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### Articles

# Back to the Nephilim

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Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. (KJV)

I believe that most of us understand that those who keep God's Law and are a part of the ecclesia are "sons of God", or "children of God." So, I have no problem with that concept. But what was happening before the flood to make God need to destroy all of it except for eight people and some animals? I believe the picture is becoming clear in these last days.

Many people believe that Genesis 6:1-4 is talking about fallen angels mating with human women and this has created the Nephilim (giants). I know these verses are not talking about fallen angels or any angels for that matter. Angels are never called the "sons of God" and they are a different kind than humans so therefore they cannot have sexual intercourse and produce a different type of species that could be called Nephilim (Giants).

We do know there are 24 elders in heaven, meaning there are angels and there are elders that we know about. We do not have any idea how many created beings there are in heaven, and we also do not know how many created beings using their free will rebelled against God and are now evil as Satan is evil.

Christ is a spirit being, yet He became a man and walked among us. He was like us in all points. As a human being Christ Himself could have married and had children. I do not believe he did that while on Earth. What I am saying is He had the ability to do that while on Earth.

So, one of my theories here is that there may be or have been a created being in heaven who decided to follow Satan and had the ability to turn into a human and have children with human women. That is one theory. It could be one explanation as to why there were Nephilim before and after the flood.

Another theory is that the "sons of God" is the lineage of Seth and the "daughters of men" is the lineage of Cain. This seems plausible to some however not all offspring of Seth would have followed the way of God, nor would all offspring of Cain have followed Satan. I know this because in some families with the same parents you can have many children and

all of those children will believe different things. Some families will even have good children and evil children all growing up together in the same environment.

Another theory is that people were so wicked they grew people in laboratories and because these people did not have human spirits or holy spirits, they were nothing but evil. Of course, this is my theory, but look at what they are doing in laboratories now days: I know, sci-fi stuff, but even as I write this there are laboratories where they are trying to do just that right now. They are claiming they can start embryos without egg or sperm. There has been other talk of making humanoids which would be half human and half who knows what.

Growing Meat to Eat, See how lab-grown meat is made | CNN Business Other things grown in a lab, Five Animal Products Scientists Can Now Grow In a Lab | Innovation| Smithsonian Magazine And here they mix monkeys and people and still can't figure out that if it is growing, it is alive, Lab-grown embryos mix human and monkey cells for the first time | Science | AAAS And here it is, Human embryos created without egg or sperm in controversial breakthrough (nypost.com)

I believe right now that we are in a laboratory called Earth and we are the guinea pigs they are using to test their theories. For example, they are purposely giving drugs to homeless people. Why? It isn't because homeless people want to be drug addicts. It could be two-fold, for example one reason is to neutralize many people so they do not have the ability to fight this "One World Order" or it could be because they are using these drug addicted people to experiment on with various types of drugs to see what does and does not work for their end game purposes. Look at the zombie people in Pennsylvania. This Schwab guy leading the "One World Order" elites flat out said they want to continue to give these homeless drug addicts drugs. There is no way this current government is going to help any of these people and depending on the drugs they are giving to them can these people even be dried out and lead normal lives again?

When I was in high school one of my classmates was at a Y (YMCA) dance which I myself attended on occasion. He went to the bathroom and while he was gone, someone put a lot of LSD in his drink. To my knowledge he never recovered from it. Even though still alive at the time I visited him at his house he was never the same again and required others to take care of him.

So then there are the COVID-19 shots. This was one huge experiment using obedient followers of government know it all's to see if they can alter your DNA and make you into these what they call humanoids. Whether that last statement is true or not as I am not a doctor, so I don't know, but whether you believe the shots alter your DNA or not, it is pretty clear that if they don't kill you, they can and do cause a multitude of health problems in most people who felt it was the right thing to do at the time.

The shots were two-fold possibly more, for example to cut down the population on the earth, that part worked well, we lost a lot of people due to the jab as they call it. Now of those that lived and continue to get the boosters some are actually alive yet but what about the long-range repercussions for having gotten those shots and boosters. I hear there are many very strange birth defects due to these shots and what happens in the future generations of those who have birth defects due to their parents having these shots, we don't know, but I am pretty sure these evil people doing this know exactly what they are doing here.

While writing this and trying to find some examples of COVID-19 shots causing birth defects I couldn't find any. So, either the jab didn't cause any or they scrubbed the web. My thought here is if these shots killed some people quickly why would babies come through these shots without birth defects or being born alive and healthy? I am confused on this point.

We have the media to thank for all the confusion and lack of truth in regard to these shots. When we first heard of COVID-19 we were thrown off balance but only for a couple of days. I bought the masks, and we wore them for a few days until we found it was hard to breathe in fresh air. Then we took off the masks and only wore them when stores demanded that you wear one or don't come in. Did we get the shots, "No". Neither of us ever got the flu shot so why would we get this one. We decided to trust God on this, and he has not let us down.

Another very strange thing happening now days is what they are doing to children. Children are not mature enough to understand what it means to be a boy when you were born a girl or a girl if you were born a boy. They do not understand that once someone mutilates their genitals, they will no longer be able to use them and they also can no longer have children or families of their own. More than likely these children are being mutilated in order to experiment with various

ways that people can be cut apart and reassembled in a different way. How many of these mutilated children will die in the course of these mutilations and how many will commit suicide once they grow up and understand more fully what has been done to them as children.

This is an evil world we live in today. Is it more evil now than at the time of Noah? I don't know. No matter what you believe the Nephilim were, there is an element of evil in the whole thing or God would not have destroyed them all during the flood.

