

SPRINGTIME



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"Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls..." (Psalm 42:7)

Time To Grow

By Scott Lanctot

For a Christian, there is always room to grow. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Springtime is a time of rebirth of nature. Animals are coming out of their dens. Birds are singing again. The smell of fresh cut grass and rain washing off the roads is in the air. So can we, as Christians, make a commitment to our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. We can re-commit ourselves to

being more Christ-like, looking into our own hearts (self-examination, Cf. 2 Corinthians 13:5). We should be putting our trust in Jesus alone, repenting of sin, not walking in the world but in the spirit of newness for which we were created, and never being content where we are in our Christian walk. Discipleship takes discipline. Without the Holy Spirit guiding us, and the power of God, that would be a losing uphill battle. With God on our side, change and growth can happen. Consider Jesus' words:

"You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). Walking in this world as a Christian is not easy. But it is doable: if you deny the flesh and walk in the spirit. Someone once said, "Being a Christian is boring, no fun." Not so. Having peace of mind that comes with true Christian faith is priceless, and it also brings joy and contentment.

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Proof From God

"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You" (Jeremiah 32:17).

By Arianna Hay

Let's take a minute to look outside. You might have wondered who made everything. The sky, plants, trees, grass, cars, just all these beautiful things, even you! Who thought of all these wonderful things? Someone so smart decided to make us and everything around us. Well, that was all God's amazing idea. You might be thinking, 'Who's God?' Or is He even real? If you don't believe in him, well, there is a lot

of proof, one of the main parts is the Bible. Just give me some time to prove to you that He is real, and He certainly is.

Why would all this stuff appear out of nowhere? There had to be a beginning. Nothing just pops up out of the clear blue. In John 1:3, it cites "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." Genesis 1:1-3 says, "In the beginning God created the

heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." Those 4 verses there are just incredible.

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A Simple World View

By Cheryl Correia

In 1859, Charles Darwin published 'Origin of Species', which stated the theory that the earth is 4.5 billion years old and all life evolved from primitive single celled organisms. What started as a mere theory over 150 years ago is now taught in schools as science. Paradoxically, there is absolutely no proof of the theory of evolution, nor has it ever been observed or replicated for science. Thus, evolution cannot be considered science. It is simply a world view.

When refuting the theory of evolution, one must look at the fossil history. Clearly, if all life evolved from other life forms then surely there must be some fossils in transition. Few fossil forms claim to represent transitions, but are in dispute by other evolutionists.

The theory states that life evolved over time, yet we have never seen living creatures evolve into different kinds. Evolution has never been repeated nor observed. Reproductively, only similar kinds come from each other.

Physics' thermodynamic law states that genetic entropy would automatically rule out evolution. Genetically speaking, harmful mutations would accumulate in evolution. The cells would die off resulting in eventual extinction. This would limit the total generations to far fewer than evolutionary history requires.

Transitioning between basic kinds of life is not possible because it would disable vital creature features. For example, if a reptile's two-way lung could morph into a bird's unique one-way lung. Then, the reptile lung would have to stop breathing while waiting for evolution to transfer new functions to the new bird. This creature would probably suffocate in minutes ending its evolution. This is why the unbiblical evolutionary idea, that creatures change without limits, is unscientific. It has never been seen, and prior to Charles Darwin never been considered.

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"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

Are You Following Christ Obediently?

By Brian Violette

Luke 6:46: "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord', and not do the things which I say?" Jesus is addressing those who claim they have faith. Many Christians claim that they know God in one sense, but in another sense they deny God with their actions. These types of 'believers' offer lip service,



Read His Word

Read Luke 6:43-46: "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" Friends, this is an opportunity to examine yourself within in the faith. Are you what God may consider a lukewarm Christian? Lukewarm is a word used for things that are barely warm. For example, consider taking a lukewarm shower. It would not feel too good. Or consider drinking a lukewarm coffee. It would not taste so good. Well, how do you think God feels about a Christian with a lukewarm faith? For illustration purposes: A lukewarm Christian, may only go to church on special occasions such as Easter, Christmas, weddings,

but that is as far as it goes. The Bible says to judge a tree by its fruit, not by the fruit that it claims, not by the fruit that it wants, but by the fruit it bears. Their walk with Christ does not match their talk.



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"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

or funerals. A lukewarm Christian prays every once in awhile, or reads the Bible very few times, if at all. A lukewarm Christian may just go along with the ever changing ways of the world, and ignore what the Bible stance is on certain issues of the culture. A lukewarm Christian may commit to certain doctrines of the Bible, yet ignore other doctrines and commit to things not of God. You can't hold hands with God and Satan, and not expect to be pulled apart. You won't live a victorious Christian life.

