and makes them holy, that is the power of God. Remember, "his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and

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powerless and just claiming to be saved?



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

What is Promised to the Overcomer

1. What is promised to those who overcome? **Revelation 21:7**
2. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Ephesus? **Revelation 2:1, 7**
3. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Smyrna? **Revelation 2:8, 11**
4. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Pergamos? **Revelation 2:12, 17**

5. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Thyatira? **Revelation 2:18, 26**

6. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Sardis? **Revelation 3:1, 5**

7. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Philadelphia? **Revelation 3:7, 12**

8. What is granted to those who overcome in symbolic Laodicea? **Revelation 3:14, 21**

9. Who believed that they could be an overcomer against such great odds physically, pointing

to us being able to overcome spiritually? **Numbers 13:30**

10. Who is our enemy that we need to overcome despite the great odds against us? **Revelation 12:9-11**

November 2023 Answers

Putting Up a Good Fight

1. What are we to fight? **1 Timothy 6:12 “good fight of faith”**
2. What synonymous phrase means to fight a good fight? **1 Timothy 1:18 “war a good warfare”**
3. What four areas do we fight against? **Ephesians 6:12 “against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]”**
4. What are we to lay hold on, or fight for? **1 Timothy 6:12 “lay hold on eternal life”**

5. When Paul fought the good fight, what did he declare that he kept? **2 Timothy 4:7 “kept the faith”**
6. What is laid up for Paul as a result of the good fight? **2 Timothy 4:8 “a crown of righteousness”**
7. What are we to war or fight against? **1 Peter 2:11 “abstain from fleshly lusts”**
8. How do we defeat Satan? **James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God”**
9. How much effort may it take? **Hebrews 12:4 “resisted unto blood”**
10. What two things shall we exercise to gain the victory? **1 John 5:4-5 “[even] our faith”, “believeth that Jesus is the Son of God”**



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Why is Psalms 77:15 worded as "the sons of Jacob and Joseph"?

ANSWER: Although Joseph was one of Jacob’s sons, Joseph was not part of the tribes list. That is because he received a double portion, as expected, through having two tribes, which were named after his sons. So, the twelve tribes of Israel contain the names of the sons of Jacob plus two for each of the sons of Joseph. Psalms 77:15 simply acknowledges that fact.

QUESTION: Should we study up on demons so that we are aware of their tricks?

ANSWER: “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11) does not encourage us to study his devices but rather as the prior verse puts in context, “To whom ye forgive any thing, I [forgive] also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave [it], for your sakes [forgave I it] in the person of Christ” (2 Corinthians

2:10), it is about forgiveness. We know that unforgiving hearts encourage separation between brethren, and that is a device of Satan – to separate us. We do not need to know the details of this activity. All we need to know is that if Satan can divide us, he will conquer us.

QUESTION: Why is the nature of Christ such an important topic?

ANSWER: There are two options. Either Jesus took on the nature before Adam fell or after. The choice directly impacts our belief of how we are saved. In short, it is a salvational issue.

If Jesus took on the nature before Adam fell, then, as today’s new theology teaches, we shall sin right up until the second coming for there is no hope of us ever being made perfect (John 17:23), overcoming the world and the sin it offers (1 John 5:4), walking as He walked (1 John 2:6), etc. Jesus would have had an advantage over the human race as all of us have inherited tendencies and a fallen

nature. And of course that means those three scriptures, along with others, would have to be removed from the Bible as they would make no sense then.

However, if Jesus took on the nature after Adam fell, then He is made like unto one of us, giving us hope that we can have victory over sin, that we indeed can walk as Jesus walked, that through the same divine power that Jesus was able to resist sin is for our use as well to live the godly life (2 Peter 1:3), and many more blessings.

We cannot remain neutral and simply say, “When we all get to Heaven, it will be revealed to us.” Such “nicety thoughts” just to get along weaken the position of Jesus having our nature and our commitment to have our “whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23). In other words, it contributes to the inability to stop sinning. In fact, why even try to stop if that is the case? Of course, that is what they want everyone to believe and so it is

declared that basically, everyone gets to go to Heaven.

The Bible is quite clear on the matter. Hebrews 2:16 states, "For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels;", which is to say that Jesus did not take on the nature of unfallen beings, "but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham", which was a fallen being, as he came well after Adam.