Read the following article and see if RNA sounds familiar as part of Covid-19 shots. What are genome editing and CRISPR-Cas9?: MedlinePlus Genetics

So today I sat down and wrote an article because of another article I read today which I totally for the most part disagreed with. As I am reading that article and another one that I dismissed altogether I am starting to get a more clear picture of what Genesis 6:1-4 is talking about.

I still believe that we have no idea how many different created beings are in heaven besides the 24 Elders and all those beautiful, good angels. Could one of those spirit beings have done what I said Christ could have done while He walked the earth or is there another explanation that is pure evil, yet so simple?

We know Nephilim existed before the flood and after the flood. We know they were giants. We also know they were confined to a few tribes or families, the Canaanites, Anakin's, and Rephaim to name a few. You will have to do your own research on that. Below are a few verses.

<u>Num 13:33</u> And there we saw the **giant**s, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the **giant**s: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Deu 2:11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

<u>Deu 2:20</u> (That also was accounted a land of **giant**s: **giant**s dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;

<u>Deu 3:11</u> For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of **giant**s; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

<u>Deu 3:13</u> And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

Jos 12:4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the **giant**s, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

<u>Jos 13:12</u> All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

<u>Jos 15:8</u> And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants northward:

<u>Jos\_17:15</u> And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country*, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the **giant**s, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

<u>Jos\_18:16</u> And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,

<u>2Sa 21:16</u> And Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of the **giant**, the weight of whose spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

<u>2Sa</u> 21:18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the **giant**.

<u>2Sa</u> 21:20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the **giant**.

<u>2Sa</u> 21:22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

<u>1Ch</u> 20:4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *that was* of the children of the giant: and they were subdued.

<u>1Ch</u> 20:6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand,* and six *on each foot:* and he also was the son of the giant.

<u>1Ch</u> 20:8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

According to Deuteronomy 7:1 there are seven nations God forbade Israel to marry into or give in marriage to and if they did think to marry into these seven nations God would destroy the Israelites that did.

**Deu 7:1** When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; Deu 7:2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Deu 7:3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. Deu 7:4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

#### So here is my conclusion:

Before the flood, certainly there was an evil spirit influence to create things in laboratories such as babies and etcetera and I am sure they did, but this bigger and more evil thing to do was to manipulate peoples DNA in order to create humans they wanted, for example giants who were not only tall but strong. A type of people who could rule and others would be afraid of. In the article on DNA manipulation (above link) it mentions RNA and using viruses as a way to manipulate DNA in people.

If people knew ahead of time that they were being given a shot to manipulate their DNA, they would not take the shot. So first you have to scare people into thinking that if they do not get the shot they were going to die of Covid. The whole experiment went well for the evil people and not so well for many of the guinea pigs.

The evil government now understands how easy it is to get people to do what they want them to do, stay home and wear masks. And somehow, I got the feeling that while many people stayed home and wore masks the evil government was laughing as they didn't wear masks and went to places, they did not allow any of us to go.

The shots themselves besides changing your DNA via RNA and Virus cells killed many people and injured many. Many people got huge blood clots, heart attacks, strokes, and various other problems. Now many people are getting cancer through the taking of these shots. I am sure there are only a few at the top that know exactly what was in those shots but let's just say that part of their experiment was to change your DNA so you would get cancer, this could now explain why so many people are now getting cancer.

An even bigger problem with these shots is that people took them voluntarily. For the most part no one forced anyone to take the shot. Sure, people were threatened and intimidated in many cases, but it was still ultimately each individual's choice to take the jab instead of in many cases losing their jobs. Does that sound familiar? Work on the Sabbath or lose

your job and people were blessed when they chose the Sabbath instead of working on it.

Believe it or not, the mark of the beast is also voluntary. Just like the government entities caused people to get these shots they will also cause people to take the mark of the beast. Just like they used fear to get people to take the shots they will probably use fear to get you to take the mark of the beast. So, understand, you have a choice.

<u>Rev 13:16</u> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Back to the giants, if the Nephilim came about due to DNA manipulation that explains why they were all destroyed by the flood. All flesh was destroyed during the flood except for 8 people and some animals. So how did the Nephilim get here after the flood?

That one is pretty easy, by DNA. Who brought that DNA through the flood? The most likely candidate is Ham's wife as she and Ham fathered all the Nephilim tribe's descendants.

<u>Gen 14:5</u> And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

Rephaims, Zuzims and Emims are all recognized as having giants and Ham is connected to them.

So, when you read Deuteronomy 7:1 telling of the seven nations that God forbade Israel to marry on penalty of death, you will see these nations were all connected to Canaan and the other sons of Ham. God knew right where the manipulated DNA was.

<u>Gen 10:6</u> And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

The good news is that they believe David killed the last of the giants, but Evil men are still with us, and they have not given up on the manipulation of anyone's DNA. These evil men and governments are using a method to get to everyone that they think will work on everyone. In olden days people used to become doctors and nurses because they wanted to help people. As the years went by it became a business. Operating on people over and over again brings them a lot of business and money. Apparently if you are old and sick and end up in a nursing home, they will take your house to pay for your stay. This takes the inheritance from your children even if you have a Will. If you end up in the hospital and don't pay the bill, I am sure they can put a lien on your house until you pay them. Even the guys that installed our central air a few years ago could have put a lien on our house had we not paid them. So, who pays for many of these operations, it is not insurance. I know many people who have no insurance but yet they get knee replacements and hysterectomies for free with a medical card from the state or county they live in. Everyone goes to the doctor at some point which allows the doctors to collect data on you to use against you. It also gives them a chance to use you as a guinea pig. They all know, just like we all know that at some point in time you may need a doctor.

