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## Article

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**12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.**

**13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,**

**14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.**

**Philippians 3:12-14 NLT**

Paul was the first to admit he had flaws. He considered himself “the chief of sinners” who had been redeemed (1 Timothy 1:15). But he did not let his past failures keep him from striving to be the best he could be.

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He compared his life to a runner in a race who looks forward to the finish line. If a runner looks behind him, he loses momentum and takes his eyes off the prize.

Sometimes it is good to take a look back at our past to learn from our mistakes and to heal wounds which have never been dealt with. But our main focus should be on what lies ahead.

In his book, *Ruthless Trust*, Brennan Manning tells a story about a water-bearer in India who had two large pots. “Each hung on opposite ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other was perfect.

“The perfect pot always delivered a full portion of water at the end of a long walk from the stream to the master’s house. The cracked pot arrived only half-full. Every day for a full two years, the water-bearer delivered only one and a half pots of water.

“The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments because it fulfilled magnificently the purpose for which it had been made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

“After the second year of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, the unhappy pot spoke to the water-bearer one day by the stream.

“‘I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you,’ the pot said.

“‘Why?’ asked the bearer. ‘What are you ashamed of?’

“‘I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master’s house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all this work and you don’t get full value from your efforts,’ the pot said.

“The water-bearer felt sorry for the old, cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, ‘As we return to the master’s house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.’ Indeed, as they went up the hill, the cracked pot took notice of the beautiful wildflowers on the side of the path, bright in the sun’s glow, and the sight cheered it up a bit.

“But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad that it had leaked out half its load, and so again apologized to the bearer for its failure.

“The bearer said to the pot, ‘Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, not on the other pot’s side? That is because I have always known about your flaw, and I have taken advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day as we have walked back from the stream, you have watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master’s table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have had this beauty to grace his house.’

Do you like the person you see in the mirror or are you like the cracked pot—apologizing for being you? Are you struggling to become like someone else so you will be better loved and accepted?

Brennan Manning writes, “The cracked pot was sad because it compared itself to the perfect pot. Without the comparison, it would have been happy, content in the knowledge that it was exactly the way it was supposed to be.”

“The pot had assumed that the sole purpose of its existence was to haul water from the stream to the house. The flawed pot had not suspected God’s grand purpose for it: to give life to the dormant flower seeds along the path.”

The pot’s weakness actually became its strength.

When you measure the value of your life by comparing yourself to others, you are dishonoring God and belittling the gift he has given you.

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Manning writes, “Despite our physical cracks, intellectual limitations, emotional impairments, and spiritual fissures, we are providentially equipped to fulfill the unique purpose of our existence.”

What was God’s grand purpose for you when you were born? Are you so focused on your flaws that you can’t see the purpose of your existence? Did you know that God adores you just like you are—flaws and all?

In his book, *Bread for the Journey*, Henri Nouwen writes, “To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives—the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections—that requires hard spiritual work.

“Still, we are only grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for. Let’s not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God.”

So instead of beating yourself up because you don’t measure up, ask God to show you how he has used your flaws as beauty to grace his table.

Stop apologizing to the world for not being perfect and start living life to the fullest as the person God created you to be—cracked pot and all!

Manning writes, “God often uses those who have major flaws or who have been through a great deal of pain to accomplish many vital tasks for his kingdom. No one is too messed up for God to use.”

On Judgment Day God will not ask you why you were not like \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with Mr./Ms. Perfect’s name).

He will ask you why you were not his beloved \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in your name).

AS YOU PRAY:

- \* Say “I love you, Lord.”
- \* Thank God for loving you, flaws and all.
- \* Ask God to help you live life as his beloved cracked pot.

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## **Should Women Remain Silent in the Church?**

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This is probably one of the most misunderstood subjects in the New Testament. There are two primary passages where the subject is addressed, 1 Corinthians 14:34-36 and 1 Timothy 2:11-15.

***1 Corinthians 14 KJV 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?***

But this passage comes after this one...

***1 Corinthians 11:5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved.***

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In Chapter 11 it says women should cover their heads when they pray or prophesy in church, then in 1 Corinthians 14 it says they shouldn't speak at all, which is it? Cover your head or don't speak?

