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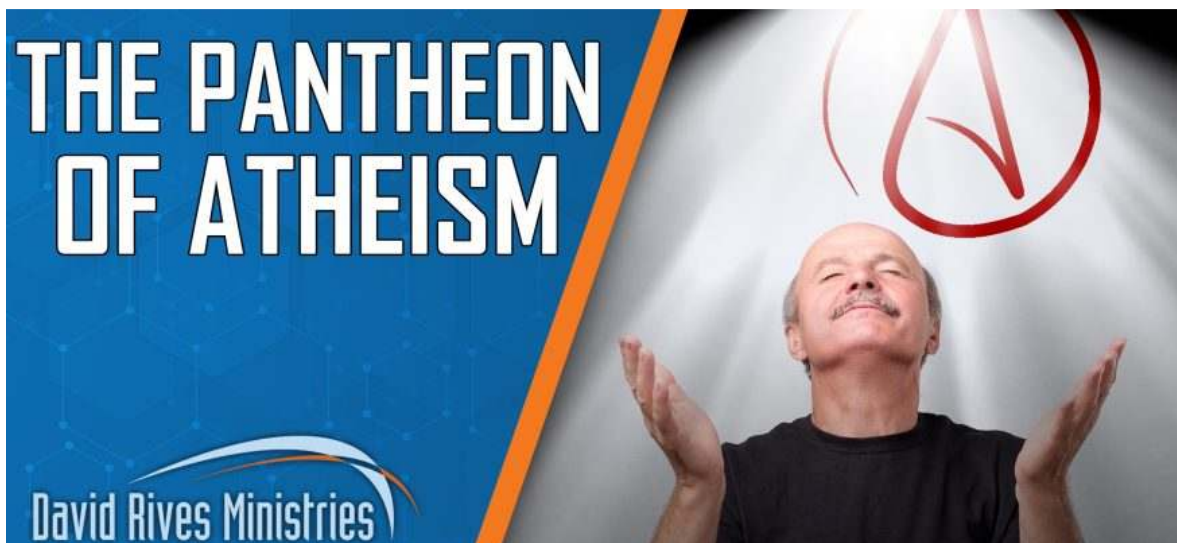
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Atheism is a Religion – The Pantheon of Atheism

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The intellectual atheist claims that he has done away with the need for God. In reality, he has created for himself a pantheon of his own gods.

The three supreme deities being the god of Natural Selection, the god of Time, and the god of Spontaneous Generation.

When questioned how an amoeba could turn into an ape, or a molecule into a man, he invokes his first god. “Well, Mother Nature selects, and Natural Selection along with mutations will bring about this change,” he confidently replies.

When questioned why we have never seen this transformation from one kind of creature into another, he invokes his second god. “Just... give it enough Time,” he claims, “and Time will work its magic.”

When questioned how life first began, he places his faith in the supernatural god of Spontaneous Generation.

You see, eons ago, life suddenly and accidentally popped into existence from inanimate matter and chemicals.”

As more questions arise, he attempts to patch each unobservable phenomenon of his theory with a god-of-the-gaps solution, building out a pantheon of supernatural deities and invoking miracles based not on laws, physics, or scientific principles, but on — FAITH. A faith clung to with the fervor and religiosity of the most devout evangelist. An unquestioned

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faith in his beliefs that, when CHALLENGED, is met with hatred, disdain, and pompous arrogance.

And this set of principles that he believes by faith, and clings to so reverently... is but a temple or shrine to his gods built on a foundation of sand. As long as it remains unchallenged — as long as the wind doesn't pick up — as long as the waters don't rise — the structure is kept intact.

But, as sure as the night cycles to day, the wind does work it's course, and the tide causes the waters to rise. And every question leveled at the beliefs of the intellectual atheist causes the sand to disintegrate one grain at a time until the weakened structure topples to the ground.

His unfaltering blind faith in miraculous gods of nature is — dare I say it — his religion.

Where do you place your faith?

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Idolatry More Prevalent Than Many Realize

Brethren are you sure you are following Christ?

- Are you doers of the word or are you doers of what a man says from the pulpit?
- Do you quickly agree without checking the scriptures, all the teachings that comes from your church's supposed headquarters?
- Are you told that you will only hear this here or that your salvation depends on being loyal to the church that you attend, and you believe it?
- Have you heard this one, we are the only ones that know where the place of safety is?

If you do or believe any of those things, you are not following Christ you are following another god.

Bob Thiel said he is God's prophet and Rod Meredith says he is God's prophet. According to scripture that title is reserved for Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 18:15 (ESV) 15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Clearly it is Christ that we are to listen to, yet the majority listen to these false teachers without question. Many brethren that I have spoken to when asked a question about scripture refer to what their idol has said from the pulpit, not what the multitude of scriptures clearly says about the subject.

Jim Russel Church of the Great God said that God's Headquarters is in his garage. Rod Meredith said God's headquarters is in his basement. How could anyone believe such foolishness, but they do, many do without question!!

Tom Kerry said that “God gives him new truth and he and his elders pass them on to us”.

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Scripture says:

1 John 2:26-27 (ESV) 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

John 6:45 (ESV) 45 It is written in the Prophets, and they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

We also need to be very careful not to get caught up in the cares of this world.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Notice that in this verse below there are two categories, worldly enticements, and riches. Even if we are not rich the world has many ways of distracting us from the narrow path which we must walk.

Matthew 13:22 (ESV) 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, **but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.**

There are many ways to be caught up in the cares of this world one of them is sports those that follow sports and are involved in them are after the cares of this world. Many know the names and backgrounds of each player and they fanatically follow them, idolizing them. The time spent on sports has no spiritual value at all. On the contrary it feeds the carnal nature which is supposed to die. Scripture says that we need to renew our minds and by having such activities in our lives that will not happen.

