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INTRODUCTION

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). I wrote this when I began to write “**Things that Count.**” But after that I drew a blank. I guess I should have just wrapped things up for the publisher and sent it in. Can you imagine a one-page book with only one sentence?

I haven’t the foggiest how God did all that creating, but I am certain that He did. What you are going to read in this book will astound you, or at least I hope it will. I hope you become so overwhelmed with the mathematical and other evidence presented that you will just drop to your knees in praise of our God. You will probably realize your own futility to even imagine God’s greatness. How did I get the inspiration to write this book you ask? I am not going to tell you just yet to make you want to read this book. I know there is a book in here somewhere in my head and I just can’t wait to get it out to you.

Why the name (**Things That Count**) for a title you say? This book is mostly about number structures found in the KJV as well as in some of the modern Bibles. I also discuss cats a few times as a break from the number stuff. I bet you did not know a few things about the common house cat. For example, only the small cats purr. Lions and tigers do not purr. Cats seem to be sharing their contentment when they purr. Although this book is not mostly about cats, my wife and I have two cats named Koko and Pelli. I will probably detour you from time to time to get some cat talk in. Well anyway, cats can purr in both their in and out breaths. Cats only

purr really when they want to, but they purr when pleased and also can purr when pained by something or someone. The cat purr is at 25 to 150 HZ and some biologists think that this works as a natural healing frequency if the cat is injured and at the same time increases their bone density. I took the liberty to invent a new word “purrific?” Perhaps “purrific” is just a new word that I made up to mean something like the word “terrific.” When you have finished this book, you will get the picture. I really want to glorify our God who made both me and my cats.

I have a lemon tree in my back yard and this year it has produced so many lemons that the branches are dragging on the ground. While there are not infinite lemons on my tree, if each lemon represented a soul that God saves (not to my credit, by the way, because only God can save a soul), I would wish for an infinity lemon tree. I will be discussing infinity in this book. I think you will like that discussion.

Have you ever thought about how people move about such as: walking, bicycling, skateboarding, driving, flying, etc. Maybe your spiritual status is like someone just beginning to ride a bicycle. I hope you will be a rocket ship by the end of this book.

After Genesis 1:1, what more needs to be said? You either believe it or you don't. And by the way, did you notice that Moses said that “God created the heaven and the earth” instead of the “heavens and the earth” in the KJV while almost all other Bibles say “heavens” and “earth”. I wonder who is right about that. Did God also create several heavens or were they already there when He created the cosmos and 3-dimensional space we live in? You will have to read this book to find out what I think about that.

Some mathematicians have lived interesting lives. I want to introduce you to the lives of a few of them. Some of them are hard to figure out and they make my head spin when I try to get at what they are saying. Mathematicians have figured out that there are other dimensions out there somewhere besides time and space. Being out of time and out of space is probably like infinity, or is it? The only “out of space” I know about is when I try to cram some more things in my closet and the only “out of time” I know about is when I get an impossible deadline to fulfill. Somewhere out there is what it means to be out of time and space. And that’s the fourth dimension!

The phrase “things that count” is the title of this book. What are the things that count in your life? Some day we will all give account of our lives to God. Is our life more concerned with the here and now than it should be? What’s really important to you and me? Mathematics, like all truth, reminds me that there is only one way to be right, but many ways to be wrong!

I hope to show you how wonderful numbers can be when one looks at some “purrrific” number things in the Bible. So, my brain decided to end this introduction with that thought. Wow!

CHAPTER 1

KJV NUMBERS PHENOMENA

One of the things it is good to know is that you have 10 fingers. Kids learn to count by using their fingers. Ten in the world is the number for perfection. For girls a 10 means that you are a “wow” to look at. For boys a 10 has no meaning whatsoever because we are not so good to look at for the most part. You must be an atlas-type character to rate a 10 if you are a guy. Otherwise, you are probably a 3 or a 4.

Numbers can be used for counting or they can be abstract as the girly 10. You cannot tag anyone by their number so that everybody would give the same number for their estimate. Therefore, the concept of abstraction has caused many to have a feeling of being bumfuzzled about numbers. But what if some system of numbers is so obvious that everybody is forced to agree?

Take the number 1 for instance. Ever heard the phrase, “We’re Number One?” Almost every high school football team is “number one, at least in the eyes of their students. To be “number one” though is stacked with obstacles. Your arch-rival football team could defeat you.

Who is Number One in your life? Your Number One will be the source of your joy. On several occasions I have asked strangers what their source of joy is. The common responses are: my family, my job, my church, my golf game, my pets, the sunrise, the sunset, etc. Occasionally you will hear that God is one’s source of joy, but not often.

The Bible says that God is number one. (Exodus 20:3) It also says that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 KJV. Right here I am going to make an initial plug for the KJV. If you read the NIV, NKJV, and many other Bibles it says "heavens" where the KJV says "heaven." Could it be that God only created the heaven we can see in this verse? You know the sun, moon, and stars in outer space, although He lives in those heavens that are beyond ours? Maybe He created the other heavens at some other time. He would not need to tell us anything about His domain above our heaven at that time. Since there are reasons to believe that the KJV is the perfect inspired preserved word of God, as I will explain in other chapters, I believe the correct translation from the Hebrew is "heaven". You and I are located on the first heaven's Earth.

Some commentators say that the first heaven is our atmosphere, the second heaven is the sun, moon, and stars, and the third heaven is God's un-created dwelling place, probably located in another dimension which we cannot detect with human senses. I don't think that even my cat, who knows just about everything, knows where the 4th dimension is. He is satisfied to bother me while I am trying to type on my computer and is doing just that right now. He likes those strokes that give him that loved-cat feeling. Maybe you should get yourself a cat and forget about dimensions. Well at least until we get to that concept (in abstraction) later.

So, what is it with the number "one" in the scripture? The word "one" occurs 1,967 times in the KJV and the word "ones" occurs 77 times. Words that occur a number of times that are divisible by 7 seem to occur quite often in the KJV. So far, I haven't found many words like that in other Bibles.

So how do I know that the word “one” occurs 1,967 times. That’s easy, I just set my kitty (Koko in my lap and when I turn a page he puts his paw on the page if it has a one in it. Meow! Just so you know, when I say meow I just told you something untrue. What I did was use some Bible software that gives word counts for the Bible. You can also use “Strong’s to look up the word and count that way. Also, just so you understand it, when a cat says “meow” he doesn’t do it because he wants to make you think he loves you, what he really wants is a treat or a petting. I guess “meow” is “untrue” after all!

One of course indicates unity. The Old and New Testament of the Bible contain an uncanny unity. For example, about one-third of the New Testament is quotes from the Old Testament. Since the number for spiritual perfection is 7, this speaks well as an indicator of divine inspiration of the KJV. Of course, we see the trinity in the Bible. For example, 1 John 5:7 says “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.: and these three are one.”

Some commentators of Bible versions have stated that the Bible has an inherent phenomenon that suggests it is God-breathed. Pardon me while I take a rabbit trail onto the number 7. Ever hear of the word “heptadic”? It just means sevens. The Bible has a unique pattern that looks very heptadic. Of course, one should study the Bible in its total content as the Word of God, and the use of numerology only helps one to establish that the Bible has within itself a numerical nature that only God could produce. I used some software to determine the following numerical things about the KJV Bible:

The number 7 is found in numerous ways throughout this Bible as follows:

- God created in six 24- hour days and then rested on the 7th day.
- “The word of the Lord” is found 245 time in the Bible and 245 is evenly divisible by 7.
- “Lord of Hosts” is found 245 times.
- “Faith” is found 245 times.
- “Word of God” is found 49 times.
- “Jesus” is found 983 times but 3 of those times are about another man named Jesus leaving 980 which is evenly divisible by 7.
- “Jesus Christ” is found 196 times.
- “Son of Man” is found 196 times.
- “Holy Spirit” is found 7 times
- Various forms of “book” are found 196 times.
- All the enumerated above are found divisible by 7 in only the KJV. I checked out other websites and found that none of these as listed in other Bibles were divisible by 7. Is this mere chance or conjecture. You be the judge.

Let’s go on to the number two. Two is found 835 times in the KJV and “twos” is found 66 times. Meow. The word “twos” is not found in the KJV. I meowed you, so you would not fall asleep reading my book. Is there any significance to the fact that “two” is found 835 times in the KJV? Probably not, but for some important words like those bulleted above it seems significant and God-like for them all to be divisible by 7.

There are lot of “twos” in the world. It takes two to tango. All humans and “cats” have two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, two breasts (cats have more), two matching

teeth on both sides of their mouths, two hands, two feet and two lungs and two kidneys, two arms, two legs...well you get the point. Come to think of it, we have political parties, Republican and Democrat, and most of the time it's difficult to figure which one is which and both parties have our best interests in mind. Meow! The number "two" indicates a union of sorts. For example, the union of man to woman, the union of Christ to His church; the Old and New testament go together to make one book. The first "Adam" brought death, but the second "Adam" brought life in Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-49) During the six days of creation God made two great lights, The Sun rules the day and the moon rules the night. (Genesis 1:16.) Facts are verified by at least two witnesses. 2 Corinthians 13:1 says "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

Moving now to the number 3. The number 3 speaks of the Trinity. This is the doctrine that is verified by the Bible that says God is one God but also three persons. He is Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. (See 1 John 5:7)

If that does not make any sense to you then realize that God is in another dimension in which such things, can be, and, are, present. God may use threes so many times in the Bible, so we will see the fingerprint of the Triune God, thus believing in Him with sincere trust. All forms of the word "three" occurs 579 times in the KJV. $579 = 3 \times 193$.

We need to be careful when looking for hidden meanings in the numbers that appear in the Bible. The things we find may or may not be legitimate. One might define "numerology" as the branch of information and knowledge that deals with the occult

meaning of numbers, hence, numerology is related to such items as the paranormal, the occult, astrology, divination, and paganism. But, if we put “Biblical” in front of “numerology” (“Biblical Numerology”, this is then supposed to make searching for the significance of number meanings in the Bible acceptable. Now, I am not saying that there isn't some significance to certain numbers in the Bible, all I am saying is that we should be careful about trying to interpret what these meanings are. Ultimately, I believe God did have reasons for using certain numbers over and over in the Bible, but only He may know the true reasons. Having said this, I do think it is fascinating to see how many times certain key numbers are used over and over in the Bible. For example with the number “3.” Those who assign meaning to this number generally say that it is one of four numbers, along with 7, 10, and 12, that symbolize perfection or completion. It is truly astounding to me how many times this number is used in a significant way in the Bible. I will list 27 below, but there are many more.

- There is a triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 Jn. 5:7) (Mt. 28:19) (See: The Trinity).
- Time comes as past, present, and the future.
- Adam had three sons whose names were Abel, Seth, and Cain.
- All men are descended from the 3 sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Gen. 9:18-1)
- There were 3 patriarchs or founding fathers: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob/Israel. (Gen. 50:24)
- Both the Tabernacle and Temple were divided into 3 sections: the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies (Ex. 26:33) (Ex. 27:9).

- Three items were contained in the Ark of the Covenant: a pot of manna, Aaron's rod that had budded, and the ten Commandments (Heb 9:4) (Ex 16:32-34) (Ex. 25:16,21) (Num 17:8,10-11).
- The three big feasts that Israel celebrated were: The Feast of Unleavened Bread, The Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Ingathering. (Ex. 23:14-16) (ex. 34:18-23) (Deut. 16:16)
- Elijah stretched out his body over the widow's dead son 3 times, and he came to life again. (1 Kings 17:21-22)
- The Lord brought a famine for 3 years while King David reigned. (2 Sam 21:1)
- Jesus was tempted 3 times in the wilderness by Satan. (Mt. 4:1-11)(Lk. 4:1-13)
- Daniel prayed 3 times a day (Dan. 6:10,13).
- Jonah spent 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a large fish (John 1:17)(Mt. 12:40)
- Jesus went missing from His parents for 3 days when he was 12. (Lk 2:41-50)
- Jesus was resurrected on the third day (Mk.8:31 Lk. 9:22)
- Jesus was crucified on the third hour. (Mk 15:25)
- Jesus prayed to the Father 3 times in Gethsemane (Mk 14:32-42)
- Jesus said He was the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6)
- Jesus raised 3 people from death. (Lk 7:11-15,8:41-42, 49-56), and (Jn. 11:1-44)

- Jesus had 3 men that seemed close: Peter, James, and John. (Mk 9:2)(Mk. 5:3)(Mt. 17:1)
- Upon entering the Promised Land when a fruit tree was planted, its fruit was considered unclean for 3 years (Lev. 19:23).
- Look at how many times the number “3” is associated with important events in Jesus' life on earth:
- Jesus' earthly ministry was 3 years (Dan.9:24-26)
- He was tempted 3 times in the wilderness by Satan (Mt 4:1-11) (Lk 4:1-13).
- He went missing from His parents for 3 days when He was 12 years old (Lk. 2:41-51).
- He had an inner circle of 3 men: Peter, James, and John (Mt. 17:1) (Mk. 9:2) (Lk 9:28) (Mk. 5:37) (Lk. 8:51) (Mt. 23:37) (Mk. 14:33).
- God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent.

The number three is prominent in the Bible.

Now let's move on to the number 4. You have four fingers and a thumb. But then so does my cat. He has four very sharp claws and a thumb claw. I found this out recently when a noise disturbed him while I was petting him and, in his hurry to bounce out of my lap, he dug into my skin. Ouch! We have two cats. The male is Koko and the female is Pelli. They are brother and sister. Each cat has four legs or is it two legs and two arms? Whatever.

On the fourth day of creation the physical universe was completed: the sun, the moon and the stars. (Genesis 1:14-19 If God did this with a big bang then He

must have had a huge mess to fix. I prefer to imagine that God would have decided that this was way too messy and started over. Have you ever seen an explosion? 9/11 was an explosion of sorts. Remember the mess it created? How about the chance that an explosion in a junkyard might create a fully functioning 707 jet? Meow!

And then there are the four seasons of the year: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. Also, there are the four cardinal directions: North, South, East and West. My GPS can get me anywhere, provided it is updated, and somebody didn't program something right. I heard the story of the truck driver who got his 18-wheeler stuck because he was following his GPS directions to a point of no return. He was stuck in a place he couldn't get out of. The word "four" occurs 328 times in the KJV. Is that significant? You make the call. The number four calls for some deep thought. Here are some lists of fours.

- The word "Creator" occurs 4 times in the KJV.
- "Heaven" and "earth" are used together 156 times in the KJV, which is 4×39 .
- Genesis 1:14 talks about signs, seasons, days and years (4 items).
- The KJV speaks of "four corners" 20 times, or 4×5 , and of "four quarters" 4 times.
- The KJV speaks of a new heaven and earth 4 times. (Isaiah 65:17, 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13 Revelation 21:1)
- Jesus is introduced in the 4 gospels as "King of the Jews" 4 times apiece in each gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. (KJV)

- The word “cross” is listed 28 times (KJV). In the NIV it is written several times in the Old Testament and 31 times in the New Testament but sometimes as in “crossing the road” or something.
- “Gospel” appears 104 times or 26×4 in the KJV.

It appears that the number four is chiefly related to the word “gospel” as all forms of the word appear 104 times or 26×4 . Of course, one can also see that the number four is used in a sense of the “4th dimension” which we will discuss later. Consider when Jesus talks about the seeds that fall on:

1. The wayside
2. Stony Ground
3. Thorns
4. Good Ground (Matthew 13:18-23). Not one seed produced except those that fell on good ground. If one is grounded in scripture, then he can be productive for the Lord. Then there is Genesis 4 where Cain slew Abel. And in I Chronicles 15:15 we see that the Ark was carried by 4 carriers. The ark represents the Gospel of Jesus Christ and symbolizes how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John give the Gospel in the New Testament.

How about the 4 people who appeared in the fiery furnace together. (Daniel 3:19-25) The fourth person was undoubtedly the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ. He protected the three men whom Nebuchadnezzar had cast into the fire because they refused to worship an image. Could it be that in the fourth dimension a fire in the third dimension has no effect on those within that dimension? These three men did not know if God would preserve them, so they

were willing to choose death rather than deny their faith. Do you suppose that we would do that? I suspect that a genuine sincere Christian would. It is spellbinding that the word "God" appears 4,444 times in the KJV!

Onward to the number five. "Five" occurs 345 times in the KJV. Some commentators have discovered that the chapter numbers in Genesis give us a head start in understanding numbers in the Bible.

In chapter 5 of Genesis we discover that it is a genealogy from Adam to Noah. The Scripture says that people lived long years then died. But there was one exception. Verse 24 says, "...Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Enoch escaped death after living for 365 years on the earth.

Could this be an early reference in the Bible to the grace of God? Is the number 5 about the grace of God?

Take a look at your hand. How many fingers do you have? Hopefully you counted 5. You can really see the grace of God in your hand. There is no instrument of our creation more valuable than our five fingered hands. A hand is really handy so to speak. Ever notice that when a man and a woman dance or hug they hold each other with their hands? Consider the 55th verse of the KJV where it says: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:24) Also Ephesians 5:31-32 where it says: "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." It is the hand of God that extends grace to mankind.

Here is another story that magnifies the coming together of man and woman. "And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that

went after her; and she went after the messengers of David and became his wife.” (1 Samuel 25:42) I hope you see the connection here in the Old Testament with the coming of the bride of Christ to Jesus Christ. David is a “type” of Christ. Notice the 5’s involved. Here, we have the 5 damsels and the verse 25 (which is 5 x 5).

Nevertheless, the number 5 seems to be about the grace of God. For example, the name “Christ” appears 555 times in the New Testament. “Christ appears 516 times in the NASB and 530 times in the NIV. Looks like God wants His Son’s name related to the number 5!

See if you can locate the “fives” and the grace of God in the following:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

1 Corinthians 15:15-54

Matthew 5:1-12

2 Kings 2:7,16-17

Leviticus chapter 25)

Noah was a 500-year-old man

How many times is the name “Noe” used for Noah in the KJV?