The last time I went to a doctor was in 2004 when I broke my ankle. When you break your ankle, it requires surgery and some hospital time. They wanted to run some tests on me to see if I needed pills for bone loss and who knows what else until they found out I had no insurance and no money to speak of. They quickly cut me loose. I wouldn't have even gone that time except that I guess if I didn't my foot would still be flopping around with me being totally unable to use it. Strange, I remember it didn't really hurt after I got it out from underneath myself where I landed.

Hospitals and Science labs are the seat of their evil. If you remember in World War II, Hitler loved to experiment on people they had contained awaiting a gas shower. Do not be fooled the Evil people running our government are only distracting you with their foolishness. There will be another medical disaster like Covid-19 and they will get more volunteers to take their shots or whatever else they want to do to you the next time around.

Remember it is voluntary so don't fall for it or you may be tricked into taking the mark of the beast just as many were tricked into taking these Covid-19 shots which many died from.

Note: Medical disasters will not be the only problems, there will be food, water, climate, financial, energy and probably a

lot of other disasters which the government of evil people will instigate just to cause people to take the mark of the beast. Trust in God when or if the ATF, FBI, DOJ, and IRS show up at your door. Do not voluntarily let them in. If they force their way in or have a search warrant, that is one thing but do not volunteer to just let them into your house. Do not show fear and do not argue with them. Once they are in your house cooperate with them to the best of your ability without talking any more than is needed. Do not let them cause you to take the mark of the beast (which no, I do not know what that mark will be, it is not clear at this point). TRUST IN GOD AND PRAY!!!

### 21 Things a Man Needs to Know About Marriage (Copyright ©2014 FamilyLife. All rights reserved.) by Jeff Kemp (Orlando, Florida)

Guys have been blindsided in our culture. We don't see the path to manhood, and we often don't know how to view women, sex, relationships, marriage, and our role as husbands.

A key to the problem guys face is that we don't understand the North Star of relationships. It's the gold standard of selfless love, the blueprint for building a family and blessing your children. What's that North Star? Knowing Jesus Christ and His purposes for marriage and trusting in His strength to make a lasting relationship possible.

Marriage needs to be re-explained. It needs to be re-branded as an awesome, noble, and challenging adventure. Our manhood, our happiness, and our children's future depend on marriage—yours, mine, and everybody else's.

In a culture of counterfeits and mistruths, it's important to understand what marriage is about. As you read through the following list, ask God to remake you and help you understand what it means to be a man and a husband. Let's value marriage and relate well to our wives, whether we're married yet, or preparing for that woman.

#### 21 things about marriage

#### 1. A man needs to know that the ultimate team is marriage.

It's the union and oneness of man and woman in lifelong covenant. It's the team that anchors a family. It's a bonded relationship that mirrors God's sacrificial, unconditional, lasting love for his children (those who by faith have accepted His sacrifice and adoption into his eternal family).

# 2. A man needs to know the difference between being a consumer and an investor in life, in relationships, and in marriage.

Don't let an advertising-saturated, consumer society make you act like a consumer in relationships. Decide to add value to a wife, not take value.

Just like great quarterbacks serve receivers, and great receivers serve quarterbacks, we need to be investors, not childish consumers, takers, or complainers. We are to model ourselves after Jesus, the ultimate relationship Investor. He is the definition of a man: responsible, initiating, courageous, self-sacrificing, healing, peacemaking, justice-doing, others-centered rather than self-centered, loving others in ways that add value and nobility to them.

Before he is married, a great husband will be a relationship investor who will build friendship that adds value into the life of a young woman, her self-esteem, and her potential to serve God. He will channel his sexual desires and expression into devotion to God and commitment to one wife for life. He will marry and be sexually exclusive—only having eyes, imagination, and sexual intimacy with one woman.

We should be asking ourselves this question daily: "Would I want to marry me?"

#### 3. A man needs to know that a marriage and family depend upon God as their Maker.

God is the authority. He provides the blueprints for marriage and the power source of love, wisdom, and health. God can heal any marriage if the husband and wife will submit themselves to God and let Him change them.



#### 4. A man needs to know that marriage is meant to mature him and develop Christ-like character in him.

It can help conform him to the image of Christ, reshaping his will and identity into union with, and deference toward, his wife. This is like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who honor, defer to, and glorify each other.

The friendship of marriage helps spouses become better versions of themselves, closer to what God designed and redeemed them to be. They must face the truth about themselves—their strengths and their imperfections. They will face conflict and difficulty and must grow empathy and teamwork. Selfishness must melt away if they are to become healthy, strong, and mature together.

#### 5. A man needs to know the meaning of love.

God defines love not by how much you want to receive, but by how much you are willing to give of yourself—your will, your freedom, your time, your emotions, your forgiveness, your resources. The model is Jesus, who demonstrated love for us by dying for us while we were yet sinners.

A husband does this by choosing his wife as a priority in his life over all other pursuits, possessions, and distractions regardless of whether she is kind, lovable, or respectful. Love brings out the best in her. A man initiates love, rather than waiting for or demanding respect or kind treatment. Love is not dependent upon feelings. Decisions and choices to love can regenerate the feelings of love.

#### 6. A man needs to know the Christ-like role of servant, husband, and lover.

He is to be an investor in his wife, and he sacrifices himself for her best. He defines his manhood as pursuing purity in Christ, chastity before marriage, and enthusiastic fidelity in marriage.

#### 7. A man needs to understand sexuality as God's good creation, distinct from its counterfeits.

He understands that sexuality makes sense in the context of union to God and the union of marriage. Outside that context it's often reduced to moralism, rules, suppression, secrecy, illicit imagination, temptation, and shame. Or commonly it's reduced to a consumer experience—materialistic self-interest, physical gratification, entertainment, techniques. This causes shallow, stunted human bonding, untold stories of abuse, damage, abandonment, and fragmented families.