QUESTION: In Isaiah 45:7 and Amos 3:6, If the Lord created evil, then are we robots and the people who are doing the evil just programmed for that purpose having, some people created for good and some for evil?

ANSWER: Isaiah 45:7 states, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these [things]." Amos 3:6 says, "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done [it]?"

God always accepts the

consequences of His actions, though He is not the one who physically created those things. For instance, when God created peace, which comes through obedience (1 Peter 1:2), those who did not want to obey the rules rebelled, indirectly creating the evil. If God did not have rules, evil would not exist, hence why God says that He created the evil because He indeed created righteous rules. As a practical example, to keep peace in the universe, God created the Ten Commandments. Lucifer did not want to live under those rules. He rebelled. Since God created the Ten Commandments, He takes responsibility for the side effect, being evil results.

Again, every action of God comes with a reaction from the created beings. Those who do not want to be subject to God and His way become rebellious. As they congregated into close living locations, known as cities, God indirectly created the evil that is in those cities as well.

The bottom line is, we are not robots. If we were, there would be a whole lot less variety in the world. Everyone does not like the same things. Being a robot in one aspect of life would bleed over into the rest of our lives. The fact that people can choose every moment of the day to make a decision on some matter proves that we have choice.

Sin is not a program, but a choice. No one is programmed for Heaven. If that were the case, then certain people would not have participated in sin, however reality does state that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). In other words, at some point, all of us were evil. Those who claim to be Christian, and we are meaning "real Christians", will have good days and bad days still when it comes to temptation. In other words, freedom to choose to sin at any time reveals we are not robots.



News and Comments

October 1—Scientific America

Pipelines Touted as Carbon Capture Solution Spark Uncertainty and Opposition

With the pro-environmental presidency funding this type of project, it is hard to think that environmentalists would be so worked up against it, but they are. "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25).

October 2—Independent

Bridge of Lies: Tom Hanks issues stark warning after falling victim to AI usage he had 'nothing to do with'

This is not about Tom Hanks. This is about the use of AI that can be very detrimental to trust. Can you imagine a famous pastor preaching on the benefits of gambling, prostitution, and other sinful practices? It is possible with AI. It will look and sound exactly as the pastor but the content is what will be the revealing factor. Even a trial can now bring forth supposed video footage to incriminate anyone when they were not, in reality,

involved. Everything and anything is subject to the most overwhelming deceptions thus far. Our own eyes will be lying to us. We indeed will have to "walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7).

October 2—Mashable

This virtual library restores banned books to read for free

Many will always find a way to circumnavigate morality. "They [are] wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." (Jeremiah 4:22).

October 3—Reason

Thomas Massie: 'The Next Speaker Is Going To Go Back to the Old Testament'

To invoke a religious term, such as the reference to the "Old Testament", to simply mean that they are to revert to the old ways of doing things is quite unnecessary and belittling of religious terms. This lack of respect is what contributes to the overall irreverence towards God. "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." (Isaiah 59:14).

October 4—Parade

'Wheel of Fortune' Contestant Perfectly Replicates Show's Logo in One-of-a-Kind Hairstyle

No Christian should appreciate this when we are admonished "Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair." (1 Peter 3:3). That is a principle, not an exaction. In other words, it covers the idolizing use of hair to get the attention of the world, like what this gentleman had done.

October 4—Huff Post

New Jersey GOP Candidate Who Smeared Poop On Day Care Blames Obama

We are responsible for our own actions and this is pitiful that a person would blame others for their actions, not only being an adult, but one who is running to represent the people. "The LORD [is] a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." (1 Samuel 2:3).

October 4—Fox News

Newsom repeals CA law that 'censored' doctors giving COVID-19 care

Newsom never had the authority to implement laws that were anti-constitutional, guaranteed rights under the constitution. He got away with it, along with others, simply because there was no challenge to his dictatorship, which shows that both parties are at fault. This attitude, which will eventually spread nationwide, is nothing short of fulfilling Revelation 13:11: "he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Repudiating the two principles of Protestantism and Republicanism will eventually lead to the merging of dictatorship of church to state.

October 4—Fox News

More than 100 UFO sightings reported across DMV this year as Congress, NASA push for more research

Satan is just playing games and the world is being attracted to it. That is because they are not searching the scriptures – the only safety book. "Fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." (Luke 21:11). "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Revelation 16:14).