It is very easy to be enticed by the deceitfulness of riches. We should work to provide for our basic needs and to give to others that need help. More than that it becomes a serious problem. Large amounts of money do only one thing, it entices us to seek worldly pleasures which take our minds off our goal of entering the Kingdom of God. Those of us that have been called out of darkness and have been given the Holy Spirit need to be focused on serving our Father and doing His will.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV) 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Luke 9:23-25 (ESV)

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (ESV) 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

The traditions that they were teaching are all found in the epistles and other scripture. That is what we need to be effective in overcoming this world.

There is only 144,000 that will be counted worthy to be the bride of Christ, to be priests and kings. When Jesus called the apostles, they left their lives behind to follow Christ. Then from that time on they completely dedicated themselves to all He taught them.

We are to do the same as they did. It is a very intense and dedicated way of life. In Matthew 19:16-21 we see even though the rich man kept all the commandments he still fell short because his way of life was more important to him than following Christ.

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Matthew 19:16-21 (ESV)

The Rich Young Man

16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” 17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

The disciples of the early church sold their lands and gave the proceeds to the apostles to be distributed to those in need.

This is quoted from a Church of the Great God article by David C. Grabbe

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Consider one effect of their choice: When 3,000 people (**Acts 2:41**) started selling what they had, the buyers, not to mention their neighbors, could not help but notice. This significant financial movement testified to the believers' dedication and commitment. As we say, they were willing to put their money where their mouth was.

Their faithfulness was evident through what they did with their possessions. Their witness was even more impressive because the selling arose from their own convictions, not because the new church had instructed its members to sell all they had. The church leadership gave no directive on the matter or even intimated that the disciples should sell their possessions.

Acts 4 records events in the Jerusalem area at this time that parallel what happened after Pentecost:

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. (**Acts 4:32-35**)

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Brethren I know I do not come close to that kind of commitment, and I do not know of anyone that has. I don't think there has been anything like it since that time.

Perhaps those that are counted worthy to escape the trial of the coming great tribulation and will be preaching the gospel during that time will experience that same dedication and unity of the early church. Scripture tells us they turned the world upside down.

Acts 17:6 (ESV)

6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,”

They were all in one accord because they looked to Christ to teach them, they did not look to some puffed up man who knows nothing and is taking the place of Christ.

Brethren shake off the lukewarm attitude and wake up before it is too late.

Revelation 18:4-8 (ESV) 4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; 5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Pay her back as she herself has paid back others and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed. 7 As she glorified herself and lived-in luxury so, give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’ 8 For this reason

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her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

1. We do not believe that God's headquarters is located in our office, house, garage, or basement like many deceived COG organizations claim it does in their particular groups. We believe that God's headquarters is located in heaven, at the very Throne of God Himself. Revelation 4:1-11
2. We do not believe in any way, shape, or form that we (or any other man on the face of the earth) is the head of the church of God. We Know (And Believe) that Yeshua (Jesus) the Christ of Nazareth, is the one and only Head of His church. (And He is not only Alive and Well, and not only Quite Capable of leading His church, but has been doing so for around 2,000 years now. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." Ephesians 5:23
3. We do not believe that membership in the COG is determined by whether or not one is associated with any particular physical group of people. We believe that the True COG is a spiritual organization, and that membership in the church (or Body of Christ) is determined solely on whether or not one has the spirit of God dwelling within him and leading him. "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." Romans 8:9. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14
4. We do not believe that man has the authority (or know-how) to place members of the Body of Christ - The Church, into the many different positions, or appointments. We believe that God places them where it pleases Him: "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." 1Corinthians 12:18 We also believe that those that God places in positions within His church are not there to "lord over" the members of the Body of Christ, but are there to Help, Serve & Edify them, as Christ The True Teacher - The True Shepherd brings them on to Perfection.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11, 12

5. We do not believe that the government of God is a hierarchical government, as many of the church of God's deceived leaders do. Some of whom believe and preach that God works directly through them exclusively, elevating themselves to a position of mediator between Christ and His flock. Telling the brethren that Christ feeds them "New Truths" which they in turn pass down to the members under their control (Utter Nonsense) (if you're sitting in one of those hierarchical organizations, Wake Up, and Get Out before it's too late).

God's government is more accurately represented as a "Vine & Branches" type of government. Yeshua, Christ being the Vine, and the rest of the Body (ALL the rest of the Body) being the branches: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5

And yes, we believe that we are commanded by God the Father Himself to bring forth Much Fruit (Good Fruit). But like nature alone shows us, No branch can bring forth Any fruit unless it is directly connected to the Vine Itself. That Vine is Christ our Lord and Savior and King and Head of the church.

6. We do not believe that a good understanding of the Word of God comes directly from the teachings of any man. We believe Scripture is quite clear concerning who has and who has not a good understanding. It's determined much by one's walk and not by one's talk, and has much to do with whom we fear: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that DO his commandments Psalm 111:10 Scripture makes very clear who is justified before God: "For not the Hearers of the law (Torah) are just before God, but the doers of the law (Torah) shall be justified." Romans 2:13
7. We do Not believe that all men will continue practicing sin right up to their change from physical to spirit (as many in the COG teach). We believe that we have been called to Stop sinning, and to become Right (or Upright) with God. (Now as long as we are flesh and blood, we will Always have the potential to sin [just like Christ did] but we must remember that we are commanded not to sin.

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But is that Humanly Possible, to stop sinning and walk this earth upright? Of and by ourselves, it is humanly impossible for a man to stop sinning, BUT we are not by ourselves, if His Spirit dwells in us. With God's Holy Spirit working in us, we have the power to stop sin in its tracks (right there at sins production facility, our brain.)