This is what God has to say about these types of believers. Revelation 3:15-16: "I

know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth." My friends, only you and God know if this describes you. I would say that if you know that you are doing things that are not glorifying God, or not according to His Word, you are only deceiving yourself. God gave His all for you and I. He left it all on the cross for you and I. Jesus said, "Follow Me." Are you following Him in a life of obedience? So many believers in Christ are not living a life of

repentance, and there is no better time than now to ignite the flame in your heart, and give Him your all. Revelation 3:19 reads, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." 1 John 1:8-10, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

The Deity of Christ and The Trinity of God

By B.B. Johns

Having faith and being blessed by the Holy Spirit of God, I was exposed to the fact that Christ is God. The Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity. The One who took on flesh in order to dwell among us as fully man and as fully God, righteously taking on the mantle of his earthly mission. John

1:1-14 tells us He is God. The Lord Jesus Christ coming to dwell among us is parallel to the time in the Old Testament (Exodus 29:44-45) when Moses was told to build the tabernacle and altar, so that God could dwell among His people, the children of Israel. Our heavenly Father so loves us immeasurably that He did not rest or stop there in the Old Testament, but came down to earth in the flesh as the New Testament of his righteousness to-

ward men (John 3:16). The Lord Jesus Christ has the authority to forgive sin. Only God can forgive sin (1 John 1:9). The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He himself says it in John 14:9, answering Philip who asked to be shown the Father. And also clearly in John 14:7. The Lord Jesus Christ coming into the world is kind of a "show and tell." He came to show and tell us about God the Father. Since He is a holy God, He wants us to be perfect in His sight. He showed mankind by His works: His teaching (Sermon on the Mount-Matthew 5, 6, and 7), His miracles that He did: healing of the sick (Matthew 8:2-3), raising of the dead (Luke 7:11-18), feeding the multitudes (Matthew 14:13-21). In fact, this last miracle is re-counted in all the four Gospels, which shows what God can do. The miracle of the five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-14) not only fed the multitude, but there were leftovers after everyone was fed. This miracle has a great meaning to me. It shows me that the Lord Jesus Christ can give life and give it more abundantly (John 10:10). Living the Christian life for the glorification of God reveals Jesus to others—words alone cannot demonstrate this. The Holy Scriptures reveal Him as God. The Old Testament population was promised that He would

"looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

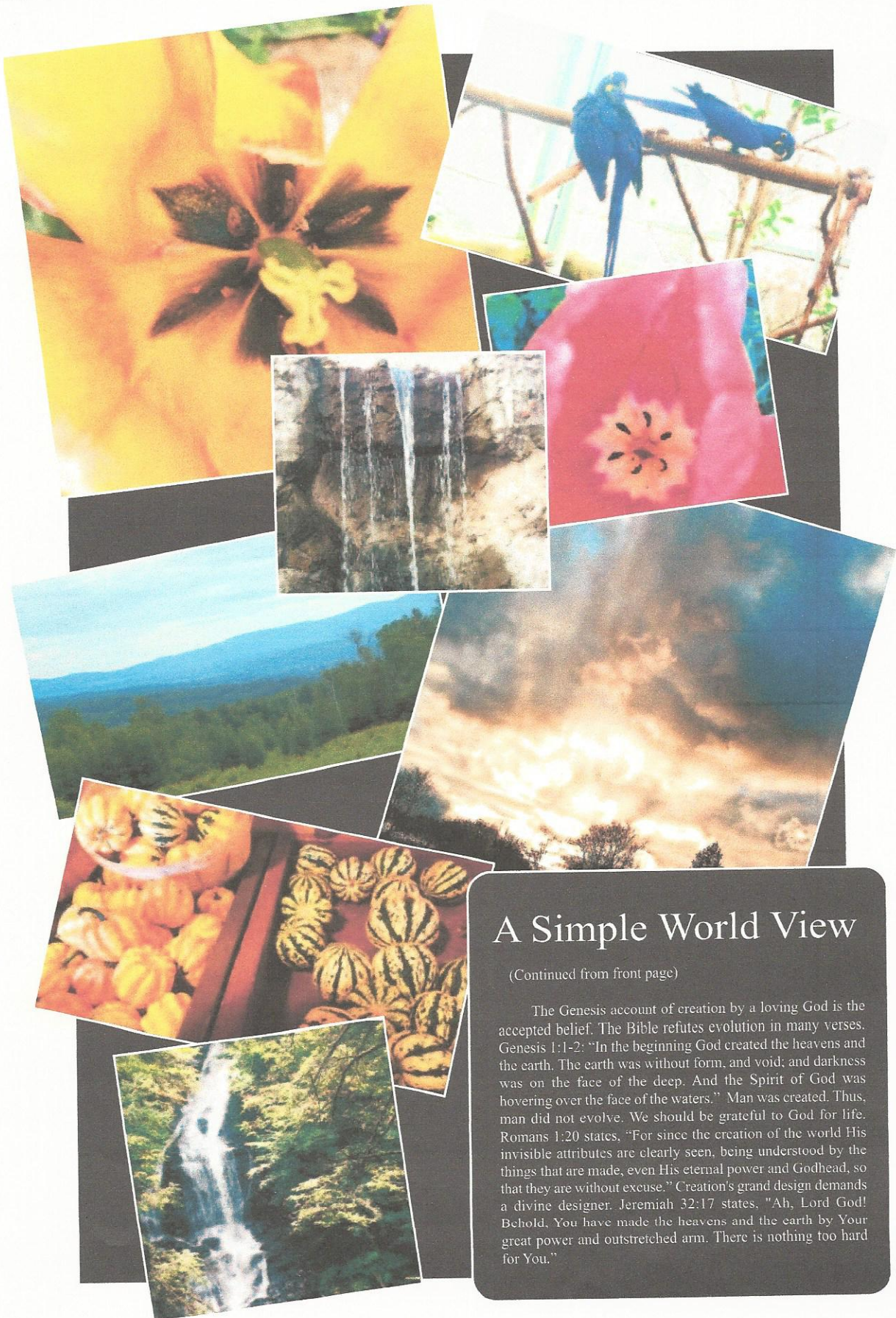
-Hebrews 12:2

come, He promised Abraham (Genesis 12:3) that in Him shall all the family of the earth be blessed, Zechariah 9:9 also tells of His coming. King David was also promised that His kingdom shall be established forever (2 Samuel 7:16). So all these promises are fulfilled in God the Son, who came down to earth "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The third Person of the Trinity also reveals Himself, God the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30). God the Holy Spirit was with the children of Israel in the wilderness teaching them and sustaining them (Nehemiah 9:20). The Comforter (John 15:26), who is the spirit of truth shall testify of God the Son. The triune God is one (John 10:30, 16:13).



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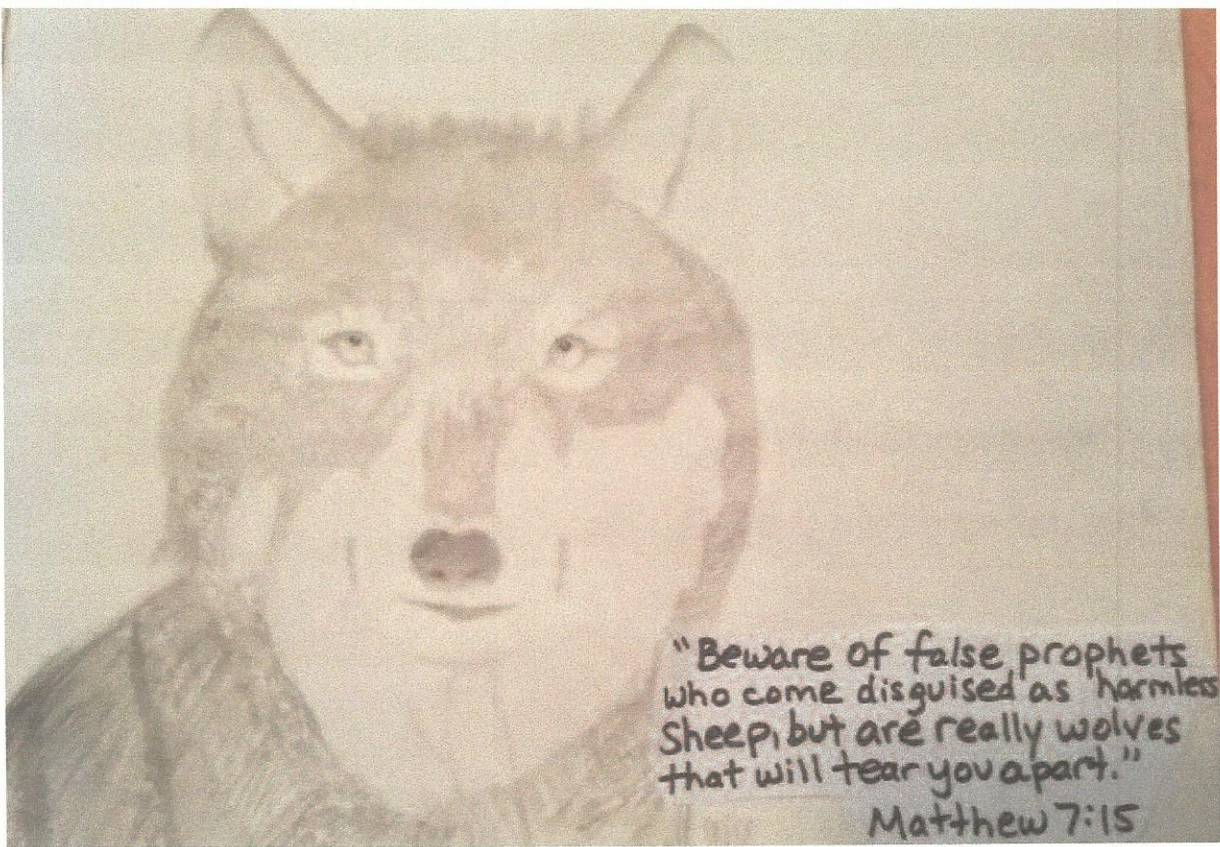
"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you..." (Isaiah 43:2)



