VS.

"under" THE INTLUENCE

Under the Influence (performed by Anointed)

People are talkin

'Bout the way I'm walkin'

Troubled by the change in my stride

Everyone's askin'

'Bout the way I'm actin

Bothered by the look in my eyes

They can see a difference

In my way of livin

But they don't know the reason why

I can't wait to tell them what is wrong with me

Love without condition

This is my addiction

It's a need that only God can fill

Once I got to taste it

Nothin' could replace it

Now I've let it overtake my will

I admit my weakness

Craving it's sweetness

I have givin' into it's control

Love has got a hold on me and won't let go

(chorus)

I'm under, under the influence (2x)

I'm under the influence of love

Used to feel empty

Now I have plenty

Ever since I drank from the fountain

With the Spirit in me

And the strength it gives me

A little faith can move mountains

Take my life, use me

Lord Shine Your light through me for

All the world to see that I am not my own

(chorus)

(bridge) What the world needs is love sweet love

What the world needs is love sweet love

Additional lyrics to chorus

I'm under (under your Love),

Under (under your Grace),

Under the influence of Love

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exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."—Psalm 46:10

The pendulum stopped swinging AND the only place left to "go" was UP!

'Be still, and know that I am God: I will

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Larry (trying to work the cappuccino machine): Oh, dear.

Don (entering the scene): You all right? Here. Let me give

you a hand.

Larry: I got it. Thanks

Don: There you go.

Larry: I think this cappuccino is a VANISHED DREAM.

Don: Have the regular stuff (pouring him a cup of coffee).

Hey, nice turnaround on Susan Doran.

Larry: Well, it's no easy thing, I'll tell you, separating the

ugliness of her dogma from the sincerity of her faith.

Don: Yeah, Lagree.

Larry: You know, you with your job, there's so many horrific

things that you hear people say or do. H-H-How do

you shrug that off?

on: Alcohol. (wry chuckle) No, look, I-I try to remember

the job's more important than me.

arry: Well, we all pray at our own unique altars, don't we?

Don: Well you know, I think of religion as a...a really good police force, you know? It keeps 90% of the people

honest and then we worry about the other ten.

Larry: That's religion. How about belief?

Don: Well, look, you know we weren't a big "God house." I

just always figured one exists, but that's pretty much

the extent of it.

Larry: Pascal's Wager. One lives as if God exists. If He does,

your gain is infinite. If He doesn't, well, you've lost

nothing.

Don: Think Vegas gives odds on that? (Larry gives a wry

laugh)

Larry: You don't feel any...any emptiness in THIS?

Don: Ah, well, hence the alcohol.

Larry (raising his cup in a gesture of agreement/

understanding as he walks away and speaks as

though more "could" be said) Well...

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth....

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two "o"-pinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

And the people answered him not a word."

—Psalm 46:10/1 Kings 18:21 [cf. Job 32:6, 10, 17]

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SOUND is:

- Invasive,
- Intrusive,
- Irresistible."

-Bishop Joseph Garlington

March 24, 2016

Here, in America, we are constantly being inundated with "prejudice"—mainly through the form of "MEDIA." It isn't called "propaganda" but, in reality, IT IS! Our media constantly feeds us conflicting images of our "selves" and "others." IF you "expose" yourself to too much MEDIA (watch too much television, read too many magazines, etc.) you can come away thinking that the "white" FAMILY is severely in a constant state of CHAOS; the "black" RACE can't STAND on its "own" two "FEAT" and is always "nagging" from the "hood"; the "brown" male only exists to BUILD America while his "fee-male" counter-part exists purely to "KEEP" the (white) House(-hold). The "yell-O" is, "finally," GAINING notice, but the "read" is forced to "keep silence."

And political "correctness"? Sometimes, can simply be a "mask" behind which "fascism" can hide.

It doesn't take much to get people to "move" along THAT "heinous" vein. ONE negative comment can generate (or "create") MANY negative "echoes." The "INITIATE" is, often, "fore-gotten"—muffled by the "re-spouses" [responses] or the "re-(in)sulting" ACTION.

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Trend Watch [http://www.merriam-webster.com/trend-watch/sniveling-2016-03-25]

Sniveling

Lookups for 'sniveling' spiked after Cruz used the word to describe Donald Trump

This week, the continuing war of words between Donald Trump and Ted Cruz turned to campaign ads and social media which included photographs of the candidates' wives. Donald Trump tweeted that Cruz should should "be careful" or he would "spill the beans" on his wife, Heidi Cruz.





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In a statement to reporters, Ted Cruz said:

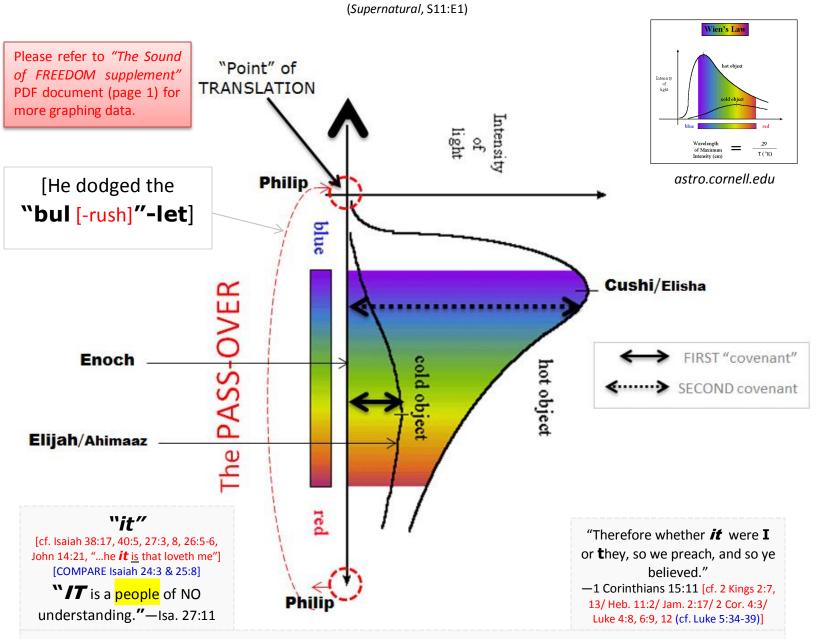
Yes, the word 'snivel' comes from 'sniffle'.

[HOW IS PUBLIC "OPINION" SWAYED? Look at the pictures CHOSEN for the article. The "authors" had millions of pics to choose from, but these were "chosen." WHY???? One answer that comes to mind is that they wanted to "sway" the OPINION in favor of their own candidate. "In **TRUTH**," there is NO "true" INDEPENDENT press—in the sense that the "free press" can itself be "opinionated," "biased," and "bigoted"—and, possibly, OWNED by "special" INTEREST groups. And "Christian" programming can be MORE "political" than "soul stirring." I recently heard the host of a "Christian" TV program (that applies "Christian commentary to today's events") tear down the "image" of the Pope and Mother Teresa (which he described as "miserable") in defense of his candidate, "Trump," which he made to sound as a better example of "Christianity." I was ABSOLUTELY "astounded" by his remarks! Made me wonder: What Bible does "he" read?]

I don't get angry often. But you mess with my wife, you mess with my kids, that'll do it every time. Donald, you're a sniveling coward. Leave Heidi the hell alone.

<u>Snivel</u> here means "to speak or act in a whining, sniffling, tearful, or weakly emotional manner." It originally meant "to have a runny nose," so it's not surprising that it comes from *sniffle* and ultimately from *sniff*, words that developed by imitating the sound that they describe.

"Out of the Darkness, Into the Fire"



The following excerpt is from *Talking With God* (by Glaphré Gilliland), chapter 12—"Following the Pattern":

It's possible for something to become so familiar to us that we don't pay any attention to **it**. Often, the Lord's Prayer is that way. When we say **it** aloud in a group, that's what we usually do—say **it**, rather than pray **it**. We "say" **it**, trying to make sure we get all the words correct so that we don't embarrass ourselves in front of the people standing nearest us.

When we come across the Lord's Prayer in the Bible, *it*'s easy to skim over *it* quickly. After all, we can even repeat *it* from memory...so we don't need to read *it* carefully.

But the Lord's Prayer contains a pattern for our individual prayer times. Perhaps one reason *it* seems antiquated is that *our* prayers don't usually follow *it*s pattern. We tend to tell God "Hi" and rush frantically down the list of things we want Him to *do* for us. Telling God of personal needs is not the first, or even the second *it*em in Jesus' prayers. Personal requests are the *fourth it*em in Jesus' model prayer. We can rarely wait that long! To us, everything else seems superfluous compared with telling God our problems.

But then, we don't always have the at**ti**tude of the disciples. At that moment they weren't saying, "God, this is what we want You to do for us—please hurry!" They were requesting, "Lord, teach us to pray."

If we'd back up and ask the same question, God's response would be to lead us <u>into</u> ["it" is merging with "on" or overtaking "no"] a more effective fellowship with Him.....

"[Then] Out of the fire into the frying pan"

"This power that we have comes from a dark place, but it's NOT who we are." -Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance [cf. 1 Peter 2:7-9]

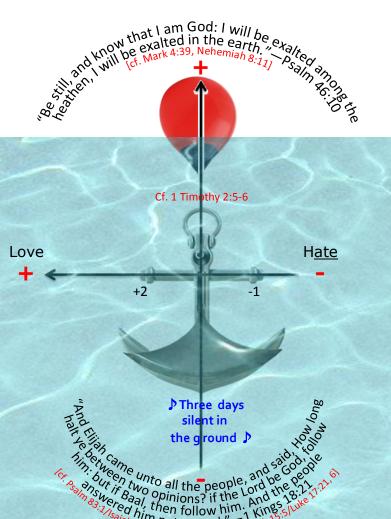
"He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes."—Psalm 147:16 [cf. Isaiah 1:18, Levi. 19:32, Job 38:29, 41:32, Prov. 16:31]

"Out-of-order."



"Root yourself in this present moment, now. Sight, sound, smell. What do you

feel? ... "-After Earth



"Some moments tell us who we are, others what we might have been." -Fallen Angel



"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." -Daniel 7:9 [cf. Revelation 1:14]



[cf. Isaiah 58:1]

F.E.A.R.

"Functional

Evolutionary

Action

Required"

—Dixie Gillaspie

What Does F.E.A.R. Stand For to You? [an excerpt] By Dixie Gillaspie

"I read the Psalms until I find my VOICE."—Pastor Bill Johnson

Baal opinions? if the Lord the And the him and follow him.

ed him not a word.

http://dixiedynamitecoaching.com/2012/09/23/what-does-fear-stand-for-to-you/

"In the larger sense, as someone who knows that the world can't really end because it's just a temporary illusion anyway, and death is only real for the physical self, not the spiritual self, I know that there is nothing to fear. Because Fortunately, Everything's All Right! (Oh! Are you sure THAT isn't what F.E.A.R. stands for?)"

But in the here and now, fear is what suggests that the pretty red cape won't really let me propel my body UPWARD should I decide to jump off a cliff. So, unless I'm okay with having my spirit depart my body sooner rather than later, I would have every reason to be afraid of jumping, or being thrown, off a cliff. So fear might be my mind's First Effort Against Risk. (Oh, maybe that's what **F.E.A.R.** stands for.) It's the mind's way of asking you to STOP and reevaluate because the **F**irst **E**valuation **A**ppears Risky.

Of course, some fears are based in experiences that simply don't relate to the present situation. Contemplating doing something that was difficult or painful before you got stronger, or when you attempted it with another partner, or under other circumstances, might instigate unnecessary fear. Former Expectations Affecting Rationale. Or a need to remember that First Experiences Aren't Representative of future opportunities. In which case, the evidence isn't FALSE – it just isn't relevant. (Hmmm – you ARE noticing that **F.E.A.R.** is the acronym for both of those phrases, aren't you?)

But sometimes, method is everything. Take that cliff-jumping exercise for instance. If you aren't Superman-in-training, or an experienced cliff diver – and you DO want to keep mind, body and soul together for the immediate future, then what you're looking for isn't a platitude that tells you your fear is based on FALSE evidence. You're looking for a safe way to jump off the cliff. How about a parachute? Functional, Evolutionary Action Required. (you're getting the hang of this aren't you?)..........

March 25, 2016

I keep having dreams about elevators—"normal" to "2-car-garage" sized. Early this morning, before sunrise, I had such a dream. I dreamt of being in a high-rise, high-end hotel.

The dream opens with my sister, Deb, and my best friend's sister, Trudy Hawkins, and my "self" in a hotel room. We are happily talking and packing (or unpacking—I can't remember "witch"). But Trudy has some visitors so we "lieve" the room to go to the main entrance of the hotel to "greet" them. It seemed to be "just around the corner." *It* took "no time" to get "there." There is a "Mexican" convention of some sort involving *Amazon Prime* and every hotel is booked to capacity, so outside the hotel there is a "line" of Mexicans waiting to "come" in—but "they" are pre-vented because of Trudy's "reception" line of guests [as though "her" EVENT was of GREATER import-ance at *the* "time"]. "In-coming" are 3 or 4 of the Walker brothers (the "mail" portion of a large family we all grew up with) all dressed-up in their Sunday best—one in a white suit; a "fee mail" high school friend named "Jerri"; and an older woman in white whose name I was never aware of knowing. Trudy was "dressed-up" while Deb's at-tire was more relaxed. I was very casually dressed in pajamas (wearing no "bra" under my T-shirt top). As the guests came in (single-file), they greeted each of us with a "hug." We were standing just beyond the main entrance—6-7 feet. I stood close to the door, on the right as Trudy faced the door. I felt self-conscious about not having on a bra and held a large folded, sheet-sized "*Amazon Prime*" banner against my chest as I hugged each one. Someone made a comment about the logo. (In the dream) *Amazon Prime*'s logo was always going through changes I informed them—currently on its third change [a light blue on white background with a white square in a corner of the "baby" blue].