There are many, many places throughout both the Old and New Testaments, where we are told to stop sinning. Just to mention a few: 1Corinthians 15:34, 1John 2:1, Ephesians 4:26, Ezekiel 18:4, Deuteronomy 30:19 Many in the COG preach from the pulpit that man cannot stop sinning as long as he is flesh and blood, but that is not true. There was a man who walked this earth approximately 2,000 years ago, who did not sin. But make no mistake about it; He Had the potential to sin and was tempted in all points like as we are, but He chose NOT to sin. He was able to overcome the temptation to sin by the very powerful Holy Spirit of His Father. We also, have access to that very same Powerful Holy Spirit of The Father. And let us not forget, brethren, that Jesus is our Chief Cornerstone. He is the One that we are to Conform to, and He is the One (The Only One) we are to follow.

Now we can never say that we have no sin, because that would be sin itself "pride" but we do need to strive with our whole being to stop sinning and to overcome. It Is humanly possible with God Abiding in us, to stop sinning and walk this earth upright. (Jesus the man proved that!)

Jesus also told us:

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God and shall not be hurt of the second death. I will give him to eat of the hidden manna, and will also give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Yes, him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21

Why the War in Iraq and Afghanistan Will Fail

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Why The "War On Terror" Is A War Without End

Consider the following points and the present quagmire in Iraq.

- 1) The present conflict is called the "War on Terror" and not a specific war on an enemy of a particular nation. It is the politically correct way to fight a war without offending world opinion.
- 2) What is America's objective? Terror is a tactic used by an enemy. America is fighting an idea. What foreign policy agenda clearly defines how America will eventually leave Iraq and Afghanistan? The Bush administration continually states troop cuts are planned, but a growing number of soldiers are serving a second or third tour of duty.
- 3) Unlike World War II, America is not leveling cities of the enemy, but helping with humanitarian projects in order to appease. The U.S. does not want to be perceived as an unmerciful superpower.

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- 4) When Saddam Hussein was in power, Iraq was a buffer to keep Iran in check. Now, Iran is growing stronger by the day and is pursuing nuclear weapons capability. The U.S. continually threatens Iran with sanctions and has become equivalent to a bully that threatens but does nothing to back up its bite.
- 5) The war is used as a political platform for those who oppose whatever actions are taken. Instead of supporting American troops, politicians are speaking out and have become play by play analysts on what America is doing wrong. Many soldiers now feel they need a lawyer in case someone is shot without permission.
- 6) The fight against terrorism is a war of the West against the rest of the world. China and Russia are friends of terrorists as well as a host of other countries not under a "Democratic" form of government.
- 7) The "War On Terror" is the costliest war in U.S. history. The federal deficit is through the roof of America's economic house and the bank will go bust at some point in time. America simply cannot afford to fight a war that does not have a clear military objective. The "War on Terror" is a war without end.
- 8) America is naive in its goal for a democratic Middle East. Nations have attempted to change the region for centuries, yet to no avail. The American people passively watch diplomatic blunders continue. Politics is the driving force behind the American attempt to change a region that is increasingly radical. A political platform vs. religious fanaticism is a recipe for disaster.
- 9) American military supremacy is no match for an enemy that is equivalent to a ghost. Death is a reward for extremists, while America cringes every time another soldier is killed. The enemy knows the Achilles heal of the U.S. and wants the war to continue for as long as it takes to humiliate America.
- 10) America does not have the will to finish the "War On Terror". Such a statement is considered unpatriotic and anti-American. Time will prove my point. The war in Korea was a failure. Vietnam failed in its objective. Desert Storm was a token gesture and a warning with a whimper to Saddam Hussein. America is now involved in a war unlike any in its history and it is doomed to failure. It is a certainty, yet many Americans do not want to believe it is possible.

Articles – More Parts
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The Model Prayer (Part Eight): Testing and Deliverance
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Of all the requests to the Father in Jesus' Model Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), the opening couplet of verse 13 has stirred the most controversy. The traditional wording, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (King James Version [KJV]), has come under fire by some modern translators, who argue that not only is this wording imprecise, but it also creates a biblical contradiction.

In James 1:13, the apostle, Jesus' half-brother James, writes, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." In the next verse, James plainly states that our desires entice us into temptation. If we retain the traditional wording of the Model Prayer's final request, it forces us to choose between opposing claims: Jesus' intimation that God can lead a person into temptation versus James' assertion that God does not tempt anyone.

Here, the scholarly debates over the last request's translation reveal an easy solution to this apparent contradiction. Evidently, the KJV translators sacrificed precision for poetic rhythm and easy memorization when rendering the Greek of Matthew 6:13 into early modern English. In fact, of the four primary words in the couplet—"lead," "temptation," "deliver," and "evil"—only one of them, "deliver," fits the context without causing theological complications. However, better word choices easily resolve these difficulties.

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1. Does God sometimes lead us into temptation? Exodus 16:4; 20:20; Deuteronomy 8:2.

Comment: The Greek verb translated as “lead” in Matthew 6:13 is *eispherō*, which literally means “to bring or carry into.” Many translators claim that “lead” is an acceptable rendering of this word in English, and many Greek lexicons list this definition. However, “bring” and “lead” differ in terms of intent: “Bring” tends to be neutral about motive, whereas “lead” implies the leader has a reason or intention for doing so. The basic Greek word for “lead” is *agō* and its various forms, which this context does not contain. (However, see Luke 4:9, which records that Satan “brought” [*agō*] Christ to the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem to be tempted.) The use of “lead” suggests that God sometimes willfully directs us into temptations, and a believer must implore Him not to.