Anytime there's a seeming contradiction in the Bible it's us misunderstanding something. **The Bible is never wrong but the how we interpret it may be.**

*So, what's going on?*



Most scholars would say that a head covering is a cultural issue and is not to be applied universally in all cultures. This passage is also referring to the wife recognizing God's order in a marriage, more on that below.

We see even earlier from 1 Corinthians 7:1 that Paul is responding to a letter the Corinthian church sent him. There is actually a quotation mark in the original language called an eta before 1 Corinthians 14:34, signifying that his next few sentences are a quotation from the letter they sent him.

This is what their letter said...

***34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.***

And then this is Paul's response...

***36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?***

It's easy to miss with a casual reading of the Bible without understanding that he's responding to their statements and questions. If you read all of 1 Corinthians you see that he goes back and forth from reading what they wrote to him and his response to them, it just looks like it all runs together.

We see in v36 that Paul is questioning their idea that women should remain silent. He actually calls them out for making this up by asking them if God's Word came from them. It's a way of saying, who made you God? Or are you writing your own scripture?

**Paul is addressing order rather than gender, this is really important to understand.** He frames the issue by putting it in context of a husband and wife rather than a gender issue. In other words, something must have been going on in that church where women were violating cultural issues and Paul responded by affirming God's order in marriage.

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Now this one...

**1 Timothy 2: 11– 15: A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women (she) will be saved through childbearing (referring to Jesus)— if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.**

Timothy was pastoring a church in Ephesus, I recommend doing a little research on this region, it was quite corrupt. For the sake of time, I'll address their Diana worship. The cult of Diana believed that Adam's first wife was a woman named Lilith. It's said she was too dominant over Adam and she was rejected and God then gave Eve who was more submissive. This cult also taught that woman was created first and men were to submit to women.

This is actually a perversion of the truth in two ways. In this passage Paul corrects the error by saying Adam was created first, but there's a more subtle issue in this perversion. No where does God say women are to submit to men or that men have authority over women. However, in the context of marriage, men and women are to submit to each other.

**Ephesians 5:21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

Then he says how a wife is to submit to her husband...

**22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.**

Then he says how a husband should submit to his wife...

**25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her**

If you don't see that a husband loving his wife is submission, then you have a perverted view of submission.

Submission is not about power, it's about order.

In marriage, the husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. *The church loves Christ because Christ first loved it.* Husbands are to bring unconditional love into the marriage and the wife is to respect the husband. I can tell you if the husband does not first love his wife, he'll get no respect. That's just the way it works, that's the order of life between husbands and wives.

One more thing on marriage, it's quoted often that the husband is the head of the household and the head of the wife. I've asked lots of men to explain this in my counseling office. I've asked several reformed and fundamental preachers to explain this as well. The typical answer is "the husband determines the spiritual direction of the family" or "the husband makes the important decisions," or something close.

That sounds well and good but what if the husband is horrible with money and the wife isn't? Should she let the husband wreck their financial future? What if the husband had horrible modeling from his parents and he's not yet whole but the wife has a strength to raise the children and determine their spiritual walk, should she sit back and let the husband damage the children?

I've learned that people's way of explaining the "man as the head" and the way they actually function can be very different. If we look at how the husband and wife submit to one another, we see the context is love. Jesus' commandments are love God and love people. Submission in marriage is not about authority or power, it's about laying yourself down and intentionally loving your spouse that way God says it works best.

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## 'God bless America?' Why should he? (Copyright) by Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, Michigan)

"I know that the Lord will heal this land because God is not done with America yet." -Mike Pence (DECISION magazine, March 2022)

"YET" is the operative word there. Ronald Reagan said that *status quo* is "the Latin word for the mess we're in."

As many people have said in different ways:

**"If you are content with the status quo, are you out of your mind?"**

If you still don't understand what the root problem is, especially now, you'll probably *never* get it. The tit-for-tat in Ukraine could ignite World War III. We're already losing 100,000 of our younger people every year to drug overdoses. Most of the fentanyl comes across our southern border ("we'll leave a light on for y'all"). Crime has gone up 50 percent in one year. We lead the world in drug use, porn production, and the exporting of it. It is going soft on crimes against children. Abortion is another lucrative business and our philosophy in leaning toward outright infanticide and involuntary euthanasia. Our "justice" system favors carjackers and violent criminals over victims of crime or babies about to be born.