After the "greeting," they each "lieve"—allowing the line of "Mexicans" to "filter" in—the lobby becomes crowded very quickly. I don't know what happened to Deb and Trudy, but as I made my way back to the room, I was alone—and LOST. I believed I was going back the same way I had come, but the building LAY-OUT had somewhat "changed." As I am walking back to the "room," I see a lot of people sitting around and talking. I notice an alcove that can only be seen from "this" perspective. Upon arriving to the "room" that was "(h)ours," I discover that IT was no longer a "room" for "sleeping." IT had become a "conference/banquet" room filled with people preparing for an "event." I "feel" dumb-"founded" as I head back toward the main entrance—thinking I must have made a wrong turn. [At NO TIME during the dream do I "know" for sure "where" the room is or was—not "even" its NUMBER. I had relied upon "others" to "know" the way.] I make a "left" turn into the alcove that I spotted earlier, hoping to find a door that would "lead" to a hidden "passage" of rooms—but, IT "turned" out to be only a "two leaved" entrance to ONE large banquet "hall"—also filled with people decorating the "room" with PINK "streamers" and "balloons" in preparation of an "event." I return to my original path leading back towards the main entrance. I "spot" a "narrow" path heavily-lined with "greenery" on my "left." As I enter the trail, I "happen upon another" in a search such as "mine." There is a short set of steps that "lead" up to a door, but it is locked—"there" is a "woman" trying to "access" it. Seeing her "failure," I abandon the thought of that detour to continue following the "trail" that leads "past" the main entrance. "She" follows "Me" being MORE confused than "I." Passing by IT, I "eye" some doors that resemble elevator doors. When I arrive "there," I meet "yet another." She is "young" and "confident"—no fear or confusion "in" her "composure." THIS beautiful young woman who seems "non-chalet" (nonchalant) is leaning against the back wall facing the doors as though she is simply "waiting" for "a" door to open. All "doors" aren't what they seem. They ALL "appear" to be elevator doors but aren't, and accessing "them" is a RIDDLE of electronic switches which I find to be easily "enough" solved. I realize which switch needs to be "activated" and I "lift" UP the panel activating the switch—all the time wondering which floor do I "need" to get off on. I was "thinking" of going ONE floor "UP!" and seeing if, perhaps, I'd have better luck on the 2nd floor. When the "door" opens revealing a "good-sized" elevator, we three get "in" [I enter first, then the confused woman]—BUT, it appears that the young confident woman "is" ALREADY "there" ("on" the elevator—leaning against the "back" wall). Looking "right" at the "control panel," I can see that "her" destination is already "set." "I" push "2" and look over my left shoulder at the "confused" woman. Although she was standing back to my "left," her "right" arm pushes the "button" for her desired floor without her having to "lean" around me (or "move" in "any" way) to do so.

The door closes.

I have a feeling of "apprehension" and dread. The closing of the door seems so "FINAL"—"signaling" a "commitment" to *THIS* "cos" (cause)—i.e. the "trip" UPWARD! And I have NO clue where I'm "actually" going!

The elevator "takes-off"......PAST ALL LOWER FLOORS!

It's an EX-PRESS elevator!

As "it" reaches "its" first stop, the 45th floor, I "tail" the others,

"If I'd known (before "hand") THIS was an EXPRESS elevator, I NEVER would have gotten on."

I wake up while "still" on the elevator. [cf. Psalm 46:10]

2 Samuel 22:34,

"He maketh my **feet** like **hind**s' **feet**: and setteth me upon my high places."

Psalm 18:33,

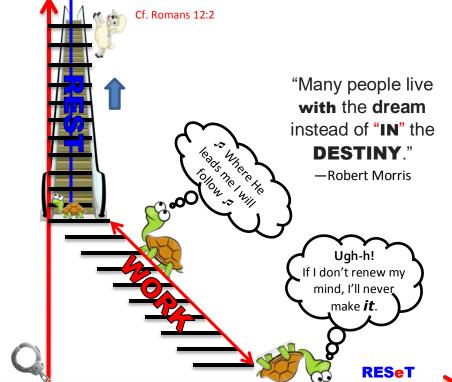
"He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places." "'And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise' (Luke 6:31). That's why I'm merciful to EV'RYBODY! I ain't hangin' in my own rope!" -T.D. Jakes [cf. Esther 7:10, 8:3]

A simple Rack is a Spur gear with infinite diameter. [cf. Isa. 53:3-4] -quora.com



"Faith is a time zone of NOW." -Bill Winston

"An eternal God cannot speak a temporary thing." —T.D. Jakes



[Ex. 33:8-9, Num. 12:5, 16:18, 27, Deut. 31:15, 2 Kings 4:15, Eze. 10:19, John 18:16, 20:19, 26] "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do[/dew/due] RIGHT?"-Gen. 18:25 [cf. Isaiah 28:10-29]

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"Stood in the door"

"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;" —Song of Solomon 2:12

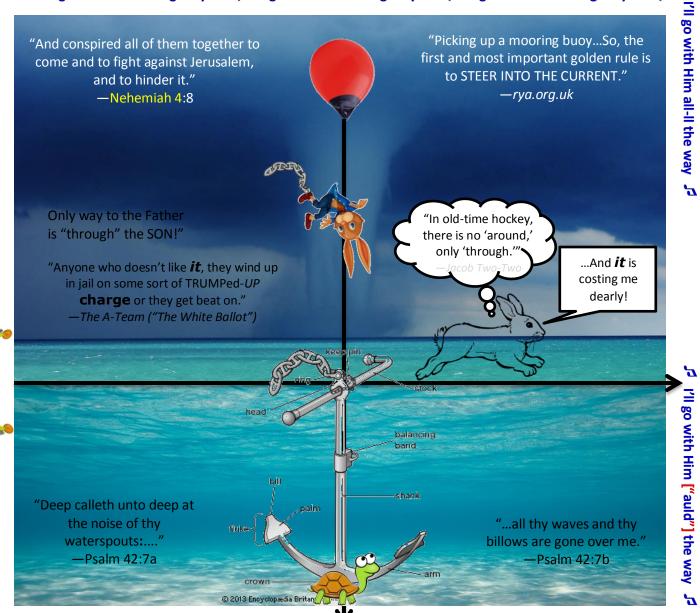
[cf. Levi. 12:8, 15:29, Num. 6:10, Jer. 8:7]

"The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief sing on my stringed instruments."

THIS elevator is no longer in service! I'm afraid Ewe'll have to take the stairs.

Oh dear! But, I've been waiting since forever!

🎜 I'll go with Him through my trial / I'll go with Him through my trial / I'll go with Him through my trial /



In <u>glaciology</u>, a **roche moutonnée** (or **sheepback**) is a <u>rock formation</u> created by the passing of a <u>glacier</u>. The passage of glacier ice over underlying bedrock often results in asymmetric erosional forms as a result of abrasion on the "stoss" (upstream) side of the rock and plucking on the "lee" (downstream) side. These erosional features are seen on scales of less than a metre to several hundred metres. [1]:324-326—wikipedia.org

Merriam-Webster.com

1lee noun \'lē\

Simple Definition of *lee*

: the side of something that is sheltered from the wind

Full Definition of lee

I: protecting shelter 2: the side (as of a ship) or area that is sheltered from the wind

²lee adjective

Definition of *lee*

 $\it I$: of, relating to, or being the side sheltered from the wind — compare weather $\it 2$: facing in the direction of motion of an overriding glacier — used especially of a hillside

"Therefore the Lord God says this, "Listen carefully, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a tested Stone, A precious Cornerstone for the [secure] foundation, firmly placed. He who believes [who trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone] will not be disturbed *or* give way [in sudden panic]."—Isaiah 28:16 AMP (cf. CJB, ERV, KJV, YLT biblical translations)

"Riddle me this: I'm the part of the bird that's not in the sky. I can swim in the ocean and yet remain dry. What am I?"—Microsoft.com

(answer: **It**'s SHADOW!)

Musical "stares"?

"I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me."—Psalm 22:17

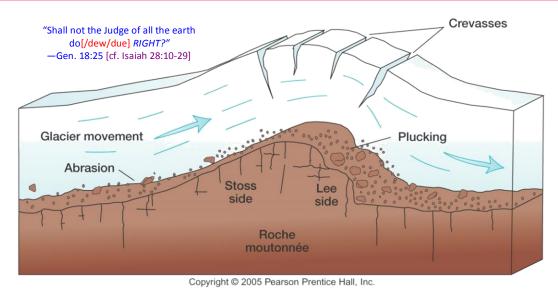


"Because my people hath forgotten **me**, they have burned incense **to** vanity, and they have **cause**d them **to** stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, **to walk** in paths, in a way not cast up;"





The "pole" would represent the elevator that is "heaven" and **its** WAR. The "staircase" is the "INITIATE" [the CHAOS—i.e. the "anomaly," the "other," the "different"]—THE POLE is THAT which is placed there to "maintain" the ORDER—i.e. LAW ["AN"-other VESSEL]! [Compare imagery of spiral staircase with boat deck—pole = deck (cf. Isaiah 51:23)]



"Soprano" ["dead"] or "Sophrosyne"

[dictionary.com]

Definition for sophrosyne: moderation, discretion, prudence

Citations for **sophrosyne**:

"So why do we continue to set ourselves the Herculean task of total self-denial, abnegation and avoidance instead of practising that other ancient Greek model of **sophrosyne** --temperance, prudence and self-control? Why cut out when we can simply cut down?" —Nell Frizzell, "Why moderation is good for us: Do our vices need to be such an all-or-nothing affair?" Independent, December 14, 2015

"They praised the right mean between extravagant extremes, and, of virtues and vices, emphasized the vice of arrogant boastfulness (hubris) which led kings like Xerxes to assume the attributes and lay claim to the qualities that belong only to the gods, and the virtue of self-control (**sophrosyne**) which kept a man within the limits of good conduct."—Arnold Wycombe Gomme, *Mr. Wells as Historian*, 1921

Bill Gross says low rates stretching markets to breaking point



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John 21:15-22,

¹⁵ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. 19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.²⁰ Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?²¹ Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?²² Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

(An Excerpt)

Bill Gross has no doubt that the appliance-store employee griping about rock stars raking in cash for precious little work, whose MTV-inspired frustrations were captured in Dire Straits' chart-topping hit from late 1985, was wrong.

There is no *Money for Nothing*. Nor is there a cash return from nothing, or less than nothing, which means central banks with extremely low interest rates, like the U.S., or negative rates, like Europe and Japan, are running out of time for those policies to reignite economic growth.

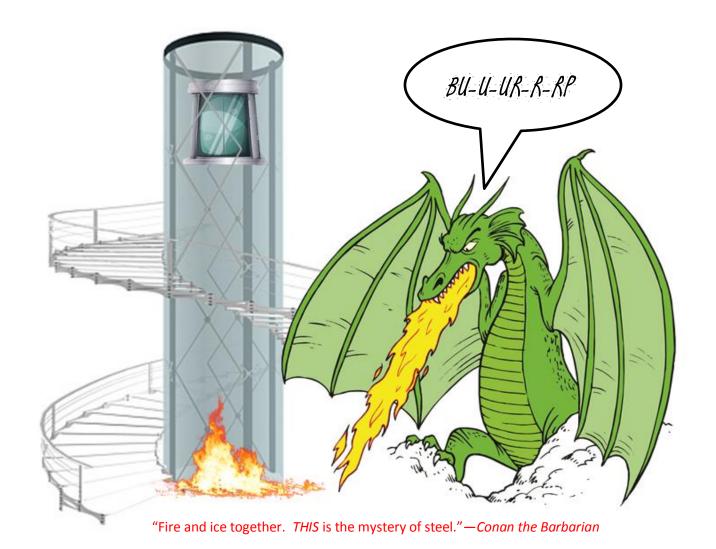
"Losses from negative rates result in capital losses, not capital gains," Gross, the Pimco co-founder who now manages the \$1.26 billion global unconstrained bond for Janus Capital, argued in his most recent monthly investor outlook. "Investors cannot make money when money yields nothing."

"Developments abroad imply that meeting our objectives for employment and inflation will likely require a somewhat lower path" for interest rates than monetary policy committee members anticipated in December, Yellen said Tuesday. "Given the risks to the outlook, I consider it appropriate for the committee to proceed cautiously in adjusting policy."

Her remarks prompted a spike in U.S. markets, with the S&P 500 Index wiping out the remainder of its year-to-date losses; the gauge is now up 1.14% for 2016. The KBW Bank Index, which includes companies like JPMorgan Chase , Citigroup and Action Alerts PLUS holding Bank of America , fell. It's now down about 11% for the year.

The pain isn't likely to stop there, Gross predicts. "Unless real growth/inflation, commonly known as nominal gross domestic product, can be raised to levels that allow central banks to normalize short-term interest rates, then south instead of north is the logical direction for markets," he said. "All financial assets are ultimately priced based upon the short-term interest rate."

In short, his assessment of keeping rates lower for longer could borrow one of the tag lines from *Money for Nothing:* "That ain't workin'."



"Assumption is the vulnerability of ignorance masked by the illusion of certainty."

-Steven Furtick

"You are never more vulnerable to attack or assault than when you ASSUME....The one thing Jesus did so brilliantly is to CONFRONT the ASSUMPTIONS of His day. To confront the assumptions of what God was like. The assumptions of which people were close to the Kingdom of God and which people were far away. To confront the assumptions of what *it* takes to be in right relationship with the Creator. He confronted FALSE ASSUMPTION—and they killed Him for *it*. So married were they to their preconceived notions and false premises of what God would be like that they hung Creation's AUTHOR on a cross because He confronted their FALSE ASSUMPTIONS, their assumptions that had created for them an ILLUSION OF CONTROL."—Steven Furtick (sermon "Confronting False Assumption")



The Silly Little Dragon

Silly little dragon dressed-up in green

Your flame is very powerful, your might is easily seen.

Silly little dragon with your nose so long,

Won't you open your mouth and sing me a song?

And this is *its* reply:

Don't you know that I am shy?

But shy or not I will grant your request:

I'm a silly little dragon
A silly little dragon
I can run like an elephant
I can fly like a bee
I'm not really angry
I'm not really mean
I'm just being myself
To the best that I can be

I've never heard a *Prince* or song, so I can't say that I was ever a "fan"; but when he died, I heard (on the news) something he said that resonated with me. AND, I felt "led" to include the following portion in these pages:



Remembering Prince: The Music Legend's Most Inspirational Quotes

Music legend Prince has died at 57.

As fans and friends celebrate his vibrant life and iconic work, we remember the immeasurably influential artist in his own words:

On confidence

"Cool means being able to hang with yourself. All you have to ask yourself is 'Is there anybody I'm afraid of? Is there anybody who if I walked into a room and saw, I'd get nervous?' If not, then you're cool."

— to Rolling Stone

On why he attracted such a diverse fanbase

"I think from the beginning, as I was coming into my own persona and understanding of who I was, I never talked down to my audience. When you don't talk down to your audience, then they can grow with you. I give them a lot of credit to be able to hang with me this long, because I've gone through a lot of changes, but they've allowed me to grow, and thus we can tackle some serious subjects and try to just be better human beings, all of us."

to Tavis Smiley

On the state of the music industry

"Like books and black lives, albums still matter."

- at the 2015 Grammys

On freedom

"I find freedom sexy. I find freedom so sexy, I can't even explain it to you. You wake up every day and feel like you can do anything."

- to NME

On handling criticism

"I don't really care so much what people say about me because *it* usually is a **REFLECTION** of who they are. For example, if people wish I would sound like I used to sound, then *it* says more about them than *it* does me."

- to Tavis Smiley

On letting the music speak for itself

"I don't want to get up on a soapbox. My view of the world, you can debate that forever. But I'm a musician. That's what I do. And I also am music. Come to the show for that."

– to The Guardian

On feeling at peace

"I feel at peace. I knew it would take time, and I had to deal with a lot of ridicule. But this feels like peace right now. Spiritually, I feel very different from the way I used to, but physically? Not at all. I don't look at time that way, and I don't believe in age. When you wake up, each day looks the same, so each day should be a new beginning. I don't have an expiration date."

