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Deny Himself (or Herself) [Matthew 16:24]

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Many people claim to be Christian but not all are Christian. The term Christian is made up of two parts. It is not just a title. It is not just the declaration that a person is a believer.

The first part, referring to Christ, we all know. It is all about Christ, Jesus, the Son of God.

The second part, referring to "ian", according to the study dictionary, means "to have the same qualities of something", "belonging to", and "like" as in "like something". In this case, that would mean that someone is "like Christ". They would not profess to be Jesus Christ "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). But, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6). Walking as Jesus walked is definitely being Christ-like.

However, too many Christians simply claim to be a Christian, hardly know anything about Chris-

tianity, and if they do go to church, most go for the social aspect. Survey says they go because of various programs they have, that it makes them feel good, or they know someone. Truth, doctrines, and even "instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16) are not even mentioned.

So, let us see what the Bible says a Christian ought to be like. In doing this, we refer back to the title of the article. "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Jesus is the one that gave that definition. Luke's version provides a little more detail with the addition of a very important word: "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

That word "daily" is significant. Although we will be getting ahead of ourselves, the word "daily" means that we are not permanently saved just because we say we are. The day we become "born again" does not eternally save us. We can choose to stop being "born again" at any time as we do

not become robots on the day of our profession.

That also strongly tells us that the relationship is not simply just believing in Jesus. If we truly believe, if we are truly a Christian, we will take up our cross every single day. The day we do not take up our cross is the day we either backslide or choose to walk away from Christianity.

But what is the cross? In fact, what does it mean that we are expected to deny ourselves? And how extensive is the command to follow really meant to reach? As stated, a moment ago, we are getting ahead of ourselves by picking out the word "daily", but it was an important point to make. So now, let us back up and take it step-by-step.

First, we begin with "If any man will come after me". To come after Jesus is to be called by His name, to be saved by His grace, to seek after eternal life with Him, etc. It is a very important initial step in becoming a Christian, a believer, a saved person. In fact, that is why people do seek after Christ, for He

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offers eternal life to all that believe (1 John 5:13). It is a free gift, which we do not deserve, but is being offered to each and every one of us. So, if a person would like what Christ has to offer, they will seek Him.

But it comes with three requirements, yes requirements. How can a free gift have requirements? If I were to give you a travel gift and I paid the airfare for you, paid the hotel you will be staying at, paid all the fees for sightseeing, and paid for all of the meals you would consume, but it was up to you to learn the language of the country you would be visiting, buying the necessary clothing for your visit, and buying other trinket items to take along, would you question me about the gift being free?

Yes, we have a new language to develop before leaving earth. It is one without foul words, exaggera-

tions, or any untruths. "Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). We have new clothing to acquire as Jesus said, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Revelation 3:18). And as for the trinkets, though they do not earn Heaven, they are an important part of the experience. "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matthew 13:23).

God gives us eternal life, which includes all of the food we shall

ever need or want, for "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 22:2). God even goes further and bought our clothing of righteousness, but it is our responsibility to put it on by living a righteous life in Christ. "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast [him] into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 22:11-13). The trinkets are souls won unto God by God using us to reach those souls, if we allow Him.

Now, as for the three requirements, they get to the root of the sin problem we have here on earth. Those who say that they cannot stop sinning are not doing the first requirement. The first requirement is to "deny himself". In all that we do, in all that we go to accomplish, we are not to seek how we can be benefited in any manner, which makes it very difficult to climb the corporate ladder, get ahead in life, be recognized for our accomplishments. In every transaction, it is natural to seek after the best deal even if the seller loses out. When the children act up and need proper attention, it is natural to utter how they in-

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convenienced us. It is natural to tell the kids what an embarrassment they are to us. It is natural to watch TV instead of having personal time with Jesus studying the Bible. Many look for those things that thrill us instead of the dull and boring. People spend hundreds, even thousands of dollars on our wants in life and give God nothing or a mere \$20 here or there. Denying one's self is not so easy, and we just touched the beginning of it. In Heaven, there will be no razzing one another. So, making fun of one another is not a form of denying self but quite the opposite. And when sports are involved, lookout! "My team is number one!" "My team scored record points!" "My team ...!". Then we have the argument of rights that touches on the political aspects of things. All of this is selfishness and is to be denied along with thinking, "How do I keep God's commandments and yet enjoy ...?" Jesus responds with, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

We could go on with many more examples of selfishness, but in all honesty, we would probably never exhaust the list. Therefore, we leave it to your intelligence to seriously search the soul to see if there be any selfishness. Our prayer should be, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139:23-24). Again, wicked is not reserved for the foul mouthed, perverted, horrible people. Simple selfishness is wickedness before God. Let us be like Paul, where "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" (Galatians 2:20).