Did you know that the word righteous (all forms) occurs 555 times in the KJV?

How about the fact that Christ was wounded five times...2 nails in the wrist, 2 nails in the feet and one spear in his side while on the cross and back In Genesis. Wow.

There is also coming a 5th Kingdom on the earth which will be governed by Jesus Christ in person. The third Reich was Adolf Hitler’s reign which fell, and the fourth kingdom will be the one of the Antichrist which will also fail.

We also see the number 5 in the number of times “Day of the Lord” appears in the KJV: 25 or 5 x 5. “Nigh at hand” appears exactly 5 times in the KJV. The pattern of “fives” is almost always broken in the modern versions of the Bible such as the NIV, NKJV, NASB, RSV etc.

Next up is the number six. The number 6 symbolizes man and human weakness, the evils of Satan and the manifestation of sin. Man was created on the 6th day in Genesis. (Genesis 1:27,31) God finished His creation on the sixth day. And, by the way, the phrase “sixth day” appears exactly 6 times in the KJV. It also appears 6 times in the NIV.

Does Scripture encourage us to count things in the Bible? If you read Ecclesiastes 7:27 You find that Solomon recommended “counting” to figure something important out. In Revelation 13:18 we read, “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.” This is of course the infamous number 666. And the amazing thing about Ecclesiastes 7:27 is that it is in the 666th chapter in the Bible! Perhaps you think that is just a coincidence that seems to tie these two scriptures together. That’s like the coincidence I find when I wake up and find there are two cats sleeping at the foot of my bed. That’s no coincidence. They just want to help me keep my feet warm. Meow. It does seem logical, however, that we can find wisdom by counting things.

It is interesting that the Roman numerals DLXVI all add to 666. Also look at the bar code on the next page. Do you see the 3 long double bars? They are like sixes placed within the bar code to represent the start point, the midpoint and the end of the pricing and information on a product. Conceivably every human be-

ing could be tattooed with a bar code like this to buy or sell as written in Revelation 13:16-18. That sounds ominous!



I bet you didn't know that "leopard" appears exactly 6 times in the Bible. My cat Koko thinks he is pretty big and smart like leopards and lions.



It's called an exaggerated self-image! "Pride goeth before a fall." (Prov16:18) Cats are so agile that when you drop them upside down they flip over and land on their feet. But don't do that. Cats will ignore you for the rest of your life if you do that.

Hope my rabbit trail did not bother you. The 666 beast will get dropped into the lake of fire as hell was originally prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41) The 666 character is described as a beast in Revelation 13. There are also 18 verses in Revelation 13 and that is 6+6+6. It is thought by many prophecy teachers that the beast of Revelation 13 will not show up until after the rapture of the Church. I wonder if this beast will be a member of the fourth kingdom. Just thinking: what if he is a person who is an offspring of an evil angel and a human woman? Could it be? There were living creatures in the book of Genesis who were called Giants, possibly a combination as stated above. (see Genesis chapter 6:1-5)

Here is a list of the use of the number 6 in the scriptures according to Steve Mod.¹

- The Earth and all things were created in 6 days. (Gen. 1:31-2:2) (Ex. 20:11) (Ex 31:17)
- Man was created on the 6th day (Gen. 1:26, 31).
- God flooded the whole world when Noah was six hundred years old (Gen. 7:6,11).
- Abraham interceded on behalf of the people of Sodom 6 times (Gen. 18:16-33).
- Leah had 6 sons (Gen. 30:19-20) (Gen. 35:23).
- The Israelites were to gather manna for 6 days (Ex. 16:5,22, 29).
- The 6th Commandment is "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13) (Deut. 5:17).
- A Hebrew slave was only to work 6 years and then be released (Ex. 21:2) (Deut. 15:12) (Jer. 34:14)

¹ <http://jesusalive.cc/ques314.htm>

- God commanded the Israelites to give their land a Sabbath rest after 6 years of farming it (Ex. 23:10-11) (Lev. 25:1-7).
- The glory of the Lord covered Mt. Sinai for 6 days (Ex. 24:16).
- The gold lampstand in the Tabernacle (which signified Jesus) had 6 branches coming out of it (Ex. 25:32-35) (Ex 37:17-21).
- Two onyx stones, each with 6 names of the sons of Israel, were put on the ephod of the High Priest (Ex. 28:9-12).
- There were 6 “cities of refuge” in the land of the Levites (Num. 35:6,13,15).
- Jephthah judged Israel 6 years (Jud. 12:7).
- Goliath's height was 6 cubits and a span (1 Sam. 17:4).
- When the Ark was being brought to Jerusalem, after the Levites took 6 steps, David sacrificed sheep and oxen (2 Sam. 6:13).
- There was a giant that had 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot (2 Sam. 21:20).
- Solomon's throne had 6 steps (1 Kg. 10:19) (2 Chron. 9:18).
- Joab remained in Edom 6 months until he had killed every male of theirs (1 Kg. 11:16).
- Evil Queen Athaliah's reign was 6 years (2 Kg. 11:3) (2 Chr. 22:12).
- Boaz gave Ruth 6 ephahs of barley (Ruth 3:15,17).

- The Seraphim angels have 6 wings (Isa 6:2) (Rev 4:8?).
- After 6 days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain for the Transfiguration (Mt. 17:1) (Mk. 9:2).
- In the 6th month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce she would give birth to Jesus (Lk. 1:26, 36).
- Mary anointed Jesus' feet 6 days before Passover (Jn. 12:1-3).
- At about the 6th hour, Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your king" (Jn 19:14).
- When Peter received his vision from God opening the door to the Gentiles, it was the 6th hour (Acts 10:9).
- The number of the Antichrist (or beast) is 666 (Rev 13:17-18).

The number 7 comes next. This is by far my favorite number. I think that the expression "cats have nine lives" should really be seven, because that is God's number of perfection as we shall see. Koko fell off the entertainment center once at a height of about 7 feet, so I think he now has just 6 lives left. He clawed and scraped the entertainment center all the way down but landed on his four feet, so his first death was from cat fright. Whew! He was just a little kitten then.

You will be astounded about what I am about to present to you. The accumulated evidence for the KJV is enormous. But before we do that we'll look at the following things in nature:

1. There are 7 colors.
2. There are 7 continents.
3. There are 7 seas.
4. There are 7 divisions of the periodic table.
5. There are 7 days in a week.
6. There are 7 notes on the musical scale.
7. There are 7 different crystal shapes in chemistry

The following are from the KJV only and show definite number patterns in the list. I used software from this website to help create the following about the number 7. <http://www.purebiblesearch.com/> (Version 3.0.0)

1. God created the heavens and the earth, and then rested on the 7th day.
2. God purified His word 7 times. (Psalm 12: 6-7)
3. Psalm 12 is the 490th chapter of the Bible which is a multiple of 7.
4. "The word of the Lord" is found 245 times in the Old Testament. (7 x 35)
5. "Lord of Hosts" is found 245 times in the Old Testament.
6. "Thy Word" is found 7 times in New Testament
7. "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts" = 70 times
8. The 70th Chapter of the Bible is Exodus 20 which is the first recorded written word of God.
9. "Word of God" = 7 times
10. "Gospel of God" = 7 times
11. "message" = 7 times

12. "thunders" = 7 times
13. "Jesus" appears 983 times in this Bible but 3 of these are not Jesus of Nazereth so $980 = 70 \times 7 \times 2$
14. "Son of Man" appears 196 times or $7 \times 7 \times 4$
15. "Jesus Christ" appears 196 times
16. "beloved Son" appears 7 times
17. "Thy Word" appears 35 times in Psalm 119 which is all about God's Word.
18. There are 7 statements about Jesus written in Isaiah 11:1,2
19. "Holy Spirit" appears 7 times
20. All variants of "book" appear 42 times in the New Testament.
21. Leviticus 16:14 prefigures Christs work in sprinkling His blood 7 times on the altar.
22. Job 5:17-19 talks about God chastening His children 6 or 7 times.
23. "forgiven" = 42 times
24. "forgiveness" = 7 times
25. All forms of forgive* = 112 or 7×16
26. "reconciles" = 7 times
27. "confess" = 28 times
28. "confessed" = 7 times
29. "favor" = 7 times
30. "forgive" = 56 times
31. "wool" = 14 times

32. “consecrated” = 14 times

33. “sanctify” = 70 times

If you check out the NASB, NIV, and others you will find that almost none of these words are multiples of 7. Is the KJV the preserved perfect word of God? I report, you decide. All the modern versions of the Bible must vary just enough to be considered a new work and not a copyright violation, so they change words into ones with different meanings and use manuscripts other than the line of manuscripts that came from Antioch. There are 5000 plus copies of the Greek manuscripts that are consistent with the KJV. Whereas there are only about 50 or so of the manuscripts that supply the wordage for the new Bibles. It took 7 years work among about 54 Bible scholars to come up with the KJV. Since 1611 the KJV has only been modified by fixing spelling, and the removal of the Apocrypha which is a part of the Roman Catholic Bibles. The Apocrypha was in the original KJV only as history and not the Word of God.

An interesting side note is that there are 929 chapters in the Old Testament of the KJV and Adam lived 929 years! But if you add the Apocrypha you don't get 929 chapters. Is this significant? I report you decide.

The number 8 is next. The number eight may leave you spellbound as you see how many times the Scripture in the KJV is talking the language of “eight” In fact it is “purrrific” in cat language. I'm really not sure how to spell purrrific. When Koko or Pelli purr they are saying, “I wonder if he will give me a treat?” Well, our treat is about the number “eight.” “Eight” is the number

for all things being made new. In perusing the internet you can see that there is much that can be said about the number 8 in the Bible. One example of the number 8 in the Bible is that only eight people survived the flood of Noah. Many commentators, including , myself expect there to be a total of 7,000 years in this Earth's history with the last 1,000 years being the Millennium in which Jesus Christ returns to the earth to set up His thousand-year reign on planet Earth and to complete all of God's promises to the Jews. With God, Scripture says that a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day. (2 Peter 3:8) As God rested and man rests on the 7th day of the week, so maybe the millennial reign of Christ will begin at the end of 6,000 years and we are getting close to that now according to the Biblical timeline. Adam lived for 930 years and he died. That complies with God's Word where He implies "in the day" when they ate of the tree that God had forbidden them to eat they would die. (Genesis 2:17) Adam did not make it to the end of God's 1,000-year "first day" and neither did the oldest man in the Bible, Methuselah who lived for 969 years before he died. Adam died spiritually when he ate and physically before the first 1,000-year day had expired. What happens at the end of the 7,000 years, you might ask. This would be God's eighth day and a new beginning. As the Bible states in Revelation 21:1, there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Notice that in the Bible it is Genesis chapter 8 where God brings Noah out of the ark and into his new world. Is this not a picture of how God is going to do that to Christians and believing Jews during the 8th day? Another Bible event is when Thomas came to faith on the 8th day after he had said he would not believe that Jesus was raised from the dead until he could

reach his hand into Jesus' wound in His side. (John 20:24-29) One of these days we will have the experience of Thomas when our faith become sight in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. In I Kings 8:66 we read, "On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant and for Israel his people." Undoubtedly this is a picture of the joy Christians will have when they enter the "new heavens" and the "new earth." And perhaps also the millennial reign of Christ.

Are you a thinker? What types of things do you think about? According to God, there are listed 8 things to think about in Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Another "eight" listing occurs in Colossians 3:11 where exactly 8 types of people are listed. The word "eight" occurs exactly 80 times or 8×10 in the KJV. Eight occurs only 35 times in the NIV. In 2 Peter 2:5 we read that Noah is described as the 8th person. So here again we see that God is using the number 8 to signify something new or a new world that existed after the flood. The 40th book of the Bible (Matthew) has the phrase "kingdom of heaven" exactly 32 times or 8×4 .

In the 8th book of the Old Testament, Ruth, Naomi is given new life. The word "redeem" occurs 8 times in Ruth but only 5 times in the NIV. "Revive" occurs 8 times in the KJV and 5 times in the NIV.

Eight books of New Testament have Jesus' words.

The number 9 must be related to cats. Meow! Did you know that cats have been known to fall off skyscrapers and lived through it? I once ran over a cat by accident and he survived. I think their nine lives can be attributed to their ability to always land on their feet. Come to think of it, have you ever fallen and landed on your feet?

The number 9 appears in the 9th commandment which is “thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” (Ex. 20:16) There are 9 fruits and 9 gifts of the Spirit. “Be fruitful” occurs 9 times in the KJV and 8 in the NIV God spoke 27 words (9 x 3) in Genesis 1:11 about fruit bearing trees. The NIV has it at 24 words. The NASB has it at 23. The ESV has it at 26 words. The phrases “bear fruit”, “bear much fruit”, and such occurs 9 times in the KJV. The term “planted” occur 9 times in the KJV (NT). “Planted” occurs 11 times in the NIV (NT).

We have discussed the numbers 1 through 9 so far and in my opinion the KJV is the Bible that stands out with the probability of divine intervention in its publication, and a seven count seems to be radically used internally in Scripture in many ways to say to the Bible reader, “I’m the real Word of God!” Divisibility by 7 seems to be an outstanding marker of many “special” words in the KJV. Many of the word counts designating the Lord by some facet of Him and His work are much more often divisible by 7 than in any other modern translation. Is God providing us a signature in the KJV?

Have you been touched by the hand of God? Paul the Apostle knew about this as he exclaimed in 2 Timothy 1:12,... “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” And this is exactly 25 words or 5 x 5. Wow! No “meow” here. I hope you didn’t open this book and read my last “meow” here and think this guy

has gone off his rocker. Just to remind you, when I say meow, it means that I have stated something false in an attempt to raise a few eyebrows. Did you know that cats have eyebrows? But since they don't have the ability to rationalize, their eyebrows stay in place no matter what. I don't know why cats have eyebrows since they are just a few hairs sticking out over their eyes. Koko is a tuxedo cat and is black with a white neck. He occupies my chair that I sit in quite often kinda like Garfield in the comics. Enough of the cat talk. On to a new number.

The number 10 is almost always associated with the ten commandments. In the world the number 10 is given to the most beautiful or handsome person. Then there are the top 10 college football teams. A tithe is one-tenth of ones income. Some preachers teach the tithe, others say it was Old Testament only. I guess it is a case of "you make the call."

The eleventh chapter of Genesis is where God scattered people over the earth and made them to all have differing languages. Perhaps 11 is a symbol of confusion and disorder. When Judas betrayed Christ, there were only 11 disciples left.

But what makes the Bible have 66 books? The Catholic Church has their Bible at 73 books which include the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha was written in the interim between about 400 B.C. and the first coming of Christ to the earth. It is doubtful that the Apocrypha should be included. Many Roman Catholic early church fathers doubted these books. There are historical errors as well as the fact that no New Testament writer referenced them. Also, the doctrines of the rest of the Bible seem to conflict with some of the doctrines of the books of the Apocrypha. Such things as prayers for the dead are mentioned that clearly make their inclusion in the cannon

of scripture to be doubtful. Does the Bible itself declare that there are 66 books included? It would seem so. Leviticus 24:5-7 states: "And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord." The Shewbread seems to represent the Word of God and was bread for the priest to eat as he entered the Holy of Holies. Each stack was to have 6 cakes in it. Using a simple $a=1, b=2, c=3 \dots z=26$ method you arrive at 39 for "cakes." There are 39 books in the Old Testament and notice that $3 \times 9=27$ which is the number of the books in the New Testament for a total of 66. The New Testament, is the Old Testament revealed, so within the Old Testament are shadows of the things to come in the New Testament (for example $3 \times 9=27$!) Is 66 of the devil as exclaimed by some Roman Catholic apologists? Probably not since they add the Apocrypha consisting of 7 books giving 73 books.

Table of Shewbread.



Does this prefigure the 66 books of the Bible?

The Apocrypha has many problems. From the use of magic, to salvation by works, to offering money as an offering for the sins of the dead, and incorrect historical facts. It isn't inspired of God. How can a so-called "perfect" magisterium include the Apocrypha in its Bible if it is truly the perfect source of scripture explanation.

The number 12 is amazing. Just look around and you will discover the number 12. There are 12 eggs in a dozen, 12 years in school, 12 jurors on a jury, 12 volts in car batteries, 12 months in a year, 12 inches in a foot, 12 functions on the keyboard, and 12 men have walked on the moon. We celebrate in the 12th month the birth of Jesus. The Bible first mentions Jesus as being 12 years old when he was stumping the authorities with his knowledge. There were 12 apostles, Jesus healed a girl who was 12 years old, and Jesus healed a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. The length of the chromosomes in our bodies is said to be about 12×10^{13} meters. In Matthew 26:53 Jesus speaks of calling down over 12 legions of angels if He wanted to. Our galaxy arm pitches at 12 degrees. There are 12 dwarf satellites orbiting our Milky Way.

Romans 1:20 says, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" So if we disbelieve in Christ we are without excuse because one can easily see the orderliness of His creation.

Here are some more twelves: when Jesus fed the multitude there were 12 baskets of leftovers, (Luke 9:17). The new Jerusalem, which will be the home of God's people for all eternity, is defined by 12's. It has 12 gates, with the 12 tribes of Israel inscribed on them, and 12 angels at each gate. It also has 12 foundations. (Rev. 21)

There are 12 notes on the musical scale of a piano. A baby sometimes takes first steps at 12 months. Girls start their reproductive cycle at around 12 years. We contain Carbon 12. There are 12 pairs of ribs in our bodies. There are 12 pairs of cranial nerves in the body. We have on average 12 pints of blood in our body. Blood has 12 clotting factors. Our upper back has 12 vertebrae. Impulses travel at approximately 100 to 120 meters per second along our nerves.