- to Rolling Stone

On his love for people

"I'm no different to anyone. Yes, I have fame and wealth and talent, but I certainly don't consider myself any better than

anyone who has no fame, wealth or talent. People fascinate me. They're amazing! Life fascinates me! And I'm no more fascinated by my own life than by anyone else's."

- to NME

On identity

"Despite everything, **NO ONE** can dictate who you are to other people."

to Rolling Stone

On conventions

"A strong spirit transcends rules."

- in *The Guardian*

On the importance of teachers

"That's what makes the world go around. We all need each other, and again, it's about good mentoring and good teachers. I had a lot of good people around."

to Tavis Smiley

On aspiration

"I had a massive ego. Massive. But that's not such a bad thing. Because at least you're aspiring to be something, you consider yourself great because you want to be great."

- to NME

On making music a priority

"My greatest musical education I think came from listening to records. And I think that should be integrated into the school system, that kids learn and hear from the musicians themselves why they got into music in the first place. It's a God-given gift and when a musician gives back onto that glory, it's a wonderful thing."

- on MTV

BibleGateway.com search results for "Prince" (355 total verses). I include only a "few":

<u>Genesis 12:15</u>, The **prince**s also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

<u>Genesis 17:20</u>, And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve **prince**s shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

<u>Genesis 23:6</u>, Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty **prince** among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

<u>Genesis 25:16</u>, These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve **prince**s according to their nations.

<u>Genesis 32:28</u>, And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a **prince** hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

<u>Job 3:15</u>, Or with **prince**s that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

<u>Job 12:19</u>, He leadeth **prince**s away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

<u>Job 12:21</u>, He poureth contempt upon **prince**s, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

Job 21:28, For ye say, Where is the house of the **prince**? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked?

Job 29:9, The **prince**s refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

Psalm 45:16, Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

<u>Psalm 47:9</u>, The **prince**s of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

<u>Psalm 68:27</u>, There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the **prince**s of Judah and their council, the **prince**s of Zebulun, and the **prince**s of Naphtali.

Psalm 68:31, Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Psalm 76:12, He shall cut off the spirit of **prince**s: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalm 82:7, But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the **prince**s.

<u>Ezekiel 7:27</u>, The king shall mourn, and the **prince** shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

<u>Ezekiel 11:1</u>, Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the Lord's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, **prince**s of the people.

<u>Ezekiel 12:10</u>, Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; This burden concerneth the **prince** in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them.

Ezekiel 12:12, And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through

the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

<u>Ezekiel 17:12</u>, Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the **prince**s thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

Ezekiel 19:1, Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

<u>Ezekiel 21:12</u>, Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the **prince**s of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

Ezekiel 21:25, And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

Ezekiel 22:6, Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

<u>Ezekiel 22:27</u>, Her **prince**s in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

<u>Ezekiel 23:15</u>, Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them **prince**s to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:

<u>Ezekiel 26:16</u>, Then all the **prince**s of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.

<u>Ezekiel 27:21</u>, Arabia, and all the **prince**s of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they thy merchants.

<u>Ezekiel 28:2</u>, Son of man, say unto the **prince** of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: <u>Ezekiel 30:13</u>. Thus saith the Lord God; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a **prince** of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

<u>Ezekiel 32:29</u>, There is Edom, her kings, and all her **prince**s, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

<u>Ezekiel 32:30</u>, There be the **prince**s of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 34:24, And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.

<u>Ezekiel 37:25</u>, And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children for ever: and my servant David shall be their **prince** for ever.

Ezekiel 38:2, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

<u>Ezekiel 38:3</u>, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief **prince** of Meshech and Tubal:

<u>Ezekiel 39:1</u>, Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief **prince** of Meshech and Tubal:

<u>Ezekiel 39:18</u>, Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the **prince**s of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

<u>Ezekiel 44:3</u>, It is for the **prince**; the **prince**, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

<u>Ezekiel 45:7</u>, And a portion shall be for the **prince** on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

<u>Matthew 2:6</u>, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the **prince**s of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 9:34, But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

<u>Matthew 12:24</u>, But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the **prince** of the devils.

<u>Matthew 20:25</u>, But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the **prince**s of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Mark 3:22, And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the **prince** of the devils casteth he out devils.

<u>John 12:31</u>, Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the **prince** of this world be cast out.

John 14:30, Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the **prince** of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

John 16:11, Of judgment, because the **prince** of this world is judged.

Acts 3:15, And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 5:31, Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a **Prince** and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. 1 Corinthians 2:6, Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the **prince**s of this world, that come to nought:

<u>1 Corinthians 2:8</u>, Which none of the **prince**s of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <u>Ephesians 2:2</u>, Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince** of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Revelation 1:5, And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the **prince** of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Sometimes, before we can fully understand the light, we "must" WITNESS the darkness.

"This Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation has such low energy that **it** has no material effect on us. But **it** can be detected if you've got the right kind of detectors, and that is the **remnant** of the visible light in the very early days of the universe when the entire universe would have been **filled** with light."

—Olber's Paradox—A Level Physics (DrPhysicsA—YouTube channel)

The imagery below relates with the above statements.





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In the downstream and centerline designs, new levels of the dam are placed atop previous levels and built outward. This results in a bulkier— and often sturdier—structure.

In the upstream design, these new embankments rest directly upon the 'beach' inside the reservoir. This saves money, since it requires little earthmoving.

 $Sources: Jon\ Engles, tailings.info;\ WISE\ Uranium\ Project$

Tailings Dam Risks

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Water

Water is a tailings dam's worst enemy. If it saturates the dam walls or the tailings beneath an upstream dam, the whole structure can liquefy and slide. Wetter tailings also travel farther and faster if they escape, causing more destruction.



Weak Foundation

An undetected layer of clay or silt beneath a tailings dam can prove disastrous. In addition to being less sturdy than rock or sand, such materials drain poorly, allowing water to silently infiltrate the dam.



Rate of Rise

Upstream tailings dams should be raised slowly, to allow the beach time to dry and consolidate enough to support a new level of the dam. But this requires a level of discipline than can test mining companies.



Height and Angle

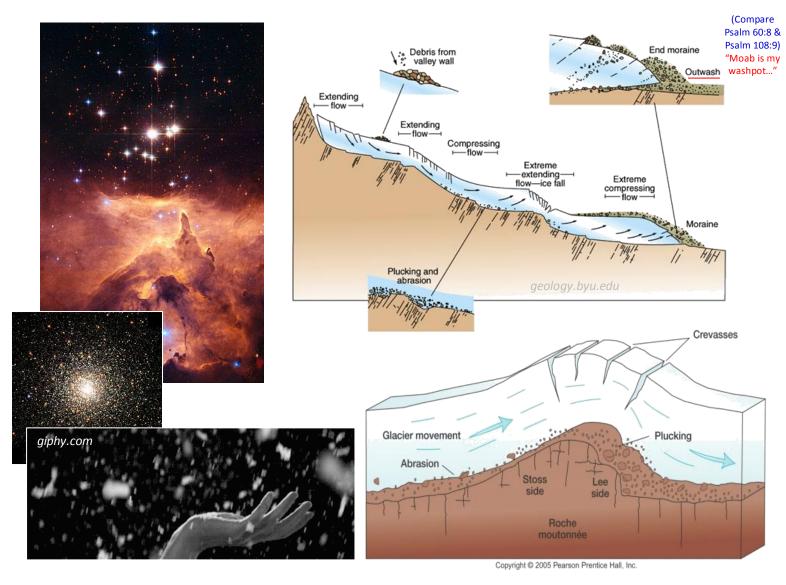
The taller the dam, the greater the catastrophe if it fails. The steeper the dam, the greater the risk. For an upstream dam made from tailings themselves, engineers recommend a 25% gradient – flat enough to walk up.

June 8, 2016

There is something that is "incomplete" in my understanding. Father keeps reminding me of something that I "greatly" dislike. When I studied "it," I gave *it* only a passing glance. But, maybe, *it* requires MORE than a "passing" glance. I couldn't see "*it*s" value before. But, maybe, NOW, *it* has more to offer if I "hunker-down" and "pay" *it* MORE "attention." After all, Father does hide His greatest "treasure" in the MOST obscure places!

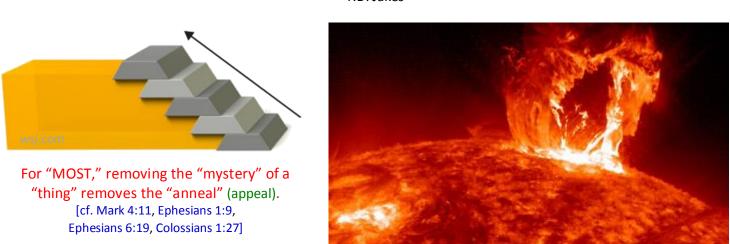
[Well, I did hunker-down and study it as well as I could ("seeing" I had another distraction), and I still "don't get it"!]

"Faith is the silver thread upon which the pearls of the graces are to be hung. Break that faith and you have broken the string—the pearls are scattered on the ground."—Charles H. Spurgeon



"You cannot gain WISDOM without mistakes. Mistakes give you WISDOM."

—T.D. Jakes



"IF we all do our part, IT won't be a burden for anyone."—Joyce Meyer

Some Miscellaneous IMAGERY

Proverbs 25

¹ These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. ² It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter. ³The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. ⁵Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness. ⁶ Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men: ⁷ For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen. 8Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. ⁹ Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another: ¹⁰Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. ¹² As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear. ¹³ As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters. ¹⁴ Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain. 15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone. 16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. 17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee. ¹⁸ A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow. ¹⁹Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint. ²⁰ As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart. ²¹ If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: ²² For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee. ²³ The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue. ²⁴ It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house. ²⁵ As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. ²⁶ A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring. ²⁷ It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory. ²⁸ He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

2 Kings 19:30-37, "³⁰ And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. ³¹ For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this. ³² Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a **bank** against *it*. ³³ By the way that he came, by the **same** shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. ³⁴ For I will defend this city, to save *it*, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. ³⁵ And *it* came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were **all** dead corpses. ³⁶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. ³⁷ And *it* came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead."

Isaiah 24:13, "When thus **it** shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be <u>as</u> the shaking of an olive tree, and <u>as</u> the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done."



RESURRECTION SUNDAY—March 27, 2016 Audrey Berden (sermon notes)

"Didn't you know that going to bed every night is a practice for your death; and waking up every morning is a practice for your RESURRECTION."

"There was a 'regular' Sabbath and there was a 'HOLY' Sabbath."

"His death wasn't anything new. What was different was that He **GOT UP!**"

There's something in a man that causes him to lie down. It's another thing that causes him to get back up."

"If you get into the Presence of God you can know spiritual things...If I can get your spirit to awake, you can connect to the things of God...the eternal things of God... ... They commit suicide because they can't connect to the Spirit of God... Sometimes, when you deal with the Spirit, you can't put a word on it!"

"When you walk in the Spirit, you're in the realm of God."

"Everybody wants to keep Him on the CROSS."

"Even the Devil knows the Word."

"[Jesus is saying in Rev. 1:18,] I live, then I die, then I get back up."

Matthew 28:1-4, "¹ In the end of the sabbath, as **it** began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. ² And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon **it**. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ⁴ And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."

Spiritual bondages = Egypt

Church [& people] = Israel [not replacement but EQUALS]

"Sometimes we seek Jesus in a dead place...the familiar [places ("same" color, ethnicity, denomination, religion, etc.)]."

"Resurrection power will cause you to cause things that have never happened to happen....That's why I have to TESTIFY."

"You possess RESURRECTION power...You can change your 'temporary'."

1 Corinthians 15:12-15, "¹² Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: ¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ¹⁵ Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we

have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not."

(Greek) Anastasis → "ana" = "UP" / "stasis" = "to cause to stand..a standing up—i.e. a resurrection, a raising up, rising"

"To be BORN AGAIN means you are GETTING UP."

"If I can get you to stop westernizing the Bible and start spiritualizing the Bible..."

"Resurrection applies to the spirit, the mind, and the soul."

"When God gives you something to do, **it**'s NOT a job, **it**'s an **ASSIGNMENT!**...You can quit a job."

"You can't kill THAT which is ALIVE!...that Resurrection Power! You can't see *it* but *it*'s ALIVE!"

Romans 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 8:9-11, "⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

"Salvation is positional. Sanctification is progressional...the daily walk. WALK...IN...THAT...POWER!"

"'Finished' is flesh. 'Finished' is ceremony...'Finished' is tradition...[etc.]."

"People don't understand that MIRACLES should be commonplace.....[If you're not experiencing miracles] You're not using your power. You're dormant."

Exodus 6:6-8, "⁶Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: ⁷ And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give **it** to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give **it** you for an heritage: I am the LORD."

"'New' testament means 'walking in the Spirit' [the "random walk"].

OPINION

The Algorithm Is an Editor

By Jeffrey Herbst

ocial media companies quickly are becoming the dominant news providers for many Americans and citizens across the world. The implications of this revolution are significant for how we understand the information ecosystem and our democracy.

In only a few years, the

Google, Facebook and other tech companies say they aren't news organizations, but the claim is becoming increasingly implausible.

number of Americans who get their news (as opposed to the latest cute cat videos) from Facebook, Google, Apple and Twitter has increased markedly. Four in 10 adults in America now get news from Facebook and one in 10 from Twitter, according to the Pew Research "Among Millennials," researchers write. "Facebook is far and awar the most common source for news information government and politics."

Tech companies, seeing the economic promise of this trend, are working hard to become the dominant distributors of news. Facebook's Instant Articles, which allow news stories to load much faster than before, will be open to all publishers in April. Apple has launched Apple News, Google offers Accelerated Mobile Pages, and Twitter has Moments.

The Washington Post has

made all of its daily content available through Facebook's Instant Articles. For struggling print publications that have yet to fully monetize their digital products, social media platforms are a new source of advertising revenue. For tech companies, the news is just more content that they can use to entice readers to stay on their platforms longer to be exposed to more ads.

But the change is profound. Facebook has implemented algorithms that will determine who sees which Washington Post articles. Two people

with very similar interests may get different news, depending on what Facebook's servers with very similar interests may get different news, depending on what Facebook's servers believe is best for each reader. This is an extraordinary change from when a newspaper editor determined what the reader would see either in print or via the paper's own website.

Tech companies are adamant that they are not news providers but simply distribution networks. In a recent interview with Business Insider, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg said, "I think the platform is the core of our product that people use to share and consume media, but we ourselves are not a media company." Officials I have spoken to at Google, Apple and Twitter similarly insist that they aren't news companies but simply deliver content that their algorithms find people want or, in the case of Facebook and



Twitter, that users' friends or followers recommend.

This stance reflects Internet companies' historical role as "pipes" to provide information through search or recommendations. It is also commercially convenient, because it may help them avoid some difficult problems, including libel.