#### 8. A man needs to know that the key to great sex is exclusivity.

Our modern world tricks a man into thinking that more sources of sexual stimulation will satisfy him. But like a drug, they thrill but do not satisfy. Sexual entertainment, images, and illicit sex erode rather than enhance sexual joy in a marriage.

The way to become a great lover is to practice with only one woman for life. It is to be generous, exclusive, and serving not greedy, distracted, and taking. A great relationship and great sex are connected in marriage, and that only happens when a man's sole target of sexual affections, imaginations, and enjoyment is his wife.

#### 9. A man needs to know that marriages typically have a one- or two-year "honeymoon era."

This is a period of semi-blind euphoria that makes the relationship magnetic and easier. It's as if our Creator gives that to us humans to get us jump-started in marriage. Couples should know that when the euphoria wears off and they eventually settle into normality, the different feelings they experience do not indicate that they married the wrong person or are not "in love" anymore.

# 10. A man needs to know that living together and having sex before marriage uses up a good portion of the "honeymoon era" euphoria.

It often causes the onset of reality to begin almost immediately after the wedding, depending on how long the couple had been living and sleeping together. Research shows that divorce and issues of mistrust are more common for those who cohabit before marriage than for those who do not. Cohabiting is not "good practice" for marriage.

11. A man needs to know that commitment is a key to success in all of life, and especially in a relationship with a woman.

One way of defining commitment in marriage is never considering divorce. If you know that you won't be leaving or divorcing, it forces you to face differences and problems and work through them.

In marriage it is the security of commitment that allows a woman to feel peace in the relationship. The assurance of a husband's commitment helps a woman entrust herself to him emotionally and sexually.

#### 12. A man needs to know that marriage is not easy.

Marriage is not automatic, and it's often difficult. The euphoria of romantic infatuation in the first years of marriage fades, requiring the mature resolve to behave lovingly and invest relationally to build a deeper bond than infatuation. Marriage will take intentional and continual effort.

#### 13. A man needs to know that the purpose of marriage is less to make you happy, than to make you holy.

Now it's true that a good marriage to a good woman can make you happier than most anything else on earth. But if your goal is to be happy, then you will be focused on yourself, and you will damage your character and your relationships.

If you aim to be holy—like Jesus, not like a monk—you will invite God to change you. You will allow your marriage relationship to change you and crush your selfish will and defensive pride. You will experience true oneness in your marriage—you'll be deepest friends, intimate allies, generous lovers, caring providers, complementary partners, spiritual enhancers. (This concept included by the author with permission from Gary Thomas.)

# 14. A man needs to know that God gives authority and responsibility to a husband to make the marriage thrive and last.

He is to steward and shepherd himself and his wife's union. He is to be proactive at assisting God in healing her past wounds, creating oneness in their bond, and assuring her (and their children) of his love for her.

Women are natural responders when men initiate in love, prayer, and humility. Men must not be passive, arrogant, distracted, or controlling. A man will not point the finger at his wife's behavior or shortcomings but will examine his history as a husband and ask God to change him. His heart, his care, and his initiative is the key to his wife's response and the health of the marriage.

#### 15. A man needs to know that he can change his marriage by changing himself.

He can make himself a better husband by making himself a more consistent and devoted follower of Jesus. If he wants to improve any aspect of his marriage—family or parenting—the solution lies in deepening his daily commitment to God. The path to build a great marriage or to heal a marriage is for him to humble his will, to let the Holy Spirit take control of him, and to obey Christ.

#### 16. A man needs to know that romance is created and sustained intentionally.

Thinking about what she likes, remembering what is important to her, setting things up the way she prefers ... these are all critical. In dating and various stages of life, romance can spontaneously happen; but for the long term, it must be deliberately planned and created. If a man wants to be a leader, this is an area in which to lead. And it leads to good things.

#### 17. A man needs to know that divorce is avoidable.

He understands that nothing is impossible for God, and he humbles himself to admit and repent from the ways he fell short in loving his wife in the past, so he can excel at loving her from this day forward.

#### 18. A man needs to know that he can recover from a wife's affair because he has the power to forgive.

Jesus forgave all his sin, and he is called to do the same with his wife. Furthermore, he seeks to understand what led his wife to be unfaithful, even if it means admitting his own failure. Usually, a man breaks his vow to choose, love, and protect her before a woman breaks her vow to be faithful.

Note: If you have an affair, you don't have control over whether you can recover because you can't force a wife's forgiveness.

#### 19. A man needs to know that even the worst things can be redeemed for deeper purposes.

Romans 5:3-5 reminds us to rejoice and find value in tribulation, loss, and suffering because tribulation brings perseverance, and perseverance brings proven character like that of Jesus, and proven character brings hope, and hope does not disappoint because God's love is poured out to us by His Holy Spirit.

Face crises and trials and suffering straight on with Christ and a few close teammates. A man steps up, by surrendering to Jesus Christ and persevering in making Him the center and Lord of his life.

# 20. A man needs to know that humbling himself to his wife is the gutsiest and most successful way to heal her heart and the frequently compromised relationship.

A man with courage and wisdom will never overlook his wife's hurt feelings. And he'll seek to overlook the disrespectful words she blurts out in reaction to how he hurt her feelings.

When you are in conflict, don't wait for things to blow over. Don't try to point out her fault. Don't try to minimize the situation. And don't defend yourself. Instead, be a leader. Start the apology. A great starting point is, "I was wrong. I hurt you. Please forgive me?"

# 21. A man needs to know that a wife wants him to lead her but will tend to lead and control him if he doesn't lead and initiate.

Leadership starts with your character and your devotion to Christ. Your walk with God determines the quality of your love and leadership as a husband.