On page 31 I have listed a spreadsheet of important words and phrases that are in relation to both God's name and other related words, with the number of times each occurs within the KJV, NIV, and the NASB. I also have listed those that are multiples of 7 (God's number for perfection. It seems to me that God has identified which Bible is His Holy Word by internal findings. Notice that "God of Israel", "Holy Spirit", "Jehovah", "Jesus Christ", "Jesus of Nazareth", "Lord of hosts", and "Lord" are all listed a multiple of 7 times in the KJV only! This also shows that very few of the NIV and NASB words and phrases are listed a multiple of 7 times in their versions. Do you think that maybe God has left us a key to understanding which Bible is the right one for English speaking believers?

I put a stack of Bibles on my desk and told my cat Koko to pick the right one and he picked the KJV. Meow! What he did was to walk in front of my computer while I was trying to write this book, so I had to stop and give him what he really wanted, which was to sit in my lap and purr while I petted him. Once again Koko interrupts my story. I'm not amused. Come to think of it, cats can easily be amused and are naturally curious. Our cats follow us around and if we do something out of the ordinary they are watching us. Just over Koko's head is a little story line

inside with dots from his head to the thought. It says “Humans, they are just really good for nothing except for a treat now and then.” Another Meow. I think my imagination is getting away with me, but I think the discovery of these 7’s in the KJV is awesome. “Just the facts ma’am.” If you want to check out for yourself my research, you can download WORDsearch 11 and investigate it for yourself. Or if you have about ten years to waste counting words in your Bible, you could get the job done for free. Don’t do that. You might go crazy in about the third year or so, especially if your cat walks all over your Bible while you are reading it.

It also might be noted that if you test the Roman Catholic Bible known as the Douay Rheims you will find that it has only 2 or 3 words in my list that appear a heptadic number of times in that Bible. It looks very much like the hand of God is on the Authorized Version of the Bible.

There are a lot of English Bibles out there so be careful what you read and compare it to the KJV for better accuracy.

#NAME?	KJV	Div	NIV	Div	NASB	Div	ESV	Div	DRB	div
assembly	49	7	164		117		120		69	
bride	14	7	28		21	7	37		21	7
congregation (x)	49	7	3		15		15		3	
consecrated	14	7	58		55		45		50	
daughter (a)	7	7	0		7	7	7	7	7	7
daughter (b)	28	7	0		28	7	28	7	29	
earth	987	7	745		886		893		1169	7
faith (NT)	245	7	263		246		292		250	
favor	70	7	126	7	118		127		5	
firstborn (NT)	7	7	10		9		9		7	7
firstfruits (NT)	7	7	7		0		7		7	7
forgive	56	7	75		61		61		62	
God of Israel	203	7	199		0		203	7	224	7
Holy Spirit	7	7	97		93		101		8	
husbandman	7	7	0		0		0		10	
It is written	63	7	72		74		80		83	

Jehovah*	7	7	0	0	1	0	
Jesus Christ	196	7	120	135	150	176	
Jesus **	980	7	1502	978	1204	7	989
kingdom*	399	7	311	321	396		488
kinsmen	7	7	0	31	9		38
Lord of Hosts	245	7	0	237	242		242
Lord*	8015	7	7927	7922	8175	###	
messaage	7	7	149	46	37		7 7
Most High	49	7	59	50	55	103	
my beloved Son	7	7	0	7	7	6	6
righteous	238	7	307	300	298		12
sanctified	42	7	10	25	13		143
sanctify	70	7	4	19	12		62
Son of Man	196	7	182	7 195	199		199
thunders	7	7	13	3	8		14 7
twelve*	189	7	151	171	169		194
word of God	49	7	40	48	45		48
word of the Lord	245	7	211	241	245	7	252 7

(*) all derivatives of word (a) Daughter of Jerusalem

(**) in ref to Jesus Christ only (b) Daughter of Zion

KJV = King James Version NIV = New International version

Another number of interest is 33. Jesus was most likely 33 years old when He was crucified. 33 is also the number of vertebrae on each side of your spine. And in line with that if you look at Exodus 33:20-23 you find the story of God allowing Moses to see the back side of God. I find that interesting that it is in the 33rd chapter of Exodus. Also, if you go to the middle chapter of the KJV you find yourself at Psalm 117. This is considered the spine of the Bible which has 33 words in the KJV! Is God calling us to recognize that the Bible is a living word just like our spine is a living part of our body? Just to add to your amazement, we find that the words “my salvation” occur 33 times in the KJV. Also, the word “sacrificed” occurs 33 times as well. Other modern Bibles do not have these words occurring 33 times.

Also, King David reigned in Jerusalem for 33 years. In the English version of Genesis, God is mentioned 33

times. Jacob in the Bible had 3 + 3 children by Leah. According to the Law of Moses, following the circumcision of the foreskin of a male child, the mother had to purify her blood. She would not touch anything sacred nor go to the sanctuary until 33 days had passed. (Lev. 12:2-4)

Has God put His signature on the Authorized Version of the Bible? I know what I think.

CHAPTER 2

“THE HAND OF GOD”

There are exactly 55 words in the KJV for Jeremiah 36:14 which reads: “Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand and came unto them.” The Bible speaks of a hand and a hand has 2 sets of 5 fingers. Also notice that when you use the A=1, B=2, C=3....Z=26 number system for letters, Neriah adds to 55! Is this a coincidence or has God hidden within His Word aspects of His divine fingerprint on His Word? The other Bibles such as the NASB, NIV, ESV, etc. do not have a 55-word count in this verse. God has given all His creation of men and higher animals a 5- fingered hand or paw. Koko has 5 claws on his paw. I know this because he digs into my skin with them when he is startled and jumping down from my lap. He also meows at my door while I am trying to write this book. He wants to come in and walk around in front of my monitor which doesn’t help with seeing what I just typed. I hope you are not distracted from my book by this every day cat.

Notice that in the passage in Jeremiah the word “hand” is written twice and that’s 5 and 5 or 55. Neriah is also the 511,111th word in the Bible.² Notice also that we have a 5 and 5 ones which is also 55. Also, Neriah in our

². <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMJ2LZb3E01>

code is $14 + (5 + 18 + 9 + 1 + 8)$ which is $14 + 41$. Do you see a $5 + 5$ in this? Is this a mere coincidence? I don't think so. In Daniel 5:5 we have... "in the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand." The God of numbers strikes again. And in Psalm 144:1 we read "the Lord ...teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:". Do you see that 144:1 is also a $14 + 41$ or 5 and 5 ? Daniel 10:10 has "set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands" and Mark 14:41 states, "The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners." The word $N + A + I + L + S = 14 + 1 + 9 + 12 + 19 = 55$. Can you think of a place where nails were mentioned in scripture? I will give you a hint: it was during Passover in 30 A.D. Have you been touched by the hand of God? Were the nails driven into Jesus' hands, so your sins could be forgiven? Think about it. Were you on His mind when He took punishment He didn't deserve so you could get off scot-free?

It is amazing the number patterns that are found in the KJV. Do you think that the 54 scholars who worked on this Bible secretly made these patterns show up? Meow. It is obvious to this author that God openly created His word according to patterns such as these.

It is impossible that Christianity is not God's revelation of truth to man. It is simply impossible. The math proves it beyond question. It doesn't take faith to believe that one plus one equals two, and it doesn't take much faith to identify the religion which has mathematical certainty in its corner. God didn't have to give us mathematical proof of His existence, but He did it anyway. God didn't have to give us proof of Christianity, but He chose to do so. God didn't have to give us proof of His love for us, but that is exactly what He did. The proof is irrefutable.

The Bible is a prophetic book. There are prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament which number about 300 Here are eight of those 300 prophecies:

- (1) The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-6)
- (2) The Messiah will be a descendant of Jacob. (Numbers 24:17; Matthew 1:2)
- (3) The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9; Mark 11:4-11)
- (4) The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend. (Psalm 41:9; Luke 22:47,48)
- (5) The Messiah's betrayal money will be used to purchase a potter's field. (Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:9,10)
- (6) The Messiah will be spat upon and struck. (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 26:67)
- (7) The Messiah's hands and feet will be pierced. (Psalm 22:16; John 20:25-27)
- (8) Soldiers will gamble for the Messiah's garments. (Psalm 22:18; Luke 23:34)

There is no way one man could have fulfilled all 8 of these prophecies unless God was making it happen. Who else controls history? Who else could give us such irrefutable proof for Christianity? The odds are one in one hundred quadrillion, or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. That's just for eight. There are over 300!

So, what is Christianity all about? It is all about forgiveness. All of us are imperfect beings that commit sins of both commission and sins of omission.

I looked up eight words related to forgiveness and salvation in the KJV, NASB, ESV and the Douay Rheims. The following is a spreadsheet of the results for the number of times they occurred in each Bible.

NAME	KJV	div	NIV	div	NASB	div	ESV	div
Forgive	56	7	75		61		61	
forgiven	42	7	46		48		47	
Forgiveness	7	7	15		18		19	
Reconciled	7	7	9		7	7	7	7
Confess	28	7	11		20		20	
Confessed	7	7	5		8		3	
Favour	70	7	126	7	118		127	
sanctify	70	7	4		19		12	

Notice that the KJV has all words divisible by 7 but the NIV, NASB, and ESV have only one of the eight words. Is it coincidence? You make the call. Is this another example of the hand of God? Once again, I couldn't fit the Douay Rheims stats in, but they also failed miserably as far as having the words in the above chart to occur in multiples of seven. Numbers are the stuff of mathematicians. In the next chapter we will look at a few of those.

CHAPTER 3

“ALL THE MATHEMATICIANS”

Perhaps I should have titled this chapter “A Few Good Mathematicians” since I’m really not going to list everyone who championed in math.

Koko and Pelli are not the only cats in our neighborhood. Houdini the cat lives next door. Houdini is a black cat and very friendly. She is a lap cat just like ours. I am told by catologists that if a cat likes to get in your lap and bother you while you are writing a book or something then he loves you. Isn’t that nice to know? The following information about various mathematicians will be nice to know as well. So, let’s dig in.

Nobody knows who invented numbers. Don’t you think that person should be in Who’s Who or something? Probably somebody noticed that everybody has 5 fingers on each hand and used that to count with to start out. Maybe the wife said, “Get me one hands worth of ears of corn when cooking dinner and then somebody decided to call it five instead of “one hand.” Then some smart guy came along and named one, two, three and four. And on and on to infinity it went, well at least evolutionary.

Speaking of infinity, perhaps one of the most well-known mathematicians was Albert Einstein. He was noted for both math and physics discoveries. Have you ever wondered what the highest number is? Suppose it is 1,000 just for arguments sake. Then there could not be a

1,001. It's always true that any high number you imagine can always go one more up. Albert Einstein said, "Two things are infinite: The Universe and human stupidity, and I am not sure about the Universe." The sideways 8 or ∞ is used to represent infinity symbolically. Here's a test for you.

Suppose $\infty + 1 = \infty$; then using normal algebra and subtracting ∞ from both sides of the equation gives you $1 = 0$. But does $1 = 0$? Meow. Even my cat knows that $1 \neq 0$. I know this because when I give one cat a treat, the other one wants one too.

Here's another seeming paradox. If you have two twins of the same age and you send one on a trip to another star system and back at the speed of light, the traveling twin will be years younger than his other twin upon return. These are the kind of things that Einstein postulated with mathematics. I can't prove it one way or the other. I guess you could just accept it on faith coming from one so smart as Einstein. I hope you see where I am going with this. What about God, how smart is He? Theologians use the term omniscient to describe God, which means He knows everything. He also knows our ultimate destiny from the beginning and that destiny involves infinite time or eternity. Somehow beyond our understanding God exists outside of our time and space, and at the same time He is omnipresent or here all around us; and, in the case of Christians, He indwells us by way of the Holy Spirit. The promised Holy Spirit is described in the Bible in John 14:17:..."Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Going one step further, in John 14:21 we hear Jesus say, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me

and he that loveth me shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. The Definition of "manifest" is "easily understood or recognized by the mind." And readily perceived by the senses." We are not going to see Jesus Christ during the church age in a material way. If one claims to have seen Jesus Christ in a vision, he probably ate too many enchiladas. One must be careful because Satan can masquerade as a bright light. But could Christ appear in a vision to someone in an immaterial way? Would this be Jesus manifesting Himself to the believer? Whatever the vision, the Word of God will help one define its source. If it violates Scripture, then it did not come from God. So, it is a given that Christ will manifest Himself to the believer in some way especially to the one who keeps His commandments and loves God. Perhaps the Scripture is the only way He manifests to some, as some Christians say that they only see God in scripture. You can't just throw out all experience as imaginative hogwash. But you better not write a new Bible and say that you are a prophet, because the Bible itself says that it is a sealed book not to be tampered with. Maybe God is just communicating to you in some special way and not the whole of humanity.

Isaac Newton lived in the 17th and 18th centuries. He is the one who came up with the binomial theorem. Isaac Newton was a theologian who wrote many works including occultic studies and the literal interpretation of the Bible. In today's world he might have been called a heretic. If you are wondering about the Binomial theorem, it is a way of evaluating an expres-

sion like $(ax + by)^n$. For example: $(2x + 3y)^3 = 8x^3 + 36x^2y + 54xy^2 + 27y^3$. I bet you don't remember this little gem from your algebra class! There is a way to look at the numbers and determine the answer without multiplying it out.

And then there was Pythagorus and the infamous Pythagorean theorem. Supposedly there was even a Pythagorean cult that believed that everything could be explained by numbers. Modern string theory people are just Pythagoreans by another name. The only string theory I know is the one where you take a shoe lace and dangle it in front of a cat and watch him chase it. My Koko is a string theorist of sorts and likes to play strings. If you want to know about string theory, help yourself to the internet or go study physics at a university. I sometimes wonder if they really know what they are talking about. Everything made up of tiny little strings, really! Things so tiny that they almost don't exist. But to the many physicists they are there nevertheless.

Here is a short list of famous scientists and mathematicians that believed in God: Galileo, Boyle, Faraday, Newton, Descartes, Panck, Einstein, Kelvin, Copernicus, Kepler, and Bacon. I am sure there are many more. You can find each person's contribution on the Internet if you so desire. Some statisticians say that mathematicians have a higher rate of belief in God than scholars in other sciences and subjects. Could that be because we have a God of mathematics? One of the topics that "math people" like to talk about is the subject of infinity. Guess what the next chapter is about?

CHAPTER 4

“INFINITY”

Infinity is like the program whose instruction reads:

10 Print “Hello World”

20 Goto 10

I hope you see that this goes on forever or at least until somebody turns the power off. Think about it for a minute or two. If God knows the number of hairs on your head, then He probably has a handle on infinity. Numbering all the total number of hairs on all humans is about 600 trillion. That’s pretty close to infinity. Or is it? What about 600,000,000,000,001. If every hair in the US was worth 3 cents we could pay off the 20 trillion of debt by all going bald. Meow. But finding a buyer might be difficult. Matthew 10:30 says that God knows how many hairs are on your head. Heck all God must do is add up everybody’s hair total and we have the number. But that’s not infinity, not by a long-shot.

I hope you are beginning to see that with God all things are possible. Conclusion: God has the infinity number memorized. Just think about it. Your cats and dogs have more hair than you do and so do cows and other wild animals. We must add those into our totals. That’s maybe another 100 quadrillion or so. But we still haven’t made it to infinity, so let’s add in the number of atoms in the universe. Naw let’s just let it be with cats and

dogs and leave infinity to God. Nevertheless, mathematicians like to play with the numbers. Look at these equations and see if you agree: Let $x = \text{infinity}$:

$$X + 1 = X \text{ (you can always add one more)}$$

$$X + 1 - X = 1 - X, 1=1-X,$$

$$0 = -x ??? \text{ Probably meow.}$$

That should perchance blow your mind.

Here's an interesting thought. Suppose you could travel at the speed of infinity. Then you could be anywhere in no time at all. In fact, you could be in two places at the same exact time. As a matter of fact, you could be at an infinite number of places all at the same time! Who would you be if you could do that? Would that be God, who claims to be omnipresent? God occupies all of space somehow and since Jesus Christ is also God, He also is omnipresent along with the Holy Spirit. God is a lot of omni's including omnipresent. Scripture says: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:7- 10)

God is omniscient as well. The Bible says: "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." (1 John 3:20) Yes, He knows about those sins you committed, even the ones you don't want anyone to know about. Hopefully you are "born again" and all your sins whether they be past, present, or future are forgiven by the blood of Christ.

So, what is infinity all about? Maybe it is everlasting counting or eternal numbers. The problem with infinity is

that it continues to be out of our comprehension. Counting for kids is usually learned by counting on one's fingers. Here's a crazy example. Suppose you have a pile of snakes and you want to know, how many you have? Just remove them one at a time to another place and fold a finger down for each one. Hopefully you won't have more than ten because that gets more complicated, not to mention trying to not get bitten by each snake.

It doesn't really have to be snakes; it could be sticks for example. In the book of Exodus Moses threw his stick down in front of Pharaoh and it became a snake. But then the magicians of Pharaoh did the same. And did you know, Moses' snake ate up the magicians' snakes in which case only one finger was needed to count with. How did I get off on this? I haven't the foggiest idea.

Anyway, counting is one finger per item as you see. But suppose you start counting on the fourth snake and then count to an infinity of snakes. Do you see that your count is always less than the real infinity? Once again it is out of our comprehension. We'd have to be God to get the real answer.

Some false teachers even claim divinity. They just think they are God and haven't got a clue as to how big infinity is. Eternity is another word that sounds infinite. Do you know for sure that you have eternal life? If you thought infinity was a head-scratcher, what about the concept of the Trinity? Our next chapter.

CHAPTER 5

“THE TRINITY”

Like infinity, the Trinity is not comprehensible by humans. There is one God and yet three Persons who claim to be the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Did you ever sing that song containing the line “God in three persons, blessed Trinity?” Some scriptures speak of one God, others indicate a plurality of persons.

In nature and in the Bible, we find a plethora of threes. For example, a Christian is made up of body, soul, and spirit as the Holy Spirit indwells us and equips us to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. God is known as “The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.”