Now, let us address taking up the cross daily that we briefly addressed ahead of time as we still need to reveal what the cross happens to be. The cross is the continuation of the battle against selfishness. Paul said, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31). So, all that believe they are already eternally saved, Paul protested against that belief. Everyday he faced the cross of which he had to die daily, also. Jesus tells all of us, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak" (Matthew 26:41), and that is for the followers of Christ – not the unbeliever. That is a constant relationship of watching and praying, even a daily one. That is because it is only when one seeks after Christ is one tempted. Those living in sin are not tempted – they are already sinning. Those choosing to live a different life will then become constantly bombarded by temptations, but worry not, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]" (1 Corinthians 10:13). And there you have it. The cross is the daily temptations that we face. For one person, it may be a certain addiction, while another, it is a different attachment. We all have our weak

points and the devil knows it, so he has been targeting the temptations individually at those points.

Lastly, we have the third requirement and that is to follow Jesus. In all honesty, we cannot believe we actually have to define these things. It shows how purposefully people are in wanting to claim the name of Jesus, claim the benefits of His promises, but live in disobedience or live however they want to live. Do we really have to define the term "follow"?

If a person were to play the childhood game "follow the leader", they would do exactly as instructed and not deviate from it or they would be out of the game. So, how can kids know more than adults? It goes to show how immature adults really are.

So, when Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15), why do so many Christians not follow the instructions of the Ten Commandments and try to use Paul's writings against keeping them when even in his buried writings, those writings preachers avoid, Paul stated, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2) and "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). Therefore, check the mirror of the Ten Commandments to see if one is following the expectations or not.

So, when Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our

abode with him” (John 14:23), we as Christians will not be found criticizing the Bible, justifying our own way, but would submit our lives to the dictates of His Word.

To follow Jesus is to obey what He commanded. To not obey is to not follow. And if we are not following, not facing the cross of temptation, not denying ourselves, we

will then not really know Jesus because we will not have found the real Jesus.

No wonder Jesus will reject so many Christians at the second coming. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say

to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:21-23).



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

Health To the Bones - Proverbs 16:24

The catch phrase of the milk industry is that “Milk helps the body grow” and touts the benefits of milk for the bones, yet we live in an obese generation and people are suffering from osteoporosis more than ever before. Also, please understand that the fat content in milk is that which is sufficient for a baby calf, which can weigh more than most adult humans, all the while we have little children gulping it down by the glass full along with having a large amount on cereals.

From Cleveland Health Clinic, “three or more glasses a day – was not only associated with mortality but also an increased risk of fracture and hip fracture” (January 4, 2021).

It would be highly suggested to wean off of such a dependency for weight and bone health. Just because a commercial with a celebrity promotes the benefits of milk, and they appear to not lie, they

negate the negative aspects along with not telling which subjects benefit more – calves. So, yes milk has many benefits, just not as many as they say for human beings.

Many say they do not care for the milk substitutes. That may have been true years ago for most people, but today, with the variety and easy availability along with comparative costs to cow’s milk, those excuses are quickly disappearing.

Today, 'milk' is made from almonds, oats, soy, and even rice, among other non-animal-based sources. In addition, a few of the popular varieties are flavored with a sweetener to add taste appeal.

Keep in mind, when the government promotes something, it is not always for our health. They do so to help select industries do well.

Further, a good portion of the world starts out being lactose intolerant. There are medications, of course, that one can take or have

it in the milk itself so as to digest milk better, but the question is, why go through that? Why take something that makes the body accept something that the body is rejecting?

Other risks of cow’s milk, according to Health Line, is that there is an increase in prostate cancer as well as ovarian cancer. And according to the Center of Nutrition Studies, there is an increased chance of developing type 1 diabetes, increased chances to developing multiple sclerosis, increased chances of developing other cancers, having an increase in cholesterol levels, more acne, and constipation.