TRUCKER CONVOYS AND JANUARY FUNERALS AND PROTESTS

**The widow of Jason Rivera wept as she spoke about her husband. He was 22 and they had only been married three months when he was ambushed in New York City by a cop hater, along with Wilbert Mora.**

Sounds like they are both minority officers. Downtown Manhattan was a sea of blue during Rivera's funeral. Police cars stretched for miles. Does anyone know if CNN or PMSNBC covered that sea of blue on the 6 o'clock news? Or the annual March for Life in Washington? According to one poll, the crime epidemic is a bigger concern for most people than the covid "pandemic."

Sorry to say, but crime will get *worse* while public schools continue teaching Critical Race Theory. That only promotes division, hatred, and bitterness. Thank God the Asian minority just keeps on learning and thriving, despite being discriminated against by Academania.

CONCLUSION: **"The poor have poor ways," a someone used to say.**

**P.S. Someone asked a little boy what his greatest ambition was. He said, "I think it's to take mother away from the dinner table and wash her face."**

Sometimes you don't know what's really bothering people until you ask the right question. I think what's really bothering Americans is having the educrats and medical "experts" treating us like we are two-year-olds.

PPS: The question today was, **"Why should God bless America?"**

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## Prophecy Article

### 666 Number of the Beast (Copyright) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

"And he [the second beast] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the **mark**, or the **name** of the beast, or the **number** of his **name**" (Revelation 13:16-17).

What did the apostle John mean, "the number of his name"?

In verse 18, John said to count or calculate or add up this number of the name which would come to 666. So, the "number" of the name of the Beast is not 666 as many believe. Also, many add up the name of the Beast to see if it equals 666. This is also incorrect. We are told to add up the "**number** of the name" to see if it adds up to 666. (Note: Some manuscripts have "616.")

Once again, what did John mean by "the number of the name"?

The answer is so simple that you probably won't accept it. Before I explain it, let me give you some personal history for background. In a previous article, I named Prince Charles (now King Charles III) as a very likely candidate for being the Little Horn of Daniel which means he will be the future Antichrist anticipated by all Bible prophecy students. This future Antichrist will also be the leader of the Beast that rises out of the sea in Revelation 13. I came to see this possibility way back in the early 1980s, when writing my book on prophecy. My primary goal for the book was to give a chronological order of events as outlined in the Book of Revelation. In the last chapter of my book, I only had a few paragraphs showing how Prince Charles fit the details about a prophesied Antichrist who would be falsely hailed as the Messiah.

I was able to get my book printed in 1984 and began my humble efforts to advertise it with limited funds. One lady from Ohio who had ordered my book had an interesting response to my naming Prince Charles as the Antichrist. She ended her letter by saying, "still laughing in Ohio." Her reaction is not uncommon. I recently heard Pastor Steve Cioccolanti from Australia mention King Charles in regard to being the Antichrist. He stated that the Antichrist would probably be someone younger and much more charismatic. King Charles certainly does not appeal to the masses, so few see him as an Antichrist candidate. However, he does appeal to the elites of the world.

Years after publishing my book, I came across another source that also saw what I saw regarding Prince Charles. Tim Cohen came to the same conclusion about Prince Charles in 1987 while a cadet at Colorado Springs. He was able to do much more research into the matter than I was able to do. He came out with his book in 1998, entitled, "The Antichrist and a Cup of Tea."

The way that I learned about Tim's book was a bit strange. Twenty years ago in October 2002, we listened to a sermon tape for Sabbath from a prominent minister of the church organization that I was meeting with. This minister, who believed that he was a prophet, mentioned hearing about Tim's book from others. Rather than obtaining the book and carefully considering what it presented about Prince Charles, this minister rejected the notion as being completely silly and foolish. I was stunned by his reaction and didn't see how God would be able to keep using this minister for any significant work in the area of Bible prophecy. Sadly, this well-known COG minister suffered an untimely death less than a year later.

I was fascinated by Tim's book and was glad that I had found out about it. He was successful in his publishing efforts to my delight. I lost track of him until just now. I came across these two videos last night with Tim discussing things from his book and more recent events regarding Prince Charles. He will soon come out with a revised edition of his book since much has happened since 1998, especially since Charles is now king. I do not agree with Tim on every point. His explanation of Daniel 9:27 is typical of most Protestant thinking and teaching. This final week regarding a covenant is believed to be a 7-year peace agreement that is made with Israel. I have explained my thinking on this in my article, "Seventy Weeks Prophecy."