In nature we have the water molecule, which is composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. Water comes in three forms which are liquid, vapor, and ice. Sugar, the main food for the body, is made up of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. All matter is either solid, liquid, or gas. The principle contents of the atom are electrons, protons, and neutrons. The three parts of a cell are the membrane, the cytoplasm and the nucleus. Three main groups of food are carbohydrates, proteins, and fat. A tooth is crown, pulp, and root. The three university degrees are bachelors, master, and doctorate. I like to think of the masters to be known as “(More of the Same” and the doctorate as Piled higher and Deeper)”. It is a known fact that university professors seldom believe in

God and creationism, but that's another story about supposed smart people.

As before stated here are a few examples from the Bible:

1. God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent.
2. Time is divided into past, present, and future.
3. Jesus earthly ministry was 3 years long.
4. He was resurrected on the third day.
5. He was crucified at the third hour.
6. Jesus said He is the way, the truth, and the life.
7. Peter, James, and John were in His inner circle.
8. He was tempted 3 times in the wilderness.
9. The inscription over His cross was in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.
10. Peter denied Him 3 times.
11. Jesus raised 3 people from the dead.
12. All men are related to Shem, Ham, or Japheth.
13. The three Jewish fathers were known as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
14. Three sons of Adam are mentioned as Abel, Cain, and Seth.
15. The Tabernacle was made up of the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies.
16. Jonah spent 3 days in the belly of a whale.
17. Daniel prayed 3 times a day.
18. God told Isaiah to walk naked for 3 years as a sign against Egypt and Ethiopia.

I am sure there are many more threes in nature and in Scripture. I was just thinking, the three parts of a cat are his head, his body, and his tail. My cats like me to caress any of these, but they dislike it if I mess with their tail too much. Koko shakes his head if I put my finger near or in his ear. How did I get off on cats again? Come to think of it c-a-t is a three-letter word. You're probably not amused. Onward to better stuff.

Some "Christian" religions deny the Trinity. Listing a few of them: Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Armstrongism, Christadelphians, Oneness Pentecostals, Unification Church, Unity of School Christianity, and Scientology.

These religions are considered cults by most Christians. Thus, their pathway to salvation is unbiblical and therefore impossible.

There have, since the first century, been a multitude of different churches. For example, there were seven literal churches in the book of Revelation, and also false churches and cults as well as protestant and Roman Catholic each with their specific good points and bad points. Revelation 3:22 states, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Roman Catholicism claims to be the one true church in the world but the Spirit talks to the CHURCHES (plural). And their doctrines conflict with Scripture. For example, Romans 3:28 states that faith alone is required for salvation, but in RC doctrine faith by itself will not work according to Canon 9 of the council of Trent. The KJV points out that salvation and eternal life are the result of faith alone, but Catholics claim faith plus works to be saved. Biblical Christians say that the Bible is the sole source of truth and doctrine, while Catholics use a Bible with non-Biblical additions other

than the KJV and include traditions as a part of the pathway to God. One must decide whether he believes the pope is the last resort when truth is in question, or if it is the KJV, or in some churches, other Bibles which many be perversions of the truth. Modern Bibles could be an effort by Rome to make it seem that the Bible is not always perfect and thus the pope is needed as a final authority. You make the call. The Bible says that no man is perfect enough to be a final authority, and reiterates that the Word of God is sufficient for faith and practice as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" One of the severe problems with allowing a pope to be an authority, is that man is fallible and only an apostle of Jesus Christ was able to give forth the Word of God in a perfect format. Of course, the Pope claims to be an apostle, but the Bible refutes that by stating that an apostle had to see in person the resurrected Christ. "Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection." (Acts 1:22) Jesus also said not to believe anyone who said they had seen Jesus during the church age. (Matthew 24:26). In Revelation 21:14 we see that there are only 12 apostles mentioned, so how could there be other apostles? In the Bible, only a prophet or an apostle could do those signs that signified truth from God. Mark 16:20 says "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Nobody since the apostles has had the authority to declare themselves without error in presenting truth. This means to me that anyone who proclaims

himself infallible nowadays is a heretic including you and me.

I guess I got off on a rabbit trail from my subject of the Trinity. But since there are so many perversions of the doctrine of the Trinity, we need to define the only source of truth... God's Word.

If you really analyze the Trinity doctrine you will conclude it must be true. There had to be a God the Father for Jesus Christ to be born, because the Bible says Jesus was born of a virgin and thus He was a product of Mary and God. For Jesus to be the Savior of the world He had to be born and die on a cross for our sins, and for us to be regenerated (saved) the Holy Spirit has to indwell us who are His. The Holy Spirit is the regenerating agent of true Christians. How could Jesus send the comforter to be with us while He is in heaven if there is no Holy Spirit? Now that you are up to speed on the Trinity, let's consider another speedy thing..."light."

CHAPTER 6

“THE SPEED OF LIGHT”

The speed of light is about 186,000 miles per second according to measurements. Someone once postulated that if you could exceed the speed of light you could go some place and be there before you left. Roll that around in your mind for a while. You leave for a trip to Mars at 12 noon and arrive at 11:50 A.M. So, what happened to you between 11:50 A.M. and 12 Noon? Did you cease to exist? According to Einstein's Theory of Relativity, it turns out that if an object could travel faster than the speed of light, extremely weird effects could be observed: An observer traveling with the object would be able to observe an effect before its cause! At some speed that only God knows perhaps one could see everything at the same time.

Evolutionists like to argue that the universe has to be billions of years old since light could not have gotten to earth in just a few days like creationists postulate. However, light has been slowed down and speeded up in the laboratory. You can read about it in the website listed below.³ Maybe God made light to travel faster at first and then slowed it down. If God created light don't you think He could change its speed? Thus, it only took a day or so for light to get to earth from the stars when God created this world and stars were closer to the earth back then. I find it problematic

³. <https://physicsworld.com/a/laser-smashes-light-speed-record/>

that the measurement of light speed requires light to be sent to a mirror and bounced back to where it came from. How does one know that the outgoing speed is the same as the return speed? Maybe the bouncing off the mirror took away some of its speed and the going out speed was faster than 186,000 miles per second.

Here are some scriptures about light:

John 1:5 - And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

1 John 1:5 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 42:16 - And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

John 12:35 - Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 58:8 - Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

John 9:5 - As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Psalms 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

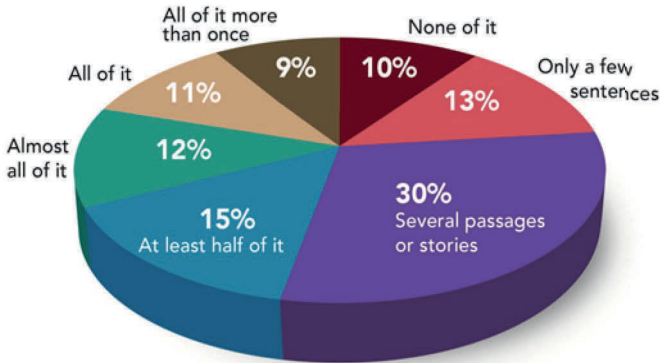
Did you know that when a new individual human is made by the sperm hitting the egg, that scientists have discovered that “light” is given off!

This is the flash of conception, and life begins at that point, thus to kill an unborn child is murder. Just google “flash of light at conception” to read about it. Jesus Christ is referred to as the “light of the world” (see John 8:12). Most in the world are walking in darkness because they do not know Jesus Christ. Perhaps the statement “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105) is one of the most important verses in

the Bible. It means that one should feed on the Word of God to get onto the right path. Very few people read the Word of God.⁴

Among Americans:

How much of the Bible have you personally read?



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You will hear that the KJV is hard to read, but actual reading tests verify that the KJV is the easiest Bible to read. The KJV is a light-bearing book. I believe that practically all of those Bibles other than the KJV are perversions of the truth. One of the first things Satan did was to call into question the Word of God. “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1) This was his statement to Eve. Does this make you wonder if maybe Satan wants to corrupt the Word of God with all the hundreds of versions out there? From the pie graph you can see that few in this country read the Bible seriously. I believe that the forces of darkness are trying to keep you and everyone away from the light of His Word.

⁴ <https://lifewayresearch.com/2017/04/25/lifeway-research-americans-are-fond-of-the-bible-dont-actually-read-it/>

Speaking of light, what about the word “alight”? It means to land lightly on something. Which gives me an idea for a cat break, or is it cat brake? If you drop your cat upside down, he puts on the brake to break his fall and lands on his feet. Remember I told you that he will ignore you for the rest of your life if you do this. This is not a light matter, although he probably won’t really do that as it is possible for cats to forget things like when you accidentally stepped on his tail after about 20 seconds or so, though not likely. They can’t remember sometimes because they are brain-lite. I wonder if you broke out in light laughter after this cat break? If not, then light a candle in the darkness so you can see the humor in a lightly salted joke. Did you know that cats see better than you in darkness? Koko escaped from our house one early morning in darkness. It was so dark I could not see where he went. One little trick to get a cat out of darkness is to shake your treat can and he will show up ready to chow down. God’s “treat can” to you is His Word. And the light of God’s Word is meant to bring us out of darkness! So much for the word “light.” Onward to some interesting lights in the next chapter.

(The Graph reference(4) page 53 has been removed, but you can google similiar information on the web.)

CHAPTER 7

“FIBONACCI”

You might never have heard of the Fibonacci sequence. It is a math term that describes many things seen in nature that obey a specific sequence. If you start at zero the sequence progresses like this:...0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21.... Each next number is found by adding the previous two numbers. Here is a picture of a galaxy obeying the Fibonacci rule.



Here is a picture of a snail obeying the sequence



Here is another Fibonacci galaxy



Nature displays many instances of the Fibonacci sequence displayed. For pictures of how cats sometimes curl up in this sequence, see this footnote.⁵ You can see the sequence in flower petals, leaves, hurricane formations, and galaxies. Is God playing with the numbers? I report, you decide.

⁵. <https://themindcircle.com/fibonacci-composition-cats-furbonacci/>

{Leonardo Pisano Fibonacci was the man who discovered the Fibonacci sequence. He was most likely born in Pisa, Italy and lived to be about 80 years old. He lived in the 13th century. In 1202 he wrote a book known as “Liber Abaci” in which he promoted the use of Arabic numerals, and thus the outdated Roman Numeral system eventually was exchanged for this new system of numbers. Fibonacci is best known, though, for his introduction into Europe of a number sequence which has since become known as Fibonacci Numbers or the Fibonacci Sequence. He discovered the sequence the first recursive number sequence known in Europe while considering a practical problem in the “Liber Abaci” involving the growth of a hypothetical population of rabbits based on idealized assumptions. He noted that, after each monthly generation, the number of pairs of rabbits increased from 1 to 2 to 3 to 5 to 8 to 13, etc., and identified how the sequence progressed by adding the previous two terms (in mathematical terms, $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$, a sequence which could in theory extend indefinitely. Truly math is important whether heavenly or earthly. Below is the mathematics of the Fibonacci spiral.



CHAPTER 8

“EARLY MATH + HEAVENLY MATH”

Remember when your algebra teacher told you in high school that you would need math at some time in your future and some kid said, “I don’t see how we will ever use this in real life.” Maybe he was contemplating the quadratic equation and it really did not make much sense. And then the teacher makes up a problem like this one. Suppose you want to build an A-frame greenhouse that is, say, 10 feet high in the center and 10 feet square at the bottom. The question is, how long will the side boards from the bottom to the top need to be? Using algebra, you have $X^2 = 5^2 + 5^2$ which is $X^2 = 25 + 25$ and

$X = \text{square root of } 50 \text{ or } 7.071 \text{ feet.}$ Hope that did not disturb you to try to remember stuff like that from math class.

One of the magics of math is that it is the universal language. Could it be that God has put various number things in the Bible, so we can see which Bible is the real one? In the KJV the words “brightness,” “discovered,” and “learned” are found in exactly 22 verses of the Bible. The word “known” is found in exactly 222 chapters in the KJV. See the chart on page 59 for a comparison of various modern Bibles with the KJV for a few words.

THINGS THAT COUNT

WORD	KJV	NIV	NASB	ESV
Brightness	22	8	15	16
Discovered	22	11	8	3
Learned	22	51	24	33
Known	222	142	208	220
Taste	22	16	21	24
Mystery	22	26	21	32

For “known” it is the number of Bible chapters it appears in. If you look at the book of Revelation you will find 22 chapters. Does this mean that the number 22 is about revealing things? If you read chapter 22 of the book of Genesis you will find that it is talking about the sacrificing of Isaac, which prefigures the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross for our sins. These words of the KJV are about the “brightness” of Christ, and the “discovered” things in the Old and New Testament about God. These things may be “learned” by making them “known” to yourself through study. In fact, the Word of God says, “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” (Psalm 34:8) Is all this mere speculation? I don't think so. One could look up and see what word the other Bibles use for where the KJV uses the word “brightness”, for example, and see how many times that word appears in the various Bibles. In the NIV the same passages that use brightness in the KJV use “brightness” as well as the following substitutes:

	9 times (for brightness)
Splendor	4 times
Radiance	3 times
Shines	1 time

Dazzling	1 time
Glory	1 time
Brighter	1 time
Brilliance	1 time
Brilliant	1 time

Now let's look at the NASB and see how it stacks up. And when we have looked at the ESV as well we will analyze our results.

By comparison the NASB has some differing results as we shall see.

NASB

Brightness	9 times
Splendor	5 times
Radiance	4 times
Bright	1 time
Brightly	1 time
Brighter	1 time
Appearance	1 time

ESV

Brightness	15 times
Splendor	4 times
Brighter	1 time
Radiance	1 time
Appearance	1 time

The NASB, ESV, and NIV use the same exact word a few times out of the 22. All 4 Bibles including the KJV match only 6 times out of 22. The ESV comes closest to matching the KJV in these. Since the KJV is not copyrighted, a Bible can almost be the same as the KJV without a violation. The NASB and NIV match on 11 occasions; the NASB with the ESV on 16 times, and the NIV with the ESV 12 times, where they use the same word in the same verse. Do you really think that God

wants that much variation in what a verse says? Obviously using different words can sometimes change the meaning of a verse. Do you get the picture that the NASB, NIV, and ESV must vary what word they use to get a copyright and thereby allowing the publishers to make money? Consider the following verses of the KJV: GOD'S WORD HAS BEEN PRESERVED FOR ALL TIME. As you can see below.

1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever."

Psalms 12:6-7 "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever."

Ps. 111:7-8 "The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness."

Is. 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Ps. 117:2 "... the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord."

Ps. 119:152 "Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever."

Ps 119:160 "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

If these verses are true, what are the ramifications of them? Is there not a perfect written Word of God somewhere? Where is it? You will have to make the call. Is it the KJV, NIV, ESV, NASB, the Douay Rheims or something else? You have seen already how these differ from each other.

Just as I was about to investigate the word “learned”, you guessed it, Koko jumped up in my lap for his morning rub. It’s a “learned” event for him. This was a good time for a “cat” break. When I lock him out of my study, he meows at the door, usually until I let him in. My sister-in-law had a cat named PIB. Short for “pain in the butt.” Maybe we should have named Koko “CAD”- “cat at the door.” Enough said.

The next word is “learned.” But before we do that, let’s look at two men known as Westcott and Hort. If you study the sources of most if not all the modern translations you will find that these two men were involved. Here are some facts that can be derived from this website:⁶ Their views on Scripture and the Text are outlined below.

1846 Oct. 25th - Westcott: “Is there not that in the principles of the “Evangelical” school which must lead to the exaltation of the individual minister, and does not that help to prove their unsoundness? If preaching is the chief means of grace, it must emanate not from the church, but from the preacher, and besides placing him in a false position, it places him in a fearfully dangerous one.” (Life, Vol.I, pp.44,45.

Oct., 22nd after Trinity Sunday - Westcott: “Do you not understand the meaning of Theological 'Development'? It is briefly this, that in an early time some doctrine is proposed in a simple or obscure

⁶http://jesus-is-savior.com/Bible/westcott_and_hort_exposed.htm

form, or even but darkly hinted at, which in succeeding ages, as the wants of men's minds grow, grows with them - in fact, that Christianity is always progressive in its principles and doctrines" (Life, Vol.I, p.78).

Dec. 23rd - Westcott: "My faith is still wavering. I cannot determine how much we must believe; how much, in fact, is necessarily required of a member of the Church." (Life, Vol.I, p.46).

1847 Jan., 2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Westcott: "After leaving the monastery we shaped our course to a little oratory...It is very small, with one kneeling-place; and behind a screen was a 'Pieta' the size of life (i.e. a Virgin and dead Christ)...I could not help thinking on the grandeur of the Romish Church, on her zeal even in error, on her earnestness and self-devotion, which we might, with nobler views and a purer end, strive to imitate. Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours." (Life, Vol.I, p.81).

1848 July 6th - Hort: "One of the things, I think, which shows the falsity of the Evangelical notion of this subject (baptism), is that it is so trim and precise...no deep spiritual truths of the Reason are thus logically harmonious and systemat- ic...the pure Romish view seems to me nearer, and more likely to lead to, the truth than the Evangelical...the fanaticism of the bibliolaters, among whom reading so many 'chapters' seems exactly to correspond to the Romish superstition of telling so many dozen beads on a ro- sary...still we dare not forsake the Sacraments, or God will forsake us...I am inclined to think that no such state as 'Eden' (I mean the popular notion) ever existed, and that Adam's fall in no degree differed from the fall of each of his descendants" (Life, Vol.I, pp.76-78). Aug. 11th - Wescott: "I

never read an account of a miracle (in Scripture?) but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability, and discover some want of evidence in the account of it.” (Life, Vol.I, p.52).

Now we go to the word “learned.”