The negative effects of almond milk are that those with nut allergies would suffer, so thankfully there are other choices these days. That is a huge difference in negativity between cow and almond milk. Cancer and other body ailments are not found in the list of negatives with substitute milks.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Cauliflower Chicken Bites

Ingredients

- 1 whole cauliflower
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon ground thyme
- ½ teaspoon ground oregano
- Salt to taste
- 1 cup Panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning (I used Weber Grill's mixture)
- 3 tablespoons vegan egg (I used JUST egg)
- ½ cup unsweetened plant-based milk – anything but coconut milk will work
- Vegetable oil spray

Instruction

Preheat the oven to 400F (204C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper for easier cleanup.

1. Remove the core from the cauliflower and break or cut the individual florets from the head. If the florets are too large, cut them in half.
2. In a medium bowl, stir the flour, thyme, oregano, and salt until fully combined.
3. In another medium bowl, mix the Panko breadcrumbs and poultry seasoning until fully combined.
4. In a third medium bowl, whisk the vegan egg and plant-based milk together until fully combined.

5. Dip each cauliflower floret in the egg and milk, then roll in the flour mixture, then dip in the egg mixture again, and roll in the breadcrumbs until fully coated. Place on the lined baking sheet giving the florets enough space so they don't touch. If they touch, they'll likely steam and won't get as crispy.
6. Bake for approximately 15 minutes, or until golden and crispy, then turn them over and bake for another 10 to 15 minutes, or until they're evenly crispy and browned. The cauliflower should be fork tender.



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3. Lowers the bad cholesterol known as LDL
4. Lowers blood pressure
5. Helps those with insulin resistance
6. Boosts cognitive functions
7. Improves gut health
8. Low in calories
9. Slows aging
10. Helps prevent certain cancers
11. Lowers the likelihood of heart disease
12. Fights urinary tract infections
13. Reduces muscle damage from strenuous exercise



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Revelation 16:15 states, “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” To watch and keep our righteous robes from Christ with the possibility to become like Adam and Eve after sin (Genesis 3:7) shows that we can choose to give up salvation, give up being saved. Jesus even warned us, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak” (Matthew 26:41). Temptation to sin is very strong when we walk after the flesh instead of the Spirit. To not watch and to not keep our garments is lacking in the holy and sanctified life. So, how are you doing in the watching and praying and keeping the gift of Christ’s righteousness?

Matthew 7:13-14 says, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth

unto life, and few there be that find it.” The pathway to Heaven has restrictions. As Christians, we are not to participate in all that the world has to offer: movies, TV, foods, drinks, conversations, sports, etc. That restrictive life of keeping away from sinful activity, indirectly or directly, is the holy and sanctified life keeping in mind “no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” (Psalms 84:11). So, are you a strict, disciplined Christian on the narrow path headed to Heaven, or an anything goes Christian on the broad way to destruction?

Luke 9:23 says, “And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Denying oneself and taking up one’s cross each day is the expected holy and sanctified life. When a person becomes a Christian, pride, even in the form of sports, will be detested. Oh, one may have been a big sports fan wasting money on expensive attendances, sportswear, etc. That

old sports fan has to be denied and the temptation each day of picking up again has to be resisted. That is just sports, but substitute other things in place of sports, like music, TV shows, fashion, etc., and the same thing holds true. All Christians that participate in these worldly attractions and just claiming to be saved are not followers of Jesus, but their own minds. That is what the verse states. So, do you deny yourself the pleasures of the world and resist the temptation each day of desiring to pick it up again?

John 8:47 says, “He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God.” It is not a matter of words entering the ears but obeying those words. This is affirmed by the words of Jesus: “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s

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which sent me” (John 14:23-24). Hearing, which includes keeping, Jesus’ words is the expected holy and sanctified life, and they that do so are the ones who reflect the fact that Jesus saves them. Those who do not reflect His words simply are impostors to Christianity. So, are you hearing, keeping, obeying Jesus’ Words as the fruit of a saving relationship?

Ephesians 5:5 says, “For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” Therefore, a holy and sanctified Christian will not do these things. And many think that these are really bad people so of course they would not be a whoremonger or be an idolater, but what of simply coveting? Any Christian claiming to be saved is not free to be coveting, let alone be doing that which is unclean, which is committing sin, or allowing even spiritual idolatry into one’s life, like chasing after sports, celebrities, climbing the corporate ladder, having to have a certain type of vehicle or house, etc. So, have all of these been cast aside, or are you just claiming to be saved anyways?

Romans 6:18 says, “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” Jesus makes us free from sin, which “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4), which means that the Ten Commandments are still binding. Jesus did

not make us free from the Commandments, but from sin. And to be clear, we then simply live a righteous life after being made free, being born-again, which is the holy and sanctified life. So, do you justify sin in your life or have you been freed from sinning?