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The first video covers the Commonwealth Games that took place this last summer with Prince Charles presiding. It will blow your mind with the prophetic symbolism. It is short. The second video is much longer but well worth your time. It will include the Commonwealth Games event near the end of it. As Tim points out, King Charles comes across as stuffy and dull, certainly not charismatic. Satan can change that as he did with the king of Tyre. As you will learn, Prince Charles has been in the forefront of the saving the planet movement. We are currently seeing how fossil fuel is being demonized with foolish efforts being made to restrict its use. At some point in this carbon battle, the Two Witnesses will come into play. It is interesting that they are pictured by two olive trees in Revelation and Zechariah. In Zechariah 4:14, the footnote at Biblehub.com for "anointed ones" says, "the two sons of new oil." Will the Two Witnesses someday soon discover a new source of fossil fuel near Jerusalem? Is this enmity against fossil fuel one reason that the Beast (King of the North) will eventually attack the Two Witnesses and the Middle East? Stay tuned to world events. Things could get very interesting in the year ahead.

The **number** of the name of the Beast. What did John see that he called a "number"? John was looking into the future. What do we commonly do today that represents a name or a title? Do you know the number of your name?

Let's say that your name is "John James Jones." What would be the number of your name that could stand in place of your full name? Would you add up the number value of each letter of your name to see what it added up to? Probably not. People do not know you by a number other than perhaps your phone number.

If we don't want to write or say a person's full name, we will often use their initials. John James Jones would be "JJJ" or perhaps just "JJ." This is what John saw. However, for John, letters in the Greek and Hebrew have number values. They did not use Arabic numerals as we do today. They used the letters of their alphabets for numbers. Thus, when John saw the initials or monogram of the name of the Beast, he called it a **number**.

Can you tell me who these people are just by giving you, their numbers? FDR? JFK? LBJ?

Or the number of a title? Who is POTUS?

Or the numbers of government agencies, such as, FBI, CIA, IRS? We all recognize the names behind these "numbers." John said to add up the number to see if it equals 666. He said that this number is the number of a "man." Look up the meaning of Charles and where the name comes from. Another video that I recently came across shows that King Charles could also possibly be heir to the throne of Charlemagne. But caution is advised. All of this clever reasoning and speculation could just turn out to be fairy dust. We cannot lock ourselves into any single thinking when it comes to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. We must do as Christ warned: Watch and be alert and don't be deceived.

Still, do take the time to watch these videos and carefully consider what they reveal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tpvgGTFaIM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJul0igzPtQ>

## Questionable Article

**Tell us why you believe this is a true or false doctrine and why?**

**Learn to Give an Answer!**

## **When Were the Angels Created and When Were They Corrupted?**

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The angelic realm is created (Colossians 1:15-17).

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God created the earth, the heavens and everything in them in six days (Exodus 20:11).

All the angels were joyful at the laying of the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4-7).

The angels were created to serve people for a holy purpose (Hebrews 1:14).

At the end of the sixth day everything was "very good" in God's estimation (Genesis 1:28-31). Satan was in Eden, at that time, as the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisitely beautiful, a guardian with access to God (Ezekiel 28:12-14).

On Day One of the week in which God creates ALL things He says, "Let there be light!" (Genesis 1:3-5). The light provided is not astronomical light, which is not provided until the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19).

Corrupted, Satan disguises himself "as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).

The heavenly beings -- all true angels of light -- were created on Day One and the people they were destined to serve on the sixth day -- all "very good" and ALL created for a holy purpose from and at the beginning of all that pertains to the Kingdom of God (Matthew 19:4, Mark 10:6).

The seven days of Genesis One are not "re-creation", but rather the account of all things as originally created for a holy purpose -- there is no biblical "prehistory"!

Satan became the father of hatred and falsehood and pride shortly after Creation Week (John 8:44). It seems likely that Satan's first overt move in rebellion was to lie to Eve. His securing a contingent of rebellious angels may well have been immediately subsequent to their sin.

Satan reports to God in heaven in the time of Job (Job 2:1-3).

We read of a time when there is war in heaven and Satan and his angels are forced out of heaven and cast down with but a short time left (Revelation 12:7-12).