Bible vs	KJV	NIV	NASB	ESV
Gen 30:27	learned	learned	divined	learned
PS 106:35	learned	adopted	learned	learned
PS 119:7	learned	learned	learn	learn
PR 30:3	learned	learned	learned	learned
ISA 29:11	learned	Read	literate	can read
ISA 29:12 (2)	learned	Read	illiterate	cannot read
ISA 50:4 (2)	learned	instructed	disciples	are taught
Ezek 19:3	learned	learned	learned	learned
Ezek 19:6	learned	learned	learned	learned
Jn 6:45	learned	learned	learned	learned
Jn 7:15	learned	taught	educated	studied
Acts 7:22	learned	educated	learned	instructed
Rom 16:17	learned	learned	learned	been taught
Eph 4:20	learned	learned	learn	learned
Phil 4:9	learned	learned	learned	learned
Phil 4:11	learned	learned	learned	learned
Col 1:7	learned	learned	learned	learned
2 Tim 3:14(2)	learned	learned	learned	learned
Heb 5:8	learned	learned	learned	learned
TOTALS	22	14	13	13

As you can see the NIV, NASB, and ESV use various words to replace what the KJV has, which is “learned” in every case. They sometimes use “learned” but not always. Part of the difference is because the modern Bibles use a different set of Greek and Hebrew manuscripts than does

the KJV which uses mainly the "Textus Receptus." The other part of the difference is because they must change wording some to have a different copyright.

As you have seen, counting things can establish that there is a Creator involved. The KJV seems more statistically accurate than the modern versions. One of the things that mathematicians and others have postulated is the idea of "higher dimensions", which we will explore in the next chapter.

CHAPTER 9

“HIGHER DIMENSIONS”

Have you ever wondered what it is like where Heaven is? God dwells there, but then God also is something called omnipresent. Koko, our male cat, also seems to be omnipresent sometimes as he wants to follow us around through the house to see what we are doing. But then again, he can hide himself and we wonder where he is. When the doorbell rings he usually goes under a bed or someplace hidden. And Pelli our female cat stays hidden even longer as she is shy of strangers. You might ask, “What does your cat have to do with higher dimensions?” Not much, I guess, but you deserve a cat break every now and then. Koko wants me to take a break right now as it is his morning rub-down time. He just sat down and covered my computer mouse, hoping I would notice him. Onward to an explanation of higher dimensions which will probably cause you to think deeply like Koko does. Meow. The usual explanation of dimensions starts out by imagining that you live in a two-dimensional world. What, for example, would you see if a three-dimensional figure passed through the plane of your existence? Take, for example, a globe passing through your plane. It would look like a small circle to start and then get bigger until it passed through on the other side of the equator, and then it would look like a circle

getting smaller and would then disappear. If a cube passed through from its base parallel to the plane it would look like a square until it got all the way through and then would disappear. But what if the cube came in at one of its corner points? That would be more complicated. It would look like a triangle increasing and then decreasing in size.

The more complicated the polygon, the more complicated the two-dimensional figure would be.

But now imagine you are living in a three-dimensional world and a four-dimensional object passes through. Would it not have to appear as a three-dimensional object that gets larger and then gets smaller as it passes through? That should probably blow your mind. Do you suppose that the sightings of UFO's could be four dimensional objects passing through time and space in our existence? Scientists like to surmise that we are being visited by extraterrestrials. If you really begin to investigate the distance problems from other worlds to ours, it is mind boggling how any so-called space alien could get here in less than thousands of years of space flight. Flying through space at the speed of light would take hundreds of years and you would be sure to hit some space junk somewhere and become space junk yourself.

Some people claim to have encountered aliens who told them that the Bible was nonsense and that our idea of God is only an explanation for higher beings out there somewhere. Now can you imagine that aliens flying through billions of miles of space would come all the way across the Milky Way just to tell us that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God? Could these entities be demons and devils who materialize in our space from the 4th dimension? It seems much more plausible than actual space flight. Mathematicians have used math to say there are more than three dimensions. Maybe as many as ten or more

dimensions out there. This, of course, is only theoretical, but math can sometimes be used to show something that would otherwise be left unnoticed.

Here's a picture of Koko. He's all curled up in a Fibonacci spiral in his usual spot on top of the couch.



Koko is a third-dimension being, but as far as he is concerned he is number 1. If dimensions are related to cat lives he is probably in his 4th or 5th dimension and hoping he never reaches the 9th dimension because 9th dimension cats are nearing cat heaven. Of course, that's another dimension of its own because nobody knows for sure if there are cats in heaven. Cats can live as long as 20 years or more. I heard that there was a cat that lived as long as 38 years in Texas. It is a known fact that indoor cats live longer than outdoor ones. I guess there are too many dangers out there such as from other animals and vehicles on the road. Don't you hate to see that happen?

Here's Pelli, our female cat.



bed and hoping I won't aggravate her or pick her up. She will jump up into my lap and sit and purr, but she takes unkindly to me or strangers who want to capture her. I don't know how I got off on this cat thing while writing about dimensions. Maybe I should just stick to the subject at hand. You get the picture. Onward to bigger and better things, apart from 3- dimensional cats and stuff. Come to think of it, all stuff is because of God's creativity. When God created the earth and the heaven He probably first created a spiritual heaven and earth. This would be a sort of engineer drawing in God's mind of stuff without the stuff on it. If God used the big bang to create stuff, then he must have created the stuff first and then blew it up. Somehow, I think He probably trashed that idea because of all the mess it would have created.

Some evolutionists are okay with the possibility of blowing things up and creating something awesome. Kind of like the tornado that blew through a junk yard with the result being a fully functioning 747 jet airliner. Meow! Hello do we have a brain? So, did God create a heaven or heavens in Genesis 1:1? "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1, KJV) Critics charge that שָׁמַיִם (shamayim) is plural and should be translated as "heavens."

In Hebrew the plural form may show size rather than number in some contexts. This plural is called a plural of extension or amplification. Skies can refer to a large expanse in the air that is really one sky. As an example one might say "the jet took to the skies" Some translations besides the KJV translate it as "heaven" The NASB and ESV translate Gen. 1:8 as "heaven" while the NIV translates it as "sky". As you can see the translation can depend upon context. I believe the KJV gets it right as usual. And even though the KJV team of some 54 well educated translators wrote in the introduction of the 1611 Bible that they were unsure that they got everything right, could it be that God was with them and helped them get it right.

Support for the KJV is compelling when you consider the various word counts found in it and compare it to the modern versions. For example, the number 5 is associated with grace. Why is that you might ask? The two sets of the 10 Commandments are divided into the first 5 about relationship with God and the second 5 are about our relationship with man. There were 5 types of offerings commanded by God in the book of Leviticus. The Bible has the book of the Law or the first 5 books of the Bible and it also has the New Testament in the 4 gospels plus Acts. The Tabernacle in the wilderness contained 5 curtains, 5 bars, 5 pillars, 5 sockets and an

altar made of wood that was 5 cubits long and 5 cubits wide. (Exodus 27:1) The Holy anointing oil (Exodus 30:23-25), the ingredients of which were given directly by God, was used to consecrate the furniture of the tabernacle. It was composed of five ingredients, and it was a revelation of pure grace. The proportion of spices used in making the oil were a multiple of five, to which a hin of olive oil was added. they were pure myrrh, 500 shekels; sweet cinnamon, 250 shekels sweet calamus, 250 shekels; and cassia, 500 shekels. Notice that each of these numbers is a multiple of 5. Finally, the word "righteous" and derivatives of "righteous" such as "righteousness" are found 555 times in the KJV Bible. If you look at the occurrence of "righteous" in all other modern translations, it comes out more or less than 555. Contrary to Daniel B Wallace, it is the opinion of this author that only God could do such things that are numerically found in the KJV. So read the KJV, and if you find a passage or word hard to understand, research it's meaning for clarity. The KJV has been used for over 400 years by English speaking peoples. It seems to me that it is the one version of the Bible that has stood the test of time. All these modern versions are written, and re-written, and new versions are popping up everywhere. Is this a confusion factor presented by the forces of darkness, or otherwise? It could be. You can find many books and websites that argue one way or the other. With the knowledge I have about this issue, I find the KJV to be the best translation. Many people can attest to having read passages in the KJV that created the spark that led them to Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and salvation. People who are born from above and have read the KJV are confident that there is a genuineness in this version that is not found in the other versions. Remember this, the Devil mixes a lot of truth with error. Is this a confusion factor presented by the forces of darkness, or otherwise? It looks like it. You can find

many books and websites that argue one way or the other. With the knowledge I have about this issue, I find the KJV to be the best translation. Many people can attest to having read passages in the KJV that created the spark that led them to Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and salvation. People who are born from above and have read the KJV are confident that there is a genuineness in this version that is not found in the other versions. Remember this, the Devil mixes a lot of truth with error.

It is interesting that we discovered previously that "Jesus Christ", "Holy Spirit", "Lord of hosts", "baptized of John", and "Jehovah the Lord" all add to 151. Now look at 151. It really looks like the absolute value of 5 and 5 is the number for grace! If you think that is a stretch, that's okay. Maybe it is my imagination that thinks up such. However, it is no imagination of the facts previously stated about the number 5 in the Bible. Who do you think thinks in higher dimensions? Would that be Christians or evolutionists?

CHAPTER 10

CREATION VS EVOLUTION

The Bible says that “in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) To my finite mind that seems pretty “purrific.” Perhaps a better word is “terrific.”

Did you know that all cats have a unique “nose print”? I examined Koko’s and Pelli’s noses to see if this is really true...and it is. Of course if you want to make a nose print of your cat, be prepared to get scratched! Did evolution create a unique cat’s noseprint? I know what I think.

When one studies DNA he finds that DNA is more complicated than a whole library full of books. One also finds that the evolution concept of mutation of genes almost always makes the product animal less complicated rather than more complicated. Inevitably the prospect of a cat evolving into a dog is impossible, “so to speak.” You won’t get a doggy-cat or a catty-dog.

It has also been found that saltiness of the oceans is increasing at a rate that would make the creation likely to have happened way less than billions of years ago, considering the present chemistry of our oceans.

I was teaching Bible study at a Methodist church and was teaching the Biblical concept of the seven 24- hour days of creation and the problems associated with evolution when the pastor informed me that this type of

teaching makes us look out of sync with science and a little on the crazy side. In this church, there were significant numbers of members who had decided that evolution or theistic evolution and same sex marriage were right and okay. The pastor also told me that I should get into a church that believed like I did. I did just that when I moved to the Tucson area.

In this chapter, we will discuss the Biblical side of the argument. I think that point number one should be that the same pastors who go on the side of theistic evolution (the belief that God created everything by the evolution process also will often say that the Bible is 100 percent true and correct in the Genesis account as well as the rest of the Bible. Now here is the first problem: The probability of life developing from a one celled being is estimated by some scientists at one in 10 to about the 40,000th power. As you can see, this makes evolution look silly as a possibility. The second problem is the one of finding a missing link from ape to man. Some times what the paleontologists will find is only a tooth, and from that they suppose that they have found a missing link. But just to give an example, Nebraska Man was found in the early 1920s and was held to be the missing link in the Scopes trial in 1925. In 1927, it was declared to be the bones of an extinct wild pig. There have been other cases of finds that they thought fit the bill. For example, a find named Lucy seemed to be a "transitional" human according to its finder. However, some leading observers say that the skull of this find was so incomplete that most of it is imagination made of plaster of paris. Thus, the missing link is still missing! Many scientists even go so far as to explain everything with a big bang billions of years ago. It seems that "nothing exploded to create the

universe. How does “nothing explode? Did not God create all matter, space, and time? If God was not existent, then “really” did “nothing” explode to create the universe. One of the first laws of physics is that matter cannot be either created or destroyed by man. The Bible says that God did His creation in six-24 hour days. The word “yom” is used in the ancient writings and always signifies a 24-hour day when preceded by a number, as in: “And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.” (Genesis 1:8 Also note that Exodus 20:11 says: “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” The Bible says that all creatures ate plants before the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.” (Genesis 1:29-30 This indicates that there was no death originally before the Fall. Animals did not eat animals nor did Adam and Eve kill animals for food but ate only plants as God had directed them. Unfortunately, Eve ate of some fruit in the garden that God had forbidden and thus both man and animals began to die physically. (Genesis 2:17 Now it is a denial of the word of God to say that death happened before the Fall, as is exclaimed by evolutionists. They say that death has been happening for millions of years as is depicted in the fossil

record. The truth is that these fossils were deposited by the flood of Noah's day which occurred hundreds of years after Adam. Creation scientists have given plausible explanations for carbon dating etc. It is a problem when man wants to dispute the Word of God. Evolution is a dead theory as is the big bang theory. Which word will you believe, God's word or man's word? A lot of churches and pastors are trying to do both at the same time by putting forth the idea of theistic evolution. Do you think that God just created the first life and then it evolved into monkeys and then into man? Jesus referenced the Old Testament in Matthew 24:38-39, 19:4, Mark 10:6, and Luke 17:27. Apparently, Jesus knew that the story in Genesis was literal history. Now if we are going to dispute the word of God in Genesis, where else in theory could it be wrong? How about the statements about the resurrection of Jesus or the claim that He is and was God almighty? If you are attending a church that denies parts of God's Word, then run to the nearest exit, because there is deception in that Church. There are several factors that point to a young earth. For example, the saltiness of the oceans as mentioned before. If the oceans are increasing their level of saltiness at a constant rate, and if you started at zero saltiness and increased the saltiness of the oceans you would arrive at several million years, which is far short of the billions of years proclaimed by evolutionists. And we do not know what the level of saltiness was at the beginning, nor do we know if saltiness has increased at a steady rate. But evolutionists need the billions of years to make evolution have even the slightest possibility of happening. Many statisticians have proved mathematically that the chance of life coming to pass by chance is so far out there that it is for all intents and purposes impossible.

Also, consider that the radioactive decay of uranium in tiny crystals in a New Mexico granite yields a uranium-lead “age” of 1.5 billion years. However, the same uranium decay also produced abundant helium yet only 6,000 years’ worth of that helium was found to have leaked out of the tiny crystals. This means that the uranium must have decayed very rapidly over the same 6000 years that the helium was leaking. The rate of Uranium decay must have been at least 250000 times faster than today’s measured rate.

Carbon dating is often used to date rocks and other items up to millions and billions of years, however, C-14 dating can only be accurate up to about 80000 years as C-14 approaches 1% the measurement becomes too small to be realistic. And every sample including diamonds have been tested to still have C-14 in them, which absolutely points to a young earth that could not be over 80,000 years old at most. In turn, this ruins the idea of evolution which takes billions of years to be realistic. Even after billions of years the odds are still near zero, as it is virtually impossible for a living cell to develop from a mud hole. Still many scientists try to get around the odds by saying that maybe aliens came to earth and planted life here. That begs a few questions: 1. How did life begin with the aliens, and 2. How were they able to get to earth from thousands of light years away and how did they avoid space debris from colliding with them at such high speeds?

If we believe the secular scientists, then we deny the 100% accuracy of the Bible. Can we pick and choose which Bible verses we will believe? As I have stated previously, there is ample evidence of the truth of Scripture from fulfilled prophecy, historical findings, and changed lives of those who take God’s Word to heart. If I were in a church in which the leadership denied the accuracy and truth of the Bible in any way, I would find a

new church. The name of Satan's game is deception and he often uses even people in leadership to poison the truth with his lies.

Consider the scientific truth that the moon is moving away from the earth at about 1.5 inches per year. At that rate, the Moon would have been touching the earth at about 1.5 billion or so years ago.

Consider also that starlight distances are not absolute proof of the age of the earth and universe. It is often stated that it would take millions of years for starlight to reach earth therefore the earth must be 4.5 billion years old. Some scientists have shown that it is mathematically possible for light to travel at different speeds in a gravity-time-dilation situation. In other words, it could be shown mathematically that time on a star system could read millions of years while time on earth could read only a day or two given this hypothesis. You can get the formula for gravitational time dilation from Wikipedia, on the Internet. Of course, we have a God who can do anything, so if time is not altered by gravitation then God could make the starlight appear as quick as He wanted it to during His creation of the stars. (Genesis 1:16). Also, there are difficulties in measuring the speed of light. For example, to measure the speed of light you must have it bounce off a mirror or something and come back to its point of origin and it is impossible to ascertain whether light traveled the same speed in both directions. The bounce back speed could be quite slower than the origin speed!

Now somebody has created a real fairy tale. Is it the evolutionists or is it the creationists? Remember Satan's claim in the Garden of Eden, "Hath God said....." People look at things from a beginning set of assumptions and then try to explain everything based on those assumptions and they often try to bend science to fit their assumptions. If we assume evolution to be true, then it fol-

lows that we need billions of years to give it a chance of happening. If we assume that God created everything, and we do not look at it as an assumption because we believe God, we show the earth to be about 6000 years old and evolution is not possible.

Interestingly enough, it was found notorious killer Jeffrey Dahmer became a Christian just before he was murdered in prison. And in an interview with him and his father it was found that the thing that changed his mind was that his father sent him some information about the evolution creation debate. He said that that turned his thinking around and he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. Dahmer said that before he was saved he thought that there was no God and there was no reason to believe that there was anything wrong with murder. After all, if there is no God then in his thinking it was every man to do what he wanted to do.

A young earth was indicated by Jesus in Mark 10 where in vs 6 He said, "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female." This refutes evolution and long ages because the Scripture says that instead of man being the result of change over time from monkeys to man, that God created the first man. Thus, anyone who says that man evolved is calling Jesus a liar. It is very apparent that long ages and evolution did not create man.

The previous two pages and to the end of this chapter are found on the website that I have footnoted here.⁷ Some information is also found in this section of the book⁸

⁷ Deception in the Church, Goodnews publishing, 508 S Staunton drive Tucson, AZ. 85710 p. 191-198

⁸. IBID p 195-198.

Both time and chance are called the heroes of the theory of evolution. For starters let us look at how through time the idea of how old the earth and universe is has changed.