1 Corinthians 11:1 says, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ.” A follower of Paul as a follower of Christ is the holy and sanctified life, for another writer wrote, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1 John 2:6). That is what a follower does. Doing our own thing is not a follower but a title claimer. Did Jesus participate in the pleasures of the world? Did He sin? The answer to both of these is “No!” Therefore, after confessing and forsaking our known sins, it is expected that we choose to do the same as Jesus from here on out. We are even told, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not” (1 John 2:10). So, are you a follower of Christ, walking, living as He lived?

1 Timothy 6:12 tells us to “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.” Fighting, laying hold, living up to the standard that we are called to live, professing a good profession, are all statements of an expected holy and sanctified life. And eternal life is clearly stated as being dependent upon that

lifestyle. Though eternal life is free, like the wedding garment parable, we have to wear the garment being made fit for the kingdom to dwell with holy beings, and that transpires after receiving the free gift of grace to wash away freely all of our sins. We begin the journey of becoming fit for the kingdom after becoming born-again. So, are you being fitted up, sanctified to dwell with holy beings, or are you refusing to participate in the process but think you are still saved anyways, remaining just the way you are in your allowance of certain sinful practices despite the fact that Jesus stated, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32), which repenting means to stop doing the sinning?

Acts 19:19 says, “Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all [men]: and they counted the price of them, and found [it] fifty thousand [pieces] of silver.” Now, for the average Christian, they will not find where the holy and sanctified lifestyle is mentioned. That is because most Christians are bent upon the notion that any good work, any effort is somehow rejecting the gospel. They do not understand that a sanctified and holy lifestyle is a result of accepting the gospel and not a means of obtaining it. We receive the gospel, the grace, the forgiveness, the justification, and then we move on with a response from the heart to live the holy and sanctified lifestyle by changing, in this example, what we are influ-

enced by. We will throw away, even burn books of Harry Potter and other witches and stop watching the movies and TV shows of similar subject matter. We will cease being interested in Hollywood content beyond the witches, especially that which undermines the Christian walk. We will cease being distracted in the keeping up on sporting events, even politics. So, what is in your library or is easily accessible through an electronic device that ought to be discarded?

James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded." At first, it looks like this verse is only to the unconverted, double minded person, which is to be taking both sides of an issue, but the first step of drawing close to God is for the Christian, because the unconverted do not. That is why they are unconverted. Then being drawn nigh, it is expected that the holy and sanctified actions and thoughts take place. Hands are representative of actions and they ought to be clean and not caught doing evil. Pure hearts are the intentions, the thoughts, the motives of a person which ought to be pure. And lastly, we are not to be indecisive about the issues, especially if we change our minds about religious matters depending upon who we are surrounded by at the time, like a politician does just to get elected. So, are you living the expected lifestyle of a Christian, or do you dabble with a little sin here and there, excuse a bit of sinful thoughts, and

do not become solidly positioned in the mind on any subject?

1 Peter 4:2 states, "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." Several things are brought out in one simple verse that apply to the holy and sanctified life. First, lust is not only uncontrolled sexual passion, nor does it apply to uncontrolled appetite or even spending sprees. Lust includes anything that we cannot say "no" to that is not the will of God. It includes all levels of sin that man has created, for all sin is equal with God. Gluttony (Deuteronomy 21:18-21) and murder (Exodus 21:23) had the same result in God's eyes – death. Now, the notion that only Jesus is perfect may be true when we look at the whole life, but when we become born-again, "the rest of his time" is not to be spent satisfying the flesh but "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). In other words, we can be perfect after being born again, in fact, it is expected: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not" (1 John 2:1). That does not mean if we have an oops moment that we are lost, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1), but that is not to be a way of life. Doing "the will of God" is to be the way of life, and that is every second of the day. There is no "me" time where we cheat a little. So, are you living the rest of your time still satisfying the urges of the body to have those things, or are you living the

rest of your time avoiding satisfying those urges?

1 John 4:5-6 contrasts two sides, the godly and the worldly or un-saved. "They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We 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." To speak of the world is to speak of those things that should have little to no interest to a Christian. Who cares who has the most home runs, touchdowns, goals, etc.! Sports is of the world. Movies, TV shows, general public music, celebrities, all are of the world. Even political races are of the world for that is the greatest deception being pulled upon people to keep this country polarized against each other giving hope to both sides that their way will finally win out only to be snatched away hoping next round of voting would overcome it. Speaking of things for employment may mean nothing to God but is necessary conversation to keep food on the table and a roof over the head. All the other conversations mentioned have no benefit whatsoever and are a mere distraction from the important thing, developing a holy and sanctified life, which is obtained by being told "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). So, how much time do you spend in the Word as opposed to being distracted with conversations of the world?