The more egregious mistranslation is using the word “temptation” with “lead.” James 1:13 asserts that God *never* tempts anyone, a role the Devil gleefully fills to undermine believers’ faith (see Luke 4:13; Ephesians 6:16). The underlying Greek term, *peirasmos*, can indicate a temptation but more broadly implies a test or examination. God tests and examines His people “to know what [is] in [their] heart, whether [they] will keep His commandments or not” (Deuteronomy 8:2). Godly “testing” or a “test” that leads to stronger faith would seem to be Jesus’ intent in using *peirasmos* in Matthew 6:13. Thus, His words suggest, “Do not bring us to hard testing” (*The Good News Translation*), or more idiomatically, “. . . do not put us to the test” (*The Revised English Bible*). In this way, the request asks God to be merciful in testing and evaluating us. As David writes in Psalm 103:13-14, 17-18:

As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. . . . But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.

2. From what or whom does God deliver us? John 17:15; II Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 2:14; I John 5:18.

Comment: The second half of the couplet, “but deliver us from the evil one,” begins with *alla*, a word commentators call a “strong adversative” or a “logical contrastive.” It indicates that what follows is rationally opposed to what has been previously stated. Like many such sayings in the Old Testament’s wisdom literature, the couplet is proverbial, expressing related ideas with contrasting clauses (see, for instance, Proverbs 10:1; 12:2; 14:4; etc.)

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The deliverance (*ryomai*) that dominates this half of the couplet has the common sense of “rescue,” “save from harm,” or “deliver out of peril.” It pictures a vulnerable, even helpless person being dragged out of severe danger. Spiritually, it suggests rescue from a powerful opponent who overmatches the one under threat.

The final word, usually translated as “evil” or “the evil one,” is Greek *ho ponēros*, meaning “that which harms.” Most modern translations render this phrase to indicate Satan the Devil, the Adversary of God and humanity (see also Matthew 5:37; 13:19, 38). In a first-century context, when the idea of a universal spiritual adversary was commonly held, referring to the personal source of evil would have given Jesus’ statement added force.

The complete request, then, has the sense of, “Do not bring upon us sore testing, but rather rescue us from our mighty Adversary.”

3. How does God rescue us from Satan’s temptations? Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; 42:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13.

Comment: The story of Job is instructive in showing God’s people how He allows Satan to afflict them in various ways to test their faith. The narrative depicts the Adversary as impertinent toward God and eager to cause Job loss, heartache, and harm. However, he cannot touch him without God’s express permission, and He places boundaries on how much he could afflict the man. In contrast to Satan’s attitude, God defends Job’s righteousness and faithfulness, confident in his strength to withstand the Devil’s attacks. Job ultimately proves God right, not only refusing to “curse God and die” but also growing in understanding, faith, and appreciation for his God in the end.

The narratives of Christ’s temptation in Matthew 4 and Luke 4 teach how the very Son of God overcame Satan’s enticements to sin. Most obviously, Jesus meets every potential trap with a quotation from God’s Word, providing Him with the knowledge and authority to counter Satan’s challenges. With such weapons and commitment to doing His Father’s will, He resists the Devil in faith, and he flees from Him (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9). Even with our comparatively weak faith, we can follow His example of resisting Satan’s temptations, and God will add His help to “deliver us from the evil one.”

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Questionable Article

Tell us why you believe this is a true or false doctrine and why?
Learn to Give an Answer!

Between the Evenings

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1.a. "Between the evenings" is an uncomfortable concept for those not familiar with Biblical time keeping. But it is wording used eleven times in the Old Testament as confirmed by the Masoretic Text (MT), Jay P. Green Sr.’s Interlinear Bible (TIB) and Robert Young’s Literal Translation (YLT). It is not used in two popular translations: The King James (KJV) and the New International Version (NIV). Even though it is absent in the KJV translation and the word even or evening is substituted this does not negate the fact that the concept of "between the evenings" is still present. Please bear with us while we explain this.

1.b. Why is this explanation of "Between the Evenings" to be believed while all the others available are not, unless of course they agree with this apologetic? The other explanations focus on that which Rabbinical Judaism teaches, or that which some other groups apparently believed in antiquity. This apologetic is not concerned with the opinions of men, whether those opinions be ancient or modern. This apologetic is only concerned with one thing - that which God teaches!

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The Bible is our only authority! The other explanations build their case upon the errant and random musings of men. This explanation depends only upon Bible Scriptures. Also, I have not sought out this definition of "between the evenings" to satisfy any preconceived agenda: such as when the Jewish sacrifices and Passover must (according to their desires) occur. **This would include Hebrew Roots groups and others that concern themselves with observing Old Testament rituals in contrast with that which Christ expects of us in the New Testament.**

1.c. Some, who write on this subject, correctly point out that between the evenings is transliterated from the Hebrew to English as ben ha arbayim. Ben is between. Ha is the, or the two. Arbayim is evenings, with the "im" on the end making the word plural. This is the last time I will discuss ben ha arbayim because this teaching not only Scripturally defines between the evenings, but it also Scripturally defines even/evening. So I am not concerned with the "ha" for "the" in the middle, that is pretty elementary. I am concerned with the root words of "between (beyn בֵּין)" and "even or evening (ereb עֶרֶב)". I have not inserted the diacritic markings because I do not have the software with which to do so, if it even exists - I assume it must somewhere.

2.a. First, let us approach this subject in reverse. We will give you the meaning of "between the evenings". If you want to know the Scriptural support for this meaning, then please read on. If you are satisfied with the meaning we give, then you can stop here and be confident that you have the correct Biblical definition. However, it is always recommended to read on and to verify the Scriptures that are used.

