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Perhaps we haven’t given adequate scrutiny to aspects of Physical Appearance. While Paul admonishes ‘Modest Apparel’, and more importantly, that we not look to a person’s dress as reason to show them preference, yet we occasionally see that very response happening in so many societal situations.

In a number of formal gatherings, it would be expected that any person attending would appear appropriately dressed for the occasion. There’s a disturbing Biblical example where a person invited to a wedding ceremony came in ‘ordinary’ apparel that was deemed disrespectful. And we might further surmise that the individual in question was deliberately blasé about it, effectively exhibiting contempt toward the event, by not reflecting due respect for the importance of the occasion.

Overseeing those Attending

“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth...” (Matt. 22:11-13)

Now, this particular narrative poses a question. Having on a wedding garment suggests more than him just simply attending the ceremony as a guest. (It also seems to allude to a particular type of garment, not just ‘ones’ best’.) This appears to be a man who was invited to be part of it. Perhaps that would help explain the harsh reaction to this individual, that it was incumbent on him to take the responsibility of his invitation seriously. Keep in mind, he was personally ‘invited’ to this celebratory occasion! (v.10)

It’s also apparent that the ‘king’ saw it appropriate to review and evaluate who was there out of respect for what was to be celebrated and how the invitees regarded being called-in. A level of respect was important considering who this marriage involved.

It was the king’s own son after all!

Now, another ‘interesting’ situation was when Jesus brought up the ministry of John the Baptist.

“And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live

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delicately, are in kings' courts.

But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (Luke 7:25)

Let's keep in mind, this was a man who didn't measure up to expectations at first encounter. A true minister of the LORD should reflect the highest standards, should he not? *“...But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appavelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts”.*

This speaks to usual expectations. There are certain situations where appropriate apparel is to be worn in deference to the occasion. But John was a course man, *“...clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;”* (Mk. 1:6) Definitely not a prissy dude! John didn't LOOK like anything they would have expected of 'a man of God'! I wonder how we would have reacted?

Where we need to make distinction is propriety in Church Services. Dress standards are not the first consideration, while at the same time there is propriety. But that comes in time. It's not a mark of conversion necessarily, but it can be a reflection! Nor is it in any way what long-time attendees should focus on first when a new attendee comes among the congregation.

A Contrasting Consideration

On the other end of the spectrum, is the admonition to not take into account how a person is dressed, exhibiting a disdain for the less well-off, while showing respect to the obviously more wealthy person. Unfortunately, in some aloof gatherings, this can make or break relationships. It's important to keep in mind that being respecters of persons is built-into our carnal natures.

Depending on the acceptance atmosphere in a particular congregation, new attendees might be turned-off when shown contempt due to their appearance. But here's what should be:

“My brethren have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay (sharp looking) clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:” (James 2:1-3) He's saying that we aren't all right in this!

Can we see how such action would reflect on a person, by wanting to identify with and be seen with the sharply dressed dude?

Bling is Irrelevant

This situation is presented in the context of it being a matter of faith. It shows that the LORD doesn't exhibit a negative regard for people based on their dress or impose a 'dress code' upon those who seek Him before they can become assimilated fully into the community of faith.

There's another consideration with this, and a story about something I personally witnessed that speaks to the matter: It was back in about 1988 when a well-dressed young man (could have been an AC Student for all appearances) came into our congregation of some 125 people. Word got around that the man was “from Pasadena”! (He was!)

I couldn't help but notice how all the 'biggies': deacons, elders, etc. all made a bee-line to meet the man, introduce

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themselves and shake his hand. He was kind of swarmed at first, but then as the realization hit that he wasn't someone of stature in Pasadena, their interest faded rather quickly. It was apparent to me that they wanted to be seen 'hobnobbing' with this 'important fellow'. Upon realizing that he was in effect just an ordinary 'visitor', all of that posturing dissipated!

Not long after this initial overt interest went by the boards, I saw him standing sort of alone, so me – the nobody – went and talked with him for some time. I didn't let on what I'd noticed.