Yet as technology evolves, the tech companies' position that they are not news organizations becomes increasingly implausible. Simply presenting articles in a different manner, the tech companies profoundly affect how news is consumed. In addition, they inserting increasingly are themselves and their views into the news stream. Both Apple News and Twitter's Moments employ human curation to highlight important stories, so an element of editorial selection is obvious. All try to scrub out some types of pornography and

expressions of hate speech, thereby immediately exercising editorial control.

Inevitably, as their prominence and ambition grow, the tech companies will be moved to do more. For instance, Facebook recently announced that it would ban private sales of guns on its platform. While this may be a good idea, no one had argued that gun sales were the most pressing problem among the many Facebook posts. Rather. the policy originates management's beliefs.

Or consider counterterrorism, where the growing implausibility

of solely being a distribution network, neutral to content, is most obvious. Islamic State and other radical groups become experts at using social media to recruit members. The tech companies have reacted with steps that, while eminently sensible and responsible, seem to contradict their position as simply "pipes." Twitter has removed tens of thousands of accounts promoting Islamic State. Facebook removes posts that express support for terrorists or condone violent acts. It has also provided free ads to those who provide "counter speech" to extremist groups.

It could be argued that the tech firms are not news companies because they don't have reporters. However, that 20th-century model does not really apply to modern firms. What the social media companies have is a treasure trove of information about anyone with a smartphone or

Internet service and about the choices they make. Information arrived at through data mining, such as the public mood on particular issues, is already making its way into presidential debates and other political discussions. Google is training reporters on how to use its data. It is hard to imagine that the tech companies will resist further exploiting their information so that they can remain mere "pipes" in an increasingly competitive market.

As these companies enter further into the news arena they will have to develop an understanding of where their editorial role fits into American and world society and how they see themselves aligning with societal goals. Certainly a fundamental challenge will be to delineate how their for-profit imperative and shareholder demands interact with their role as providers of information.

The legacy media companies addressed this issue by trying, admittedly with varying degrees of success, to establish walls between the departments responsible for editorials, news reporting and advertising. This will be far more difficult in an where algorithms-not control editors—often content and ads a person consumes.

An informed citizenry depends on robust sources of news. How technology firms position themselves as news providers, and the choices they make as a result, will have an effect not only on the companies themselves but also on the quality of our democracy.

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IT Manager:

- "An Information Technology Manager is responsible for implementing and maintaining an organization's technology infrastructure. Businesses rely on a central information processing system to support efficient data management and communications."—webopedia.com
- "Information technology managers are mainly responsible for planning, coordinating and directing activities that have to do with the computer and information."—careerigniter.com
- "As of Jan 2016, the average pay for an Information Technology (IT) Manager is \$22.17/hr or \$80811 annually."
 payscale.com

"I am come a light into the world ["Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee:

and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart." (1 Samuel 29:10)], that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:

for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."—John 12:46-47

[cf. Rom. 3:23-24, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

/ cf. "light"—94 New Test. Verses—i.e. 1 Pet. 2:9, 1 Thess. 5:5, Eph. 5:8, Matt. 5:14 (Ps. 139:12)]

I was watching a preacher on TV today. He began talking about the "blood of Jesus." I recalled what I wrote in the "original" document about the "importance" of THE BLOOD—that our "focus" should be on "THE BLOOD." As I pondered *THIS*, the question arose: How does a **SUN** bleed?

April 5, 2016

As I awoke one morning (several days ago), I heard very clearly, A "VOICE"—the "same" as my sister's (Lee's "voice")—say [and "it" DI-STUrBS me to say THIS], "Sue, I'm dying." My sister is very "well." So what does it mean when the "lee" says [cf. "lees"—Isaiah 25:6, Jeremiah 48:11, Zephaniah 1:12 / "leeks"—Numbers 11:5]

"Everything" speaks to me. I'm not bothered by *it*, but I wonder: Am I losing myself? Sometimes, I forget I'm not alone and I start thinking out loud. My thoughts rarely stray from my "assignment" and I am easily overcome by the "potential" problems of others. *It*'s as though a "trap" is "set" and I see them happily and blindly falling "in," believing that the path they are "on" is THE road to happiness. Their ears are deaf to the MANY voices of "warning." Without the option of choosing for them, all I can do is ask Father to open their eyes (AND, give them WISDOM (and courage) to do the "right" thing)! In the "mean" time, I find it quite painful to "watch." MAN Y-times, their lives make my life feel like *IT*'s not worth living. [On ONE such "occasion," I was "lying" sleepless in bed telling Father I'm so "tired" of *THIS* that I would "truly" like to "liev" NOW. And, suddenly, I felt my spirit "lift" *UP* out of my body—"kinda" *UP* out of my body. My head was "going" *UP* but my "feat" held "fast" to my "flesh"—I was "sloped." I thought of the pain my absence would cause and I "de-sided" to "stay." I must say that I "found" the ENTIRE "experience" to be MOST EXHILARATING!] I'm "tired" of "seeing" their "trouble." I'm "tired" of "watching" their "pane." I'd like to "skip" the "epi-sodes" and GO "straight to the END. But *It* is through the "living" of "their" lives that I have come to understand THIS Revelation. And, because they haven't read my paper, MANY still aren't aware that they have been so "used"!

"U" have to witness the "Dark Side" before you can FULLY under-strand the LIGHT.

Yet again, I find myself writing about things I had no desire to ever talk about. During my writings—and I've written a "lot"—I've put my life (and the lives of those I know or "crossed") on display for "yore" LEARNING. Eight total documents plus three website pages of information [but had *it* been "Sol-lee" UP to "me," I would have "left" a "Lot" of *it* OUT!]. And I have come to the conclusion that if those "secret" persons who have "bothered" to read each document and, yet, "remain" WITHOUT "know-ledge," then, perhaps, we are, indeed, "doomed" to "failure" and "another" document with MORE words would "simply" BE a "waist" of MY *time!* The MOST OBSCURE place to hide "something," I think, is "in" the "open" CLUTTER of LIFE!

"The sound of silence can be murder."—Blow Out (1981)

IT must be that we don't "yet" understand THIS IDIOCY that explains our existence—THIS EQUATION that is ALL of us—THIS NAME(N-"CLAY"-"TOUR") ("nomenclature") that "describes" CREATION itself. We search for the complicated in the very simple. For the "grande" in the "sub-line" ("sublime"). We don't "realize" that ALL Father is saying is...

"I...am...you....We...are...us...... We is what we is and we ain't what we ain't."

—if you believe

"light"—45 (of 94 VERSES) (from BibleGateway.com)

Matthew 3:16, And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and **light**ing upon him:

Matthew 4:16, The people which sat in darkness saw great **light**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death **light** is sprung up.

Matthew 5:14-16, Ye are the **light** of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men **light** a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth **light** unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your **light** so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:22-23, The **light** of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of **light**.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the **light** that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Matthew 10:27, What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in **light**: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

Matthew 11:30, For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 17:2, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matthew 22:5, But they made **light** of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Matthew 24:27, For as the **light**ning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:29, Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her **light**, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matthew 28:3, His countenance was like **light**ning, and his raiment white as snow:

Mark 9:39, But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can **light**ly speak evil of me.

Mark 13:24, But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Luke 1:79, To give **light** to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 2:32, A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 8:16, No man, when he hath **light**ed a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the **light**.

Luke 10:18, And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Luke 11:33-36, No man, when he hath **light**ed a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the **light**. ³⁴ The **light** of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of **light**; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ Take heed therefore that the **light** which is in thee be not darkness. ³⁶ If thy whole body therefore be full of **light**, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of **light**, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee **light**.

Luke 12:3, Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the **light**; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Luke 12:35, Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

Luke 15:8, Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not **light** a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

Luke 16:8, And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of **light**.

Luke 17:24, For as the **light**ning, that **light**eneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

John 1:4-5, In him was life; and the life was the **light** of men. ⁵ And the **light** shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:7-9, The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the **Light**, that all men through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that **Light**, but was sent to bear witness of that **Light**. ⁹That was the true **Light**, which **light**eth every man that cometh into the world.

John 3:19-21, And this is the condemnation, that **light** is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than **light**, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For every one that doeth evil hateth the **light**, neither cometh to the **light**, lest his deeds should be reproved. ²¹But he that doeth truth cometh to the **light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 5:35, He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

John 8:12, Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light** of life.

John 9:5, As long as I am in the world, I am the **light** of the world.

John 11:9-10, Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the **light** of this world. ¹⁰ But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no **light** in him. John 12:35-36, Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the **light** with you. Walk while ye have the **light**, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. ³⁶ While ye have **light**, believe in the **light**, that ye may be the children of **light**. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. John 12:46, I am come a **light** into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Genesis 18:25, That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Ezekiel 18:30, Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

- 2 Timothy 4:8, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous **judge**, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
- 1 Samuel 21:2, And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

Isaiah 44:7, And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare *it*, and set *it* in order for me, since I **appointed** the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. [cf. Isaiah 28:23-29]

1 Peter 2:7-9, ⁷ Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸ And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: **whereunto <u>also</u> they were APPOINTED**. ⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; ["And **LEAD** us **NOT** into temptation..."—Matthew 6:13]

Where He Leads Me

Ernest W. Blandy, 1890

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him through the waters, I'll go with Him through the waters, I'll go with Him through the waters, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him through the garden,

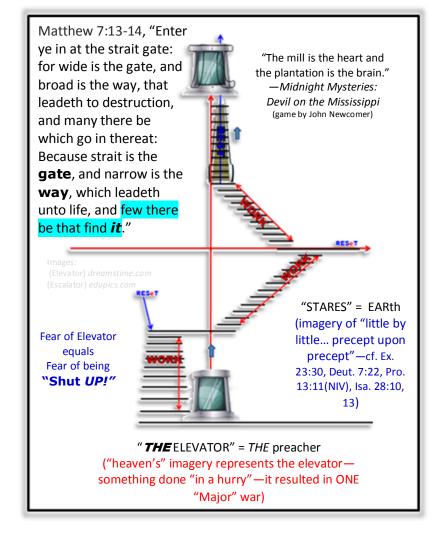
I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him to dark Calv'ry, I'll go with Him to dark Calv'ry, I'll go with Him to dark Calv'ry, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him to the judgment, I'll go with Him to the judgment, I'll go with Him to the judgment, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, And go with me, with me all the way.

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"Most people criticize everything, but **do** NOTHING."—Sandra G. Kennedy

"In this world NOTHING can be said to be CERTAIN, except debt and taxes."

-Benjamin Franklin

[Says to me, "STOP pushing IT uphill. Get OUT of the way and let It FALL!!!!"] Imagery of LAW



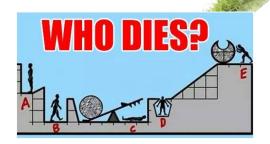
"God's will for us is not to be changed by change...We have to DOMINATE change [i.e. "remain" TRUE to the "GOD" image on the "inside" of YOU! Don't settle for the "low" road]." —Sandra G. Kennedy

"INCREASE comes from principles you learned while in DECREASE."

—Dale Bronner



"I let it happen again. I trusted someone I shouldn't have—Jay Garrick, Zoom. Just like I trusted Harrison Wells...or, Eobard Thawne. You see what I mean. I made the same mistake twice. I thought they wanted to teach me how to use my powers, train me to get faster. But, they didn't come here to help me. They came to use me and take everything I love away from me. But no more. I'm gonna crack the code. Figure out how to improve my speed. I'm gonna train harder, get stronger, and run faster than anyone's ever run before. And then I'm gonna stop Zoom."—The Flash: "Flash Back"



The WISDOM of "Limiting" THE "PRESENT"

"So let me tell you about a man...A man who refused to believe that reality was limitations to achieve the impossible."—Natasha Mundkur (Muhammad Ali's funeral)

"Therefore their inhabitants were of **small power**, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up."

— 2 Kings 19:26

"⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of NO reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:"— Philippians 2:5-7 [COMPARE: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."—Genesis 1:26]

"Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and <u>limited</u> [past tense "verb" ["finite" point at "finite" value]]
the Holy One of Israel."—Psalm 78:41

"This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit [a "now/noun" ["at" infinity]] thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the LAW of the house."—Ezekiel 43:12

"Again, he <mark>limiteth</mark> [a "process" ["are" infinity—cf. Psalm 115:12-14]] a CERTAIN day, saying <u>in</u> David, To day, <u>after so</u> long a time; as **it** is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."—Hebrews 4:7

What is the answer of 1 divided by infinity?

The simplest reason is that **Infinity** is not a number, **it** is an idea. So 1∞ is a bit like saying 1 beauty or 1 tall. Maybe we could say that $1 \infty = 0$, ... but that is a problem too, because if we divide 1 into infinite pieces and they end up 0 each, what happened to the 1? In fact 1∞ is known to be undefined.

Limits to Infinity - Math is Fun

https://www.mathsisfun.com/calculus/limits-infinity.html

What is the sin of infinity?

Even though the function oscillates indefinitely due to the **sine** function in its numerator, I can tell you without a doubt that the limit of the function as x approaches either positive or negative **infinity** is still zero.

Sage Calculus Tutorial - Limits at Infinity www.sagemath.org/calctut/inflimits.html

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"You're a KIND boy...KIND I don't need."

-The Munsters

Years ago when the original series, *CSI*, was on, I watched an episode in which one of the team members was buried alive by a man angry over his daughter's "false" (wrongful) imprisonment. At the end of the "shew," he gave words of advice ("Don't take it [your BAD experiences] with you") to the man's daughter—who was due to be released soon. What he was saying was "place" a "limit" on what you allow yourself to "carry" through LIFE. The negatives can be a heavy "burden" if you "fail" to "extract" the GOOD from "them."

"¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. ² And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? ⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. ⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. ⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. ¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, ¹² Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. ¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? ¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? ¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."—Matthew 20:1-16

King Midas and his "touch"

The story of King Midas is a myth about the tragedy of avarice and narrates what happens when true happiness is not recognized. Midas was a man who wished that everything he touched would turn into gold. However, he had not thought that this wish was not actually a blessing, but a curse. His greed invites us to think and realize the consequences that may lead us to become slaves of our own desires. The phrase *the Midas touch* comes from this myth and is used to say that somebody has a good fortune.

Discover the myth of King Midas and his golden touch

The wish

Midas was a king of great fortune who ruled the country of Phrygia, in Asia Minor. He had everything a king could wish for. He lived in luxury in a great castle. He shared his life of abundance with his beautiful daughter. Even though he was very rich, Midas thought that his greatest happiness was provided by gold. His avarice was such that he used to spend his days counting his golden coins! Occasionally he used to cover his body with gold objects, as if he wanted to bath in them. Money was his obsession.

One day, Dionyssus, the god of wine and revelry, passed through the kingdom of Midas. One of his companions, a satyr named Silenus, got delayed along the way. Silenus got tired and decided to take a nap in the famous rose gardens surrounding the palace of king Midas. There, he was found by the king, who recognized him instantly and invited him to spend a few days at his palace. After that, Midas took him to Dionyssus. The god of celebration, very grateful to Midas for his kindness, promised Midas to satisfy any wish of him. Midas though for a while and then he said: *I hope that everything I touch becomes gold.* Dionyssus warned the king to think well about his wish, but Midas was positive. Dionyssus could do nothing else and promised the king that from that following day everything he touched would turn into gold.