A Simple World View

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The Genesis account of creation by a loving God is the accepted belief. The Bible refutes evolution in many verses. Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Man was created. Thus, man did not evolve. We should be grateful to God for life. Romans 1:20 states, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." Creation's grand design demands a divine designer. Jeremiah 32:17 states, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."



"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

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What the Bible Teaches About Anger

By James Moriello

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus expands upon several of the commandments found in the Mosaic Law. His point is that it is not enough to keep the commandments of the Law externally, but they also have to be kept internally as well. Since it is an impossible thing for anybody to perfectly fulfill the Law, all it can do is expose our sin and show us our hopeless condition apart from God's intervention on our behalf (Romans

3:23; Galatians 3:19-25). Jesus Himself fulfilled the law by satisfying its righteous requirement of death not for Himself, but for sinners such as you and I (Matthew 5:17; Romans 8:4)! The Son of God paved the way to heaven by His Blood for those who believe in Him in faith (Hebrews 9:22; John 3:16)! Jesus begins His exposition of the Commandments in our text with the sixth: "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). He expands upon that command by getting right to the root cause of the problem; sinful anger. Anger itself is neutral. The Bible tells us to "be angry and do not sin" (Psalm 4:4;

Ephesians 4:26). Therefore, righteous anger can actually honor God. Jesus Himself was justifiably angry when He cleansed the temple of those who dishonored the Lord by their use of it (John 2:13-17). We will define righteous anger as being angry at the same things God is angry at, such as the mass murder of unborn babies and condoning sin in the churches. Christians are rightly angry about these things. However, we must be cautious as to what we define as righteous anger. We are experts at deceiving ourselves and justifying our sinful thoughts and actions, so we must be aware

of that and question the motives of our hearts. Many people, even Christians, go around thinking they are righteously angry about everything, but it is just a front for pride and self righteousness. Don't fall into that trap. The balance of this teaching will focus on sinful anger. First, we will look at external conditions that cause us to be angry. Next, we will look at internal conditions which cause us to become angry. Then we will look to Scripture for solutions: God-honoring ways to deal with anger.

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Proof From God (Continued from Page 1)

By Arianna Hay

Without God there would be nothing, just nothing. Is the Bible real? Absolutely. There are so many artifacts they have found that were talked about throughout the Bible.

Why do we sin? Why are we not perfect like God, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit? Genesis 3:6,17, "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it

was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it: Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.'" When Adam and Eve first sinned and disobeyed God,

they passed the sin down to us and to everyone. Even their two sons, Cain and Abel.

Later in the Bible it talks about Jesus' birth, which is on Christmas. In John 3:16 it says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God sent Jesus for us and he knew what would happen to his only begotten Son, to suffer on the cross, for us! Us

sinful people, why would he do that? It's because no matter who you are, He loves you so very much. On Good Friday, it's the day to thank and remember that Jesus was up on the cross shedding His holy and righteous blood for us, and on Easter he rose from the dead. So, two of the most well-known holidays are about Jesus and are in the Bible. That's even more proof!