But that incident demonstrated something about how and what we are as a people. This was a 'respector-of-persons' situation if ever there was one! The first interest reaction was more a matter of what our 'important' (or self-esteeming) persons wanted this visitor to think of them. They wouldn't DARE snub someone from 'headquarters'! But when it was realized he wasn't anyone of stature their interest in him evaporated. (He did look like he could have been, so we can, I suppose, give some credit to their perceptual senses.)

But WHO Were They Honoring?

But this situation exposes a danger when we focus on a dress code and not the individual. There are those who naturally 'suck-up' to preeminent people (as we might define it) rather than being genuine. Any of us can be a clothes tree for fine apparel, but where is our heart? That's a more relevant question. Our outward appearance may count in certain situations, but all too often it's vanity.

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.” (Ps. 24:3-4)

It would seem that the feigned interest in this well-dressed visitor exposed a few 'souls lifted up unto vanity'.

In the above experience, we need to ask, were any of those 'kiss-up types' being in any way deceitful? Were they deceiving themselves by doing what they did on the basis of their perceived self-importance? Was any of this action an expression of vanity? Are any of these actions a factor in how people continue to operate today?

The Widows Mites

I can't help but wonder how the woman who gave her two mites offering was dressed. I expect her apparel gave away her impoverished situation.

Can our personal dress exhibit pride? Can our group 'dress code' exhibit pride or group vanity? How can we tell whether it does or not?

External Considerations

Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. 1st Samuel 16:7 tells us this:

“...but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.... Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. (Isa. 66:2 & 16)

Here's the difference. Is a person's dress code a reflection of his regard for himself, or is it to enhance or exhibit his status in any way? It can subtly factor in. At the same time, being clean, well groomed and suitably attired can express respect for the audience, for the occasion and for who a person is representing, whether himself or God. We do things for different reasons!

Motivation?

We might consider how a person regards the attire of another as an indicator of the above question.

“For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.” (2nd Cor. 5:12)

One can wonder if we dressed better would we attract more attendees? Would their dress code explain the popularity of

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the Protestant Evangelical churches? Oh, wait a minute, I don't think they have much of one. You know, it just might be their enthusiasm! Of course, their belief system is in line with the commonly accepted teachings, so that may explain things. Birds of a feather... as they say.

The more important considerations in regard to a formal 'dress code' is whether it's an expression of self or of respect for those attending and who the individual regards himself as representing. Each of us does things for a variety of reasons.

Suitable Suit Situation

But then, we have the overt situation where being 'suitably suited' is a requirement for representing an organization, but with less regard for the content of one's 'message'. (Unfortunately, appearance often is noted more than the content of the message being presented.) In some groups, it's a requirement IF a person is to be an up-front part of the Service. Even in the minor roles, a person's attire can be taken into account. Suit and tie for sure! This is the standard a person serving must exhibit. Such display (or lack there-of) is regarded as a reflection on the ministry overall.

Are we displaying our self-importance with our apparel, are we exemplifying the organization that we're representing, are we showing respect for the occasion and the audience? Is it representing God? These are the questions we need to consider: Both as a participant or as recipients.

Visual Response

Both Paul and Peter recognized how our dress can affect peoples' judgment and assessment of one another. They both address the impropriety of doing so with just a 'surface' consideration.

“... In like manner also, that women adorn them-selves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; (1st Tim.2:9) “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;” (1st Pet. 3:3)

So, were they advocating against any dress code? Or were they diminishing ones' personal attire being as important as it often is taken to be?

Granted, the above two references are specifically considering women (who are the more obvious in doing what they do for notice), but the same can apply with men, and with greater consequence, IF their actions are self-motivated for the purpose of enhancing personal prestige rather than to honor their calling and the people they serve.

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Transhumanism in Genesis

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Commentary for June 14, 2021 — An Attempt to “Improve” God’s Creation of Adam

In news and in media today you often encounter the term “transhumanism.” It was coined in 1957 by secular author, biologist, and philosopher Julian Huxley who thought that natural evolution can be refined and improved by social and technological means. His goal was to improve the human species, which he thought was seriously flawed.¹ What does Transhumanism mean? Read the [Cambridge Dictionary](#) updated definition of transhumanism:

“... the theory that science and technology can help human beings develop beyond what is physically and mentally possible at the present time.”