## Letters

### Letter from David Sielaff (November 5, 2022)

Laura,

So, according to the layout of the text below, which of your bunnies is really the god "Moloch"??? ????

David Sielaff

### Editor's Note:

This was in reference to the layout of my newsletter letter of November 5, 2022, where I made a correction to the email that had been sent out the day before, where I mentioned Moloch the Bull and followed it with my rabbit bonding information and pictures.

My response to David: "Very funny, none of them." (Laura Lee)

# Thank You!

## Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)  
New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)  
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

### In regard to: Let Your Women KEEP SILENCE

Article by Rich Traver

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

I was going to skip commenting on the following from your article, but I changed my mind because I think this point is something we all need to understand.

#### From Rich Traver's Article:

"But - to be under obedience, as also saith the law - This is a reference to Genesis 3:16: Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. From this it is evident that it was the disorderly and disobedient that the apostle had in view; and not any of those on whom God had poured out his Spirit."

The two verses in question here are the following:

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Some Bibles while reading 1 Corinthians 14:34 refers you to Genesis 3:16 so this is where people are getting the idea that Genesis 3:16 is a law of God. I did find that marginal note in the 1611 Edition of the King James Bible and I am sure it is probably in other Bible versions.

The problem with this reference to Genesis 3:16 is that Genesis 3:16 is not a law of God. Genesis 3:16 is a consequence of sin.

See the following article for more information on Genesis 3:16:

5 Reasons Genesis 3:16 is Not a Model for Christian Marriage

[5 Reasons Genesis 3:16: Church of God, Bismarck! The "New" Church of God Messenger \(church-of-god-bismarck.org\)](http://church-of-god-bismarck.org)

Read all of the "Iron Sharpening Irons" attached also.

If we go back and read 1 Corinthians 14:34 but in context of what is being said:

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 1Co 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 1Co 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

The Book of 1 Corinthians is one of 13 or 14 letters that Paul wrote. Together, these letters form a major part of the New Testament (the books that the first Christians wrote). (From Google)

Here is the thing with these verses and you can go back further in 1 Corinthians, but I will show you with three verses what is going on here.

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**The Corinthian Church writes:**

**1Co 14:34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. **1Co 14:35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

**Paul writes:**

**1Co 14:36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

1 Corinthians is a letter that the Corinthian Church wrote, and Paul is responding to.

It is the Corinthian Church that is saying that women need to keep silence and that it is not permitted under the law. Paul then pushes back on what they said by asking them if the word of God came only to them and no one else. In other words, “are you God that you make the law?”

**Read the following from:**

<https://www.clintbyars.com/blog/2018/1/1/should-women-remain-silent-in-the-church>

We see even earlier from 1 Corinthians 7:1 that Paul is responding to a letter the Corinthian church sent him. There is actually a quotation mark in the original language called an eta before 1 Corinthians 14:34, signifying that his next few sentences are a quotation from the letter they sent him.

This is what their letter said...

**34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.**

And then this is Paul's response...

**36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?**

It's easy to miss with a casual reading of the Bible without understanding that he's responding to their statements and questions. If you read all of 1 Corinthians you see that he goes back and forth from reading what they wrote to him and his response to them, it just looks like it all runs together.

We see in v36 that Paul is questioning their idea that women should remain silent. He actually calls them out for making this up by asking them if God's Word came from them. It's a way of saying, who made you God? Or are you writing your own scripture?

And now we know why it was hard to understand Paul. It is because he quoted what other people sent to him in letters and then he responded to it. It makes a big, major, huge difference in how we understand scripture and Paul in particular.

**2Pe 3:15** And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; **2Pe 3:16** As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

# Have a Great Sabbath!

## In regard to: When Were the Angels Created and When Were They Corrupted?

Article by Jeffrey Caldwell

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

### Jeffrey's Article:

The angelic realm is created (Colossians 1:15-17).

God created the earth, the heavens and everything in them in six days (Exodus 20:11).

All the angels were joyful at the laying of the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4-7).

### Laura writes:

This last statement is a clear misunderstanding of scripture:

Read this in context of what it says.