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

Symbolism of the Right Side

1. What are we to do with the right hand, but not the left, to avoid going to hell? **Matthew 5:30**
2. What are we to do with the right eye, but not the left, to avoid going to hell? **Matthew 5:29**
3. What does the right hand give, but not the left? **Matthew 6:3**
4. While sitting on the right side, but not the left, what event is being waited for? **Matthew 22:44**
5. Who is on the right hand? **Matthew 25:33**
6. What do they inherit? **Matthew 25:34**

7. Who is on the left hand? **Matthew 25:33**
8. Where do they go? **Matthew 25:41**
9. What was Jesus doing on the right side of God when Stephen saw Heaven open in the middle of his stoning? **Acts 7:56**
10. What is received in the right hand, but not the left? **Revelation 13:16**

[NOTE: With all the symbolism in using the right hand but not the left and seeing where the sheep on the right are approved for Heaven while the goats on the left are not approved, and Revelation 1:1 telling us that the Book of Revelation is symbolic, not literal, why are so many thinking a physical mark is to be found only in the right hand or forehead, but not the left hand? After showing a number of verses that reveal approved actions, the mark is an approved item or acceptable item either in action or thought.]

June 2022 Bible Questions and Answers

The Judgment

1. What event is future from the perspective of the time of the apostles, implying that it had not yet begun? **Acts 17:31** “**he will judge the world in righteousness**”
2. What key word tells us that God has not been judging people all along? **Daniel 7:9-10** “**judgment was set**” [The word “set” is just being in position, while “go” means it is going on.]
3. Who is the judge? **John 5:22** “**the Son**”
4. Who are judged? **2 Corinthians 5:10** “**all appear**”
5. What is judged? **Revelation 20:13** “**every man according to their works**”
6. What is one of the books used in the judgment? **Revelation 20:12** “[**the book**] of life”
7. What is another book used in the judgment? **Malachi 3:16** “**book of remembrance**”
8. Who else will be judged during the judgment time? **Jude 1:6** “**the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation**” [Fallen angels]
9. Using the King James Version of the Bible, how do we know that judgment begins before Jesus shows up (Revelation 14:14)? **Revelation 14:7** “**is come**” [A person announces that

something “is” happening to declare current event, however, if judgment were always happening, there would not be a need for an announcement that it has arrived. It is like saying, there is oxygen in the air. Yes, and

there has always been oxygen in the air. To announce that it is my birthday means that it has not always been my birthday.]

10. What advantage do we have in the judgment if we have a

proper relationship with Jesus? What is He to us in addition to being the Judge?
1 John 2:1 “advocate”
[Attorney]



Questions & Answers

Do we keep the law literally or just spiritually?

This is based upon Romans 7:6, which says, “But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not [in] the oldness of the letter.” The arguments made on this verse results in creating a contrast between the “letter” or “literal” statements of God’s commandments against the “newness of spirit”. It is only used against the keeping of one particular commandment. In other words, when people question the Sabbath commandment, they use the verse to state that they are keeping the spirit of the Sabbath and not the letter of it. This allows for Sunday keeping or any day keeping. That is not the intent of the original verse at all. In fact, try this “spirit” versus “letter” with each of the remaining commandments. The argument of just living by the “spirit of the law” falls quite short. So, let us try breaking any literal wording of the commandment without involving the spirit...

Can a person have the physical activity reserved for marriage with another person while not lusting in the mind towards another? Of course not. That is probably why the physical relationship happens. Even young love is an act of lust in the heart for if it were not so, they

would be able to keep themselves until marriage.

Can a person really tell a lie without mentally, spiritually, creating it in the first place? A good lie is only good if it is well planned. So again, it is impossible.

Can someone take something that belongs to another person, not referring to an accidental situation like a pen or article of clothing, without spiritually regarding it? Of course not. The reason for taking the object in the first place is because of the thinking of taking it or finding a need of it personally.

Can a person physically bow down to images, mouthing words of a prayer to that image, without spiritual involvement? Absolutely not. No one would be compelled to do such an activity if the mind did not find a purpose for it.