¹ *Britannica Online*, article, [“Transhumanism: social and philosophical movement.”](#)

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[Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com) defines transhumanism as,

“a philosophy that explores human transcendence above or beyond organic, corporeal limitations through technological and philosophical evolution.”

According to [etymonline.com](https://www.etymonline.com), the “*trans-*” portion in the word “transhumanism” is a:

“word-forming element meaning ‘across, beyond, through, on the other side of, to go beyond,’ from Latin *trans* (prep.) ‘across, over, beyond ...’”

Here is “transhumanism” used in current writing, **“... transhumanism, where man supposedly ascends to godhood and life extension.”** “Life extension” means avoiding or transcending death by technological means. To sum up, present proponents of transhumanism seek to:

1. Enhance human abilities, and quality of life,
2. Extend life to a practical immortality, or
3. Change or ascend to some type of “godhood,” however that is conceived.

Others in Scripture long before Huxley have attempted to improve on God’s creation of man.

God’s Creation of Human Beings

Man was created a little lower than *elohim*, or “gods.” He was created to have dominion over all YHWH’s works (Psalm 8:1, 9), as we are told in four verses in Psalm 8:3–8:

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man [*enosh*, a mortal person], that You are mindful of him? and the Son of man [*adam* in Hebrew, meaning a human being made from the soil, like all of us], that You visit him?”

For You have made him a little lower than the angels [*elohim* in Hebrew],² and have crowned him [the Son] with glory and honor.”

You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet.”

These verses say YHWH created amazing and marvelous heavens occupied with living beings.

A Failed Attempt at Transhumanism Before the Flood

In Genesis chapter 6, the sons of God mated with human women. They desired to alter the following generations to be more than what God created through Adam and Eve. They sought to “enhance” human beings by making them larger and stronger than ordinary humans.³ The sons of God were not angels, no matter what some scholars believe, or the books of Enoch and Jubilees say:

² The Hebrew term *elohim* in Psalm 8 should correctly be translated from as “gods” (small “g”). However, the *elohim* in Psalm 8 are specifically identified to be **“angels”** (ἀγγέλους) in Hebrews 2:7 and 2:9, subordinating the angels to Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (Hebrews 1:5, 5:5, 11:17).

³ The offspring, the Nephilim, are considered by God to be human beings, **“of adam.”** See my article, [“Who Are the Nephilim”](#) and particularly my June 2017 Commentary, [“Anakim Are from Adam.”](#)

"Being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time,

'You are My Son, this day have I begotten You'?

And again,

'I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son'?

And again, when He [the Father] brings in the firstbegotten [Christ] into the world, He said,

'And let all the angels of God worship Him.'

And of the angels He said,

'Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.'

But unto the Son He said,

*'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever [for the eon of the eon]:
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingdom.'*

• *Hebrews 1:4-8*

The offspring from the sons of God were enhanced with two identifiable qualities: larger size and greater strength. They succeeded in making the earth, suffering the effects of sin, more violent (Genesis 6:1-7, Romans 8:19-23). Incredible violence resulted in God sending the flood and keeping alive only 8 people during the flood — all others died.

"There were giants in the earth in those days [before the flood]; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

And GOD [YHWH in Hebrew] saw that the wickedness of man [adam] was great in the earth, and that EVERY imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY. And it repented YHWH that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And YHWH said,

'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, ... for it repents Me that I have made them.'

• *Genesis 6:4-7*

Even in this God worked all things after His own will (Ephesians 1:11).

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Thank You!

Honoring Same Sex Marriage is – Devil - Worship (Copyright 2022) by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

Devil-Media - High priest of Lawmakers and Judges: Take to themselves authority to dictate "evil is good": Submit and worship the Devil. Psalm 12:8 NIV "The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men." Sexual pervers: Two men or two woman, publicly mock God parade their sin, and call themselves married - Why? To recruit others and accuse the innocent who will not bow the knee and honor their depravity! Honoring what God decreed evil is Devil-Worship!