**Job 38:1** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, **Job 38:2** Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? **Job 38:3** Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. **Job 38:4** Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. **Job 38:5** Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? **Job 38:6** Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **Job 38:7** When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? **Job 38:8** Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb? **Job 38:9** When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, **Job 38:10** And brake up for it my decreed *place*, and set bars and doors,

1. Verse 1 Tells us that God is speaking to Job out of the whirlwind.
2. Verse 2 God is telling Job he is without knowledge.
3. Verse 3 God is demanding that Job answer His questions.
4. Verse 4-... is God asking questions and wanting Job to answer knowing Job can't answer because he was not there.

Some of the questions God asked Job:

1. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
2. Who decided the measurements?
3. Who stretched out the plum line?
4. Where are the foundations fastened?
5. Who laid the cornerstone?
6. Where were you when the morning stars (angels) sang together?
7. Where were you when all the sons of God shouted for joy? (These could be other spirit beings or man himself at a time before Job was born.)
8. Who was it that shut up the sea with doors when it broke forth?
9. When did I make a vapor ring around the earth?

And the questions for Job from God go on. It is not saying that the morning stars or the sons of God were there from the foundation of the earth. Please look at it again.

### Jeffrey's Article:

The angels were created to serve people for a holy purpose (Hebrews 1:14).

At the end of the sixth day everything was "very good" in God's estimation (Genesis 1:28-31). Satan was in Eden, at that time, as the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisitely beautiful, a guardian with access to God (Ezekiel 28:12-

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14).

**Laura writes:**

**Eze 28:12** Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. **Eze 28:13** Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **Eze 28:14** Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:12-14 states that Satan was in the Garden of Eden, and we know that he was there because he deceived Eve and caused her to sin. And yes, he was a guardian angel (covering angel) but not in the Garden of Eden. It is more likely that Lucifers job before he sinned was to cover the throne of God in heaven. The ark of the covenant is a depiction of God's throne in heaven complete with two covering angels.

**Exo 25:14** And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. **Exo 25:15** The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. **Exo 25:16** And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. **Exo 25:17** And thou shalt make a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. **Exo 25:18** And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold, *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. **Exo 25:19** And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. **Exo 25:20** And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, **covering the mercy seat with their wings**, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

**Jeffrey's Article:**

On Day One of the week in which God creates ALL things He says, "Let there be light!" (Genesis 1:3-5). The light provided is not astronomical light, which is not provided until the fourth day (Genesis 1:14-19).

**Laura writes:**

**Gen 1:3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. **Gen 1:4** And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. **Gen 1:5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

In Genesis 1:3-5, the light spoken of there is probably directly from God as in Revelation 22:5.

**Rev 22:5** And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

**Gen 1:14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Gen 1:15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **Gen 1:16** And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. **Gen 1:17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, **Gen 1:18** And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. **Gen 1:19** And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

It would be more likely that the angels were created on day four since they are symbolized as stars.

**Jeffrey's Article:**

Corrupted, Satan disguises himself "as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).

The heavenly beings -- all true angels of light -- were created on Day One and the people they were destined to serve on the sixth day -- all "very good" and ALL created for a holy purpose from and at the beginning of all that pertains to the Kingdom of God (Matthew 19:4, Mark 10:6).



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**Laura writes:**

Not enough proof in this article to prove that the angels were created on Day One. It may indeed be true, but I think it is more likely the angels were created on day 4 since they are referred to as stars.

**Jeffrey's Article:**

The seven days of Genesis One are not "re-creation", but rather the account of all things as originally created for a holy purpose -- there is no biblical "prehistory"!

Satan became the father of hatred and falsehood and pride shortly after Creation Week (John 8:44). It seems likely that Satan's first overt move in rebellion was to lie to Eve. His securing a contingent of rebellious angels may well have been immediately subsequent to their sin.

Satan reports to God in heaven in the time of Job (Job 2:1-3).

**Laura writes:**

**Job 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. **Job 2:2** And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **Job 2:3** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

There is nothing in Job 2:1-3 which says Satan presented himself to God in Heaven. The verses tell you where and what Satan was doing prior to God talking to him. Satan does not have to be in Heaven for God to talk to him.

**Jeffrey's Article:**

We read of a time when there is war in heaven and Satan and his angels are forced out of heaven and cast down with but a short time left (Revelation 12:7-12).