2.b. In the Bible, there are two evens in each day. When the sun reaches its apex in the sky, which is high noon, it is then no longer rising or waxing. The sun then begins to descend or wane. This is the first even in a day. When the sun sets, even though there may be up to thirty minutes of daylight available, the second even of the day has occurred. Between the evenings is the time period between these two evens. In other words, between the evenings is between noon and sundown. There is no afternoon in biblical time keeping, that period of the day is called evening or between the evenings. If a reference has been erroneously made to afternoon (KJV Judges 19:8) it is because the text has been modernized to our current day concept of afternoon.

2.c. Therefore, during all Biblical times and especially with the Hebrews, any time between noon and sundown was considered to be in the evening. In our modern society in America, we think of evening as the time between sundown and bedtime. We really do not know when our evening ends, and our evening end may be different for different people. But Biblically, an evening is very defined: it is between the time the sun begins to wane in the sky and when the last sliver of the disk of the sun disappears beyond the western horizon.

2.d. So, each time you read even or evening in the Bible, you must discern by the context, which even or evening is being spoken of:

- (1) noon,
- (2) sundown,
- (3) any time between noon and sundown, or
- (4) the entire period between noon and sundown.

Do not make the mistake that even or evening in the Bible has the same meaning as it does today. Doing so will obscure the full and proper meaning of the text. Unfortunately, this is the error made by most translators, scholars, pastors and laymen.

2.e. Now that we know what between the evenings means, let us explore some key Scriptures that apply this concept.

3.a. Genesis 24:11 KJV, "**And he made *his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening* (Strong's H6153 ereb עֶרֶב), *even the time that women go out to draw water.*" Please keep in mind that italicized words are not in the original text, but are added by the translators to convey the original meaning in the language we are reading. However, sometimes these additions are irritating and in the way, rather than being helpful. One could read the above Scripture, leaving out the italicized words, and do no damage to the meaning of the sentence.**

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3.b. When is "the time of the evening (ereb ערב)". It certainly is not sundown. People would be drawing their water in the dark. Especially on this particular occasion, when Rebekah drew water for ten camels. It seems to me that she was a mighty herculean woman. You try drawing water from a well with a bucket or even a hand pump system and see how long it takes you to fill ten thirsty camels. Personally, I would collapse from fatigue before I finished, even on my best day. If it was not at sundown, then it must have been prior to sundown. How much prior? I would suspect at least an hour prior to sundown, maybe more. The point is, the Scriptures are describing a time of day as evening ereb ערב when it is broad daylight in the afternoon according to our current day reckoning. This Scripture supports the idea of between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב being a **time between the noontime even ereb ערב and the sundown even ereb ערב**. The afternoon (according to our current day reckoning) was, in Genesis, the evening ereb ערב. After sundown it was night, prior to sundown it was evening ereb ערב. There was no time of day that was referred to as afternoon.

4.a. Exodus 16:12-13 KJV, "**12** I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even (Strong's H996 beyנ בין the H6153 ereb ערב) ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am [Yahowah] your God. **13** And it came to pass, that at even (Strong's H6153 ereb ערב) the quails came up and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host." Verse 12 tells us the quail are coming between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב, in other words sometime from noon to sundown. Then verse 13 tells us that they came at even ereb ערב, in other words they came in the afternoon, but I would judge that it began to happen at the first even ereb ערב of the day; i.e., noontime. In Biblical times one must determine when even ereb ערב means noon, sundown, any time between noon and sundown, or the entire period between these two evenings ereb ערב. God is not going to tell us that the quail will arrive between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב and then one verse later tell us they arrived at sundown (the second even ereb ערב of the day). Both references to even ereb ערב and between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב in verses 12 and 13 are telling us that the quail are arriving and then did arrive in the evening ereb ערב, which begins at noon (which is our modern day afternoon).

4.b. Please notice that in verse 16:12 the King James translators, when translating the word even ereb ערב, ignored the Hebrew word beyנ בין which means between. I am at a loss to explain why scholars would make such an omission. If they wished to leave the impression that this was going to happen after sundown, the beginning of our modern day evening, then they have committed the worst possible infraction that a translator can commit: The infraction is that they have stopped being translators and have become interpreters. If this omission had been corrected in subsequent translations, that would have ended the problem. But it has not been corrected. The last King James Bible I bought off the shelf still reflects the same gross error. But we still have some translations that are true to the original wording: Two that I know of are Robert Young's Literal Translation and Jay P. Green Sr.'s Interlinear Bible. The Stone Edition Tanach also does not use "between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב", however, they do correctly translate it as "afternoon", which updates ancient evening to our modern concept of afternoon.

4.c. A correct translation of Exodus 16:12 would be "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, [between the evenings] (Strong's H996 beyנ בין the H6153 ereb ערב) ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am [Yahowah] your God." Then we would know that when the quail arrived in verse 13 that even ereb ערב meant the high noon even ereb ערב when the sun first stops rising and begins going down.

5.a. Here is another Scripture that shows how the King James translators translated the term between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב. Exodus 29:38-39 KJV, "**38** Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. **39** The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even (Strong's H6153 ereb ערב)." Exodus 29:38-39 TIB, "**38** And this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs daily, sons of a year; **39** the one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between (Strong's H996 beyנ בין) the evenings (Strong's H6153 ereb ערב)." Lamb one is sacrificed in the morning. Lamb two, according to the KJV wording, is sacrificed at even ereb ערב. This can lead one to mistakenly assume that the second lamb was sacrificed at sundown. The TIB makes it clear that the second lamb was sacrificed between beyנ בין the evenings ereb ערב, which is prior to sundown, most likely in mid-evening (our current day mid-afternoon).