Seek God. Read His word in the Bible. Pray for Him to shape and lead you. Humble yourself before Him. Seek a mentor or group to help you grow and become a good husband.

Leadership of a wife is humility before God, initiating teamwork with your wife, praying with her every day, and praying for your family. Most guys I know well are like me in this: If you're frustrated with your wife and your marriage, the solution lies in getting back into Jesus and His Word!

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### **Tithing on the "Increase"** (Copyright 2022) by Gary C. Miller (Pocahontas, Arkansas)

What is Biblical "increase"? Money earned, agricultural produce? The most common belief is that any money earned is Scriptural increase and must be tithed on; ten percent given to someone or a group. This belief crosses most religious lines and is often emotionally charged when challenged.

Another, perhaps not as well publicized view, directly affects agriculture by teaching that tithes of produce (animal or plant) can be sold, and the money given as the tithe.

A third minority belief says Scriptural increase refers only to agricultural products, and only they must be given as tithes.

Once that old Middle English word "increase" (KJV; Strong's Lexicon #8393), is Biblically defined, then we can decide which of these three beliefs is Scriptural.

#### The Word

The Hebrew (אָבוּאָה *tebuaw*; SEC #8393) is translated in the KJV as "increase" (23 times; Deut. 14:22, 28; 16:15; 26: 12....; KJV); "fruit" (6 times as produce and 1 time as "efforts of the wicked"), "gain" (1), and "revenue" (5).

When translated as "increase" and "fruit" those 29 times, it always refers to *agricultural produce*. The other seven [fruit (1), gain (1), revenue (5)] do not refer to produce of the land.

Clearly, in the KJV *tebuaw* is translated "increase" and "fruit" over eighty percent of the time and refers to agricultural produce.

Typically, verses using "increase" are interpreted as, "any gain gotten by productive effort." Money is nearly always included as "gain" in such discussions of Biblical tithing. Usually the caveat is added that "increase" means the profit, the gain, after costs are deducted.

For example, the farmer would tithe (give ten percent) only on the net crop value after deducting all expenses incurred. Or perhaps the wage earner could deduct such work expenses as travel, clothing, food.

Is this the Biblical meaning of "increase" in such verses as: "You shall truly tithe all the increase (SEC #8393) of thy seed (SEC #2233), that the field (SEC #7704) bringeth forth year-by-year." (Deut. 14:22; or v. 28; and Deut. 26:12; KJV)?

Compare this King James Version translation using "increase" (SEC #8393), with these translations of the same word: "produce, crop" (Moffat); "yield, produce, fruit" (RSV); "what your fields produce" (NJB); "produce" (NAS).

#### **Corrupting the Scriptures**

The word "increase" used in the King James Version and the earlier Geneva Bible is from the Old Middle English used during the period from c. 1150 A.D. to c.1475 A.D. It meant exclusively *agricultural produce*. Old English word meanings did not suddenly change when the Geneva Bible (1560 A.D.) or the later King James Version (1611 A.D.) were published. Both are clearly Old Middle English versions and their use of the Old English word, "increase", meant only agricultural produce.

Expanding the meaning to "any gain gotten by productive effort" corrupts the meaning of "increase" to include.... *money*. In doing so, this misuse of the term opens the treasure chests of millions of bank accounts of unsuspecting followers who are fleeced with every paycheck.

This corruption is not without consequences. Religion is now more about big business, opulent buildings and colleges, and a privileged class of elite preachers, and less about the true gospel, and the faith once delivered to the saints. This statement could be tested by simply drying up the money pipeline and observing the result: Quit writing tithing checks and see how unwelcome you become.

Modern scholars, knowing whereof they speak from their knowledge of language, leave no doubt that *agricultural produce* is the proper translation of "increase" (SEC #8393) when referring to tithing.

#### Genesis Record Clarifies

But if there is an account comparing "increase" (KJV) with other facts related to crop production, the caveat that "increase" means profit can be decided right or wrong.

There is such a record in Genesis showing the truth about the Hebrew word translated "increase" (SEC #8393): "Here is



seed (SEC #2233) for you, and you shall sow the land (v. 23)...And it shall come to pass in the increase (SEC #8393),...give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for the seed of the field, and for your food...(v.24)." (Gen. 47:19-24).

Clearly, the "increase" included the total yield (1/5 + 4/5 = the whole). No "profit margin."

The source of the "increase" divided between Pharaoh and people working the land was the *seed* and *sowing the land*. The "gain from productive effort" was the total yield of produce.

Obvious too, is that *money is in no way stated nor implied* in the term "increase"; only what the land produced from the seed planted. This account is clear. We just have to accept what it says.

#### **Tithing on Money**

One correspondent, who tithes on his paycheck, stated that tithing on money was no burden because it was Scriptural. Those receiving the money simply convinced him they have the right to tax him ten percent.

The group taxing him calls those "misguided", who teach that only agricultural produce is to be tithed on. Is the Bible misguided? The record is plain: "...the tithe of the land (SEC #776)...seed of the land (SEC #776) or,... fruit of the trees...herd...or the flock...is holy to Yahweh" (Lev. 27:30, 32), — agricultural produce. Again, where is money mentioned?

#### Productive Effort: Bible's Command or Man's Demand?

That expression, "productive effort", is often used with a non-Biblical definition of "field" as the primary basis of teaching tithing on money as "increase." It goes something like this, "People work in many fields such as electronics, factory work...and the Bible demands a tithe of their productive effort, their produce, of that field." So, their "increase" becomes their earned income. This usually refers to Deut. 14:22: "You shall truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year." (cited earlier).