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God, Israel, and President Trump: Golan Heights Are Israeli Lands

By James Moriello

In this article, we shall trace the land claims of Israel with regard to the Golan Heights from the Bible. On this basis, we shall affirm Israel's right to the land, and note the recent history and geopolitical dynamics of our day. "And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness on the plain, from the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of

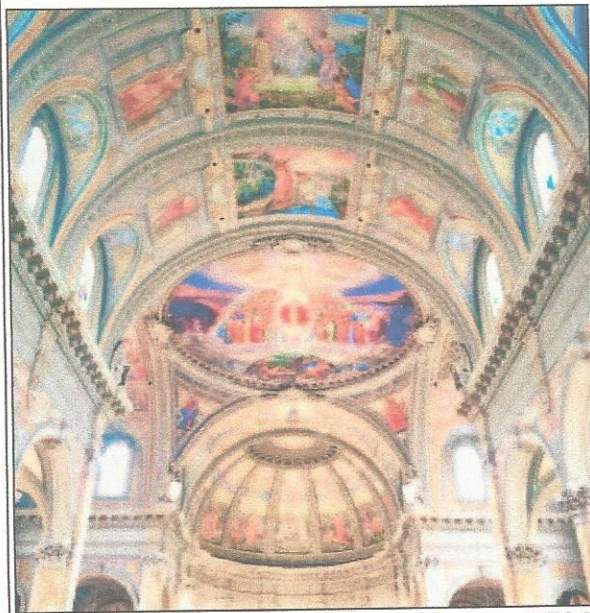
"The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance."
-Psalm 33:11-12

Manasseh" (Joshua 20:8). Golan was one of the cities of refuge in ancient Israel in the days of Joshua, in 1400 BC, 3400 years ago. It was part of the tribal inheritance of (East) Manasseh, one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Each of the twelve sons of Jacob had received a tribal inheritance (except Levi, whose portion is the Lord, with Joseph receiving a double portion). This land inheritance was assigned by God. Jephthah, one of the notable judges of ancient Israel said, "And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. Thus Israel gained possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. They took possession of all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan. And now the LORD God of Israel has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our

God takes possession of before us, we will possess" (Judges 11:21-24). The back story to this is found in Numbers 21:21-32, with summation also found in Deuteronomy 3:1-7. Israel was nearing the end of her forty years of wilderness wanderings and was approaching the promised land of Canaan. Having been refused passage through the land of the Amorites, Israel conquered the land militarily. This land, which comprises much of what is today known as the Golan Heights, became a possession of Israel east of the Jordan. Its principal cities in Bible times, in addition to Golan, were Heshbon and Ashtaroth. As you go up to Aram (ancient Syria), Mount Hermon and its environs were also divinely deeded to East Manasseh in Israel (Joshua 13:7-12). This land, which some call the "Syrian Golan Heights", was

never deeded to ancient Syria, but rather to Israel (for it had formerly been Amorite land, not Aramite land). Israel became a state again in 1948, following World War 2. Her right to existence was contested from the start by the Arab states from the beginning, and major wars ensued. Following the Six Day War of 1967, Israel asserted her authority over the region in question under "Golan Heights Law." This authority and sovereignty was reasserted after she won the Yom Kippur War of 1973. The Camp David Accords of 1978 were incomplete in regard to the Golan Heights, and in 1981 Israel heightened her efforts of enforcement of Golan Heights Law.

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The bottom pictures were taken inside St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center, where we worship every Sunday.

Springtime: Time To Grow

By Scott Lancot

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The world is hard, especially when we focus on "competing with the Jones'."

Nice things are nice, but they don't make you happy. Happiness comes from within.

Jesus Christ has done all these things that I have been talking about in my life. A Christian has a guide book to live by, the Holy Bible. "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror"

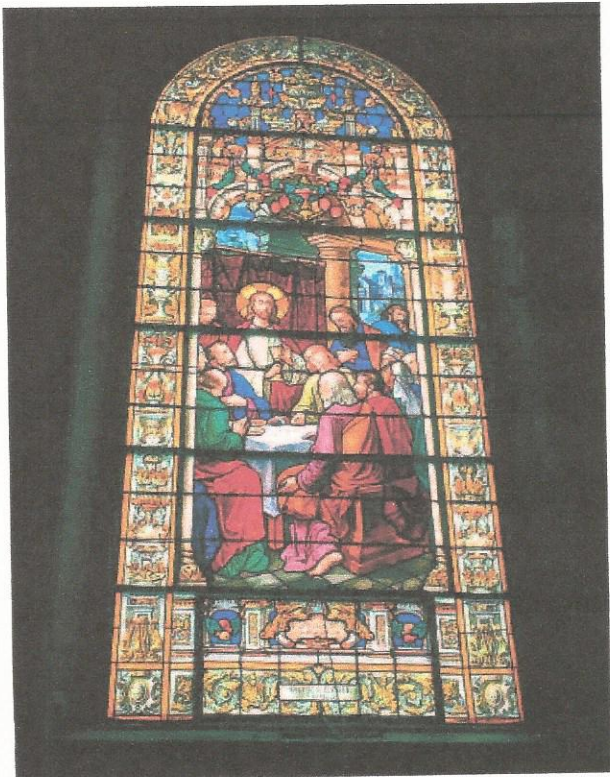
(James 1:23). Basically, as a Christian, this verse is telling me to walk the talk. It takes action on my part. My own power to grow and change is futile. But the power to change