The curse

The next day, Midas, woke up eager to see if his wish would become true. He extended his arm touching a small table that immediately turned into gold. Midas jumped with happiness! He then touched a chair, the carpet, the door, his bathtub, a table and so he kept on running in his madness all over his palace until he got exhausted and happy at the same time! He sat at the table to have breakfast and took a rose between his hands to smell its fragrance. When he touched it, the rose became gold. I will have to absorb the fragrance without touching the roses, I suppose, he thought in disappointment.

Without even thinking, he ate a grape but it also turned into gold! The same happened with a slice of bread and a glass of water. Suddenly, he started to sense fear. Tears filled his eyes and that moment, his beloved daughter entered the room. When Midas hugged her, she turned into a golden statue! Despaired and fearful, he raised his arms and prayed to Dionyssus to take this curse from him.

The atonement

The god heard Midas and felt sorry for him. He told Midas to go to river Pactolus and wash his hands. Midas did so: he ran to the river and was astonished to see gold flowing from his hands. The ancient Greeks said they had found gold on the banks of the river Pactolus. When he turned home, everything Midas had touched had become normal again.

Midas hugged his daughter in full happiness and decided to share his great fortune with his people. From now on, Midas became a better person, generous and grateful for all goods of his life. His people led a prosperous life and when he died, they all mourned for their beloved king.

CARPET SIDE NOTES

Aladdin's flying carpet: A myth or an oriental means of transport?



Aladdin and his flying carpet – an inseparable couple, often portrayed in the stories from the Thousand and One Nights. However, it is far from clear that the mythical carpet is really so closely linked to this oriental fairytale. Contrary to popular opinion, there are very few flying carpets in the stories. In fact, no flying carpet is mentioned at all in the Galland manuscript, the oldest manuscript containing the first 282 of the 1001 stories. In the original version of "Aladdin and the magic lamp", Aladdin orders the abduction of Princess Badroulbadour and her bridegroom on their wedding night not on a carpet but in their marriage bed, which is borne through the air by the genie of the lamp. The magic carpet first appears in the many modern versions of the story, in particular in Walt Disney's animated movie Aladdin from 1992.

The mythical origin of the flying carpet, however, dates back even further than the oriental fairytales, to the time of the Parthian Empire. In 130 BC, King Phraates II is said to have flown on a cloth or carpet from the heights of the Zagros Mountains to face his enemy. Seleucid king Antiochus VII, destroying him with fire and lightning. After this victory, he was given a triumphal reception during which he is reported to have floated on the carpet like an albatross over the cheering crowds and the Persian hinterland. As history progresses, we lose track of the flying carpet in the confusion of the Sassanid kingdom, where it is mentioned for the last time in conjunction with the capture of the Roman emperor Valerian by King Shapur I in 260 AD. According to the story, Shapur surprised the emperor in his sleep with a secret weapon, a magic carpet, then pulled him onto the carpet and flew him off to the enemy camp. The success of this "weapon of war" has fascinated generations of minstrels, authors and filmmakers ever since.

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The Next Conservative Movement

(A New Right for a New America)

Trump's demagoguery looks back with nostalgia to an America that no longer exists.

To revitalize the Republican Party, conservatives need to offer bottom-up solutions that match today's diverse, dynamic social reality.

by Yuval Levin

THE AMERICAN RIGHT IS IN CRISIS. This year's presidential race, however *it* turns out, has revealed deep fissures in the Republican coalition. A third to a half of Republican voters in state after state have given their backing to Donald Trump, a divisive demagogue whose case for himself has essentially nothing to do with conservatism. The rest of the party has been left baffled—wondering what has happened to the Republicans and where American politics might be headed.

To answer those questions, we need to see that they are not one and the same. The Trump phenomenon can help us to grasp what has happened but not what is coming next. Mr. Trump marks not the beginning of a new phase in American politics but the end of an old one—the exhaustion of a mid-20th-century model of national politics that can no longer meet the needs of 21st-century America. Mr. Trump disgorges an angry aggregation of failures and complaints, but he offers no solutions and no way forward.

Understanding the roots and appeal of his message can help us to understand how our politics has changed in recent decades. More important, **it** can help us to see what the constructive next phase of the American right could look like—a decentralizing conservatism of bottom-up solutions for our increasingly fragmented society.

Mr. Trump's core message is often labeled as populist, but *it* would be better described as mournful or nostalgic. A populist argues that the people are being oppressed by the powerful. But Mr. Trump claims not that our elites or the "establishment" are too strong but that they are too weak—indeed, that the people who hold power and privilege in our leading institutions are pathetic losers and that, therefore, nothing in America works the way *it* used to and our country "doesn't win anymore."

This contention taps into a powerful, widely shared sense that the U.S. has lost ground—that we have fallen far and fast from a peak that many can still remember. Both Democrats and Republicans often appeal to such a sense of loss. For Democrats, the peak came in the 1960s, when cultural liberalization seemed to coexist with a highly regulated economy. For Republicans, *it* came in the 1980s, when economic liberalization was accompanied by a resurgence of national pride and a renewed emphasis on family values. By now, American politics is largely organized around these related modes of nostalgia, and the two parties address voters as if *it* were always 1965 or 1981.

Much of Mr. Trump's appeal has to do with his even vaguer nostalgic message. He mentions no specific peak to recover and offers little in the way of a policy agenda; he just harks back to a lost American greatness and says that he alone can recapture *it* by reversing globalization, immigration and other modern trends. And in the process, by impugning Mexicans, Muslims and women, he embraces the ethnic or cultural animosities of some of those who most resent the ways America has changed. He has taken the logic of our nostalgic politics to *its* absurd conclusion.

In *its* less cartoonish forms, today's nostalgia is understandable. The America that our exhausted, wistful politics so misses, the nation as *it* first emerged from the Great Depression and World War II and evolved from there, was (at least for *its* white citizens) exceptionally unified and cohesive. *It* had an extraordinary confidence in large institutions—in the ability of big government, big labor and big business to work together to meet national needs. *Its* cultural life was dominated by a broad traditionalist moral consensus that celebrated two-parent families with children born into wedlock and frowned on divorce and abortion. And in the wake of a world war in which most potential competitors had burned each other's productive capacities to the ground, the U.S. utterly dominated the global economy, offering opportunity to workers of all stripes.

But almost immediately after the war, that consolidated nation began a long process of unwinding and fragmenting. During the 1950s, '60s and '70s, the culture liberalized, the economy was deregulated to keep up with rising competitors, and an exceptional midcentury elite consensus in politics gave way to renewed divisions. In time, this fracturing of consensus grew from diffusion into polarization—of political views, economic opportunities, incomes, family patterns and ways of life. We have grown less conformist but more fragmented, more diverse but less unified, more dynamic but less secure.

All this has meant many gains for America: in national prosperity, personal liberty, cultural diversity, racial inclusion, technological innovation and more meaningful options and choices in every realm of life. But *it* has also meant a loss of faith in institutions, a loss of social order and structure, a loss of cultural cohesion, a loss of security and stability for many workers, and a loss of political and moral consensus. Those losses have piled up in ways that to some Americans now often seem to overwhelm the gains and have made 21st-century American politics distinctly backward-looking and morose.

The [in] "Sects" ("sex") Talk

" ¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in *it*self, upon the earth: and *it* was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in *it* self, after his kind: and God saw that *it* was good."—Genesis 1:11-12

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth *it*."—Habakkuk 2:2

What is *it* **about "SEX"?** Why do we seem so "consumed" by *it*—regardless of "culture." You don't have to go "far" to see images of *it*. "Hollow-wood" is filled with "eye-cons" of sex "cymbals." I'm not a psychologist, but even with my limited knowledge, I know "*it*" goes beyond "prime-all" "in-stinks." "*It*" is Father's desire—i.e. INTENSE "hunger"—for "MORE." To "be" MORE! To "do" MORE! To "live" MORE! To "LOVE" MORE! **TO HAVE MORE!**

LOVE. MANY confuse "sects" with "love." I find that even in "Christian" (so-called) circles, the majority **do NOT** "truly" **UNDERSTAND** LOVE....Father's "kind" of LOVE! We don't "fully" <u>un</u>derstand HOW to "truly" WALK in His LOVE because we don't "fully" <u>un</u>derstand WHO He **IS**! Many believe that if they be "KIND" to those who "look" like "them" or, in some way, "relates" to them ["shunning" those <u>UN</u>-"like" them], then they are walking in the "God-kind" [Jesus' kind] of LOVE. "Some" believe that "God" doesn't care "HOW" they treat those who are "NOT" like them—believing at the same time that "their" **god** doesn't have as much love for the "whole" world as he has for "their" KIND.

"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."—John 3:16

MANY read the Holy Bible and gravitate towards the parts that display his love as "harsh," "mean," or even "wicked" to show "how" they, themselves, are walking in the "God-kind" of love. They tend to only apply the "kind-ness" of Father to themselves and "how" they should be treated by "others." I believe "it" is the reason one former Muslim said some time ago, that he was glad he met the "Christian <u>GOD</u>" **BEFORE** he met the "Christian."

I've recounted many instances in my writings of the very "un-GOD-ly" behavior by "Christians" (so-called)—especially in an "all-Christian" setting—along with the "Scriptural" EXCUSES they've learned to quote to "justify" **NOT** being like **JESUS!** I won't repeat what I've already dealt with at-length. But I will only add that what I have learned about people is that "PEOPLE" are "people"! It doesn't matter which racial, ethnic or, economic or political, or "religious" group—you will find an **EQUAL** "RANGE" of "vices" and "virtues" (in some "form"). There are <u>all</u> "KINDS" in **every** group—even a "Group" of "ONE"!

"Genuine LOVE has ripple effects."

-Sarah Bowling

1 Corinthians 12:4-20.

⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. ¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I fit he whole were hearing, where were the smelling? ¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as *it* hath pleased him. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body? ²⁰ But now are they many members, yet but one body.

"I'm sure that won't happen to you, friends. I have better things in mind for you—salvation things! God doesn't miss anything. He knows perfectly well all the love you've shown him by helping needy Christians, and that you keep at *it*. And now I want each of you to extend that same intensity toward a <u>full-bodied hope</u>, and keep at *it* till the finish. Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them."—Hebrews 6:10 (MSG)

"God told me to tell you that the real gift is GRACE. Some of you are so focused on the gift that you want from God that you're missing the GRACE that He's already given you."—Steven Furtick ("It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman")

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"For, BRETHREN, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." -Galatians 5:13 [1 Peter 1:22/Luke 15:11-32]

"Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your BRETHREN that are in the world."

-1 Peter 5:9 [cf. Rev. 19:10, 22:9/1 Peter 2:8, "...whereunto also they were appointed."]

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From a-"cute" ANGLES to two "write"! "To the ANGEL write..."—Revelation 2:12, 3:7 [cf. Ps. 45:1]

[1 Corinthians 7:7, "For I would that all men were **even** as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after **this** manner, and another after *that*." Acts 2:16, "But *this is that* which was spoken by the prophet Joel;" [cf. Ex. 3:14, John 10:30, Acts 7:37, Acts 1:11, Acts 13:33, Matt. 21:42]]

"[When I received the Holy Spirit] I felt like a fiery passion burn in me.....I felt THAT TOUCH, THAT CONNECTION with God...a STRONG connection with God."—Malachi Berden

Father's EX-PERI-"MEANT":

wH00 He became—"ALL" THINGS WHAT He learned—The "life" He had BEFORE "things" was a "GOOD" LIFE. [cf. Rom. 7:9-24]

HOW *it* "worked"—*It* "transformed" His "thinking" from the "in"-side "OUT"! [wh] it worked—Father "discovered" that "He" didn't have to "change" and "become" someone/ something else; "He" simply "kneaded" to ADD a "family" to "HOO" He already "was"!

[cf. John 6:35, 51—Don't "pass-over" any of the ingredients!]

"Feeding is fighting."

—Joseph Prince

[I heard Joseph Prince mention that the word used for "child" in 2 Tim. 3:15 ("And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.") is "brephos." It sounded as though he was pronouncing "breakfast."] [cf. Isaian 45:2, "...go...make...break...cut..."]

[cf. Isaiah 58:1-8]

STRONG'S 1025. βρέφος brěphŏs, bref'-os; of uncertain affinity; an infant (prop. unborn ["fetus"]) lit. or fig.:—babe, (young) child, infant.

"Warfare always surrounds the birth of a miracle."—Todd Coontz

"You fight by not fighting...If God wants to get all the glory, let God do all the work.....Our inheritance is REST."—Joseph Prince

"And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD."—Exodus 6:8

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Sherilyn Fenn (Wikipedia.org)

Fenn has described many of these early films as sexploitation films "where directors tried to convince [her] to appear naked <u>after</u> the contract was signed."[4] In an interview she gave to Simon Banner in February of 1993 for the July 1993 British edition *Premiere* Magazine, published under the title "Five Feet of Heaven in a Ponytail," she explained, "Still, I did a lot of movies instead of waitressing or that kind of thing at the beginning, and it wasn't as if I even took acting very seriously when I started. I was in California for the first time. I was going to clubs, I was going here, I was going there, I was skipping acting classes when I could. Luckily, I had an agent who really believed in me and she just kept pushing me, thinking something would happen."[5]

Fenn landed her first starring role, as an engaged heiress to an old Southern family who falls for carnival worker Richard Tyson, in Zalman King's erotic drama film *Two Moon Junction*, after which she told Banner, when interviewed for *Premiere* UK, that she wanted to hide for a year.[6] "I was so embarrassed about how it turned out that I went into a cocoon for a year afterwards," Jessica Sully, writing for the Australian publication *Movie* Magazine, quoted her as saying in "Everybody's Mad about Sherilyn Fenn," which was published in its January 1993 edition.[7] *Junction* was meant to be Fenn's big break, but the film turned into another sexploitation film. "A lot of people said some really bad things about me for doing such a sexy movie. But I decided to do it because I *wasn't* comfortable with the material.[8] I didn't want to make choices that would always put me in a place that was comfortable and secure. I thought interesting things would happen and I would grow. Interesting things did happen. I cried at the end of all my love scenes."[9]

After these film experiences, Fenn decided to take control of her career. "I decided to be more myself and not to be pushed into what other people wanted me to be. It's scary how little imagination many people in this business have."[7]

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I opened an old email and saw this quote from an unknown source: "The only time you run out of chances is when you stop taking them." One Google source credited Alexander Pope, so I went to BrainyQuote.com and found the following "related" quotes:

"Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even." -Muhammad Ali

"My only fault is that I don't realize how great I really am." - Muhammad Ali

"There is only one corner of the universe you can be **CERTAIN** of improving, and that's your own self." -Aldous Huxley

"Change is the <u>LAW</u> of LIFE. And those who look only to the past or present are <u>CERTAIN</u> to miss the future." -John F. Kennedy