October 5—Fox News

Pennsylvania school district reverses trans bathroom policy weeks after student walkout

This agenda nonsense that caters to a small minority at the most inappropriate and even immoral actions against the majority has had a setback, thankfully. Evil does not always prevail. "The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness." (Proverbs 11:5).

October 5—Courier Journal

Americans are leaving church behind. They're giving up a lot more than faith.

The article stated, "Studies and personal stories describe people either leaving churches or just drifting away for reasons like being too busy or disagreeing on social issues." Basically, they left because they want to be told that they are saved in their sins, is what the rest of the article shared. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." (2 Timothy 4:3).

October 5—UN Geneva

MORNING - High Commissioner to Human Rights Council: Religious Hate Speech Is Unfolding Unchecked and Gaps in Legal Frameworks Are Letting Hate and Discrimination Slip Through the Cracks

Religious hate speech is in the eyes of the beholder. Hate usually includes any and all negative remarks including showing error in doctrinal beliefs. This will include definitively stating truth that causes others to be uncomfortable even if not directly addressed. In other words, what we were expecting is about to happen: All kinds of censoring is about to be unleashed upon all platforms of social media. This will be yet another step in making it difficult to get the truth out. And do not think it stops at social media. The Great Controversy being sent in the mail will also come under attack. "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

October 7—The Guardian

'Israel declares war': What the papers say about the surprise Hamas attack and its aftermath

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars." (Matthew 24:6).

October 7—The Guardian

Louisiana student punished by school for dancing at private party

From the title of the article, one is led to believe that a student is being disciplined for mere dancing at a private party. The fact is that it involved debasing dancing of which was not only considered acceptable behavior of a person in such a representative position, though a student, but it was considered so acceptable that it was posted on social media for all to see. Student council has standards and by allowing the student to continue without reprimand is what eventually leads to such people being of such character that are found in many of our congress people. In other words, the world has no standards while we as a people are called to "Lift up a standard for the people." (Isaiah 62:10). That people are they that are worldly, debased, and whatever other synonyms one would like to use in this case. Let us be lights shining in this ever growing darker and darker world for we "are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness" (1 Thessalonians 5:5).

October 8—The Gateway Pundit

'We Unearthed Bombshell Revelations': Serious IRS Move Against Christians

The article states, "The Internal Revenue Service, during the Barack Obama administration, infamously targeted Christian and conservative groups, denying them tax status so they had to withhold their comments about what was happening to the nation during that election year." "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two

horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." (Revelation 13:11).

October 9—Yahoo

Godfather of AI tells '60 Minutes' he fears the technology could one day take over humanity

Persecution can happen by any means. These are merely the means to inflict persecution, monitor for persecution, and overall, control people. "Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and [some] of them they shall slay and persecute." (Luke 11:49).

October 9—Business Insider

A woman taken hostage at the Israeli music festival didn't tell her family she was going so they wouldn't worry about her, her mom says

This is very, very, very sad. "In all things willing to live honestly." (Hebrews 13:18).

October 9—Fox News

Simple everyday activity could slash heart disease risk by 20%, study finds

This is a misleading title because all the article states is to take the stairs, pushing five flights which is not an everyday activity. The title implies that any exercise even without sweating is beneficial for the heart, but in reality, exercise does not have to involve the gym, and that could be considered simple, but sweat investment is the most beneficial. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2).

October 10—Fox News

Cardinals as 'messengers from heaven': What does it mean when you see this beautiful red bird?

"God's providence could allow a bird to serve as a sign and a reminder to us of the presence of our loved ones and their kindness and care for us," said Fr. Kirby. "This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet." (Luke 11:29). It is actually evil to look for heavenly signs, especially those that confirm people in the error of their ways. "I will follow the Bible but if God sends a sign otherwise, I will not obey that" is exactly what many Christians live by in one form or another. They place signs above the Bible as if God contradicts His Word through signs. Looking for signs and attributing them to Heaven-sent messages opens up the allowance of Satan to step in. Signs are to further confirm the Word of God (Mark 16:17).

October 11—The Hill

New California law could force people with mental illness to get treatment

Although we all agree that people with mental illness should get treatment, forcing it is of the devil. God is not a God of force, but of invitation. It is Satan that forces. "The violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12).