Devil Evangelist: Talk Show Host who publicly boasts of friendship with - same sex marriage pervers flaunting their sins - and proudly bellows love for them - are being used by the Devil as a flashing bloody-red light - pointing toward hell in the minds of Americans, especially the young. Why would a wise man do that? To please Devil-Media, his wife or both! Wisdom absent, God's Anchor of Truth is a self-righteous snare. Showering love for same sex married pervers - is mocking God. Love from God calls for repentance.

Diabolical Result of honoring same sex marriage: Justifies sexual pervers adopting children. Innocent minds of children perverted - Forced to accept the fraud and perverted concept that - a child has two daddies or be ridiculed as a "hater" by schoolteachers, mind-slaves of Devil-Media.

Adopted children of sexual pervers' minds will be - castrated - from honoring God's word. Teach a child to honor sexual pervers - before puberty - twist their minds for life. Resulting in - psychological eunuchs - whose concept of male and female, father and mother and God's law "honor your father and your mother" has been revoked. Resulting in: Sexual perversion normalized in the child's mind. Anciently - boys were made eunuchs by castrating them very young - before puberty - and when adults - used by kings with many wives to guard their harem; example - Esther 4:5.

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Search for wisdom and you may find some but Absent "believing God and the "fear of God" you will prove yourself a fool, in the end. Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge." If God's word is Not your Anchor of "knowledge" your own opinions will be an - Anchor that drags, you to hell. Proverbs 18:2 NIV "A fool finds no pleasure in understanding (believing God) but delights in airing his own opinions."

Judges made same sex marriage legal in America to force - Devil-Worship on the nation. State governors, State lawmakers and Judges - reject the - Supreme Court - taking upon itself - Authority to Dictate "good and evil." And reject all federal judges doing the same. Or, become - CHILDREN - of the unholy union between Washington and Devil-Media. Moses warned: Leviticus 19:17 - NIV "Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt."

America - close your eyes to God's Light and Truth - embrace Joe Biden - God's Rebuke to LGBT depraved - America. President Biden's White House is flooded with -Queer as can be sexual pervers. His cabinet-member Mayor Pete flaunts his depravity, boasts of being married to a man. Biden's health official Delusional Dr Levine is a man who pretends to be a woman. Media, all Biden's cabinet and dimwitted republicans, Honor Levine as if He was a woman. Which ones are Mentally Deranged? Cowards are mentally intimidated to bow the knee. The really mentally deranged - President Biden and Devil-Media - treat a man pretending to be a woman as if he was a woman. President Joe Biden: Life is brief, but - Hell is forever - your sunset is on the horizon! Repent or Hell Fire awaits you.

God's Judgment: Leviticus 20:13 "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads." Instead, Devil-Educators are teaching - schoolchildren to honor that depravity. Defend innocent children: Governors - Ban sex-education K-12 in public and private schools in your State. Send a boy or girl to school and Dr Frankenstein's child comes home! Non-Discrimination Law - Why? Mind-Control: Discriminate against those who believe God and force believing Devil-Media instead. 1 Corinthians 5:9-10: The God fearing and wise, living in this world, treat evil respectfully in the workplace, but show no love for sexual pervers parading their sin, except to pray they will repent.

Proverbs 24:11 - NIV "Rescue those being led away to death - hold back (children) staggering toward slaughter." Brothers

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and sisters repent or - Hell Fire - will be your final demise. Judgment Day is the day of your death: You will not remember being dead. The death to those who love and believe God: Will be their - Salvation Day - Colossians 3:4 “When Christ appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Praise God, our Father in heaven paid our debt of sin. Christ Jesus Crucified is light that shines beyond the grave.

Who Could it Be? ...SATAN?
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I have watched the phenomenon of the Christmas celebration from the outside for over 25 years now. I have studied and wrote many articles on the subject as well as discussed the origins of the many strange traditions involved in the celebration. It is interesting how people will put a spin on the ancient pagan practices and make it appear to be a wholesome *Christian* holiday. The facts will remain that Jesus was born in the fall, decorating a tree are of the roots of ancient tree worship, no where do we see biblical evidence of celebrating His birthday, and December 25 was the very date of sun worship practiced long before the advent of the Babe in a manger. I have heard many excuses as to why people perpetuate such pagan ceremonies, and that is between them and their Creator. Over the years I have become calloused to the many traditions except for the inclusion {or intrusion} of Santa Claus.