Can a person physically kill someone without involving the spiritual? Now, we are not talking about self-defense or accidental death. A person usually kills another because the anger has reached the point, or jealousy has reached the point, or some other mental excuse used, that results in murder. Even mentally challenged people who want to shoot into a crowd for apparently no reason have some type of thought, maybe not directly against a person, but a goal of attention, stress re-

lease, being fed up, etc.

Of course, coveting is purely in the mind, so that one makes the list of unable to just break physically without the involvement of the spirit.

As we see, over half of the commandments are set as an example that declares, it is impossible to break a single commandment physically without involving the spirit. So, those that use this argument against keeping the fourth commandment literally and rather stick with their own ways while declaring they are keeping the spirit of the commandment are defeated by challenging them to name one commandment that can be broken physically without the mental or spiritual involvement.

Does the earth abide forever or not?

Ecclesiastes 1:4 states, “[One] generation passeth away, and [another] generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.”

Revelation 21:1 says, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

So, in one case, the earth abides forever, and in the other, the first earth passes away, showing an apparent contradiction. Once again, it

is man's finite understanding of the word "forever", or should I say, a willingness to excuse the typical use of the term, but when it comes to the Bible and God, atheists choose to take it very literally.

How long does a person wait in line at a bank? How long does a person wait in the waiting room to see the doctor? How long does it take for summer vacation to arrive? From many mouths comes the answer of "forever". It is an acceptable phrase among humans to refer to a long period of time in one sense, and in another, a period of time that no one wants to go through, though it may be short, both being a reference to being "forever" despite being finite.

With that said, we turn to two Bible examples that show that the word "forever" has a limited time to it. In fact, it actually means "until the purpose is completed".

1 Samuel 1:22 states clearly that Samuel was to abide in the temple

service "forever": "But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, [I will not go up] until the child be weaned, and [then] I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever." Yet, we get the clarification in 1 Samuel 1:28, which says, "Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there." Therefore, Samuel's lifetime is the completed purpose.

Jonah 2:6 clearly states that he was in the belly of the fish "forever": "I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God." But in actuality, Jonah 1:17 tells us, "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." It was a most terrible ordeal, but the period of three days was far shorter than a

life time. Therefore, the completed purpose was within a three-day period.

This earth has a purpose to exist to house the inhabitants. When the completed purpose is done, it will then be burned up (2 Peter 3:10). Jeremiah 4:23 states, "I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light." So, we do have to conclude that this earth will be destroyed, however, it will be made new and remain throughout eternity, never to be destroyed again. So, technically it does remain forever as stated, but if someone really wants to take God to task over the fact that the earth "as we know it" will not remain forever despite being told it would, then we rely upon the acceptable societal use and Bible example of the term "forever". It is until the completed time that it served its purpose.



News and Comments

May 3—Vice

CDC Tracked Millions of Phones to See If Americans Followed COVID Lockdown Orders

Maybe it is time we disconnect from our cell phones by leaving them at home when at church or performing church functions for why give the enemy an advantage over us because we stand on the fact that we are "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but

exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

May 4—Twin Cities

Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson criticized for reaction to false COVID vaccine claim

Although we are not advocating this connection to be true, we are also not advocating this to be false. What we do know is that those not

going along with the agenda to control the population, even to reduce the population, are mislabeled. The article declares "no reputable doctor has made such a claim", which means that the 100 or more doctors that claim to make this connection per an attorney Callendar, indeed have evidence, but they are just not reputable. What makes a doctor reputable? Those that go along with the agenda! We know this fact and that is "by thy sorceries were all nations

deceived" (Revelation 18:23), where, as a broken record, we remind everyone that the word "sorceries" is derived from the Greek word "pharmakeia". So, by the pharmaceutical industry, all nations will be involved in pushing something that people should not put into their bodies as we near the close of time. So, it is not out of the realm that the vaccines are causing other issues, even criminal intent to depopulate the world, which is not a conspiracy theory as Bill Gates, the foremost advocate, and many others are pushing to accomplish and are quite outspoken about it. What better way to accomplish this but by something that appears to fix a man-made, created problem, such as the worldwide mislabeled pandemic, by offering an apparent solution that really is not a solution as people still are getting sick, dying, etc., even after all of the boosters.