October 14—Yahoo

California students can no longer be suspended for 'willful defiance'. Could nationwide change be next?

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." (Proverbs 13:24)

October 16—Coin Desk

California 'BitLicense' Bill Signed by Gov. Newsom

The government always finds a way of squeezing into things to regulate it,

using supposed caring tactics, but all the while looking for revenue and control. "When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." (Proverbs 29:2).

October 19—She Finds

Health Experts Reveal The Leafy Green That Has More Iron Than Beef And Can Speed Up Weight Loss

"In grains, fruit, vegetables, and nuts are to be found all the food elements that we need. If we will come to the Lord in simplicity of mind, He will teach us how to prepare wholesome food free from the taint of flesh meat." (CD 363.2).

October 21—Fox News

Man poses as mannequin in storefront, goes on shopping spree after mall closes

The article states, "An alleged thief found a clever way to hide from authorities in Polan." Everyone knows that the righteous thing to do is not to steal, but in this case, to think this out premeditatively is unbelievable. There is nothing that the wicked will not try to get away with sinning. "Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice to do evil, [and] delight in the frowardness of the wicked; Whose ways [are] crooked, and [they] froward in their paths." (Proverbs 2:13-15).

October 23—NBC News

Family sues Panera Bread after college student who drank Charged Lemonade dies

According to the article, "An Ivy League student with a heart condition died after she drank Panera Bread's Charged Lemonade, a large cup of which contains more caffeine than cans of Red Bull and Monster energy drinks combined, according to a

lawsuit." How is it Panera's fault to have known that Sarah Katz, the victim, had a heart condition. Being 21, an adult, she is well above age to be responsible for her own actions. She had practiced avoiding energy drinks per doctor recommendation. Doctor Berul should be at fault for stating, "it's fine to have a Coke or a small coffee each day,". The bottom line is that no caffeine should be consumed. It is a legalized drug just waiting for the next heart attack victim. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2).

October 24—Charlotte Observer

Student pilot disables 10 planes after being denied his solo flight, Florida cops say

This stands out as a very good example of not following God's ways of handling things. "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matthew 5:39).

October 25- Yahoo

71% of Americans believe the climate crisis is harming people now, poll shows

That means 71% are being readied for the Mark of the Beast, the unified solution opposite of the sign or seal of God. There is an obvious agenda with this topic and the globalists know it. And then it will be said, "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." (Revelation 13:14).

October 26—Telegraph

Bakery ordered to pay £20,000 to worker who urinated in mixing bowls

Lack of telling the employee that there were surveillance cameras earns reward to the guilty party? Now

-a-days, it should be assumed that surveillance cameras are around. And of course if someone got sick as a customer and found that a staff person was urinating in the baking bowls, the authorities would have come down on the bakery with fines. All laws seems to be against simply doing the right thing. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil." (Isaiah 5:20).

October 26—Business Insider

How climate change contributed to the collapse of the Roman Empire and 7 other ancient civilizations

It is said, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." The source is in question, but the point is that it was bad enough to have blamed modern technology for climate change, but to now reach with the presentation that it is all humanity's fault back since the beginning of time is a bit of a stretch. It is a lie that just seems to be getting bigger and bigger. It all points to the global agenda of helping to usher in the Mark of the Beast upon all humans. "Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44).

October 27—Vatican News

Pope: May Mary inspire the leaders of nations to seek paths of peace

With Mary dead, as in, "the dead know not any thing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5), does this open up the invitation to fulfill Revelation 16:13-14? "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils,

working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

October 30—The Hill

Biden issues sweeping executive order on AI

Why is there no push-back on what usurps the constitution? This is a form of dictatorship, and Biden is not the only one to have used such to make an impact on privately held

businesses, citizens, etc. Executive orders were intended for federal employees and offices only. This is an example where the United States will be known to have "spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11).



Natural Remedies

Chamomile Tea for Pet's Eye Infections

One of the easiest home remedies for eye infections is chamomile tea. It is affordable on any budget and can be found in any grocery store. Steep a chamomile teabag in hot water. Once cooled, hold

the bag on your pet's infected eye for at least 5 minutes. You can also use the tea to flush the eye. Repeat this 3 to 5 times per day until the infection clears up.

And this remedy is also good for the eyes of pet owners!