5.b. We must consider the whole council of God to determine what the King James translators meant when they used the term even or evening instead of between the evenings. Further into this teaching, the stories in 1 Kings 18 and Matthew 14 make it hard to believe that these translators were not aware of the concept of "between the evenings" and that it meant the period of time from noon to sunset. Personally, I think they missed it because of some other troublesome

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translations they did along the way - those are not addressed in this teaching.

6.a. Leviticus 22:6-7 KJV, "**6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even** (Strong's H6153 ereb ערב), **and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water. 7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food.**" These two verses show that even ereb ערב can mean **sundown**. Even ereb ערב has several other meanings that must be determined in context.

6.b. Even is a time marker. In verse 7 we have another time marker - "when the sun is down". Without this second time marker, one (who knows the correct meaning of even) might be confused which even is being spoken of before he becomes clean again. But the use of *when the sun is down* shows us that the even being spoken of is the sunset even.

7.a. Judges 19:8 KJV, "**And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon** (Strong's H5186 natah כמה), **and they did eat both of them.**" This is the only Scripture in the KJV that uses the word afternoon. The Masoretic text as translated in the Interlinear Bible and Young's Literal Translation show that afternoon is not the most accurate translation. The Hebrew word natah כמה does not mean afternoon. It has a multitude of meanings; however, the most applicable in this verse is "go down". This is an obvious reference that they tarried until the time of the going down of the sun, which would mean that they tarried until noon or later which is in the evening ereb ערב (our modern day afternoon). Jay P. Green translates it as "turning of the day", which means noon. The day turns when the sun stops waxing or rising and begins to wane or descend.

7.b. This meaning of natah כמה "go down" is in agreement with Gesenius' Lexicon's meaning for the word ereb (Strong's H6153 ereb ערב). Ereb ערב is shown to have a meaning of "the time when the sun begins to descend to be called the first evening ereb ערב (or **little evening** ereb ערב), which is noon, when it begins to draw towards evening ereb ערב; and the second evening ereb ערב to be the real sunset".

7.c. Ask yourself, when does the sun stop rising in the sky? It stops rising at noon time. It stops rising at the point it starts to descend or go down; literally, when it begins to draw towards the second evening ereb ערב which is sunset. If the sun stops rising at noon, then when does the sun start to go down or descend or draw towards sunset? The answer is the same: It begins to descend at noon time, the same time it stops rising.

7.d. Ask yourself, how long does the sun go down? If it starts going down at noon, then it must continue to go down for the rest of the day, until it has set - which is sundown. This is why, in Biblical time keeping, evening ereb ערב begins at noon and continues for the rest of the day. This is why even/evening ereb ערב can mean one of four things:

- (1) noon,
- (2) sundown,
- (3) any time between noon and sundown, or
- (4) the entire period between noon and sundown.

It must be determined from the context, which of the four meanings apply.

7.e. Natah כמה is also used in Jeremiah 6:4 (shown below) as "stretched out". This usage is in conjunction with ereb ערב and the full sentence tells us that the evening ereb ערב (our modern day afternoon) is the time of day in which "the shadows of the evening ereb ערב are stretched out". In other words, we could use the meaning of natah as "go down" or "stretched out" and it would give us the same conclusion. That conclusion is that we are addressing the time of day known as between beyn בין the evenings ereb ערב, which is our modern day afternoon.

8.a. Elijah had issued a challenge to the prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal were to offer a sacrifice to their god without lighting a fire. They were to call upon their god to light the fire. Afterward, Elijah was to offer a sacrifice to Yahowah and call upon Him to light the fire. The god who could light his own sacrifice was to be declared the One True God.

8.b. We will pick this story up in 1 Kings 18:26-27,29 KJV, "**26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they**

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dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 27* And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 29* And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.*" Please notice that the priests of Baal were busy until past noon (the first even ערב). Verse 29 states "*they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice*". This offering being discussed is the daily between beyn בֵּין the evenings ערב ערב sacrifice to Yahowah. This evening ערב ערב sacrifice is not talking about the noontime even ערב ערב or the sundown even ערב ערב, it is speaking to the period between these two evens ערב ערב, which is the time that the evening ערב ערב (afternoon in our time) sacrifice takes place, as shown above in Exodus 29. The KJV translators have inserted the word "evening" to clarify which sacrifice was being spoken of. The word "evening" is not in the Masoretic Text.

8.c. 1 Kings 18:36 KJV, "*And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, [Yahowah] God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.*" Please notice that the evening sacrifice was now taking place. This "evening" was not sundown but was occurring in daylight between beyn בֵּין the two evenings ערב ערב.

8.d. How do we know that this sacrifice was not taking place at sundown? By reading the remaining Scriptures after verse 36 we will see that too many events occurred after the sacrifice that could not have occurred after sundown. Verse 40, 450 prophets of Baal were rounded up by Elijah's supporters and taken to the brook Kishon and executed. Verse 42, Ahab had a meal while Elijah went to the top of Mount Carmel and prayed. Verse 43, Elijah sent his servant seven times to look out to sea for rain clouds to begin forming. Verses 45 and 46, Ahab rode to Jezreel while Elijah ran to Jezreel. Could all of these events have occurred in the twilight and dark after a sundown sacrifice? This is highly doubtful, especially since the rain clouds and heavy downpour would have blocked all light from an after sundown sky even if there was a full moon. Besides, do you think Elijah's servant was looking into the distance for rain clouds to begin forming, in a moonlit sky? Do you think that 450 prophets of Baal just huddled together like a bunch of cattle and allowed themselves to be herded down to the brook Kishon for execution? I would suspect that a lot of time consuming fighting and struggling took place. If you want to believe that the evening sacrifice took place at sundown and all of these events occurred after sundown, then you are going to have to stretch your imagination even more in Matthew 14.