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"The flowers appear on the earth..." (Song of Solomon 2:12)

comes from God, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit that indwells all believers (1 Corinthians 3:16). With these elements, all things are possible for growth. One factor that is above everything (from the human standpoint) is that the Christian, above everything, has to want to grow more Christ-like. It's springtime. Time to grow.



What the Bible Says About Anger (Continued from Page 4)

By James Moriello

First, let us define external conditions. These are things that we either cannot control or have very limited control over. There is death, sickness, and disease in this world as a result of original sin. Grief and sorrow can turn to anger that is taken out in sinful ways at God and other people—most often the people who are closest to you and who love you the most. Then there is war. The ravages of war leave scars on even the strongest and most valiant of men, women, and children. The economy may be suffering as a result of political stability at home or abroad, because of fraud, or because of famine and drought. As children, we may have had experiences that we need to come to terms with. In the workplace or in our family, someone or something may be holding us back of no fault of our own. Maybe you have to deal with people who you see as unreasonable in some way, and you are frustrated. You cannot change them, but you can control how you respond to them. This list is by no means exhaustive, but I think you see the point. Second, we will define internal conditions. Internal conditions are things within us, be they character defects or internal struggles, which sometimes lead us to sin-

ful anger. There is guilt over sin, which is healthy because it causes us to recognize our need for God and cry out to Him, but it should not be all consuming. Jesus can help with that burden you are carrying and offer forgiveness as well if you will only let Him (Matthew 11:28-30; 1 John 1:9). Many of us struggle with our expectations of others, while others struggle with low self esteem. These things can manifest themselves in controlling and manipulative

behaviors, or they can become roots of bitterness as we hold them all inside. A common internal condition is depression, or a feeling that one has no purpose in life. The identity of the Christian should be based upon what God thinks, and he loves us—even you (John 13:23). We are not called to create our own identity, but to live in the one God has given us. God does have a purpose for you, and He will not leave you to fend for yourself (Romans 8:28; Hebrews 13:5). He loves you and cares for you; he says so in His Word (1 Peter 5:7).

The Bible gives us a number of

ways to deal with our anger. ***Keep these pages handy. You will probably get angry one day soon, and these ten biblically based principles will help you in any situation.

1) Live close to the Lord. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). If you are living near to the Lord, you are more likely to be spiritually

attuned, and less prone to sinful anger. Also remember that our teaching is from a biblical perspective, not from humanistic psychology. You do not have the power to change yourself without

the help of Jesus.

2) Pray. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Seek the Lord in prayer. Be honest about your feelings to your heavenly Father, and you will be blessed.

3) What does the Bible say? "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The Bible is your handbook for life. It is your friend, and it will never steer you wrong. The more Scripture you know, the more prepared you are when the temptation to sinful anger comes.

4) Is it worth being angry about? "Then the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?'" (Jonah 4:4). Many things in life just are not worth getting angry over. Ask yourself it will really matter next week, or next year. Why lose your peace over something unimportant in the overall scheme of things? It's also quite possible that all you are doing is pouting.

5) Take time to think things through. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20). Instead of lashing out impulsively, take some time to calm down first.