- 1650 A Christian man named Ussher calculated using the Bible that the earth was created in 4,004 B.C.
- 1760 Charles Lyle said the earth was 75,000-years old.
- 1831 scientists said the earth was 240-Million years old.
- 1897 They said the earth was 400-million years old.
- 1905 They upped it to somewhere between 500,000 and 1.64-billion years old.
- 1928 They upped it to 2-billion years old.
- 1947 They upped it to 3-billion years old.
- 1950 They said it was somewhere between 1 and 10-billion years old
- 1987 They decided arbitrarily that the universe was 8 billion years old.
- 1995 They upped the age of the universe to 12-billion years old.
- 1997 It became 13-billion
- 1999 It became 13.4-billion
- 2001 It became 14.8-billion

Looks like a lot of guess work to me!

In the study of supernovas it is estimated that if the universe is billions of years old we should have seen about 7,250 explode during that time, but if the universe is only about 6,000 years old, then we should have seen on the order of 125 to 200 supernovas explode. The actual observed count is 205.

The lifespan of a comet is about 10,000 years. The problem is that all comets should have expired if billions of years have passed, and the fact is we still see comets.

In billions of years all the hydrogen should have become helium by now, but the fact is that there are still enormous amounts of hydrogen in the atmosphere.

In billions of years Jupiter and Saturn should be stone cold but they still have quite a bit of heat in them.

The sun is shrinking in size by .1% per year. From this you can deduce that about 50000 years ago life would have not been possible on earth from the enormous heat hitting the earth.

U-236 and Th-230 are short-lived isotopes and if the moon was only 50,000 years old these should have decayed into lead by now; however, they were surprisingly found in abundance in moon rocks.

Scientists at Harvard and Princeton have demonstrated that light speed is not a constant; in fact, light has been slowed to zero and up to 300 times the usual measurement of 186,000 miles per second!

Some creationists have wisely asked: Why do we still have mountains? Should not billions of years of erosion have cut them down?

The following comparison of Genesis to evolution shows that evolutionists call God a liar.

- In Genesis matter was created by God; in evolution matter existed by itself.
- In Genesis the earth was created before the sun and stars; In evolution, the sun and stars existed before the earth.
- In Genesis the oceans were before the land, in evolution the land came before oceans.
- In Genesis there was light before the sun; in evolution the sun was earth's first light.
- In Genesis land plants came first, in evolution marine life came first.
- In Genesis fruit trees were before fish, in evolution fish were before fruit trees.
- In Genesis land vegetables were before the sun, in evolution, the sun was before land plants.
- In Genesis birds were before reptiles, in evolution reptiles were before birds.
- In Genesis man is the cause of death; in evolution, death was a necessary antecedent of man.

You know it only takes one of these items to make evolution look impossible. But I have shown many such items. I report you decide. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." And in verse 3 we read, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,". Those with sincere faith usually have doubts about evolution.

CHAPTER 11

“THE GRAVITY OF THE MATTER”

Can cats defy gravity? Apparently they are closer to that than humans. They can fall from great heights and stay alive. They flip over when a bad person drops them upside down, so as to land on their feet. As I said before, don't do that because your cat will ignore you for a day or two.

I was thinking about gravity and it came to me that no one has satisfactorily convinced me as to what causes gravity. Gravity certainly has properties that can be observed. For example the further you fall the faster you go. That's called acceleration. But what if gravity did not stay constant or obey any mathematical formula? Let's imagine that you are a space traveler to planet Golob. And when you get there you step out onto the planet and immediately bounce 10 yards into the air and slowly drift back to the surface. But after a few hours of wandering around you discover that you begin to feel heavy, like you have glue on your feet. Every step you take is a tax on your ability to move forward. What is going on? Gravity just changed to a 10 where 10 is the highest and 1 is the lowest. But you cannot detect any formula by which it prevails and pulls object together. In fact, it changes from a 10 to a 1 without warning and stays there for 4 days. And then it goes to a 7 for 40 minutes or so and then to a 5, again without warning. You just encountered a gravity

that is totally unpredictable. Things might float in space for a few days and then suddenly fall flat and smash what they hit. This is not good. This planet was obviously not created by God. But it is, of course, only an imaginary planet. Golob obviously created itself and followed the rule of non-creation which is open to “engineered by stuff” existence.

I wonder if you now are convinced that some intelligent being created gravity, because it obeys rules we can use and predict.

The evolutionist-secularist has a problem when one considers that there has to be an un-caused first cause for everything that exists. Otherwise causation would be an infinite regressive case where if x caused y then what caused x. Perhaps it was caused by cause 1. Then what caused cause 1? Perhaps it was cause 2. But what caused cause 2? Perhaps it was cause 3.....out to infinity. Do you see that there has to be an uncaused first cause? The uncaused first cause is God! The question “who made God” is just as nonsensical as the above out to infinity of causes. Of course we have to decide which God we are talking about. Satan has created numerous gods and in fact he thinks he is God. The Bible says his fate is the lake of fire. Gods don’t get punished in a lake of fire. The only God that makes any sense is the Hebrew God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God who is a trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This God makes sense because He makes predictions that actually happen in time and space. You will have to read the Bible to discover all of these. None of the so-called gods of mythology etc. ever get predictions right 100% of the time, yet the God of the Bible does.

One of the most important things sincere Christians discover is that when they develop faith in the God of the Bible, their life is changed. I can definitely say that since I

am a believer in Jesus Christ “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Even college professors believe both in gravity and that there are “things that count” and make good sense in our world.

CHAPTER 12

“BACK TO COLLEGE”

I live in Tucson, Arizona. The University of Arizona is located here. I decided to take a survey of religious information at the college. So I went on the campus and surveyed 40 students. Not surprisingly, I found that about half of the students did not read any Bible. The highest number that did, read a Roman Catholic Bible. Only 2 people read the KJV, the NASB, or the Message Bible and 3 people read the NIV. Of those interviewed, 27% said that faith in Jesus Christ was the only way to heaven, 54% said that there are several pathways to heaven, and 18% said that heaven probably did not exist. 42% said that they believed that all men are sinners and need to be saved during this life, while 58% said that they believed that not all men are sinners. Of those surveyed, 46% said they were evolutionists, also 15% said that they were creationists while 33% said they were neither creationists, nor evolutionist and 5% said they were both. 56% said that they believed that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and 44% said they did not believe He rose from the dead.

I also asked each student what his greatest source of joy was. Out of the 40 students only 3 said that God or a relationship with God was their greatest source of joy. The highest listing for their sources of joy included:

friends and family, doing good, or helping people and nature. Some of the lesser mentioned items for joy included yoga, meditation, video games, and music.

In the survey I also asked them what I could pray for them about. Only about half of those surveyed said anything. But for those who answered the answers centered on such things as: good health, success in school or life, being happy, graduating, violence in the world, and adventure.

So what does this survey say to us? I believe it says that very few of these students were actually “born again.” And the source of becoming born again (the God of the Bible) was heavily abandoned. The Bible most read was the Catholic Bible, which contains the Apocrypha and skews doctrines away from apostolic truth. It was also obvious that evolution education had caused a great number to ignore religion in general. And while slightly more than half said that Jesus Christ had been raised from the dead, it is likely that few of those who said so had a personal relationship with Him.

I would suspect that almost all college campuses are fertile ground for evangelism. There are other groups that try to witness on the University of Arizona campus.

The college professors generally have atheistic leaning and thinking. They believe in evolution and most of them think that it is most likely that other life and aliens are out there somewhere in distant galaxies. Some colleges today are searching for life with giant telescopes. My wife and I visited the telescope lens building department at Arizona University and listened to the speech by the tour guide. He showed us where they were grinding the giant lenses and went into the finest detail about the process. These lenses were huge, perhaps 20 feet across or more. Astronomers are looking for alien life.

CHAPTER 13

“ROUTE 66”

Have you ever traveled down the old Route 66? Historically this was a very traveled and nostalgic road. Route 66 stretched from Chicago to Los Angeles and was 2,448 miles long. From the 1930's forward you could get your “Kicks on Highway 66.” All kinds of businesses sprang up, such as fast food places etc. that attracted tourists for a quick hamburger and fries.

This reminds me of a move my wife and I made from Nevada to Arizona in 2014. It was about 500 miles and we had to take Koko and Pelli with us so the vet recommended that we give them a tranquilizer. I think we gave Pelli too much because when we got to Arizona she became the wobbly scaredy cat that hid from us for several days. This was a route that they did not like and it took several days for them to get used to their new home. We did not travel on Route 66 but nevertheless it was an adventure with our cats.

I want to talk to you about another adventure involving 66. You guessed it. The 66 book King James Bible. There are several routes you can take with Bibles. Some of them have more than 66 books such as the Douay Rheims Roman Catholic Bible. I believe that the Apocrypha is not to be included in the Bible like some do. No prophet or apostle quoted any passage from it. Besides, there are historical mistakes within it, but none in the KJV.

The word "scroll" occurs exactly 2 times in the KJV. It occurs in Isaiah 34:4 and in Revelation 6:14 and wouldn't you know it? The number of words in these 2 verses adds to 66. This makes me think that the heavens are a picture of the Bible since God says He rolls out the heavens like a scroll.

I was really getting into writing and then I heard this squeaky cat voice at my door. He wants some male bonding so he jumped up into my lap for a petting session, then he jumped down and now he is back sitting down in front of my monitor. You are probably saying enough of the cat stuff, what about the 66 stuff?

Did you know that your spinal column has 33 bones and it has a major nerve that goes out on both sides of the vertebrae? Let's see $33 \times 2 = 66$. I wonder if that is significant somehow? Looks like to me that God is happy when something really important totals up to 66. Your Bible is important just like your backbone. You cannot see God, but you can see Him in the Bible. Do you remember that when Moses wanted to see God, God told him that he could not see His face but that He would allow him to see his back side? Does God have 66 vertebrae in His bone structure? Maybe. Was God saying to Moses that you are only allowed to visualize Me in the Scripture? Perhaps it was the pre-incarnate Christ who walked by for Moses to view his back which, just like ours, had 66 nerve branches by way of two sets of 33.

The 66th chapter of Isaiah, verse 1,2 says, "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and

trembleth at my Word. So Isaiah chapter 66 leaves little doubt that God is the total authority over his creation. Likewise the 66 book Bible is his gift to us that allows us a little glimpse at the wonders of God.

CHAPTER 14

“THE NUMBER TWO”

‘It takes two to tango’. That’s why God made man and woman. In Genesis 1:26 God says, “And God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” That reminds me of Pelli, our female cat, how she creeps up on her prey which is usually Koko or maybe a lizard in our outdoor screened in porch. They used to chase each other around the house but now, since they are getting middle-aged, they seldom do that. Cats aren’t the only things that creep around within our house. We bought a Roomba which automatically sweeps the floor. Cats don’t like robotic things that go bump in the night or even the daytime. They just watch it and when it returns to its home base automatically they go over and sniff at it to see if it’s alive or not.

This chapter is about the number “two.” You know, like “the Old Testament,” and “the New Testament.” In the New Testament, in Genesis 2:18 the KJV states: “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (A total of 19 words. If you count the number of words that God spoke in Genesis 1:26 you get 47. Adding 47 to 19, you get 66. Hmm. That is the number of books in the Old and New Testament for

whatever that may mean. So first he made man (Adam) and then he created (Eve) out of Adam's rib. The Old Testament is Christ Concealed and the New Testament is Christ revealed. In Jeremiah 33:3 God says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Is the above an example of that? You make the call. Has God hidden in his Word some things that are for us to discover that "shew" forth his divinity? If you use the word "shew" today you will be using the King's English, and can likely get a leading role in a Shakespearean play. However, I want to "shew" you that the KJV may use outdated language, but is in fact the perfect Word of God. Today's culture has ruined the English language by changing the meaning of words. Take for example the word "gay." It used to mean happy, but now it means that someone is homosexual. It can still mean happy but you won't hear it today in that connotation.

Today's KJV contains the Old and New Testaments only, but some have attempted to put a third type of scripture known as the Aprocrypha in other versions of the Bible which I will discuss in a later chapter.

The Bible says that when a male is married to a female partner, the two shall become one flesh. In other words they are a union that should not be broken by divorce, separation, or adultery. God gave us sex to both enjoy and to procreate, so long as we honor the biblical mandate of one man and one woman.

This same process works in the animal kingdom as well. You don't see any homosexual behaviors among the vertebrates that I know of. It is a shame that many humans have tried to make it normal to have sexual relations with the same sex. The two that tango this way are not marching to God's drum beat. They are sinning. It

has been suggested that three or more people could have one marriage together. God's law of marriage is two people of the opposite sex. "The two shall become one flesh. (Gen. 2:24)

CHAPTER 15

“NUMBER 151”

Many years ago, I was reading the book of Revelation and reading about how the Anti-Christ's number was 666 and so I thought to myself, I wonder what God's number is? And in that process I started using an alphabet where a=1, b=2, c=3.....z=26 to see what God's names added up to. To my surprise I found that "Jesus Christ", "Holy Spirit", "Jehovah the Lord", and "Lord of Hosts" each added to 151. Also "baptized of John" added to 151. This was a blessing to my soul, and throughout my life that number has appeared again and again. Was this a special blessing from God for having read the book of Revelation? It would seem so since Revelation 1:3 states, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." There is a promise of God, to everyone who reads this book of the Bible, of a personal blessing. And that includes you! Of course you must "keep" studying and reading to be blessed. The book is said to be a prophecy and you as a Christian are to study it and look about your world to see how really close you are to the time of its fulfillment. Jesus told His disciples to ask the Father and they would receive from Him. What are you asking the Father in Jesus' name? Ask with faith and you shall receive what you ask for. This is God manifesting Himself to us through the Holy Spirit.

John 14:21 says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." There is serendipity in how God relates to us. Don't be surprised if He gives you a wow!

We read in Numbers 1:51-52 the following. "And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts." If you read on in this chapter of Numbers you will find that the setting up of the camp of all the Israelites was in the shape of a cross! You can view the shape by going to this footnote.⁹ Each of the 12 tribes had a place in the camp. And each Israelite had a certain purpose to perform within the camp. This is obviously a shadow of things to come. Jesus was to come and give His life on the cross so that every genuine believer could take his place by taking up his cross or service to God, and doing the perfect will of God and following after Christ. When you are a believer you are a part of the body of Christ, and you have a job to do! Every Christian has a gift of the Holy Spirit to use. We are not talking about the "purpose driven life " that is written about by Rick Warren. We are talk-

⁹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCiY1N4ACYE>

ing about having a purpose as a result of having been forgiven of our sins by Jesus Christ's blood shed on the cross of Calvary, which is often left out or watered down by the purpose driven message. Our purpose is not to grow the church by our doings but to be an ambassador for Christ and let the numbers come as God wills, since He is the one who adds to the church as stated in ... "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47) A lack of numbers increase does not mean a church or ministry is necessarily ineffective. We know that Noah preached for 120 years while he was building the ark and only his family was saved from the flood alive!

You have a job to do if you belong to the Lord. It is my job to show you that fact. My "151" story is not about me but is about the Lord Jesus Christ. I could go on and on about how Jesus is my Savior and Lord. I hope He is yours as well. Do people see Jesus written all over you?

While we all have a unique purpose in life, the "Church" has a unique function in the world. Are you a member of the universal Church?

CHAPTER 16

“NUMBERS CHAPTER 17”

The Old Testament is said to be the New Testament concealed. In chapter 17 of Numbers we read the event in which God spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man’s name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron’s name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man’s rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.” (Numbers 17:2-5)

“And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers’ houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.” (Numbers 17:6-8)

Here life is pictured as coming out of death. And here Aaron's priesthood was confirmed by "resurrection". This is an Old Testament picture of the resurrection of Christ, because the priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ rests upon His resurrection! The Lord Jesus was resurrected from being dead and He became our High Priest. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need:" (Hebrews 4:14-16)

In Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, Aaron was a mediator between God and man, but in the New Testament the only mediator between God and man is Jesus Christ.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Today, Christians are to come directly to God through Jesus Christ rather than through a man like Aaron (was) in the Old Testament. But there is also a sense in which each believer is also a priest. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

In the Bible believers are called priests and kings. Being an adopted child of God gives us a wonderful status before God. Because of our status with God we do not need a mediator in order to pray to Him. Our faith in Him is more than a ticket out of Hell, but rather is an opportunity to glorify Him by our words and actions among men. We are a new creation and want to do good works. We often pray for our relations and are thankful for being His child.

CHAPTER 17

“THE NUMBER 17”

Here is a list of times where 17 becomes prominent and interesting in the KJV.

1. It is the seventh prime number
2. The sum of its digits is 8, which is the number for the resurrection and new beginnings.
3. In Genesis 17 Abram’s name was changed to Abraham and circumcision was instituted as a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham.
4. In Leviticus 17 blood was sacrificed as atonement for the soul.
5. In 1 Samuel 17 David killed Goliath.
6. In 2 Kings 17 Samaria was captured and Israel was carried away to Assyria.
7. In Matthew 17 (on a mountain) the transfiguration occurred.
8. In John 17 The High priestly prayer of Jesus was uttered.
9. In Revelation 17 many Bible students think it is talking about the Roman Church as mystery Babylon, the Great Harlot.

10. The book of Esther is the 17th book of the Bible and its story is a type of the rapture of the Church.
11. Israel is spoken of as redeemed in Chapter 51 of Isaiah. (51 is 17×3 hmm.)
12. In 1 Corinthians 15, verse 51 describes a story that is a type of the rapture of the church. Hmm again! And $51 = 17 \times 3$.
13. In 1 Thessalonians 4:17 we have another verse about the rapture of the Church.
14. In Genesis 24, verse 51 it looks like Abraham is a type of God the Father, Isaac is a type of Jesus the Son of God, and the servant is a type of the Holy Spirit; and Rebekah is a type of the bride of Christ, the Church.
15. In Luke 17:34 this could also be a description of the rapture.
16. Some think that John 1:51 is also a type of the rapture of the church.
17. What about John 21:11 in which the number of fish caught in the net was 153. And wouldn't you know it... $153 = 17 \times 9$.