May 6—Breitbart

FDA Puts Strict Limits on Johnson and Johnson Vaccine Due to Blood Clots

We have been promoting the rejection of taking the vaccine from the beginning, and now that everyone is distracted by inflation, the war, and other things, the FDA finally admits that we have issues with the vaccine. And do not think the other two resources are without issues. These things will probably continue to leak out little by little over the coming years. The bottom line is that "by thy sorceries [pharmakeia] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). The sad part is that all those who died because of the blood clots cannot sue. Those living with the blood clots cannot sue. Those who are

now frightened because it is in their bodies as walking time bombs cannot sue. As we were labeled alarmists and lunatic fringe (not us personally but all that knew of the harm and were voicing it) are once again proven to be correct, only too late for many.

May 8—Yahoo News

My 'complicated' mom made me feel like a bad son. I hated Mother's Day. But life changes.

This may not seem news worthy, but then, this publication is not about providing the latest exciting news and comment. We look for those things that also make an impact on the spiritual life. And here is one that definitely does. Any holiday directed towards a certain group or a person has a tendency to breed selfishness. The Jehovah's Witnesses may not have it all wrong regarding holidays, though holidays ought not be entirely dismissed as those folks do, because that creates a whole set of other witnessing issues. But the fact is, according to this article in general, a holiday is an expected day to be pampered, given attention to, of which Christ never sought. Birthdays are inclusive where, especially with children, it is all about "Gimme, gimme, gimme! It's my day!" Last we checked, all days belong to God and we own not one. The Christian walk is about the action to "deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). There is no holiday off for that constant relationship with Christ. "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31).

May 9—News Week

Mystery Hepatitis Disease Killing Children Might Be Linked To Dogs: CDC

If only 70 percent of households affected have a dog, 30 percent is still a significant number to say that it does not appear to be the family pet causing the problem. Have they considered checking how many children with hepatitis all of a sudden were vaccinated and even have the boosters? It is just a question, but something well into 90 percent range would be the more likely culprit. "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4).

May 10—ANH USA

"Re-Education Camps" for Doctors?

The fact that six states already have bills pending to offer doctors free speech tells us that this is a legitimate agenda to silence doctors and even re-educate them. To re-educate anyone may appease the majority of the population pushing forward blindly with the agenda through being scared into it, but it definitely is an act of the dragon to force such, which is the characteristic that Satan is trying to have the United States become: "and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Do keep in mind that beasts represent nations and the description of Revelation 13's beast results in that pointing to the United States, where our super power status is capable of enforcing the first beast's mark, though we started out with Christ-like principles, we are ending with freedoms disappearing under those scare tactics.

May 10—NPR

Scientists give Earth a 50-50 chance of hitting key warming mark by 2026

The slant of the article title is to keep in line with the agenda that we must pass the solution quicker than 2030. The ultimate solution per the Paris agreement, which is in line with the *Laudato si'* encyclical is shutting everything down on Sundays. Jesus said, "be not troubled" (Matthew 24:6) not only about wars but "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7), which looks like many things associated with climate change. At least that is what the climate change agenda would have you believe. Political urgency always permits taking away freedom and controlling people. Welcome to the New World Order.

May 10—Washington Examiner

Box of mail-in ballots found on LA sidewalk

The purpose, at this point, is to continue the tearing of the country apart, to make all elections suspect, to divide us as a nation making room for the final ruling power for "there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition" (Revelation 17:10-11). The eighth power is a reference from Revelation 13 describing the antichrist. But of course people are blinded to think antichrist is a person and forget that beasts are na-

tions (Daniel 7:23), indicating that antichrist did rule unchallenged, as a nation ceased, but now the deadly wound is being healed (Revelation 13:3) and shall rule the world over the United States, the seventh world empire since Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome (the first four heads). So, to take down a nation, use division from within.

May 11—Washington Post

U.S. baby formula shortage is worrying parents. Here's what to know.

Is this one of the many reasons why Jesus said, "woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!" (Matthew 24:19). Between home-school restrictions, pressured vaccines for children, and baby formula shortage, there certainly appears to be an attack on our children.

May 14—Business Insider

No need to worry about monkeypox, says Pfizer CEO – just days after Biden said 'everyone' should be concerned, before walking back his comments

What confusion! We know which way this will go as control is the goal. "There [is] confusion and every evil work" (James 3:16).

May 18—News Nation Now

Summer blackouts could hit these US states, regulators warn

The Bible says, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her deli-

cacies" (Revelation 18:3). With the policies of the kings, even right down to the governors, influencing the merchants, including electric companies, it is a wonder why more people do not see the control factor. It does not make sense that over 50% of the US cannot handle the electric demand and yet, they keep pushing electric vehicles upon people along with electric devices pushing out the gas powered ones. It is amazing how the New Green Deal was shot down in congress and yet is being implemented right before our eyes, once again, forming a method to control people.