Clearly, one contemporary meaning of the word "field," ["a realm of knowledge or special work"; *Webster*] is applied to a Hebrew word ("field "; SEC #7704), that simply means "a plot of ground."

#### Laws of Tithing: First Law Never Mentions Money

This misunderstanding about tithing is cleared up by using definitions from Yahweh's Law that will free us from manmade rules. We can then see *His laws* of tithing for ourselves. Scriptural tithing is a multiple-tithe system).

The first-tithe law is found in Leviticus 27:30, 32: "And all the tithe (SEC #4643; a tenth) of the land (SEC #776), whether it be seed (SEC #2233) of the land (SEC #776) or of the fruit (SEC #6529) of the trees (SEC #6086), is Yahweh's, it is holy to Yahweh" (v. 30). "And concerning the tithe (SEC #4643) of the herd (SEC #1241), or the flock (SEC #6629), even whatsoever passes under the rod, the tenth (SEC #6224) is holy to Yahweh" (v. 32). *Notice nowhere is money* (SEC #3701; silver) mentioned in these laws defining tithing. Not even once. Land, trees, seeds, flocks, herds are not money, not silver. Agricultural produce has value for sure. But it is not Biblical money.

#### When Money is Mentioned

Did Yahweh forget to include money in the tithing commands? Hardly. Money is very much a part of the Biblical record, but it never means seed of the land, fruit of trees, flocks, or herds; what is tithed on.

Notice several examples: "...I bought the field and weighed...out the money (SEC #3701; silver): seventeen silver shekels" (Jer. 32:9). "...So David bought the threshing floor and... oxen for fifty shekels of silver [SEC #3701]" (II Sam. 24:24). [a shekel is 0.552 oz.]. By Law money was paid in silver shekels.

Abraham bought a field with silver money: "...I will give you money [SEC #3701] for the field" (Gen. 23:13). Money was used to pay wages and make purchases: "...paid this money...to the masters of works... and these in turn spent it on carpenters and builders...on masons...stone-cutters, and on buying timber and dressed stone..." (II Ki. 12:12-13).

Clearly, the use of money as a medium of exchange is in the Biblical record. But no command required those wage

earners to give a tenth of their money earned to *anyone* as Biblical increase. The distinction between land, fruit trees, flocks, seeds, herds and Biblical money could not be more clear.

#### Tithe Exchanged for Money

Notice how the Bible contrasts the two; showing they are not the same: "And you shall eat in the presence of Yahweh...the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil...And if the distance is so great...you are not able to bring the tithe....[notice] then YOU SHALL EXCHANGE IT FOR MONEY (SEC #3701) and bind the MONEY in your hand and go..." (Deut. 14:24-25; NAS). No other verse links tithing with money; only this lone verse. Clearly, if the tithe was money, it would not be exchanged for money.

This tithe is a second tenth of produce, **used by the grower**, that can be sold, and the money spent at Yahweh's festivals. However, there is no law that allows exchanging a *first tithe* of produce for money. So, farmers could not legally sell their first tithe of produce (required: Lev. 27:30,32), and give the money as their "tithe". That would be adding to the law (Deut. 12:32).

Only the second-tithe command (Deut. 14:24-25) allows exchanging agricultural produce for money which belongs to the grower for *his use* at annual festivals; not handed over to some religious group.

#### **Freewill Offerings**

There are commanded freewill offerings, however, that can be given in money (silver, gold, other currency), but no set percentage is stated (Ezra 8:28; Deut.16:10). Scripture clearly separates freewill offerings from tithes on produce, firstlings, etc. (Deut. 12:5,6). Recall Malachi 3:8-9: "...Yet you have robbed me...In tithes and offerings...even this whole nation."; including farmers and others.

Freewill offerings are given on the New Moons and other occasions in the year. For example, in the three annual Festivals *all* males must appear before Yahweh, not appearing empty, but giving (no set percentage) as they have been blessed (Deut. 16:16-17). If not blessed with agricultural produce, then giving from blessings of money earned is acceptable.

Also, during the Feast of Weeks, freewill offerings are required once each week of that seven-week feast as clearly shown in Deut. 16:10: "And you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to Yahweh your Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand just as Yahweh your Elohim blesses you." (NAS).

#### Conclusion

Twisting and redefining Scriptures to push the tithing-on-money doctrine is common, and big business. Collecting illegal "tithes" on money gotten from the sale of agricultural produce rather than the produce itself is one example. Then, of course, there is the unscriptural demand that all money earned as wages, salaries, commissions, or from retirement accounts, social security, investments, etc. must be tithed on.

Peter warns us that some will pervert Scripture: "...they that are unlearned and unstable wrest (*twist, turn around*) [referring to Paul's writings], as *they do also, the other scriptures,* unto their own destruction." (2 Pet. 3:16).

When money is involved, beware, especially when tithing is the subject (Matt. 7:15).

Now you know that Biblical increase is not money. You have read the Bible *facts*. So, you decide if you owe ten percent of your paycheck to some religious group. Is tithing on your paycheck Yahweh's command or man's demand? After all, it's *your money*.

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### Did Noah's Flood Cover the Himalayan Mountains? (Copyright 2003) by John D. Morris (Dallas, Texas)

Few doctrines in Scripture are as clearly taught as the global nature of the Great Flood in Noah's day. Genesis clearly teaches that *"the waters . . . increased greatly . . . and the mountains were covered"* (Genesis 7:18-20).

Through the centuries, few Christians questioned this doctrine. The Bible said it, and that was enough—until the late 1700s that is. For the first time the globe was being explored—the extremely lofty Himalayan Mountains were surveyed, capped by Mt. Everest at 29,035 feet in elevation. Did the waters cover them? Is there enough water on the planet to do so? The questions seemed so far-fetched that many European churchmen dismissed the idea that the Flood was global, adopting the local flood concept which still dominates Christian colleges and seminaries today. Like dominos, other doctrines soon began to fall—the young age for the earth, the special creation of plants and animals, and the inerrancy of Scripture.