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only MORE love." -Mother Teresa

"Strength and growth come only through CONTINUOUS effort and struggle." Napoleon Hill

"The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works, is the FAMILY." -Lee lacocca

"Love is the only force capable of TRANSFORMING an enemy into friend." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." -Audrey Hepbum

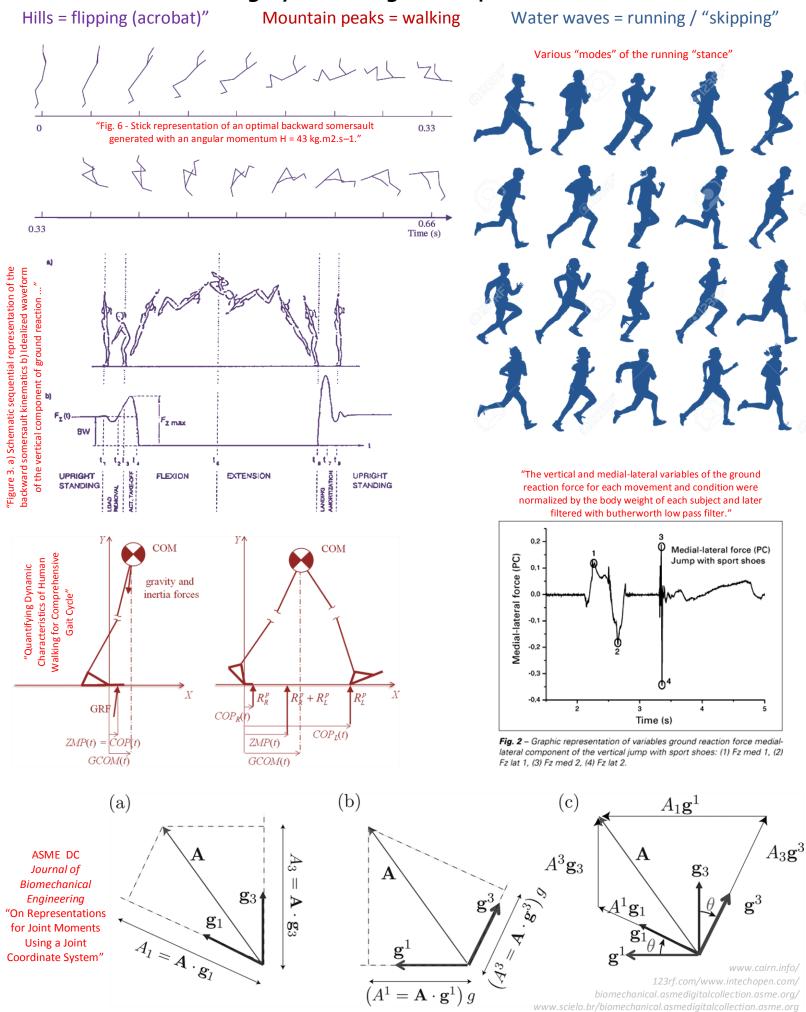
"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change." -Carl Rogers

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

I was surprised when I heard Sarah Bowling describe the city where she lives, the "Mile High" city of Denver, Colorado, as a "dry and arid" place. I would have thought that the description, "dry and arid," would be "reserved" for a "DESERT" place.

" ¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them:..... ²⁴"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, **/T** goes through **arid** places seeking rest and does not find **it**. Then **/T** says, 'I will return to the house I left.' ²⁵ When **it** arrives, **/T** finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then **it** goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than **it**self, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first....That is how **/T** will be with this wicked generation."—Luke 11:17a, 24-26, Matthew 12:45 (NIV)

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Ja-cob or Je SU®S! (THE "Lit Mus(t)" TEST)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may **SEE** your **GOOD** works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."—Matthew 5:16 (cf. Hebrews 1:3 [KJV & NIV])

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"I believe today that my conduct is in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator."—Adolf Hitler

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have LOVE one to another."—Jesus (John 13:35)

Do you ONLY enjoy "spending" time with those who are "like" you?

Genesis 1:11-12, "¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

2 Corinthians 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness [Compare Job 10:22 & Ps 139:12]?"

Luke 14:12-14, " ¹² Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. ¹³ **But** when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: ¹⁴ And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

If **it** was solely **UP** to **you**, who was allowed into "Paradise," would **you** be willing to **BAR** "some" from "gaining" entrance? If so, **WHAT** does **THIS** say about "**you**"?

Genesis 3:24 (ISV), "After he had expelled the man, the Lord God placed winged angels at the eastern end of the garden of Eden, along with a fiery, turning sword, to prevent access to the tree of life."

turning sword, **to prevent access** to the tree of life."
Leviticus 21:16-21, " ¹⁶ And the Lord spake unto Moses,...¹⁷ Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed.....¹⁸ For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, **he shall not approach:** a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, ¹⁹ Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, ²⁰ Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; ²¹ No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron...shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Luke 14:21-23, " ²¹ So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. ²² And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. ²³ And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Matthew 15:30, "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:"

Do you distance yourself from those you deem "UN-worthy"?

Do you only "hang" with those you feel are "**worthy**" of your time & attention?

Do you treat with "contempt" those who have "proven" themselves "less" than "worthy" by a "public" fall **from** grace?

Galatians 2:11-13, "¹¹ But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. ¹² For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. ¹³ And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

2 Corinthians 2:5-6, "⁵ But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. ⁶ Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was *inflicted of many*."

Galatians 6:1, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

2 Corinthians 2:7-11, "⁷ So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. ⁸ Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. ⁹ For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. ¹⁰ 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; ¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

[Galatians 2:19, "For I **through** the law am dead **to** the law, that I might live **unto** God."]

Which statement better describes "y" you LOVE? (Does your love require an "ACT"?)

"For all this I considered in my heart **EVEN** to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either **LOVE** or **HATRED** by all that is before them."—Ecclesiastes 9:1 [cf. Isaiah 24:2 [vss. 10-23], Galatians 2:15-16]

Because of "what" another "does" FOR ME

(cf. 1 John 4:19, "We love him, because he first loved us..." [cf. John 10:17, Gen. 25:28, 1 Thess. 5:13])

John 15:12-14, "12 This is my **commandment**, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." [cf. 1 John 3:16, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." & 1 Peter 4:1-5, "1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; ² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: ⁵ Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and

John 10:17, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again."

Genesis 25:28, "And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob."

1 Thessalonians 5:13, "And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

Because I AM LOVED

(cf. 1 John 4:19, "We love him, because he first loved us...")

Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came NOT to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." [also Mark

Romans 5:1-11, " 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. ¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the at-one-ment." [Matt. 20:13-15-"He"

Which word better describes "who" you LOVE?

right-JUSTIFIED "them"!]

SAME / "SOME"—i.e. of "LIKE" KIND

(cf. Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-25)
Matthew 13:47-52, "⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸ Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. ⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. 52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." James 2:8-9, "8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ve commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors."

1 Peter 2:17, "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

ANY—ALL who WILL (Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me,

all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.")

Luke 14:12-14, " ¹² Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. ¹³ But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: ¹⁴ And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

Galatians 2:4-6, "4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: ⁵To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. ⁶But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to

1 John 3:11, "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

"How" do you love?

"In WORD"

("Let love be without dissimulation [synonyms: concealment, disguise, suppression, dishonesty, subterfuge, camouflage (i.e. a "COVERING")]. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."—Romans 12:9)

"In-DEED"

("Above all, love each other deeply, because **LOVE COVERS** over a multitude of sins."—1 Peter 4:8

1 John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.")

"Where" is your LOVE "felt"?

LOINS (i.e. physical)

Song of Solomon 3, "By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not...It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me." [cf. Romans 7:5, James 1:19, 1 Peter 4:3-5]

HEART (i.e. spiritual)

1 Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"

How do you **HONESTLY** "feel" when you see someone who is "different" from "you"?

Acts 10: 10-14, " ¹⁰ And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, ¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: ¹² Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. ¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean..."

Acts 10:15, "...¹⁵ And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

Mark 10:21, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him..."

- 1 Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love** of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"
- 1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." [cf. Luke 10:27-37]

What is your "FIRST" thought when you see someone who is "different" from "your"-kind?

Psalm 48:5-6, "They saw *it*, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail."

Matthew 21:42, "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and *it* is marvellous in our eyes?"

Revelation 17:6, "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."

Do you "HONESTLY" believe that those who are different from "you" deserve what "your"-kind deserves?

Deuteronomy 7:1-2, "¹ When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; ² And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:"

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

1 Corinthians 15:39-41 (NIV)," ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have **ONE** kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor."

When you desire (**IF** you ever desire) to HELP SOMEONE, do you "seek" to help those of a "certain" group, or are you "open" to helping "any" in need?

Proverbs 3:27, "Withhold not good from them to whom *it* is due, when *it* is in the power of thine hand to do *it*."

Luke 2:10, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to **all** people."

Acts 2:45, "And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to **all** men, as every man had need."

- 1 Cor. 13:3, "And though I bestow \mathbf{all} my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."
- 1 Thess. 5:15, "See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to **all** men."

With "WHOM" does "your" heart "lies"?

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."—Matthew 6:21/Luke12:34

1 John 2:15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 Timothy 6:10, "For the **love** of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Ephesians 6:23, "Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

John 3:16-17, "¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Matthew 22:10, "⁴ Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. ⁵ But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: ⁶ And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. [cf. Luke 15:11-32, 1 John 3:15] ⁷ But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were **not worthy** [cf. vss. 11-14, "Friend..."]. ⁹ Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, **both** bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. "

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Jesus came to make dead people LIVE!"—Joseph Prince

Do you "INTERCEDE" on behalf of those who have done you wrong, or do you **DEMAND** justice (vengeance)? What is your "attitude" toward those you consider **THE** "enemy"—i.e. Satan; those of "different" religious "groups"; those of a different "race"; those of a different "echo-nomical" status; any who have "wronged "U" or "done" U "wrong," **etc.**? Or, is "it" ONLY "I love them that love me" (Prov. 8:17)?

Psalm 55:12-16, " ¹² For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: ¹³ But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. ¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. ¹⁵ Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. ¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me."

Psalm 54:4-6, "⁴ Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. ⁵ He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth. ⁶ I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good."

Deuteronomy 19:21, "And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."

Deuteronomy 7:1-2, 10, "1 When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:.... And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face."

Psalm 11:5, "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his **soul** hateth."

Isaiah 59:18, "According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence."

2 Peter 2:9-10, " 9 The Lord knoweth how... to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."

Job 30:21, "Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me."

Luke 23:34, "Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know NOT** what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." [Hebrews 5:2 (NIV), "He is able to **deal gently with** those who are **ignorant** and are going astray, since he himself <u>is</u> subject to weakness."] Colossians 3:13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." John 3:16-17, "¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Psalm 54:4, 7, "⁴ Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul....⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen <u>his</u> desire upon mine enemies."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **NOT WILLING** that **any** should **perish**, but that all should come to repentance."

Matthew 5:43-48, "43 Ye have heard that **it hath been said**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 **But I** say unto you, **LOVE** your enemies, **BLESS** them that curse you, **DO GOOD** to them that hate you, and **PRAY FOR** them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Luke 6:27-38, "²⁷ But **I say** unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, ²⁸ Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. ²⁹ And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek Offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. ³⁰ Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. ³¹ And **as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.** ³² For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. ³³ And if ye do good to them which do good to

you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. ³⁴ And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is KIND unto the unthankful and to the evil. ³⁶ Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: ³⁸ Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." [James 1:19, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every

Matthew 18:21-22, "²¹ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? ²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:"]

IF **ANY** OF YOUR ANSWERS "LIE" ON THE LEFT,
YOU HAVE **EXCLUDED "YOURSELF"** FROM JESUS' TEAM!

How many "HONEST" answers excludes you from Jesus' "team"?

(If it ACTS LIKE a duck, if it QUACKS LIKE a duck, it IS a DUCK!)

(James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.")

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1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)

¹ If I speak in the tongues ^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, ^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. *It* does not envy, *it* does not boast, *it* is not proud. ⁵ *It* does not dishonor others, *it* is not self-seeking, *it* is not easily angered, *it* keeps no record of wrongs [NO accounting "records"]. ⁶ Love does not delight <u>in</u> evil but rejoices <u>with</u> the truth. ⁷ *It* always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, **they** will cease; where there are tongues, **they** will be stilled; where there is knowledge, **it** will pass away. ⁹ For **we** know in part and **we** prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, **what** is in part disappears. ¹¹ When **I** was a child, **I** talked like a child, **I** thought like a child, **I** reasoned like a child. When **I** became a man, **I** put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now **I** know in part; then **I** shall know fully, even as **I** am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Footnotes:

- 1. 1 Corinthians 13:1 Or languages
- 2. 1 Corinthians 13:3 Some manuscripts body to the flames

1 Corinthians 13 (KJV)

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, *it* profiteth me nothing. ⁴ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not *itself*, is not puffed up, ⁵ Doth not behave *itself* unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; ⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; ⁶ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. ⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, *they* shall fail; whether "there" be tongues, *they* shall cease; whether "there" be knowledge, *it* shall vanish away. ⁹ For *We* know in part, and *We* prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then *that* which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, *I* spake as a child, *I* understood as a child, *I* thought as a child: but when *I* became a man, *I* put away childish things. ¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now *I* know in part; but then shall *I* know even as also *I* am known. ¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Matthew 5 (KJV)

¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. ¹⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put *it* under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass [As I was scrolling pass this page, these words "jumped" off the page at me, BUT THIS WAY: "Till heaven, and earth will PASS." I, suddenly, saw imagery of "heaven" being like a field of land being "tilled" (or, "fur-rowed") to "create" a "PASS"—like a kidney or "liver" with a "stone" that needs to be "broken" so that "it" will "pass" THROUGH!], one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²¹Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: ²² 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. ²³ Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; ²⁴ Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer

thy gift. ²⁵ Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. ²⁶ Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. ²⁷ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. ³¹ It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: ³² But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. ³³ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: ³⁴ But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: ³⁵ Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. ³⁸Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: ³⁹ But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. $\frac{40}{4}$ And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. ⁴² Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. ⁴³ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? ⁴⁷ And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? ⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Sometimes, you have to "witness" the "Dark Side" before you can **FULLY** understand the **LIGHT!**

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV)

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Esther 4 (KJV)

¹ When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; ² And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³ And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. 4 So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. 5 Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was. ⁶ So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate. ⁷ And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. ⁸ Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. 9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. 10 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; ¹¹ All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. 13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? ¹⁵ Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, ¹⁶ Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which

is not according to the law: and if **I** per-ish, **i** per-ish. [Removing the "eye" (of "it") and leaving us with ONLY the "t"! Cf. Matthew 5:29, 39-40. (Cf. also, 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:")]¹⁷ So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

1 John 3 (KJV)

¹ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. ⁷ Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸ He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. ¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. ²² And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. ²³ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. ²⁴ And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 4 (KJV)

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. ⁴Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. ⁵They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. ⁶We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love him, because he first loved us. ²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹ And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 Peter 4 (NIV)

Living for God

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body,

but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffering for Being a Christian

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For *it* is *time* for judgment to begin with God's household; and if *it* begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And,

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" [a]

¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4 (KJV)

¹ Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; ² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: 5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. ⁶ For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. ⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. ⁸ And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. ⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging. ¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. ¹⁶Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. ¹⁷ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹ Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

KJV—there are a total of 442 KJV verses with "love"—202 are in the New Test.