Perhaps you are wondering what we mean when we say a "type." A type is a symbol which alludes to or represents something of biblical significance and is to be discovered by biblical wisdom. A type often gives a picture of something else that may occur later in time.

You are probably asking why the book of Esther is a type and shadow of the rapture of the church? Nevertheless in the book of Esther we have a king of practically the whole world and his queen Vashti. Vashti is removed from the earthly throne as queen because she refuses one

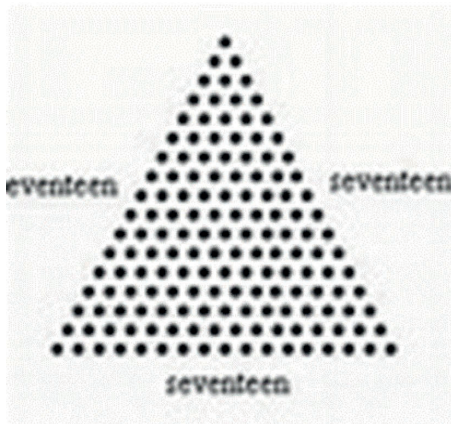
of the king's requests. Some say this is the picture of the Gentile Church being raptured, because Esther a Jewish woman replaces Vashti as the new queen. This may picture the fact that the Jews will come to Christ as Savior and Lord in the end times. Haman may be a picture of the coming Antichrist because he persecutes the Jews in this book of the Bible. Mordecai may be a picture of the victorious Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Haman is killed because of Mordecai and Esther. Needless to say, the western church today has become the church of the Laodiceans. Laodicea probably represents the vast majority of churches both Roman Catholic and Protestant, although some few churches are still practicing like the church of Philadelphia, and are very faithful to His word.

The number 17 is also intimately related to Joseph in the book of Genesis. For Example: Joseph was betrayed into Egypt when he was 17 years old. Joseph's name is mentioned exactly 17 times in Genesis chapter 50. Joseph lived for 17 years in Egypt. Joseph also is a "type" of Christ in the following ways:

1. Joseph like Jesus was a favored and delightful son of his father.
2. Joseph's brothers bow in submission to him just like we will bow to Christ in our worship and before the throne of God.
3. Joseph received his brethren just like Jesus will do when He seeks the Jews who repent in the end times.
4. Joseph was punished and rejected by his brothers just like Jesus was rejected by the Jewish leaders.

5. Joseph was tempted and tested when he was in Potiphar's house, just like Jesus was led into the wilderness and tested by Satan.
6. He who had been despised and rejected, he who had been hated and spurned, given up for dead and sold into slavery, unjustly accused and imprisoned, came forth in due time to share the throne with Pharaoh as the preserver of the lives of both the Egyptians and all his father's house during the famine in Egypt. Likewise, Jesus is the Savior of both the Jews and Gentiles. Joseph was an earthly savior while Jesus is a Heavenly Savior.
7. When the people of the world were struggling with the famine they went to Joseph for help in time of need. Likewise, Jesus can be approached in time of need whether it be for personal salvation of one's soul or for bodily needs.

$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 17 = 153$. And if you make an equilateral triangle with 17 marks on each edge and fill in between sides you will have 153 marks! It looks like this picture below:



If you count the dots there are 153. Is this significant in some way? I don't know, but it is interesting.

The most significant thing that will happen to you in this life, however, is to come to the point where you have saving faith and are bound for heaven.

Here is another list of some 17's in the Bible.

1. The ark rested on Mt. Ararat on Nisan 17. (Genesis 8:4)
2. On Nisan 17 Queen Esther entered the inner court of the king's palace. (Esther 5:1)
3. Jesus rose from the dead on Nisan 17. According to Bible scholars he was crucified on Nisan 14 and thus rose from the dead 3 days later or Nisan 17.
4. Daniel's Beasts have 7 heads and 10 horns which when added = 17.
5. King Rehoboam reigned for 17 years.
6. The book of James has material from 17 Old Testament books.
7. There are 17 things mentioned in Romans 8:35-39.
8. Psalms 83:6-11 lists 17 enemies of Israel.
9. Biblically 17 relates to "overcoming the enemy" and complete victory.
10. $153 = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 17$ and 153 is in the Bible in John 21:11; $153 = 17 \times 9$
11. An equilateral triangle with 17 units on each side contains 153 dots, however, this is not in the Bible, but it is interesting.
12. Numbers 24:17 Is referring to a future king.

13. There are 17 angelic appearances in the Gospels + Acts.
14. There are 17 named works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21
15. Jeremiah bought a field for 17 shekels of silver in Jeremiah 32:9.
16. John 17:17 says "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." True disciples and believers are to be set aside for special purposes in the plan of God by His Word.
17. Psalm 17:15 states, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." David is apparently speaking of his resurrection which will occur some day.

CHAPTER 18

“QUESTIONS FOR THE NON-CHRISTIAN”

The number one reason for Christianity is the salvation of souls. This is about the middle of my book and I am going to deviate from numbers a while to concentrate on the numero uno reason for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Most people wonder what is going to happen to them when they die. Will they go to heaven or hell, or just cease to exist? The evolutionist usually thinks that death means non-existence. That's one extreme and the other extreme is that all men will be saved in the end and go to heaven and live forever with God.

The truth of the matter is that Jesus Christ said He was the only way to salvation. And when that is presented to the average person, he will probably say something like: “One way? No way!” And then there are the Frank Sinatra types who say, “I did it my way.” Oprah Winfrey openly denies that there is only one way. I would say that most people in the world deny that there is only one way to get to heaven. The typical response from one of these types is to say something like: You are really being intolerant to say there is only one way.

Here is a possible question and answer session between a saved person and a person who has not been saved by Christ:

Saved person: What is so bad about intolerance?

Unsaved person: That is the cause of bigotry and racism.

Saved person: You believe that pretty strongly.

Unsaved person: You better believe it.

Saved person: You are actually being intolerant of me.

Unsaved person: You think I'm intolerant.

Saved person: Your argument is not with me but with Jesus Christ, who said He is the only way.

This argument might ultimately end up with the unsaved person asserting he is pretty good and will go to heaven. That is where one must show from scripture that no one is "good" enough to go to heaven. The Scripture says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) Of course, one can deny Scripture is from God, which is what a lot of people do. They say things like: Scripture is preserved only in the original manuscripts. In this book we have already shown that the Authorized Version of the Bible is clearly preserved and has the earmarks of divine inspiration.

One of the big arguments for the unsaved is that the church is full of hypocrites. Here's a few comeback questions for them:

Would you say that hypocritical behavior is what most Christians are like?

Have you ever said one thing and then done another? Would that be hypocritical?

Jesus' death on the cross solved my sin problems, of which hypocrisy may be one. What do you think about that?

Another situation is where someone has died and someone is bitter against God for taking away this person from their life. As a Christian you might say something like: "I had a friend who died, and I was so glad he was a Christian and is now with God. Was your friend saved?" They might respond with "How do you know if someone is saved?" You can respond by saying that your friend demonstrated his likely salvation by the way he lived and talked.

Those who are unsaved can always find several questions to challenge us who are saved. While you cannot be ready to answer all questions, and objections you can be ready to answer many of the main ones. For example:

"What about intolerance?"

"How could Jesus be the only way?"

"What about those who never hear about Jesus?"

"Why is there suffering and evil?"

What about contradictions in the Bible?

"It doesn't matter what you believe if you are sincere, right?"

"The church is full of hypocrites; why would I want to go there?"

"Everybody will go to heaven in the end."

"God told Joshua to kill everyman woman and child."

"Didn't men write the Bible?"

Let's look at each of these questions and statements often made by unbelievers.

Intolerance: We have already discussed that one.

How could Jesus be the only way? Jesus said He was the only way in John 14:6. Why would Jesus need to die on the cross for our sins if Jesus were not the only way?

What about those who never hear about Jesus? If we really care about them, we will support missionary work and take the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ to them. No person will go to hell because of not hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ, but because they are guilty of sins like murder adultery, lust, lying, stealing, unbelief, etc. I believe that if a heathen is searching with a sincere heart, God will bring a witness to him in some way. It is also true that the creation is a witness unto God.

Why is there suffering and evil? Suffering and evil are the result of Adam and Eve's sin in the garden of Eden. They disobeyed God and did not follow His command to not eat of the tree in the garden that was forbidden as food. Consequently, God followed through on His word which had as a consequence death and suffering for man.

What about the contradictions in the Bible? The two rules of the Bible are: RULE 1- There are no mistakes in the Bible. RULE 2-If you find something in the Bible that you imagine is a mistake, refer to RULE 1. Many times, in history, critics have found what they thought were mistakes only to be corrected by some piece of information not originally available. For example, archaeologists may discover that proof of a certain city's existence is unearthed thus disproving the previous critic who said no such city existed. One example of this is the city of Gath that was recently uncovered.

It doesn't matter what you believe if you are sincere. You might believe your cat is God since he sometimes thinks he is. Your cat says, "He feeds me and pets me, so I

must be God.” Your cat may be “purrific”, but he is not God. The Word of God says that we are not to worship the Creation, nor fabricate images to picture God or saints and then bow down to them. Cats aren’t even mentioned in the Bible at all. People have sincerely worshiped objects for centuries and you will see statues made of plaster of paris sitting in homes and in yards that could be there to pray to. One can be sincerely wrong if he worships or bows down, or “venerates” them. Deuteronomy 5:8 says: “Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” Do you hate God? You do if you throw this commandment of God away.

The church is full of hypocrites. The hypocrite has a motive of elevating himself above those to whom he speaks. A hypocrite claims a virtue that he does not really possess in real time and space. Here is where the genuine sincere Christian can shine like the apostle Paul did when he said he was the chief of sinners. The apostle Paul said, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15) And the apostle John said, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8) I have to say to myself just like Paul and John that I am the chief of sinners. Here is where the difference is between Paul and those who point out others as hypocrites: OUR SINS are FORGIVEN! We are forever cleansed of our sins by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and thus we have for-

givenness and fellowship with Christ by such. When Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30), He was saying that He had paid for all the sins of every human from Adam unto us. Can you imagine how painful this must have been? So, if you are just another hypocrite like all the rest of us, come on and join us in the church fellowship and be forgiven of all your sins. Those who choose any other way will be condemned at the judgement.

Everybody will go to heaven in the end.

If everyone goes to heaven in the end, then Jesus did not need to die on the cross for our sins. That would mean that Muslims, agnostics, atheists, and you name it would go to heaven without Jesus being their Savior. Meow.

God told Joshua to kill every man, woman, and child.

There are at least two reasons why God did this. The first reason He was concerned about the awful influence these people would have on His chosen people (the Jews). The second reason is that God demands justice for sin and these people of the land were unforgiven sinners because they rejected the true God. It is amazing that God even spares any of us.

Didn't men write the Bible? Not according to the words written in the Bible. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Apostles and prophets of the Bible wrote what the Holy Spirit dictated. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) It would seem that higher thinking goes along with Biblical factual insight. (Prov 28:5)

CHAPTER 19

“JUST THE FACTS MA'AM.”

Do you remember the show Dragnet where Joe Friday would be interviewing someone who was wandering all over the place with talk and he would say, “Just the facts, ma’am.”? Also remember the saying, “Don’t confuse me with the facts. My mind is made up.” Facts are like concrete when it sets up, you can’t change them.

One of the facts I have noticed is that cats like to sleep during the day, and if you bother them they will be really “purrturbed”, so don’t be perturbed if I give you some facts about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the way, you can search the dictionary for the word “purrturbed” and you won’t find it. I just made it up and that’s a fact! We should watch out for imagined facts versus actual facts. Here are some true facts that can be found by opening up the King James Bible.

1. Jesus is the only way to heaven. (John 14:6)
2. You can’t be saved or work your way into heaven by baptism or good works. (Ephesians 2:8,9)
3. The Bible is the preserved word of God. (Psalms 12:6-7)
4. Knowing the Scripture is able to make one wise unto salvation, corrected, and instructed in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:15,16)
5. There are no more apostles after Paul. (Acts: 1:22)
6. God is the only Omniscient one. (Psalm 147:5)

Let's look at each of these above. **Jesus is the only way to heaven** (John 14:6). Acts 4:12 states the same fact in a different way: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Koko was driving me crazy by meowing at my door, so I let him in and he jumped up and tried to help me type by placing his paw on my keyboard. So I told him to go away and write his own book. Perhaps his book could be titled, "I am a "purrific" cat." Naturally I lost my train of thought so now I will return to the topic at hand. Have you seen the bumper sticker that uses symbols to represent the major religions such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism and 4 others. It means, "Let's all just agree to live and let live." Never mind that if Christianity is the only true religion, all else will go to the flames of hell.

Good Works and baptism are not salvific.

(Ephesians 2:8,9) Roman Catholicism, Church of Christ, and some Lutherans say baptism saves. Here's the scriptural proof: "And the angel of the Lord spake unto phillip, saying, arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And He arose and went: and, behold a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that

that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.” (Acts 8:26-40) Do you see from these verses that the eunuch was saved prior to baptism? Baptism in this incident was for the purpose of the eunuch expressing to the world his belief in Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He was saying that Christ had washed away his sin.

In another incident in Scripture we find the following statement in “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?”(Acts 10:47) Obviously Cornelius and his household were saved before they were dunked.

The King James Bible is the preserved word of God

Psalm 12:6,7 says, "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Almost all the critic's efforts are toward the KJV. You never hear of some critic talking about the errors in the NIV or the NASB. What is wrong with this picture? Critics have supposedly found over 30,000 errors or discrepancies in the KJV. Most of these are just the imaginative critics findings. Perhaps 29,000 or so of these are pure imagination. Of those that are left for explanation out of the 30,000 nearly one thousand are explainable in such a way that keeps the KJV document pure in most people's minds. There are less than 2 dozen real hard-to-explain cases in the KJV. There are many more than that in most modern versions of the Bible. You could probably count on one hand the number of highly difficult explanations within the KJV. I have already shown the heptadic nature of the KJV which seems to make it have a God-type of signature within itself. Nevertheless, the decision to accept the KJV as the inspired preserved word of God is up to you. You make the call! If it is not the KJV for English speaking people, then which other Bible is it that is perfect? If your read Psalm 12 like I read it, then we are on the same page.

The Bible is "purrific". **Knowing the scripture is able to make one wise unto salvation, corrected, and instructed in righteousness.** (2 Timothy 3:15-16) (paraphrase) "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) You can put this statement above into your spiritual bank account. The Word of God is the germinating agent for salvation. Faith is not something you work to obtain, faith is trust in God and His word. One does good deeds as a result of salvation but not as the cause or the keeping of salvation. Once saved is always saved!

There are no more apostles after Paul. Some churches think that their leader or leaders are apostles in the same sense that Paul and the 12 disciples were; however, the Scripture, says no to this thinking. The Bible says that the church is built upon the writings of the apostles and prophets. (Eph.2: 20) This verse also says that Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. Paul declared that he was an apostle and said that he was the last to actually see the resurrected Christ. (1 Cor 15:8 and 9:1) Apostles had to have been given special gifts by the Lord to heal the sick, raise the dead, and write scripture. Today's so called apostles cannot even remotely do such things. If your church claims to have someone who is infallible in his teaching concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ then he is false according to the Word of God. You should either leave or try to reform that church from within. The Word of God says that He especially hates it when there are people within that church that are bowing to idols made by human hands. Exodus 20:4-5 says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" If you bow down to an image you hate God! Don't you think that if there were more apostles after Paul that there would have been more than 12 names in the foundation of the wall of the city mentioned in Revelation 21:14? If your church traditions do something that goes against God's Word, then if I were you I would find another church. God will love you for it if you do. I think there are many Roman Catholic and Protestant churches that deviate from scripture. Let the Holy Spirit guide.

Could it be that Matthias was only a temporary substitute for Judas who betrayed Jesus and that Paul is the final 12th apostle? Or it could be that Matthias' name will be in the wall despite the fact that he is never mentioned again in Scripture? You can make your own guess about that one. Obviously with two possibilities the 'law of Purrific" might apply. I haven't mentioned the "law of Purrific" before but maybe it is the law that says, "If your work purrs like a cat, then it is awesome." My Grandmother used to describe something that was very good with the expression: That's the cats meow!

Only God can hear prayers from many people at once. He is therefore the **only One who is omniscient**. There are obvious problems with prayers to dead saints. I believe that God is omniscient. 1 Timothy 2:5 says: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Since there is only one mediator then a dead saint cannot be a mediator. The question I have is: If a saint can hear thousands of prayers at once, wouldn't he or she be equal with God? In the Old Testament it was forbidden to try to contact the dead, as this usually can lead to a demonic spirit mimicking the dead person to fool the inquirer. God forbade the Jews to this in: (Deuteronomy 18:9-12): "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of these nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abom-

inations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.” It seems to me that contact with any dead persons spirit is necromancy, or fake contact that appears to be the actual spirit of the deceased by way of a deceitful evil spirit. Asking a person living on the earth to pray for you is not the same as necromancy because you have a real material person before you who cannot mask his real identity.

Are you aware that when Jesus gave up the ghost at the crucifixion, the veil in the temple was rent from top to bottom? (Matthew 27:50-51) This meant that not only could priests enter the Holy of Holies but also anyone who was a believer in Jesus Christ could enter! Believe me, you can pray directly to God. It is likely that if you are talking to a dead spirit you are a necromancer.

Facts are like numbers. Facts are among the things that really count in this life. The following is a spreadsheet of things predicted in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament years and years later. If you are an atheist or an agnostic, these are for you. If you are a true believer you can use these facts to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost.