8.e. 1 Kings 18 has revealed that the evening sacrifice occurred prior to sunset, most likely several hours prior.

9.a. Next we will look at Jeremiah 6:4 KJV, "*Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening (Strong's H6153 ערב ערב) are stretched out (Strong's H5186 natah נתא) כסה).*" Can you spot the four time markers in this Scripture? First, there is "noon". Second, there is "the day goeth away". Third, there is "the shadows of the evening are stretched out." And, fourth, we have a time marker within a time marker, it is "evening".

9.b. (1) "Noon" is straightforward. It means the same as our current day noon; when the sun has reached its apex in the sky and is no longer waxing, it will now begin to wane.

(2) "The day goeth away" means that the sun is setting, and it sets beginning at noon and continues to set until sundown; in other words, the day is going away.

(3) When do the "shadows of the evening stretch out"? They cannot stretch out when the sun has disappeared below the western horizon because the light source which causes shadows is gone.

(4) Therefore, evening ערב ערב must mean between noon and sundown for this is the only time of day that shadows stretch out. A photographer and a painter understand this concept quite well. They are forever searching for the time of day that the shadows are cast perfectly for their picture. Try and tell one of these artists that the best shadows are after sundown (our modern day concept of evening) and they will laugh at you.

This Scripture makes it very clear that the use of evening ערב ערב means **the entire time between noon and sundown.**

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10.a. Matthew 14:15-23 KJV, "**15 And when it was evening** (Strong's G3798 *apsios ophioc*), his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. **16** But [Yahoshua] said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. **17** And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. **18** He said, Bring them hither to me. **19** And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. **20** And they did all eat and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. **21** And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. **22** And straightway [Yahoshua] constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. **23** And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening (Strong's G3798 *apsios ophioc*) was come, he was there alone."

Verse 15 states that it was already evening, in other words, the first even of the day had passed, it was now between the evenings. This story is told in all four gospels: Mark 6:35-47, Luke 9:12-17, and John 6:5-17. The lateness of the hour is expressed in three of the gospels: Matthew 14:15 "**the time is now passed**"; Mark 6:35 "**And when the day was now far spent**"; and Luke 9:12 "**And when the day began to wear away**".

Not only was it evening (afternoon in our time), but it was late evening (afternoon in our time). The concern of the disciples seemed to be that many were going to miss the evening meal if action was not taken to send the people into the nearby villages to buy food before the shops closed.

10.b. The second evening occurs in verse 23. Since the time the disciples expressed concern about the lateness of the hour several time consuming events occurred. Five thousand men, not counting the women and children, were fed, and the disciples then gathered up twelve basketfuls of leftovers. Then the disciples got into a boat and sailed away, while Yahoshua dismissed the crowd of ten to fifteen thousand people. Then Yahoshua walked or climbed up a mountain and then He began to pray until evening came yet again. This would be the second evening, which is sundown.

10.c. Would anyone care to venture a guess as to how many hours transpired between the disciples' comments and sundown? The main point is that several hours must have transpired between the time the disciples expressed concern about the lateness of the evening (afternoon in our time) and the second even (sundown in our time).

If I were to guess the time of the evening when the disciples expressed concern of the lateness of the day, I would guess that it was at least half way to sundown. One can easily divide the sky in half. Then take the second half of the sky and eyeball it and cut it in half again. Now you can see, if the sun is halfway to the horizon, that there is about one quarter of a day left.

11. Mark 1:32 KJV, "**And at even** (Strong's G3798 *apsios ophioc*), **when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.**" The parallel passages are Matthew 8:16 and Luke 4:40. This verse begs the question: If even means sundown and nothing else, then why add the time marker "when the sun did set"? I believe this phrase is added so that the time of day spoken of was better identified. After all, it could have been the noontime even. But we are told that it is the sundown even being spoken of. This verse supports the idea that even can mean sundown, as shown earlier in this treatise. Even has several other meanings that must be determined in context.

12.a. Without a proper understanding of between the evenings and that a day has two evens in one day, then one is forever subject to errors when trying to figure out what some Scriptures say and properly mean. One cannot discern when the term even means sundown has occurred or when the term even means noontime has occurred. **This is very important in determining when a day begins and when a day ends. It is very important when counting the days and nights between the crucifixion and the resurrection.**

12.b. This is why I have yet to find a scholar, pastor, or church that correctly understands the chronology of events of crucifixion week. There may be some out there who do understand, but I have not found them yet. I see nothing but wild speculations and dogmatic answers that are not Biblical. The two most common errors is that they claim the crucifixion occurred on Friday Passover when it did not, and that there were two sabbaths in the week with a non-sabbath day between them. Some go so far as to claim that two different calendars were employed with two separate dates for

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Passover in the same week. Without the proper understanding of between the evenings and that a Biblical day start is sunrise, plus a few other factors, it is impossible for these people to reach a proper conclusion of the matter.

13.a. In the Works of Josephus, 12th printing of August 1996, page 749, "The Wars of the Jews", book 6, chapter 9, section 3 (6.9.3), it states: "So these high priests, upon the coming of their feast which is called the Passover, when they slay their sacrifices, from the ninth hour till the eleventh...". If we estimate a 6 AM sunrise and a 6 PM sunset, the beginning of the ninth hour is 2 PM, between the evenings. In Hebrew society, at that time, the counting of the hours began at sunrise. The first even is noon (the beginning of the 7th hour) and the second even is sundown (the end of the 12th hour), and between the evenings is from 12 PM to 6 PM. Midway between the evenings is the beginning of the tenth hour or 3 PM, the midpoint between 12 PM (noon) and 6 PM (approximate time of sundown).