May 19—The Guardian

Suicides indicate wave of 'doomerism' over escalating climate crisis

A form of Romans 1:25 comes to mind: "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." The ultimate idol worship is to die for an inanimate object – earth. How sad that people are willing to die, especially when it is all exaggerated to push the agenda.

May 19—New Scientist

Could monkeypox become a pandemic? Here's everything you need to know

"And there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7). Jesus did not say if they were man-made or not, but the new narrative is that, yes, monkeypox is going to be the new pandemic. Pandemics are going to be numerous because they strike fear more than natural

disasters. Legislation may be passed violating all kinds of legal protections. And, according to the numerous media outlets, they are already painting it as being out of control following the same pattern as COVID. Further, just like a "medical exercise for COVID" happened months prior to the outbreak, exercises on smallpox have already been conducted, too. Although we personally do not know the future, the media is definitely floating the concept that this is the next big pandemic, and with it, more control of the populace along with creating hatred between the two groups of people – those that obey the restrictions willingly and those that see through the agenda and defy them.

May 19—Daily Mail

American girls are now reaching puberty as young as SIX in phenomenon scientists think may be linked to childhood obesity, chemicals in plastic and stress

Scientists ought to rethink that stress brings on puberty at six years old, even simply being obese. Chemicals in plastics have a better possibility, but how about connecting the dots? Puberty is triggered by hormones. Milk is pushed heavily upon kids, along with meat. Have they considered all of the hormone injections into animals, including chickens. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).

May 19—News Nation Now

Inflation hitting food prices globally, as shortages begin

Three hundred million is a lot of

people but between a supply network that broke a year or so ago, gas prices soaring, causing inflation to be climbing rapidly and high, countries that produce wheat supposedly on the brink of causing World War III, it is no surprise that shortages of food would follow, just as Jesus predicted: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines..." (Matthew 24:7).

May 20—Rolling Stone

Trump Endorsed Her. Now She Wants to Use State Power to 'Crush' the Left and Impose 'God's Moral Order'

This is the attitude that sets up the image of the beast. "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live" (Revelation 13:14). The beast joins religious and political paths into one. A nation founded upon the separation turns to speak as the dragon (Revelation 13:11), which means that they are able to join these two aspects being the United States.

May 23—National Review

State Farm Launches Program to Distribute LGBTQ Books to Kindergartners

Luke 17:2, rightly understood, is quite fitting for State Farm. "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." This is not about hurting

feelings. Anything that stands between a child's relationship with Jesus causing that child to question, to separate, to be offended to be a Christian and hold Christian values is the proper understanding. And clearly State Farm is actively placing themselves in the offender position. All employees supporting this program, let alone participating in the distribution of the literature will see the consequence of their actions for in God's eyes, it were better that they would go drown themselves tied to a millstone to sink to the bottom of the sea.

May 27—Fox News

Woman assaulted on NYC subway as bystanders do nothing

James 4:17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth [it] not, to him it is sin."

May 28—Business Insider

A Texas minister helps fly dozens of women to New Mexico every month to get abortions. He's one of many religious leaders working on coordinating abortion care if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

Luke 12:56 says, "[Ye] hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?" And these ministers are clearly hypocrites. "Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy [it]?" (Luke 6:9). That which leads up to a life is inclusive, even if one does not believe the child is alive in the womb. Properly studied, the Bible does give enough examples to tell us life begins in the womb.

May 30—Miami Herald

Did NASA find Hell? Scientists brace for first glimpse of world that constantly burns

NASA and others need to know these facts about hell. Revelation

20:9 says, "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." The location of hell is on the face of the

earth. Since that is the case, Hell is not burning yet. And the lack of biblical accounts from people coming back from the dead speaking of neither Heaven nor Hell confirms that hell does not currently exist.



Natural Remedies

Cinnamon for Cold Prevention

When a cold is coming on, fight it with tea made with cinnamon, a powerful antioxidant:

1. Put 1 cup of honey into a sterilized jar and place in a double boiler over low heat.
2. Gently heat for 15 minutes – do not boil.
3. Stir in 3 Tbsp. powdered cinnamon and 1 tsp. allspice.
4. Then remove jar from double boiler and cool.
5. Stir 1 Tbsp. of this mixture into hot water and drink when cooled.