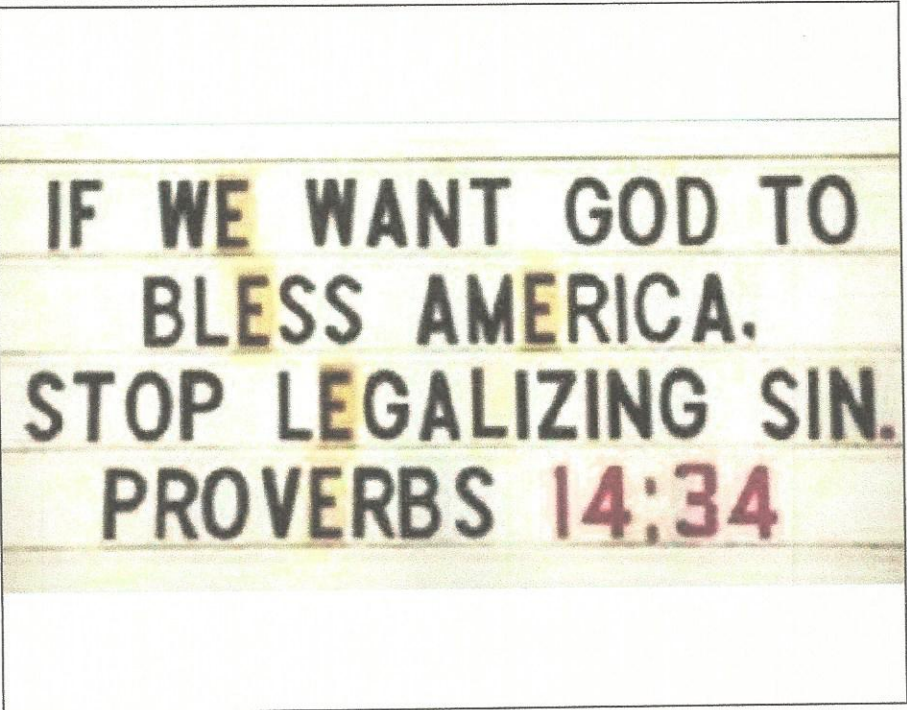
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Given the recent civil war in Syria, the possibility is there for Iran to take advantage of the situation and move into the Golan Heights, setting up a quasi-military presence at Israel's doorstep on the high strategic ground there. This cannot happen, as it threatens Israel's national security. While Israel has continually reasserted her sovereignty over the Golan Heights, the United Nations has continually opposed it, notably in UN Resolution #242. Regarding US Policy, President Obama took a stand against Israel on this issue, citing the UN Resolution. President Trump has reversed this policy,



"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

affirming Israel's right to the land of the Golan Heights. Remembering God's promise to Israel, President Trump has wittingly or unwittingly placed the United States in a

position to be blessed by God. To Abraham, God said, "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those

who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).

Feeding Sheep Or Amusing Goats

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon
(1834-1892)

An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence, that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it during the past few years. It has developed at an abnormal rate, even for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them.

From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Christ speak of it? "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). That is clear enough. So it would have been if He had added, "and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel." No such words, however, are to be found. It did not seem to occur to him.

Then again, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers ... for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12). Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all his apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? "Ye are the salt" (Matt. 5:13), not the sugar candy--- something the world will spit out not swallow. Short and sharp was the utterance, "Let the dead bury their dead" (Matt. 8:22). He was in awful earnestness.

Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into his mission, He would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear Him

say, "Run after these people Peter and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick Peter, we must get the people somehow." Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them.

In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of this gospel of amusement! Their message is, "Come out, keep out, keep clean out!" Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting but they did not pray, "Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are." If they ceased not from preaching Christ, they had not time for arrang-

ing entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6). That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her, and bring us back to apostolic methods.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God's link in the chain of the conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire.

Quote By Winston
Churchill

WHEN YOU'RE 20 YOU CARE
WHAT EVERYBODY THINKS,
WHEN YOU'RE 40 YOU STOP
CARING WHAT EVERYONE THINKS,
WHEN YOU'RE 60 YOU REALIZE
NO ONE WAS EVER THINKING
ABOUT YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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6) Evaluate the consequences. "An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression" (Proverbs 29:22). Everything we do sets other things in motion. You do not want to get into a 'this for that' grudge match if you can help it. Sinful anger adds fuel to a fire that is already burning. Bear in mind also that the other person or people involved may not even know you are angry, and your lashing out at them may be looking for trouble where there was none before.

7) Seek godly counsel. "Get wisdom! Get understanding!" (Proverbs 4:5a). Sometimes you are too involved in a situation to see it clearly. Seek out your pastor or a trusted mature