**Laura writes:**

**Rev 12:7** And there **was** war in heaven: Michael and his angels **fought** against the dragon; and the dragon **fought** and his angels, **Rev 12:8** And prevailed not; neither **was** their place found any more in heaven. **Rev 12:9** And the great dragon **was** cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was **cast out** into the earth, and his angels were **cast out** with him. **Rev 12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren **is cast** down, which accused them before our God day and night. **Rev 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. **Rev 12:12** Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil **is come down** unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

We know that Satan started deceiving the people on earth when he deceived Eve. So, he was cast down before Eve was deceived. The scriptures speaking of Satan in Revelation 12:7-12 are past tense meaning it had already happened. When Satan sinned God did not wait 6000 years to toss him out of heaven. God cast him out of heaven right away and he has been deceiving people on earth starting with Eve ever since. Once Satan was tossed out of heaven, he was not allowed to come back to heaven for anything. See Rev. 12:8 above.

## Announcements

**Announcement from William P. Goff (November 8, 2022)**

Greetings, Brethren,

Our situation has now become desperate. Our funds have been depleted for a few days now, and four of our widows are on the verge of dying from starvation. Currently all of our widows and orphans are going hungry. The problem is there are so many suffering, but so few donors, Please help if you can. I know that times are becoming tough for everyone, and I know some of you have already been giving your all for a long time now. But if there

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are others who can help, please do so.

Latest update is posted at: [khofh.org](http://khofh.org)

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or write anytime day or night.

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Your bother in Christ.  
Bill Goff

**Announcement from Zac Poonen (November 8, 2022)**

**MESSAGES**

Being a Witness for Christ with Compassion

<https://rlcf.church/media/sermons/being-a-witness-for-christ-with-compassion>

Abraham's Example as a Father

<https://cfcindia.com/sermon/abraham's-example-as-a-father>

Listen to God Daily (with Tamil Translation)

<https://cfcindia.com/sermon/listen-to-god-daily>

From God, Through God and To God (Message to Church-elders) (with Tamil Translation)

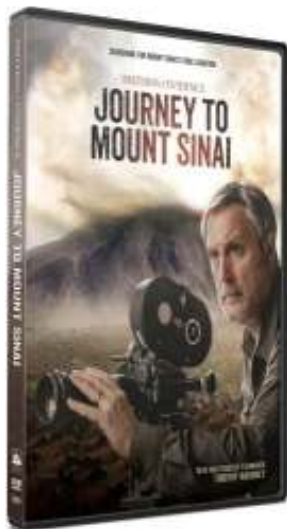
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## Ads

**Ad from David Rives Ministries (November 10, 2022)**



### Journey to Mount Sinai DVD

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## Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

### Benjamin's Neck

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"And he [Joseph] fell upon his brother Benjamin's **neck** and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his **neck**" (Genesis 45:14).

If Jerusalem is the "apple" of God's eye, then where can we find His geographical neck?

Is it time for Christians to "stick our necks out"? How so?

"Let not truth and mercy forsake thee: bind them about thy **neck**; write them upon the table of thine heart" (Proverbs 3:3).

The **neck** connects the head with the heart. Ponder this if you dare, but don't "break your neck" over it.

Meanwhile, the crowd roared with excitement as the two speeding horses raced "neck and neck" toward the finish line. After the race, the crowd exited slowly from the stadium because one of the double doors was stuck closed which created a bottle-**neck**.

"And the LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-**necked** people'"(Exodus 32:9).

"'On that day,' declares the LORD of Hosts, 'I will break the yoke off their **necks** and tear off their bonds, and no longer will strangers enslave them'" (Jeremiah 30:8).

Please don't get mad at me and want to "wring my neck" for the above word-teasing and emphasis. I'm trying to create some intrigue for a short video that you may find inspiring and educational. The ancient village of Bethel in Israel played a significant and symbolic role in the early history of Israel. How did it **connect** to other important centers of worship in Israel and Judah?

I promise that this video won't be a pain in your **neck**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xodPJ7a6KQ>

### The "Revive America" Project

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Nations derive their sense of identity from their history. If you want to fundamentally transform a nation, rewrite its history. Eliminate everything good and wholesome and highlight everything ugly and abhorrent. Demonize the founders and destroy their monuments. Cause the citizens to abhor their nation's past and they will be ready to accept a new and very different form of society and government. As Karl Marx said, "People without a heritage are easily persuaded."