1 Peter 1:8,

Whom having not seen, ye **love**; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 Peter 1:22,

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned **love** of the brethren, see that ye **love** one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 2:17,

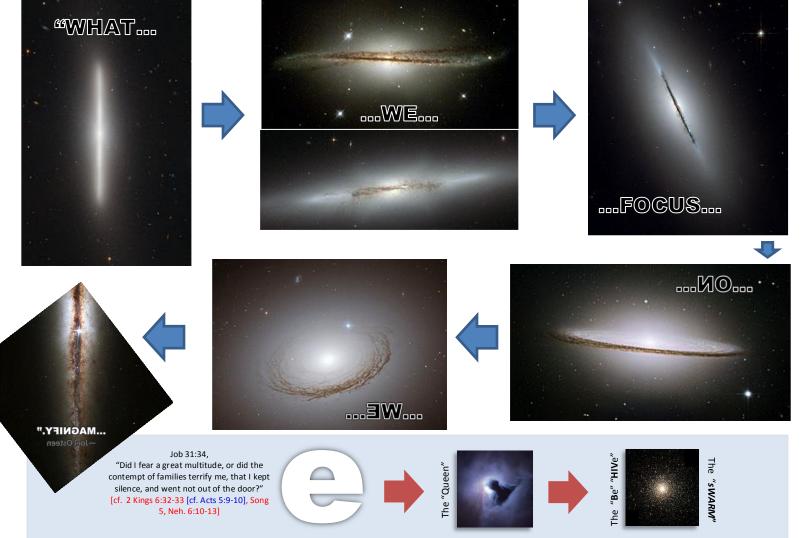
Honour all men. **Love** the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

1 Peter 3:8,

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, **love** as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

1 Peter 3:10,

For he that will **love** life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:



"Go in and close the door behind you" is the imagery of "e". "He" went in and closed Himself up inside of an "inner" room/chamber—
i.e. the "CLAUSE set." [Imagery of "hand-le" and "sp-out" [i.e.

I'm a little teapot short and stout / Here is my handle, here is my spout /
I can change my handle and my spout ["e" → "a"] / Just tilt ME over and pour "me" OUT / Just tilt ME over and pour "me" OUT!

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"Shut door "-27 scriptures in KJV

2 Kings 4:3-5 (**KJV**), "³ Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. ⁴ And when thou art come in, thou shalt **shut** the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. ⁵ So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out."

2 Kings 4:3-5 (**NIV**), "³ Elisha said, 'Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. ⁴ Then go inside and **shut** the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put **it** to one side.' ⁵ She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring."

"We're...learning how to let go of who we think we're supposed to

be so we can become who we

already were all along."

—Steven Furtick (#DeathToSelfie)

NIV (5 verses for "close the door")

Leviticus 14:38

the priest shall go out **the door**way of **the** house and **close it** up for seven days.

Nehemiah 6:10

One day I went to **the** house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, **the** son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, "Let us meet in **the** house of God, inside **the** temple, and let us **close the** temple **door**s, because men are coming to kill you—by night **the**y are coming to kill you."

Ecclesiastes 12:4

when **the door**s to **the** street are **close**d and **the** sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at **the** sound of birds, but all **the**ir songs grow faint;

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, **close the door** and pray to your Father, who is unseen. **The**n your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Luke 13:25

Once **the** owner of **the** house gets up and **close**s **the door**, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open **the door** for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

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"Liberty becomes a question of morals more than of politics."

"Liberty is the harmony between the will and the law."

"Liberty has not only enemies which it conquers, but perfidious friends, who rob the fruits of its victories: Absolute democracy, socialism."

"Political atheism: End justifies the means. This is still the most widespread of all the opinions inimical to liberty."

'The object of civil society is justice, not truth, virtue, wealth, knowledge, glory or power. Justice is followed by equality and liberty."

"All liberty is conditional, limited and therefore unequal. The state can never do what it likes in its own sphere. It is bound by all kinds of law."

"Inequality: the Basis of society. We combined and put things in common to protect the weak against the strong."

"Divided, or rather multiplied, authorities are the foundation of good government."

"Duty [is] not taught by the state."

"Men cannot be made good by the state, but they can easily be made bad. Morality depends on liberty."

"Liberty consists in the division of power. Absolutism, in concentration of power."

"Bureaucracy is undoubtedly the weapon and sign of a despotic government, inasmuch as it gives whatever government it serves, despotic power."

"Bureaucracy tries to establish so many administrative maxims that the minister is as narrowly controlled and guided as the judge."

"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority; still more wher you superadd the tendency of the certainty of corruption by authority."

"Despotic power is always accompanied by corruption of morality."

"Authority that does not exist for Liberty is not authority but force."

"Everybody likes to get as much power as circumstances allow, and nobody will vote for a self-denying ordinance."

"Limitation is essential to authority. A government is legitimate only if it is effectively limited."

"Socrates taught a law independent of the state and superior to it."

"If we dealt with institutions, antiquity would be low. It realized no liberty. But in the domain of ideas it ranks high."

"Towns were the nursery of freedom."

"The central idea of Machiavelli is that the state power is not bound by the moral law. The law is not above the state, but below it."

"Burke's Speeches from 1790 to 1795: They are the law and the prophets."

"For it is a most striking thing that the views of pure democracy...were almost entirely unrepresented in [the American] convention."

"A liberal is only a bundle of prejudices until he has mastered, has understood, experienced the philosophy of Conservatism."

"The will of the people cannot make just that which is unjust."

"It is bad to be oppressed by a minority, but it is worse to be oppressed by a majority."

"Absolute power demoralizes."

"There should be a law to the People besides its own will."

"Democracy generally monopolizes and concentrates power."

"The common vice of democracy is disregard for morality."

"Federalism is the best curb on democracy. [It] assigns limited powers to the central government. Thereby all power is limited. It excludes absolute power of the majority."

"Federalism: The only barrier to Democracy."

"Federalism: It is coordination instead of subordination; association instead of hierarchical order; independent forces curbing each other; balance, therefore, liberty."

"Socialism easily accepts despotism. It requires the strongest execution of power -- power sufficient to interfere with property."

"All partisanship depends on concealment. Mere strong language and special pleading take in nobody."

"Conscription is not tolerated by a people that understands and loves freedom."

"Property, not conscience, is the basis of liberty. For the defence of conscience need not arise. Property is always exposed to interference. It is the constant object of policy." "Official truth is not actual truth."

"Political economy cannot be supreme arbiter in politics. Else you might defend slavery where it is economically sound and reject it where the economic argument applies against it."

Every doctrine to become popular, must be made superficial, exaggerated, untrue. We must always distinguish the real essence from the conveyance, especially in political economy."

"Self-preservation and self-denial, the basis of all political economy."

"There could never be a revolution less provoked by oppression than America. Thenceforth the right of a nation to judge for itself could not be denied."

"The Americans, having broken the thread in 1776, spliced it together again. They became eminently conservative in 1787."

"Americans dreaded democracy and contrived their constitution against it."

"In England Parliament is above the law. In America the law is above Congress."

"The great novelty of the American Constitution was that it imposed checks on the representatives of the people."

"Live both in the future and the past. Who does not live in the past does not live in the future."

"What the French took from the Americans was their theory of revolution, not their theory of government - their cutting, not their sewing."

"The value of history is certainty - against which opinion is broken up."

"History is a great innovator and breaker of idols."

"Progress, the religion of those who have none."

"Government rules the present. Literature rules the future."

"Politics = the ethics of public life."

"It is easier to find people fit to govern themselves than people fit to govern others."

"Moral precepts are constant through the ages and not obedient to circumstances."

"The notion of sin and repentance waned with the belief in authority. Men thought they could make good the evil they did."

"A public man has no right to let his actions be determined by particular interests. He does the same thing as a judge who accepts a bribe. Like a judge he must consider what is right, not what is advantageous to a party or class."

"A convinced man differs from a prejudiced man as an honest man from a liar."

"There is not a more perilous or immoral habit of mind than the sanctifying of success."

"The Laws of [Plato], the Politics of [Aristotle], are, if I may trust my own experience the books from which we may learn the most about the principles of politics."

"The true natural check on absolute democracy is the federal system, which limits the central government by the powers reserved, and the state governments by the powers they have ceded."

"Example is of the first importance in politics, because political calculations are so complex that we cannot trust theory, if we cannot support it by experience."

"By liberty I mean the assurance that every man shall be protected in doing what he believes is his duty against the influence of authority and majorities, custom and opinion."

"The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern."

"[On France:] The country that had been so proud of its kings, of its nobles, and of its chains, could not learn without teaching that popular power may be tainted with the same poison as personal power."

"There is another world for the expiation of guilt; but the wages of folly are payable here below."

What "Kind" of Sense is THIS?

Children "come" into THIS world "knowing" NOTHING. Yet, nowadays, they are expected to teach themselves EVERYTHING (and MANY parents expect them to do THAT without making any mistakes or "cos"-ing any grief).



"A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh <mark>after</mark> a sign [sine]; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas [Jonah]. And he left them, and departed."—Matthew 16:4

"UP HAR ["law"], SIN(e)" **UPHARSIN** →

"Blessed be the Lord my strength which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:"—Psalm 144:1

Finger-/Handwriting:

Mountain Creation/Definition of

[cf. Rom. 7:7, Ex. 31:18]

Wall

JUDGMENT

[cf. Dan. 5]

Earth/Ground **INDICTMENT**

[cf. John 8:1-9]

F_eeMail Womb THE "CRIME"

[cf. Ps. 45:1, Song 5:1-8]

[cf. Daniel 5]

Spiritual / "God" "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts:" —Psalm 42:7 [cf. 1 Sam. 3, Song 5:1-6] Flesh (natural)/ "man" "The CROSS took away co-sin["e"] the BURDEN of sin."

"The gait of the man and the gait of the ox are parallel."

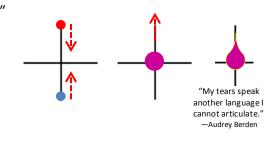
-Audrey Berden

"This is a journey of PURPOSE."

—Audrey Berden

"I saw a line going up and up, and the linear was getting shorter and shorter. ...The line going up was longer than the linear line....The linear is 'man'."

-Audrey Berden



"Marriage is MORE than a "covenant."

"He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms." -Psalm 18:34 (2 Sam. 22:35) [cf. Ex. 17:12]

—Audrey Berden

"You meant to do me harm, but God meant it for good — so that it would come about as it is today, with many people's lives being saved."—Genesis 50:20 (CJB)



June 2, 2016

As I sit with my family, I am listening to a preacher "speak." It's raining. For me, THAT makes for a "perfect" day. But as I've been finishing up some work I started a long while back, my mind has been "turning-over" many things. Things that make me "melancholy."

Ugh-h!

At the end of it all, I only have ONE desire—for ALL to have a "renewed" MIND!

In the "current" political "at-most-fear" and the "wake" of the transgender "ultimatum," for MANY, America NOW "feels" like THE "snakepit." The desire to give "comfort" to "some" (a "miniscule" few) has presented "danger" for MANY by those who "search" for "loopholes" in ORDER to "prey" upon the "WEEK"—women, children, and the handicapped and elderly. Locally, there have been incidences that have involved NONtransgender males who had to be "reprimanded."

Where does the "MAD"-ness end?

When do we "begin" to "truly" THINK?

It is "complete" ONENESS!

MARRIAGE

ISH-MA-EL ["Man-Am/Ma-EL] ISAAC ["I Cos/Cause"]

"In that dark place you're in, GOD CREATES."

—Audrey Berden

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"But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men."—Mark 8:33 (cf. Matt. 16:23, Luke 4:8)

May 11, 2016

I recall a story I often hear preachers tell—about a wife whose husband asked her to "curb" her frivolous spending. One day she went shopping and came home with a new dress. Her husband asked her what had happened. She had agreed to stop wasting money on clothes she didn't need. The wife replies, "I told the devil to get behind me. He said **it** looked even better from behind."

¹¹ And **the Lord spake unto Moses face to face**, as a man speaketh unto his friend.

And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.......

......²⁰ And he said, **Thou canst not see my face**: for there shall no man see me, and live.

²¹ And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

²² And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by ["He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most

High shall abide **under the shadow** of the Almighty." (Ps. 91:1—Light does NOT "have" a "shadow")]:

²³ And I will take away mine hand, and **thou shalt see my back parts**: but my face shall not be seen.

I had been "trying" for a while to communicate with someone close to me the things that I have been writing about. The "failure" has made me realize that MANY "Christians" **don't** take Father's "Words" at "**face**" value—NO "matter" *WHAT* He speaks! Their eyes "remain" WIDE "SHUT." I hear them say that "God" TOLD them a "certain" THING [and that "thing" goes along with my writings]...but when they "explain" what they believe He "MEANT," their "interpretation" tends to be "tainted" with their own ideology (or, that of their religious "denomination") or, "TRADITION"—"twisted" to "fit" into the "framework" of their own "thinking." Father speaks "plainly" but His "words" (i.e. His "children") are often "per-vert-ed"!

And I have "groan" tired of "trying" to "help" others "F-A-C-E" the REEL-"a"-lit-"y" (reality) of His WORDS.

Numbers 6:25-26 (MSG), ²⁵ GOD smile on you and gift you,

God look you full in the face ["nothing hidden"] and make you prosper.

[He "made" them "LOOK"—refer to Num. 21:8, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a *fiery* serpent, and set *it* upon a pole: and *it* shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon *it*, shall live." COMPARE: Genesis 3]

When Father tells us (or, re-"veals" to us) something about Himself that doesn't go along with "our" theology, MOST "tend" to explain *it* away. We cling to the "old," refusing to embrace the "new." We cling to what Father said or re-"veiled" about Himself "YESTERDAY," re-fusing to hear what He is "wanting" to reveal to us "TO DAY"! We don't know everything there is to know about Father. But MANY are too "satisfied" with what we do know about Him to "wonder" IF...just IF..."there" could possibly be a "whole" Lot MORE!

"It's not some part of us that lingers. It's the WHOLE of us that evolves..."

—Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders

"As I'm moving closer, I get a bigger revelation."—Dr. Veronica Cochran

Father is trying to reveal another "facet" of "HIMSELF." But MOST are only interested in knowing WHAT He is "going" to DO— **NOT** discovering "MORE" of WHO He "**IS**"! I believe that for MANY "Christians," if they were to truly discover the FULLNESS of Father's "nature" and "character," their INITIAL re-action would be "OFFENSE" followed by a sense of HUMILITY—the "speed" of "which" depends upon HOW "MAL-L-E-ABLE" they are "wheeling" to be in His Hands. [cf. 1 Peter 5]

"God told me that we don't 'WILL' well."—Audrey Berden

Exodus 33:11-23,

his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. ¹² And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. ¹³ Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. ¹⁴ And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. ¹⁵ And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. ¹⁶ For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. ¹⁷ And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. ¹⁸ And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. ¹⁹ And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. ²⁰ And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. ²¹ And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: ²² And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: ²³ And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my **BACK** parts: but my face shall not be seen.