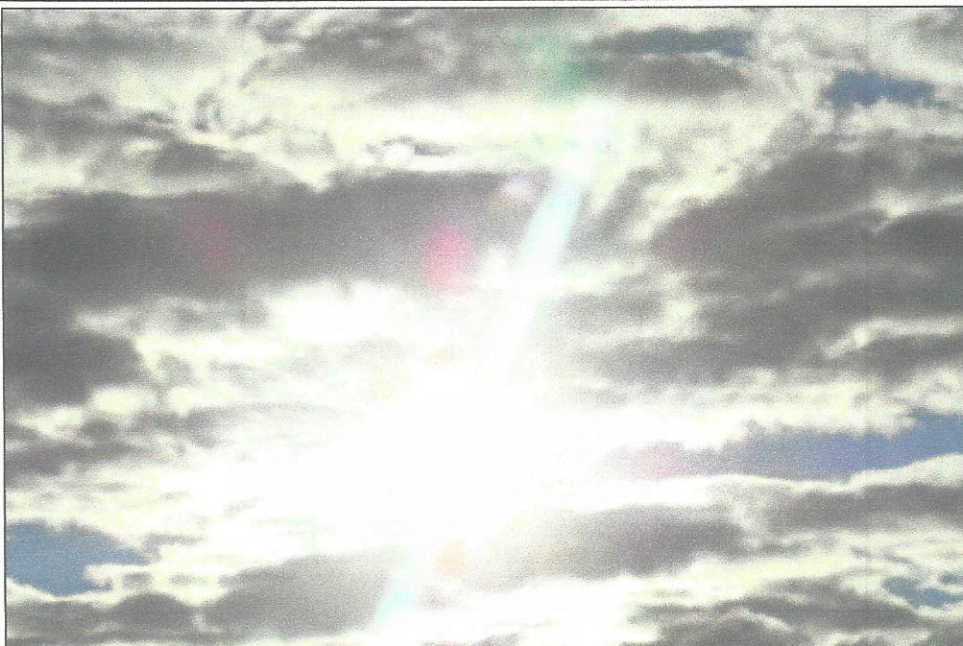


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"An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression" (Proverbs 29:22).

Christian for advice. They may be able to point you in the right direction before you make a horrible mistake.

8) Tame your tongue. "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). We cannot take back the words spoken or written in anger.

Think before opening your mouth. Your words have the power to build someone up or to tear someone down. If you are going to say something nasty, close your mouth before it opens.

9) Be respectful. "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger"

(Proverbs 15:1). This goes along with our last point, and it is worth the double emphasis. When we speak to another kindly and respectfully, that goes a long way towards reconciliation, and it shows maturity and Christ-like character.

10) Forgive. "And be kind to one another, forgiving one

another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Sinful anger, just like any other sinful emotion, is based in pride. Forgiving others costs you your pride, but it earns you peace and God's approval. Weigh the benefits.

Proof from God

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By Arianna Hay

Do you think that when we die, we just die? If you do, that's not true. God wouldn't take all His effort to create in His mind what we look like, act like, our past, and our future. He did it so that we can live and be who we are for eternity. After we die, it's the result of our choice and beliefs. We choose what path we want to take. Either burn in a lake of fire with wicked people, or you can live the rest of your life not worried about anything, and being with Jesus and the ones who are kind. I can guess which one sounds better to live

your eternity in, the second one which is Heaven. But, if you don't believe in God you will have to burn and suffer which is Hell. I know that you won't believe me, but Hell is even worse. The devil, Satan, is there with you when you go through your sorrow, grief, and agony in Hell. Satan is a very bad person. He used to be an angel but he turned his back to God. When he was an angel, he wanted to be God and have dominion over Him. The Bible teaches that fallen angels are invisible, supernatural, angelic, spirits created by God. Satan

employs them as his immoral agents. After one-third of the heavenly angels sided with Satan, they were cast out of heaven to the earth.

You don't want to be like Satan and turn your back on God, because if you do you will spend your eternity in Hell. Right now is the time to make your choice. Are you going to follow the path of God? You should because it is better now than later. God is the only one who knows when you are going to die, so it is your best choice to start following that path right now before it is too late.

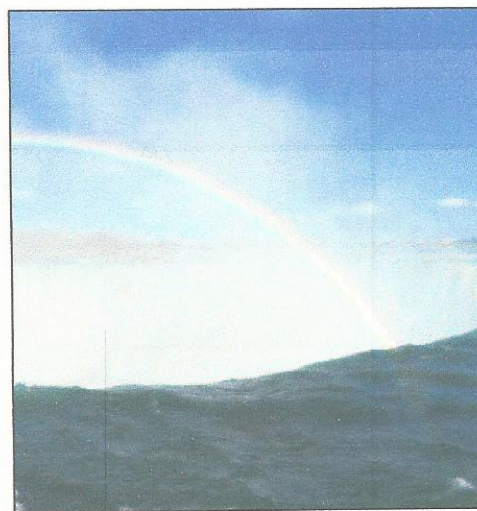


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"I set My rainbow in the cloud" (Genesis 9:13)

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