This is happening now in America. School children are being taught that America was founded by evil slaveowners who only wanted to protect their wealth. Statues of America's founders are being toppled and their names removed from schools and other public buildings. This is a vital part of the Marxist plan to transform America into a godless, socialist society.

We are, however, fighting back.

In a 7-hour visitation of God in 2010, I received assurance that He is not through with America, and that we "could" see another Great Awakening. Interestingly, He directed me to America's past as the key for her future. I saw, for the first time, that the First Great Awakening had a direct bearing on the founding of this nation. This Awakening also unleashed

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the moral and spiritual forces that eventually ended slavery on this continent.

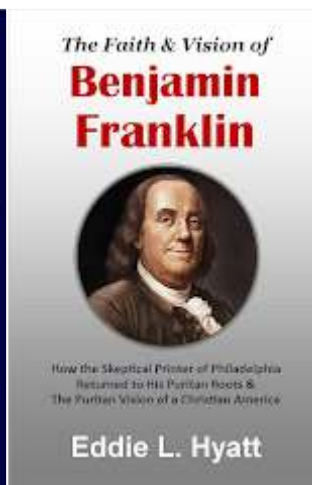
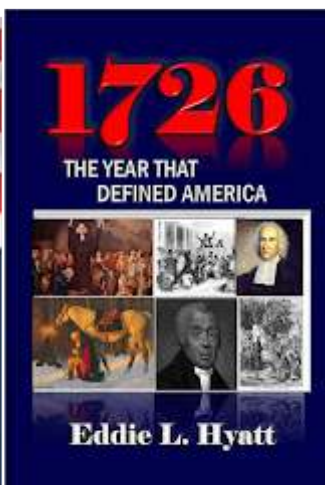
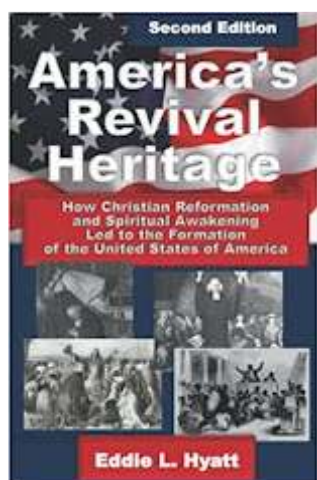
I came away from that Divine encounter with a passion (and commission) to recover and record America's godly heritage. This is vital for as George Orwell said, "Whoever controls the past, controls the future."



The following books are the fruit of that encounter. Although there are similarities in all the books, each one is unique in that it addresses a particular significant area of America's history that undermines the modern, Marxist revisions. They can be used by pastors, by teachers in Christian and public schools, and by citizens in general who can gather friends and family in their homes to study America's true past.

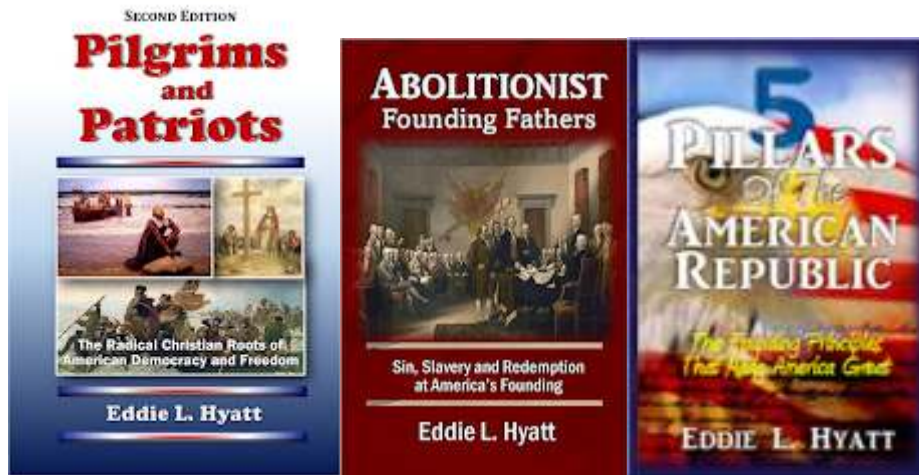
I invite you to join me in taking control of our future by educating this generation about what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called our nation's "sacred heritage."

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## Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)  
Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023  
Pentecost – May 26, 2023  
Trumpets - September 16, 2023  
Atonement – September 25, 2023  
Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023  
Last Great Day – October 7, 2023