Above all the curious customs we associate with the birth of our Lord we add the custom of this figure to draw our children’s attention away from Jesus! Think about it: the “reason for the season” is supposedly to celebrate the birth of our Savior which is something that we should instill into our children {if we are to keep His birthday} yet we invent this individual to take the affection away from Jesus in the youngest of minds. I wonder of the rational to lie to our kids for years about the personage of Santa Claus. Good relationships are built upon trust and honesty and to deceive the most vulnerable of our families affects the bonds of trust into the teen years.

There was a television show that had a skit called the “Church Lady”. Once she talked about Santa Claus and the deception- and ended the bit with her signature line, “Let me see, who could it be? Could it be...SATAN? It was a very funny sketch- but oddly enough has a ring of truth to it. As we study the bible, we see our Creator as a jealous God, not willing for His followers to share their love for any other {Isaiah 48:11; Exodus 20:5; 2 Corinthians 11:2}. We also see in the background an individual with contempt for God and wanting that same worship. “I will ascend into heaven and exalt my throne above the stars of God... on the farthest sides of the north {North Pole?} ... and will be like the Most High”, said Lucifer {Isaiah 14}. Jesus speaking of this individual said, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven” and after Jesus’ baptism Satan immediately tried to get Jesus to worship him {Matthew 4}. Satan is deceptive and will get homage one way or the other. Consider Paul’s warning,” and no wonder, For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light”. Maybe the “church lady” is correct.

The Christmas celebration is not going away anytime soon- it is too entrenched in our culture and economy to end. If you must keep it remember why you keep it and do your children a favor and teach them about an extraordinary moment in time, when the Creator of the universe became flesh! Read to your kids that awesome story in the second chapter of Luke... and don’t give that glory and honor to any other- even Santa Claus. “Do not be deceived. Every good gift is from above and comes from the Father of lights...” {James 1:17} {Study scriptures: Jeremiah 10; Deuteronomy 12; Matthew 15:9}

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"He kept us out of war." – Woodrow Wilson reelection slogan, 1916

RONALD REAGAN said that none of the wars during his lifetime were started because America was too strong. Democrats usually run as peaceniks, and then when we get backed into a corner, they have to act tough, too late. Here are some factoids of history about which you may not have thought:

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- Russia was lost to the Bolsheviks during the years of Woodrow Wilson.
- Eastern Europe was lost during the FDR years.
- China was lost to Mao during the Truman years.
- Half of Korea was lost during Truman's "police action."
- The Bay of Pigs happened during the JFK years.
- Kennedy got the missiles out of Cuba but promised to never invade again.
- LBJ let the Vietnam war drag on so long that we had to flee in disgrace.
- Russia invaded Afghanistan during the Carter years.
- We went into Afghanistan and stayed 20 years, but Biden set an illogical deadline for our withdrawal, resulting in a humiliation worse than Saigon.

Do you see a pattern here yet?

P.S. A few more presidential factoids:

- Nixon had two daughters; he did some good things but had to resign.
- Johnson had two daughters but didn't run for reelection.
- Carter had one daughter, and the worst economy since the 1930s.
- Clinton had one daughter, and you know the rest of the story.
- George Dubya Bush had two daughters and mixed success.
- Obama had two daughters and one of the worst Administrations ever.

That may sound sexist, but they say there are no coincidences.

PPS: Long before my internet days, I wrote the following on Groundhog Day, 1992:

TEN WAYS TO RUIN EDUCATION

1. Stop any and all teaching of phonics; it's too EASY for kids to learn to read that way (and requires a bit more effort by the teacher).
2. Ban corporal punishment, or discipline of any kind; it's "not fair."
3. Stop correcting grammar; street language and ebonics promote diversity and inclusion.
4. Stop teaching penmanship and cursive writing; that's nit-picking (don't have such high expectations of the kids!).
5. Stop teaching "HIS" story; that is SO "yesterday" (we're rewriting the past anyway in "social science")!
6. Stop teaching the classics; Western Civ was founded on the writings of Dead White English/European Boys (DWEEBS).
7. Always mock religion: do not under any circumstances allow any kid to fold his hands before a test.
8. Stop holding school from 8 AM to 3:30 PM; 9 to 3 is a more humane workday for the teachers.