"A promise tomorrow is worth a lot less than trying today."

—Jurassic World

#Death to Selfie (S1:E2—"Starving Sons (Beware of the Bowl)"

[sermon based on Genesis 25:24-34]

[#Death to Selfie is a sermon series by Steven Furtick "currently" available on Netflix]

"Beware of mistaking growth for maturity........[Esau] got really good in what he did, but he didn't grow in who he was. So he ended up forfeiting everything that he had because while he grew in his skill, he never grew in his character. And this can happen to you if you're gifted in an area....He got really good at killing his dinner. But he never got good at controlling his appetite. And so, don't mistake growth for maturity. Don't always mistake age for wisdom......There are some of you here who are really good at making money. You have a skill to hunt, but you've never learned how to manage *it* because you grew up with a gift but you never grew the infrastructure to manage the gift. Some of you are good at making friends but you can't keep a friend. Why? Because you can grow out but you can't grow up......Don't mistake EXTERNAL growth, or success, for INWARD maturity."— Steven Furtick [#Death to Selfie (\$1:E2—"Starving Sons (Beware of the Bowl)"]

"Beware of the quick fix that is available in your times of hunger. Now, I hope you don't think I'm talking about physical food right now, because I'm using the food as an analogy to talk about your heart, your spiritual condition. To talk about your soul. And a lot of times, the reason that we make bad deals with life and bad deals with people and bad compromises with our integrity is NOT cause we...we were bad people, it's cause we got too hungry! We didn't pack a snack! Maybe if Esau would've thought ahead he wouldn't have been in this predicament. What happened to Esau, it happens to us. You get too hungry and you get out there and you're not filled with the Word, and you're not filled with Worship and you didn't spend any time with God Monday through Wednesday so that by the time Thursday comes you're falling apart. And, you feel like you're about to die. And we can laugh at Esau but we can also all relate—how your "e-motions" get exaggerated when you get too hungry and too empty. And you start looking at people who love you and taking offense about what they didn't give you, 'cause you're so hungry that you need people to be something to you that only God can be....And since you're not getting your love from God...you'll settle for sex but what you were hungry for was love....you didn't get [it] from the right streams so now you're drinking from a polluted pond because you went around hungry."—Steven Furtick [#Death to Selfie (S1:E2—"Starving Sons (Beware of the Bowl)"] [cf. 1 Kings 19/Compare Esau (Gen. 25:29-34) & Amnon (2 Sam. 13:15-18) cf. Heb. 12:16]

"Beware of the temptation to give up what you want MOST for what you want NOW." — Steven Furtick [#Death to Selfie (S1:E2—"Starving Sons (Beware of the Bowl)"]

"But he [Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)] was met with mercy at the road because...you know...they say God will meet you halfway. That's not really true. He'll come running to you and carry you where you couldn't go. You can't meet him halfway. What do you think this is? You're starving."— Steven Furtick [#Death to Selfie (S1:E2—"Starving Sons (Beware of the Bowl)"]

May 15, 2016

My "miss"-communication has left me feeling as though something has died inside of me. I feel like an "insufficient" MACHINE gathering what seems to me to be WORTHLESS data—data NO ONE is able to interpret or "convey"! Perhaps, we're missing something. Perhaps "I'm" missing some "things"! Perhaps, unless Father REMOVES the "scales" from their eyes, those with an 'ounce of knowledge aren't the ONEs Abel to solve *THIS* "riddle" of LIFE. I now feel that my writings are intended for "children." It is a "Lot" easier to pour WATER into an EMPTY "cup" (to FILL to overflowing) than ONE already filled to the "brim" with "dense" OIL!

May 17, 2016

There is SOMETHING that we (or maybe, "I") are NOT "getting." An "element" of THOUGHT that "seams" to (k)NOT be connecting. We "have" more than enough KNOWLEDGE. More than enough "facts."

Perhaps..."perhaps"...we are "afraid" (or, for some, "re-pulsed"—as in "add-verse" to your "LIKE"-ing) to "GO" to "where" THAT "element" is "found."

"To live out this resolution, you will need COURAGE, COURAGE, COURAGE."

-Courageous

Regardless, we just don't seem to be-getting "it"! ["8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read."—Nehemiah 8:8 (NIV) (a. "...God, translating it...")]

MANY "seam" more concerned about "making" their "point" (about what Father "said" to "them") that they "fail" to LISTEN "well" to what else Father is "saying" (through "others").

Too MANY of us **ONLY** hear Father in the "volcano," or the earthquake, or the "strong" wind. But Father makes His most "pro-found" statements in "a still small voice" [cf. 1 Kings 19:11-13]. His "pH-ew" SIMPLE words carry "g-r-a-t-e" weight. It's our "knead" to cling to our "traditional THOUGHT" of WHAT we learned concerning what He revealed about Himself "yesterday" that removes the "full" effectiveness of "what" He is re-veal-ing about Himself "To Day" through those "same" simple WORDS! [cf. Isaiah 29, "13 ... their fear of me is taught by the precept of men..."]

AND, in an age where MANY "watch" OTHERS live-out "their" lives on so-called "REALITY" tell-a-vision,

Maybe...

..."It" (Father's message) is simply this:

"LIFE" is NOT "purely" about "WATCHING," it's about EXPERIENCING GOOD!

Example is of the first importance in politics, because political calculations are so comple

"Stop watching others live their dreams and start doing something about living your own."

-Rose Kimble Pride ["What we focus on, we magnify."—Joel Osteen]

"Behold, **I** will do a **new** thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know **it**? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."—Isaiah 43:19

"I would tell my younger self......The BAD things you are going through right now are the GOOD things for you to come."

—Tamar Braxton ("The Real")

"If you see **IT** as OBEDIENCE....You won't make statements like, 'I want more of the Holy Ghost.' You'll make statements like, 'How can I give myself MORE to Him?"—John Bevere

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved *it* is the POWER of God."—1 Corinthians 1:18

"And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give **it** to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give **it** you for an heritage: I am the LORD."—Exodus 6:8

Proverbs 10:22, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."

John 19:30, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It* is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

1 Kings 6:38, "And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house **finished** throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of **it**. So was he seven years in building **it**."

1 Chronicles 27:24, "Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he **finished** not, because there fell wrath for **it** against **Is**rael; neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David."

Ezra 5:16, "Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which **is** in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath **it** been in building, and yet **it** is not **finished**."

Ezra 6:14, "And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and **finished** *it*, according to the commandment of the God of **Is**rael, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."

Daniel 5:26, "This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it."

John 19:30, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It* is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

James 1:15, "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

4717 verses containing "it" in the KJV Bible—the following are those in the first two chapters of the Holy Bible:

Genesis 1:4, 6-7, 9-12, 15, 18, 21, 24-25, 28-31, " And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness... And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let *it* divide the waters from the waters. ⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and *it* was so... And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and *it* was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in **IT**self, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in **/7**self, after his kind: and God saw that **it** was good...¹⁵ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so...¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good...²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it* was good...²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good...²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. ²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. ³⁰ And to every

beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and **it** was so. ³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, **it/IT** was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Genesis 2:3, 5, 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, "³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified *it*: because that in *it* he had rested from all his work which God created and made... ⁵ And every plant of the field before *it* was in the earth, and every herb of the field before *it* grew: for the Lord God had not caused *it* to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to *till* the ground... ¹⁰ And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence *IT* was parted, and became into four heads. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pison: that is *it* which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;... ¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is *it* that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is *it* which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates [NOT an "it"]. ¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress *IT* and to keep *it*... ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of *it*: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. ¹⁸ And the Lord God said, *IT* is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him [*it/IT*]."

"it" in the book of Revelation (53 results):

Revelation 1:1, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

Revelation 1:11, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 3:8, I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut *it*: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Revelation 4:1, After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as *it* were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Revelation 5:6, And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as *it* had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Revelation 6:1, And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as *it* were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

Revelation 6:11, And white robes were given unto every one of them; and **it** was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Revelation 6:14, And the heaven departed as a scroll when *it* is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 7:2, And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom *it* was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Revelation 8:3, And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer **IT** with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:5, And the angel took the censer, and filled **/** with fire of the altar, and cast **/** into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:8, And the second angel sounded, and as *it* were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Revelation 8:10, And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as *it* were a lamp, and *IT* fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Revelation 8:12, And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of *17*, and the night likewise.

Revelation 9:4, And **IT** was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 9:5, And to them *it* was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Revelation 9:6, And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find *it*; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them

Revelation 9:7, And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as *it* were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

Revelation 9:9, And they had breastplates, as **it** were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

Revelation 10:1, And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as *it* were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Revelation 10:9, And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take *it*, and <u>eat</u> *IT* up; and *IT* shall make thy belly bitter, but *it* shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Revelation 10:10, And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate **IT** up; and **it** was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten **IT**, my belly was bitter.

Revelation 11:2, But the court which is <u>without the temple</u> leave out, and measure **/** not; for **/** not; for

Revelation 11:6, These have <u>power to shut heaven</u>, that *it* rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 12:4, And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as *it* was born.

Revelation 13:3, And I saw one of his heads as *it* were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. [cf. <u>Isaiah 1</u>:5-6, " ⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in *it*; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. ⁷ Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour *it* in your presence, and *it* is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." / Prov. 30:30, "A **LION** which is strongest among **BEASTS**, and turneth not away for any [looks you IN the eye];"] Revelation 13:7, And *it* was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Revelation 13:18, Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for *it* is the number of a man; and his number is **S**ix hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 14:3, And they sung as *it* were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 14:19, And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *IT* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:2, And I saw as *it* were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. [cf. Psalm 37:37, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." / Ephesians 1:13 (NIV), "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit," / cf. "mark" / Eze. 26:13-14, "And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God." / 50 verses containing the word "harp" in the KJV] Revelation 16:3, And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and *IT* became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

Revelation 16:17, And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, *IT* is done.

Revelation 18:21, And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast **/***T* into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Revelation 19:6, And I heard as *it* were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Revelation 19:10, And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do **IT** not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:15, And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with **//** he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 20:11, And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on *it*, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Revelation 20:13, 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.

Revelation 21:6, And he said unto me, *It* is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 21:16, And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of **it** are equal.

Revelation 21:18, And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Revelation 21:21, And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as **/T** were transparent glass.

Revelation 21:22, And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of IT.

Revelation 21:23, And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in *IT*: for the glory of God did lighten *IT*, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Revelation 21:24, And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of *it*: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into *IT*.

Revelation 21:25, And the gates of *it* shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Revelation 21:26, And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into *IT*.

Revelation 21:27, 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.

Revelation 22:2, In the midst of the street of *IT*, and on either side of the river, was "there," the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3, And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in *IT*; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation 22:9, Then saith he unto me, See thou do **/***T* not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. [COMPARE Rev. 19:10, "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do **/***T* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the tes**ti** mony of Jesus: worship God: for the tes**ti** mony of Jesus is the spir**it** of prophecy."]

"What if the real goal is just that you'll **keep** REACHING!"

—Steven Furtick

Some MORE "it":

Job 31:11-12, "¹¹ For this is an heinous crime; yea, *it* is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. ¹² For *it* is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. [Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not my word like as a fire [cf. Ps. 119:140]? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"—cf. Dan. 4:15, 23, 26/Job 18:16/Hosea 9:16/Mark 11:20/Isa. 11:1, 53:2]...²⁶ If I beheld the sun when *it* shined, or the moon walking in brightness;...³⁶ Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me."

Ecclesiastes 8:17, "Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man [NOT "any"—just a "man"] cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea farther; though a wise man think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to find *it*."

Jeremiah 4:23, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light."

Psalm 69:36, "The seed also of his servants shall inherit **it**: and they that **love** his name shall dwell therein."

Jeremiah 5:31, "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people **love** to have **it** so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"

1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of **love** the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because **it** knew him not."

COMPARE:

Luke 13:8, "And he answering said unto him, Lord, let *it* alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

John 12:7, "Then said Jesus, Let **her** alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this."

Matthew 9:8, "But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men."

Matthew 8:10, "When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

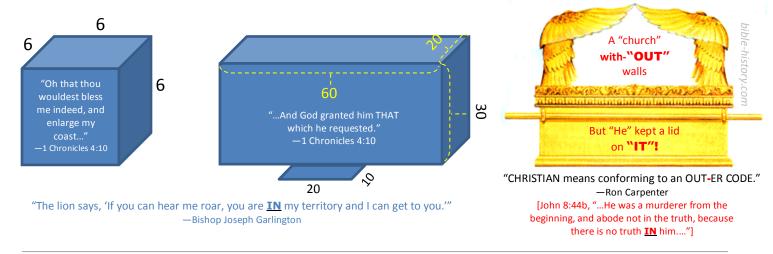
Matthew 22:39, "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Mark 12:31, "And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

"¹⁸ **Here is WISDOM.** Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."—Revelation 13:18

COMPARE to:

- "² And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. ³ And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.... ⁵ And against the wall of the house he built chambers <u>round about</u>, against the walls of the house <u>round about</u>, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers <u>round about</u>:"—1 Kings 6:2-3, 5
- "1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ² And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written: ³ In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; ⁴ With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house: ⁵ And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God."—Ezra 6:1-5



- " ¹² Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of **it**, both his ears shall tingle. ¹³ And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping **it**, and turning **it** upside down."—2 Kings 21:12-13
- "⁵ Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find **it** against him concerning the law of his God....⁸ Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that **IT** be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not....¹⁷ And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed **it** with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the **PURPOSE** ["mission"] might not be changed concerning Daniel."—Daniel 6:5, 8, 17 [cf. "remission"—Matthew 26:28, Mark 1:4, Luke 1:77, Luke 3:3, Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:43, Romans 3:25, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 10:18]
- "⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and **it** was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to IT. ⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and **it** raised up **it**self on one side, and **it** had three ribs in the mouth of IT between the teeth of IT: and they said thus unto IT, Arise, devour much flesh. ⁶ After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of **it** four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to **it**. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and **it** had great iron teeth: **it** devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of IT: and **it** was diverse from all the beasts that were before IT; and **it** had ten horns......²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread **it** down, and break IT in pieces....²⁶ But the judgment shall s**it**, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy IT unto the end."—Daniel 7:4-7, 23, 26
- "⁵ And said, If **it** please the king, and if I have favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let **IT** be written **to** reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the "A-gag-ite", which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces:... ¹³ The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.... ¹ On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king."—Esther 8:5, 13, 6:1

'[A Church Divided Over Leaders] I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ALL of you AGREE with one another in what you SAY and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly UNITED in MIND and THOUGHT."—1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) [cf. Eph. 4:25kiv] ["Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification."—Romans 15:2 (cf. 1 Peter 1:22, 3:8-22/Philippians 2:1-2)]