We now know, of course, that the earth has plenty of water to launch a global flood. It has been calculated that if the earth's surface were completely flat, with no high mountains and no deep ocean basins, that water would cover the earth to a depth of about 8,000 feet. But is there enough water to cover a 29,035 foot mountain?

The key is to remember that the Flood didn't have to cover the present Earth, but it did have to cover the pre-Flood Earth, and the Bible teaches that the Flood fully restructured the earth. *"The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished"* (II Peter 3:6). It is gone forever. The earth of today was radically altered by that global event.

That Flood accomplished abundant geologic work. Eroding sediments here, redepositing them there, pushing up continents, elevating plateaus, denuding terrains, etc., so that the earth today is quite different from before. Today even mountain ranges rise high above the sea.

Mt. Everest and the Himalayan range, along with the Alps, the Rockies, the Appalachians, the Andes, and most of the world's other mountains are composed of ocean-bottom sediments, full of marine fossils laid down by the Flood. Mt. Everest itself has clam fossils at its summit. These rock layers cover an extensive area, including much of Asia. They give every indication of resulting from cataclysmic water processes. These are the kinds of deposits we would expect to result from the worldwide, world-destroying Flood of Noah's day.

At the end of the Flood, after thick sequences of sediments had accumulated, the Indian subcontinent evidently collided with Asia, crumpling the sediments into mountains. Today they stand as giants—folded and fractured layers of ocean-bottom sediments at high elevations. No, Noah's Flood didn't cover the Himalayas, it formed them!

Thus, we find the Biblical account not only possible, but also supported by the evidence. A pre-Flood world with lessened topographic extremes could have been covered by the Great Flood. That Flood caused today's high mountains and deep oceans making such a flood impossible to repeat. This is just as God promised, back in Genesis.

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# The Money Balloon

#### (Copyright 2022) by James McBride (United Kingdom)

As a child I could travel several miles into town by bus for half of an 'old penny', and 'sixpence' bought my weekly comic and sweets. The home in which I grew up cost £450 (new), and an aunt paid seven shillings and sixpence weekly rent. My Dad had a good income of £40 per week and we lived comfortably. The Bank of England calculates that as £350

today—so what happened? (Today's average wage is £584.)

In 1978 a gallon of petrol was 75p, and today hovers around £7. That's inflation, and it averages over 5% annual increase with some years being much higher. During wars– and in preparation for a war— when a nation borrows, inflation soars as in 1930's Germany, while by mismanagement in Zimbabwe (2008) inflation rose to two million percent. It is in effect a tax, reducing the value of savings and destroying lives—and nations. World debt has almost reached 300 trillion dollars. (Where does the interest go?).

It's a sorry fact that governments welcome inflation as, especially in times of crisis, it reduces the value of public debt there's less to pay back. (The current UK public debt tops two *trillion* pounds.) It is, however, devastating for those on a fixed income (*e.g.*, pensioners) as the basic commodities inexorably rise in price.

For those able to save for a rainy day, money committed to the bank for safe-keeping (which the banks profitably lend) draws almost zero interest—and may soon cost the saver negative interest (*i.e.*, you pay the bank to look after it).

It is almost inevitable that the world's financial house is on the brink of collapse. It is built on the crumbling foundation of debt, greed, and covetousness. Nations *may* weather this catastrophic storm—for now, but its ultimate destructive force will precipitate financial collapse: '...*They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be an impure thing. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of Jehovah'* (Ezekiel 7:19).

It is prudent that, when possible, we be cushioned financially and that we enjoy and use wisely the fruit of our labour. Yet we live with the knowledge that our real support is in God ('...*give us this day our daily bread*'), and that whatever resources we may have accrued is destined to be swept away in the debris of a fallen world.

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Iron Sharpening Iron

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17) As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

# In regard to: The Most Significant Event?

Article by John Jewell

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

In the sixth paragraph of this article is found the following "of how this planet was restored". This is a reference in regard to "The Gap Theory" for which there is no biblical support. The scriptures they use to prove their "Gap Theory" is Genesis 1:1-2 which is talking about the start of an entirely new creation.

As God created the world, he used terms such as "made" and "created". The terms "re-created" or "restored" in talking about the creation in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 are never used.

### In regard to: 21 Things a Man Needs to Know About Marriage Article by Jeff Kemp

### Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Under number 4 in this article, it says the following: "This is like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who honor, defer to, and glorify each other."



This author appears to believe in a trinity. We do not believe in a trinity, and we do not teach a trinity doctrine.

### In regard to: Tithing on the "Increase" Article by Gary C. Miller Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

This article was a great article on tithing. The part I sometimes hate is when people want to slide other subjects or opinions into a really good article.

#### Quote from Gary Millers article toward the end:

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The parts I believe are not biblical I have highlighted in yellow. Let's take Deut. 16:10 first. We are being told that Deut. 16:10 clearly says freewill offerings are required once each week of the seven-week period. I am sorry, but I am just not seeing that command in this verse. Perhaps there is a command for that someplace else in scripture, but it is not in this verse, and I have never heard of this command before.

Deu 16:10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Don't get me wrong here, I sincerely believe people should give freewill offerings on any day they want to give one, however when you say this particular freewill offering is required every week for the seven weeks then you need to give us proof and Deut. 16:10 just does not give any proof of this command if it even exists.

When the term feast of weeks is used here it is talking about Pentecost.