Sounds about right, right?

9. Never ever teach character or value judgments; morality cannot be legislated (immorality *can* be).
10. At the end of the day, have a ritual burn of an old book at the flagpole (maybe the flag itself).

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Have a Great Sabbath!

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A short video but powerful in love and mercy – and in thankfulness. If an animal can do this how about we humans?!

(Psa_100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

1Ch 16:34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Col_3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.)

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Seventeenth of Tammuz

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I did not send this to you yesterday as I was not sure I wanted it to go out in today's News from you guys. I did send this out to many who know nothing about the history of America and its connection to Israel. If nothing happens Tues. no need to publish.

I believe last June 18th was the 4th New Moon of the biblical year known as Tammuz. The 17th of Tammuz was known as a bad day for the tribes of Israel as sometimes correction was allowed to come upon them on that date. Do a search on the internet if interested to see some of the things that happened in history. By the way, next Tuesday July 4th would be the 17th of Tammuz. Might be interesting as I believe America is considered one of the tribes of Israel even though we now have a mixed population.

Editor's Note:

It is always interesting to look at history, whether something tragic happens again on that day or not. I did look it up on the internet and settled on this link if others want more information: [Seventeenth of Tammuz - Wikipedia](#)

According to "The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar" by Arthur Spier you may have the dates wrong. According to Arthur Spier, the date for the 17th of Tammuz is Thursday July 6, 2023, which would start the evening before at Sunset. The New Moon of Tammuz was on June 18, 2023. (Laura)

From: [New Moon June 2023: All you need to know about the summer lunar event | BBC Science Focus Magazine](#)

The new Moon this month is set to rise at **5:37am on 18 June** and will set at **10:22pm** on the same day in London (timings will vary with location).

The Sun will rise on 18 June at 4:42am and set at 9:20pm, meaning the new Moon will rise just after the Sun and be up during daylight hours.

As the new Moon's rising and setting time largely coincides with that of the Sun, you won't be able to see the beginning of the latest lunar cycle as it's lost in the Sun's glare.

Prayer Requests

Prayer Request Correction for Viola Cleo Bradshaw (July 03, 2023)

Hi Everyone,

The following prayer request went out on Saturday (July 1, 2023) in the newsletter prayer requests section. This prayer request came in on our internet contact form so we have no idea who this person is but I want to thank James Steinle and Denver Braugher for catching the problem with this prayer request. When it came in, I thought it was a strange prayer request but did not realize it was as strange as I am being told. This woman still needs prayers in order to give up her occult practices if that is at all possible. Below Denver has highlighted the items in green which show it is of the occult and James Steinle said the following:

This prayer request sounds like this person is into pagan religions. Doing an internet search on "archangel Pahalia" I found a reference that says "Pahalia Angel of Redemption allows people to know good and evil." That being who allowed Adam and Eve to know good and evil was Satan.

"Chakra" originated in the early traditions of Hinduism.

I think this woman needs to look at the true Savior and healer.

Thank you again James and Denver for helping us out. As a rule we don't check prayer requests for this kind of stuff, so thank you so much, it is appreciated.

Darwin & Laura Lee

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.

Prayer Request for the Orphans and Widows in Kenya (July 04, 2023)

Greetings Brethren,

Hope all of you are well, We here are once again struggling to assist the 50 orphans and 12 widows we have been caring for. We had another death from starvation last night. Brian Okemwa (eight year old orphan from the Rigo congregation). And currently our funds are once again depleted.

Please continue to pray for more to join hands with us in assisting our impoverished Brethren, orphans and widows during these trying times.

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Your brother in Christ.
Bill Goff

Holy Days 2023

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

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

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Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

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