13.b. Even though the **Works of Josephus** is an extra-biblical source it does contain historical information. Josephus identifies that the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb occurs between, in our modern time frames, 2 PM and 4 PM. Between the evenings is a phrase used eleven times in two translations (TIB and YLT) as shown in the Masoretic Text. Nine of these eleven times it is referring to the sacrifice of an animal. Five of these nine times it is directly referring to the Passover sacrifice. Once again, this reinforces the definition of "between the evenings" to mean after the noontime even and prior to the sundown even.

13.c. "Between the evenings" can be found in the following Scriptures: Exodus 12:6; 16:12; 29:39,41; 30:8; Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 9:3,5,11; 28:4,8. You can find these eleven verses by going to BibleGateway.com (as of this writing) at <http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+1:1>. Search for "between the evenings" under the "keyword search" using Young's Literal Translation.

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Iron Sharpening Iron
(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)
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As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Between the Evenings
Article by Richard Douglas Mauck and Sandra Faye Mauck
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Many people make the mistake of trying to fit several doctrines into one article. When they do that, the waters start to get muddy. If they had stuck with the subject of "Between the Evenings" as the article implies, this would have been a great article and would not have set off my "Questionable Article" alarm. I almost did not print this article when I saw the many errors they brought in as extra subjects. I ran across this article while doing research on the internet. This article in regard to "Between the Evenings" is biblical but the other stuff they brought into the article is not. In their article I have highlighted in yellow the parts we did not agree with.

I did not read the other articles on their site, but I did scan the ones that match the errors I found in this article.

#1-The Mauck's believe that a day starts in the morning and ends in the morning. They have an article in regard to that.

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#2-They believe that Passover is always on a Friday and the First Day of Unleavened Bread is always on a Saturday. Even though they know about Nisan 14 and 15 they seem to have no concept that these days do not always fall on Friday and Saturday respectively.

#3-The big one is that they seem to believe that the Sabbath if there is one is always on a Friday.

So, to help everyone understand what we are up against not just with this article but with many other articles is that if everyone believed the same thing, life would be easy but because everyone has different beliefs then we have many problems.

In this case, the stuff they wrote in regard to "Between the Evenings" is biblically correct, but many of their other articles do not square with scripture and yet they claim they do. Most people have that concept, that what they believe squares with the bible but if others have differing beliefs, it does not square with the bible.

I will once again say this to everyone, those who are not keeping God's Holy Days at the time that God has appointed them to be kept are Sabbath Breakers and will not be blessed for that. Everyone needs to take a deep dive into scripture and study this because I see a multitude of calendars and holy days being kept from where I sit and everyone knows or should know that there is only one calendar and there is only one set of holy days that God wants us all to keep. Did Christ keep the same days you keep? Can you prove that Christ kept the exact same holy days and calendar that you keep? Sabbath breaking was a big deal in the Old Testament and all annual and weekly sabbaths are sabbaths. All will find as time goes by that this does matter. All I can do is present the information to you. It is up to all of you to look at it.

We are not printing this newsletter for us, although we do learn a lot from others in doing this. We also are not doing this to get everyone to believe as we believe. We are mostly doing this so those who read this newsletter will study their bibles deeply. We truly want us all to be on the same page with God, that is why our input as well as yours is so important.

We printed this article because of the content in regard to "between the two evenings". And again, I did not read everything the Mauck's had on their website but I read enough to wonder how they got one thing so right and most everything else so wrong. And why do they understand the biblical definition of "between the two evenings" and most of the Church of God does not even come close to understanding this concept when it can be so clearly proven from scripture.

Announcements

Announcement from Laura Lee (January 17, 2023)

Sometimes we get backed up on research and need help from others. This is such a time. If there is someone out there that can write up a short article explaining the following, we would greatly appreciate it.

1. Did people eat meat before the flood?
2. In Genesis did Adam and Eve wear animal skins or something else?
3. Is anyone familiar with the following book: *Lost Cities of Ancient Lemuria and the Pacific* by David Childress (If so, can we get a book report in regard to this book?)
4. Can someone explain the following scriptures? Exodus 23:20-23
5. Is anyone familiar with the following book: *He Walked the Americas* by L. Taylor Hansen (If so, can we get a book report in regard to this book?)

Announcement from James Steinle (January 30, 2023)

Here is the solution for "vaccine refusers" from one of the heads of the CDC

<https://newspunch.com/cdc-boss-its-time-to-kill-white-people-who-refuse-vaccines/>

<https://nationalfile.com/texas-medical-board-responds-to-complaint-about-gates-honored-get-rid-of-all-the-whites-doctor/>

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Announcement from Craig White (February 3, 2023)

If anyone has anything that could be added to the HWA Papers section of my website here <https://www.friendsofsabbath.org/iframe/ABC/HWAP/HWAP.html> please send my way.

Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

Atonement – September 25, 2023

Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023

Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

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Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

When Simply Doing Your Best is Good Enough

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Edgar Entitlement

When Simply Doing Your
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Who says winning is all that matters?

For little Edgar Entitlement, he says, "It's not fair" that he can't do something he wants, just because of rules." Asked what needs to change, he went on to say, "Why is it so important to be the best at something? The fact I try is what should matter."

Edgar is the national poster child for the youth of the country who no longer feel they have to strive in order to achieve excellence. The

growing movement is one in which as long as a person tries, it's all that matters.

The junior high student won a lawsuit for being told he couldn't be on the school track team because he was "too short, overweight, and wasn't able to finish a race." His lawyer stated, "Just because Edgar may cause his team to lose, it shouldn't be the reason he can't participate."

Not being competitive does have its rewards. A first place trophy was recently won by the 12-year-old for trying, and blue ribbon for helping a rival team member for falling behind. A growing number of schools across the country are placing less emphasis on winning if a child feels it's too stressful.

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