Gary mentions freewill offerings being given on the "New Moons" and again you can give a freewill offering on whatever day you want to give it. Some in the church treat new moon days as if they are holy days when they are not. There is no command to keep new moon days or a need to require a freewill offering on the new moons which would be the first day of each month. Gary does not specifically give a scripture for this requirement or need to give a freewill offering on the new moons, so I will throw one into the mix here. First lets look at how translators do things.

From: https://www.bibleinsight.com/newmoon.html

#### NEW MOON - 'CHODESH'

The Hebrew word 'chodesh' corresponds to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance reference 2320.

What we can notice is the three references 2818, 2019 & 2320 only differ according to the assumed vowels. As vowels are not present in the received Hebrew Old Covenant the scriptural context is used by translators to decide the most appropriate rendering. We can also notice that all three words essentially carry the notion of 'new'. Only Strong's reference 2320 has a meaning of 'month'.

Hence, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance 2320 does not strictly mean 'new moon'. Rather it means 'month'. So, when a translation of 'month' (or 'new') does not make sense then the expression 'new month' would have been appropriate. However, since it has been commonly accepted that Jewish months were lunar based the translation "new moon" has become normal.

In any, case, one should not try to prove the existence of a literal 'New Moon' solely using this Hebrew word.

In practice the Hebrew word, corresponding to '2320', has been rendered:

- 'month': The most common translation of the word 'chodesh' is simply as 'month'.

- 'New Moon': Translators noticing that Scripture uses the word 'chodesh' in a second religious context have chosen in these cases to simply render the Hebrew word as 'New Moon'.

The notion 'New Moon' has generally been viewed at a literal level. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe this term is being applied figuratively to reflect new phases in the plan of God!

[NB: It is worth noting that the symbol of the 'moon' is also used in a symbolic manner in Scripture (refer, Gen 37:9-10, Psalm 121:6, 148:3 and Rev 12:1). The moon is often thought to represent the feminine aspect of the church; due to the fact that the moon does not generate its own light but rather reflects the light of the sun (which is a symbol for Christ).]

The Hebrew does have a word for 'moon', Strong's reference 3394. So, if Scripture wanted to clearly refer to a "new moon" it could have done so by combining the Strong's references 2318 and 3394.

What we can observe is that translators have elected to render the Hebrew 2320 as 'month' unless the rendering would not make sense. Therefore, it is likely they have in some cases confused the true meaning of some verses. By incorrectly rendering 'month' when 'New Moon' (or 'New Month') was actually being discussed. (End Quote)

One verse that is used to try to prove that new moons are to be kept is Ezra 3:5:

**Ezr 3:5** And afterward *offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the **new moons**, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

If you look at this same verse in other bible translations, some of them have rendered "new moons" as "new moon" which in context makes more sense.

In verse four it says they are making all the daily offerings and in verse six they are telling you when the offerings started. Bible translators do not as a general rule always have God's Holy Spirit nor do most of them keep any of the Holy Days. So here they put "new moons" when they should have put "new moon". Had it been translated correctly it would have been in reference to verse six where it is clearly talking about the Feast of Trumpets which is on the first day of the seventh month. Which is a new moon day and a high holy day.

Ezr 3:4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required;

**Ezr 3:5** And afterward *offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

Ezr 3:6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.

Ezra 3:5 is not the only place in scripture where I have seen them list new moon and then reference the other high holy days separately. In my opinion it is done this way in order to put more emphasis on the first day of the seventh month because in Hebrew it is known as the "Chief" month, the one that the entire Hebrew Calendar is set from.

Again, thank you Gary for a great article in regard to tithing.

### Other Items

# Jonathan Cahn: A Mystery For Joe Biden - Prophetic Message

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDaECVmd2gk -10 min. 3 weeks ago around the start of June. Wow! Biden has been warned. Our whole nation will feel the effects of heavy punishment and correction.

# History's Hidden Hand

(Copyright 2023) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

Eric Metaxas interviews Michael Medved, author of "The American Miracle: Divine Providence in the rise of the Republic" and the sequel, "God's Hand on America: Divine Providence in the Modern Era."

Michael shares some amazing stories from his two books. Take an hour to hear a few examples of God's Divine Hand working at pivotal points in U.S. history. It will leave you inspired and wanting to hear more.

I found the story about California particularly interesting. To add some local history to it: Here in Oroville, we have a street named "Lincoln Street." It was named after President Lincoln's nephew who had the first newspaper in the county back in the 1800s. President Lincoln was intending to visit California during his second term.

The first president to visit California was Rutherford B. Haynes in 1880. He visited the town of Cherokee, just north of Oroville, which was booming at the time with hydraulic gold mines. Not much left of Cherokee these days. There is a history plague there noting President Haynes visit.

Oroville got its name because of the gold found here in the river. It was first proposed to name the town, "Ophir," but another town in California had already claimed that name. "Oro" is Spanish for gold. So, Oroville means "Gold Town."

Here is the link to the interview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KZ9EsiLTG0

### **Prayer Requests**

#### Prayer Request for Viola Cleo Bradshaw (June 20, 2023)

Pray to heal Viola Cleo Bradshaw stroke, mind's eye needs total restoration, her speech is impaired, needs help talking, heal depression, loss, loneliness, hair loss, sleep disorder, heal emotional trauma, heal nasal cavity desperate need due to BROKENNESS, heal center of consciousness, chakras, heal Akashic records, they need clearing, she needs help talking to herself after suffering a brain aneurysm, send millions of angels and archangel Pahalia, and lift up Cordelia Vogel heal her mind and heart trouble and family tree.

### Announcements

Announcement from Creation Ministries International (June 21, 2023) UFOs

Something is happening, but is it a physical or spiritual phenomenon?

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