Topic	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
Born from seed of woman	Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Line from Abraham	Genesis 12:2	Matthew 1:1
Line from Jacob	Numbers 24:17	Luke 3:23,34
Line of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2
Line of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1	Luke 3:23,32
Line of David	2 Samuel 7:12-16	Matthew 1:1
Virgin birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23

Birthplace is Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:6
Forerunner was John	Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:3
Escaped into Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14
Herod kills children	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
Jesus will be King	Psalms 2:6	Matthew 21:5
Jesus was Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15-18	Acts 3:22-23
Jesus = Priest	Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-10
Jesus = Judge	Isaiah 33:22	John 5:30
Called "Lord"	Psalms 110:1	Luke 2:11
Called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Anointed by Holy Spirit	Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 3:16-17
Had zeal for God	Psalms 69:9	John 2:15-17
Ministry in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	Mat. 4:12-16
Ministry of miracles	Isaiah 35:5-6	Mat. 9:35
Bore sins of world	Psalms 22:7-8	Matthew 27:46
Was Ridiculed	Psalms 22:7-8	Mat. 27:39,43
Stumbling block for Jews	Psalms 118:22	1 Peter 2:7,8
Rejected by his own people	Isaiah 53:3	John 7:5,48
Light to Gentiles	Isaiah 60:3	Acts 13:47-48
Taught in parables	Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34
Cleansed the temple	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 21:12
Betrayed for thirty shekels	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Forsaken by disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Mark 14:50

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Silent before accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12-19
Hands pierced	Psalms 22:16	John 20:25
Forsaken by God	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Crucified with thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
No bones broken	Psalms 22:17	John 19:33-36
Soldiers gambled	Psalms 22:18	John 19:24
Suffered thirst on cross	Psalms 69:21	John 19:28
Vinegar was offered	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
Would resurrect	Psalms 49:15	Psalms 28:2-9
Suffered for us	Isaiah 52:14	1 Peter 2:24
Scourging and death	Isaiah 53:5	John 19:1,18
Christ's "forsaken cry"	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Committed self to God	Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
Rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
Would rise again	Psalms 16:10: 22:22	Matthew 28:6
Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Luke 24:50-53
Right hand of God	Psalms 110:1	Hebrews 1:3

This chapter is on “Just the facts ma’am”, but it is possible to pervert the facts into something else, which leads us into our next chapter on “Perversions.”

CHAPTER 20

“PERVERSIONS”

Perversions are not “purrrific.” Perversions are an imaginary way to make something look exciting and good. Do you remember in high school where you were told that you could find the square root of a negative number and call it (i)? Obviously this is imaginary and it is called an imaginary number because by normal rules of numbers you cannot get the square root of a negative number because the square of the result would have to be negative. For example If $1 = \sqrt{(-1)}=i$. Then (i) squared must = -1! This of course is impossible in real numbers.

The rule by which we are to establish what is real and what is imaginary is the Bible. So let’s see what the Bible says about these:

- Homosexuality
- Drug use
- Smoking
- Word of God
- Idolatry
- Lying
- Atheism
- Evolution
- Aliens

Homosexuality:

Sexual activity is something that our flesh both desires and is pleased by. But any perversion of biblical sex God considers sin. Homosexual relations are mentioned in Scripture in both the Old and New Testament. In the Old Testament God's Word says, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind:" (Leviticus 18:22). In the New Testament, the Lord says the following: "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature : And like wise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."(Romans:1:26-27) Of course, homosexual sin is forgivable by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ and those who have been forgiven are washed and made clean. See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Speaking of perversions or rather "purrversions" Did you know that a cat ran for mayor in Xalapa, Mexico? His name was Morris. I'm not sure whether he won or not, but it was said that he wanted to fix all the corrupt politics in that city! Way to go, Morris! And for your information the richest cat in the world is named "Blackie." He's worth 13 million. Onward to more "purrrific" things. Now, where was I?

Drug-use

The United States and the world are embroiled in drug use. There are more prescription drugs out there than you think. Almost every household has a drug cabinet. I take a drug for blood pressure control and other things. What does the Bible say about drug use? The Bible says we cannot serve two masters. Ob-

viously the drug addict is serving drugs more than Christ. Also in the book of Revelation the Word of God says, "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:21) Sorceries means drug addictions. Obviously in the last days before Christ returns their will be heavy drug use.

Smoking:

I hope you can see that smoking is unnatural and is a form of drug use as well. Smoking gives someone a temporary high, but it requires another high later to keep it going.

The Word of God:

The Word of God is often used by false prophets in an out-of-context way to lead someone astray from the truth. For example, Luke 11:9 says, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." This verse is used by televangelists and false teachers to imply that you can have anything you want to have. The only problem with this thinking is it has to be in the will of God for Him to supply anything that we ask for. There is another scripture often used out of context in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This verse is used to make people feel that they can achieve anything they want to in route to their success in life. In reality this verse is talking mostly about being able to withstand painful events in ones life through the power of Christ. And then there is Matthew 7:1: "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Jesus is referring to the hypocrisy of judging others for doing the very same thing that they are doing. He is not saying to never judge. What

about when you are on a jury? Can you say that Jesus said to not judge anyone? Probably not, because if you get on a jury you will have to make a judgment. Another case where you will need to make a judgment is when you are confronted with someone who wants to kill or harm you. In Arizona I believe the law says that you can carry a gun for protection. My wife and I are learning how to shoot our pistols just in case and not only for self-protection but for protection of those around us and those we love from wickedness.

There are many such cases where the Word of God can be skewed to mean what the person wants it to mean instead of what it means "as is". The usual problem is taking God's Word out of context. For example, what do you think the context might be for Malachi 3:10? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."... Some take this verse to mean that all people should pay a tithe to their church, but they forget to read verse 9 which says, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Do you see that God is talking about the nation of Israel? Also go read Malachi 1:1: "The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. This whole book is to the nation of Israel. So what are we supposed to do about giving? Paul said, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.." (2 Corinthians 9: 6,7) And It is only when things are confirmed in the New Testament that we are to follow the law as prescribed for Israel. For example, homosexual relations are condemned in both the Old as well as the

New Testament. We do not bring a lamb to be sacrificed like the Jews did, nor do we bring our crops and livestock into the church as Israel did, however in Africa some churches give crops and livestock to their churches. For some Christians it might be that they could give more than a tithe willingly and cheerfully.

Have you heard that God only communicates with us through Scripture? What about the following two verses: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2) "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:21) God indwells believers and they produce the fruit of the Spirit. This is Jesus manifesting Himself to us and abiding with us. The gifts and fruit of the Spirit are Jesus making His presence known.

Idolatry:

Idolatry is another perversion. Any form of making or bowing down to some man-made or nature made object is idolatry. We can also turn our possessions into a form of idolatry if we prioritize them over the worship of God. The second commandment says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. (Ex. 20:4-5) Incidentally the longest, biggest, most "purritic" cat in the world is named "Coon" and he is 48.5 inches

long. But even he is not worth bowing to, although he might think so. Koko and Pelli are 2 feet long if you count their tails. It is also known that in Egypt cats were considered sacred and anyone in those days who harmed a cat was put to death.

Lying:

How about Lying? Obviously it is a “perversion” of the truth. Perversions of the truth come in easily and in not so easily identifiable forms. Satan often uses slight deviations from the truth to deceive us. Remember when President Clinton said his response to being asked about having sex with Lewinski was: “It depends on what you mean by is.” That’s what I am talking about! You know what the Bible says, “I said in my haste, All men are liars.” (Psalm 116:11). And in Romans 3:4, it says, “God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;”... So when the preacher asks you to raise your hand if you have ever told a lie and you don’t, then you are most likely a liar. Jesus spoke about telling lies in John 8:44:” Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

Atheism:

Atheism is another perversion of the truth. Romans chapter 1 clearly points out that the atheist may claim there is no God but deep down in his heart he knows there is one.

Evolution:

What about evolution? Most evolutinists say that every-

thing started from a big bang billions of years ago. Believe me, a big bang does not happen by itself and if it does it produces nothing but chaos. If you seriously study the fossil record you will find that the “missing links” are still missing. I will discuss more of this later in the book.

Aliens:

Almost from the moment motion pictures were on the scene, we have had science fiction about alien invasions from outer space and the fiction of space travel to distant star systems. If you look seriously into the proposition that flight to another star or galaxy can be done, you must consider that even at the speed of light it would take 3 or 4 years to reach the closest star. And there is a problem with traveling at the speed of light, because there is space junk (rocks) out there that would annihilate a vehicle at those speeds: one would have to travel slower and thus it would take a century to reach the Alpha Centauri. The whole idea is bogus and perverts the truth. In the next chapter we will discuss some things about the angelic being who is a liar from the beginning.

CHAPTER 21

“YEA, HATH GOD SAID?”

The exact quote from Genesis 3:1 says, “And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” This was a test presented by God to see if they would obey Him. God wants to keep us from partaking of certain things until we are made ready for such. Maybe this forbidden tree is like us being unable to understand certain truths until God the Holy Spirit has brought us through various trials. Our tree of life in modern times is the Holy Bible. Folks can read the Bible at times and say to themselves, “What did I just read, and what does it mean?” Eve was forbidden to eat of the fruit because God said so! We as Christians will not have fulfillment in life until we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and the type of fulfillment we receive is not necessarily worldly pomp and circumstance, but a kind of internal joy that is not an earned one. “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6,7) Satan has been saying “Yea, hath God said?” ever since the garden of Eden. I believe that one of his ploys is to confuse Christians and would-be Christians by giving us

multiple religions and multiple Bibles. It has been said that there are over 151 English versions of the Bible out there. And for copyright purposes each one must differ by at least 10 percent or so from the others so as to get a copyright. There is a Bible for just about every persuasion. Did you know that there is a Bible called, "The Queen James Bible?" You can guess what this Bible is about. But just in case you don't get it, it is a Bible for homosexuals. The authors of this "Bible" claim that King James was a bisexual. This statement has absolutely no proof whatsoever and is propagated by those who decry the Authorized King James Version of the Bible which has been the mainstay of English-speaking folks for over 400 years. To my Bible critics I would like to refer them to Psalm 12:6-7: "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Where, may I ask, is that perfect version of His word for us to read? "Hath God really said!"

One of the things that counts in my mind is to find out which Bible can pass the litmus test. Let us take a look at the most popular verse in the Bible, that of John 3:16. The KJV says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Let's look at the NIV first to see what it says. "For God so loved the world that he gave his "one and only" Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Notice that "only begotten" has been changed to one and only Son. Do you know someone who has a one and only son (for now, that is?) The NIV leaves it possible for another Son of God to come forth in the future! This is not possible because Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of

God. The NIV fails the litmus test. The NLT, CSB, MSB, HCSB, and GW versions use “one and only Son” as well and they fail the test. But the NASB and the NKJV use “begotten” and pass this test.

Now let’s look at another verse: 1 John 5:7.

The KJV says, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” The NKJV passes the test but the NASB omits the part about the Trinity so it fails the test. This leaves only the KJV and the NKJV. Here’s a verse from John 1:3 in the KJV: “All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.” In the NKJV we read: “All things were made through him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” The NKJV changes “by” to through.” This is an obvious error because Jesus was not the conduit for creation but the doer of creation! Jesus was not a subcontractor for creation but the literal creator. The NKJV fails the litmus test. All the other translations we have been evaluating, use the word “through” instead of “by”. So which is it? Was Jesus the contractor or the subcontractor of creation? I know which call I make.

There are many other verses that can be taken to mean something other than what God intends, in the modern versions. This is according to folks who use only the KJV. While other protagonists say that there are no doctrinal errors in the modern translations, it is hard to make that call. So you make your own call with regard to this. My question is: why would God give us a single English Bible for 400 years and bless it, and then suddenly need it revamped?

If you examine the internet you will find that there are far too many videos that try to prove that the KJV is a poor translation, is outdated, and is too hard to read.

Most pastors are taught in seminary that the NASB is the most accurate to the Greek. They also say that the original manuscripts do not exist anymore. There is one small problem with this. How do they know that one Bible is superior to another if they do not have the original manuscripts? They argue that the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus manuscripts are the oldest and best manuscripts. Another small problem is that oldest does not necessarily indicate best. Here's one of the reasons why that is true. Bibles are made from two differing lines of Greek manuscripts for the New Testament. The line used to make the KJV comes from over 5,000 manuscript evidences, while the modern Bibles come from the Nestle-Aland Greek text, which comes from the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus lines for the most part. If one looks at the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, they differ in over 3,000 places in the Gospels and many other times elsewhere in the New Testament. These manuscripts contain a gnostic flavor at times, and also favor Roman Catholic doctrines not found in the Textus Receptus, which is the chief text used to translate the Bible into the KJV. Therefore we have what we call the majority text or Bibles of the KJV types. The Minority text is used by modern Bibles like the NIV, NASV, ESV, and many others. The Douay Rheims Catholic Bible seems to be from the minority text as well as does the New American Bible. The Minority text has only about 50 copies compared to the 5,000 copies of the Majority text. All of these manuscripts, majority or minority, are copies and therefore no one can say for sure just from this information that they are true to the originals except by study of the Scriptures to see if they ring true as the Holy Spirit guides. I have already shown what I believe to be a ringing truth with my chart on pages 31&32 with the fact that internal to the KJV are 9 names of God which are listed in the KJV only as multiples of 7, while all the other Bibles do not possess this characteristic.

But now let's turn to another factor, and that is those who wish to find fault or error with the KJV. Seldom do you hear of someone finding fault with the modern versions. Is the voice of Satan saying "Hath God really said?" You make the call about this as well as my internal nine-names-of-God evidence. Here is my thinking. Suppose you read a novel and you found that nine of the main characters in the book were found in multiples of seven quantities, which, by the way, has a mathematical probability of this happening by chance of about one occurrence in 40 million. Would you be inclined to believe that the author engineered his book in such a way as to have this happen, or would you believe that it happened by chance? **Doesn't look like chance.** Likewise, who would be the most likely author and progenitor of this occurrence in the Bible? Wouldn't that be God Almighty? By the way, you are more likely to win the lottery three times than to write a book with nine names that are all multiples of seven by accident. People often ask how folks were saved before the Bible. In the Old Testament days God worked mostly with the Jews and with Gentiles influenced by Jews. Salvation was by faith, always, both before and after Christ. Abraham was the father of the Jewish people and he was saved by faith. The Jews had the scripture or Word of God and it was read and taught. Remember how it was said of Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Timothy had the Old Testament as source of the Word of God. The New Testament writings were sent from church to church from about 100 A.D. Forward.

We started getting Bibles for everyone during the 17th century forward. Before the printing press, salvation was probably by the witness of those who believed and were influenced from generation to generation to believe in Jesus Christ by memory verses and evangelists. Today we have the Bible and one can be saved by reading it or hearing it preached. Starting in about the late 1800's, I believe, there began an effort to skew God's Word with new Bible versions. The English KJV had been used for hundreds of years to preach to and save untold numbers of folks. The KJV was also translated into other languages or used as a source for such. The KJV preaches salvation by faith alone while the modern versions tend to the Catholic and some Protestant ideas of a salvation that includes works. It is clear that salvation is by faith alone and good works are the product of salvation rather than the cause. Many have proposed that the KJV has errors, but most of those supposed errors have been explained as non-errors because of context as well as other reasons. Besides if you don't like the KJV, where is that perfect Bible for the English-speaking people?

So are the lies of Satan found in modern versions of the Bible? Investigate and see for yourself. Everything "Satan like" is therefore "unpurrrific." I believe the concept of "**evolution**" is one such false belief system put forth by the scientists who do not follow scripture.

CHAPTER 22

“THE UNPURRIFIC”

If you aggravate your cat he will stop purring. So don't do that. Things that go bump in the night are “unpurrific” Have you ever run across someone who claims to be a witch? These ideas are permeating our society. We see that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by God for such things that we see a lot of in America. We are also seeing that a majority of Americans believe in evolution. Truly the things that go bump in the night are “unnatural” and tend toward self destruction. Could it be that the only thing holding God back from our destruction for these things is our help for and friendship with Israel? (Genesis 12:3) But I fear that even that is coming to a halt in the near future.

Let's take a look at witchcraft. I think we are seeing witchcraft in many churches. For example many churches are majoring in the experiential instead of the written word of God. Also, we see ritualism permeating our church society as well. The concept of baptismal regeneration is prevalent in Catholic and Protestant churches. Dunking someone or pouring water over their head does not result in salvation. It is the age old theory that you have to do something in order to please God. Eating the “cookie” in communion does not save as well. Actions and rituals do not save the soul. Witchcraft is defined as *the use of sorcery or magic, communication with*

the devil or with a familiar, an irresistible influence, or fascination, or enchantment. This whole process is sometimes referred to as “white magic.” Witches think that they can cast a “good” spell by following some formula of acts. There are even some Sunday schools using witchcraft and the occult to teach about Jesus so they think. Witches believe that they have secret powers not available to ordinary individuals. Galatians 3:1-3 says: “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” No works of the flesh can regenerate a lost soul, nor can they make one perfect in God’s eyes.

Modern churches have sidestepped the Biblical gospel and have preached a “feel-good faith” that leads people to think in terms of self-achievement. The real gospel preaches that one will repent of sin to be given the new birth. Liars need to admit that they have lied. They who steal need to confess that they are guilty of theft before a Holy God. Immoral offenders need to admit their shame and guilt to God with true repentance, and faith in God. What sort of questions do you think we as Christians need to answer, from those who have doubts? They only know a game of “do this or that” in order to be saved, when in reality it is not a game but a trust in Jesus Christ and His Word.

Your testimony should be one of faith only in Jesus Christ only for your salvation.

CHAPTER 23

OUR TESTIMONIES

Donna's Testimony

As a young person, I was a member of the "drug culture". Yes, I was "drug to Sunday school, I was drug to church, I was drug to family night suppers." I'm sure many of you were also members of the "drug" culture.

My family was "religious" in going to church. But we never spoke about God or Jesus in our home. I thought I was a Christian because I went to church and I was a "good" person. I never did drugs, I didn't smoke, and I didn't drink. I tried to "do the right thing" in making decisions. I was an athlete and I wanted to set a good example.

I became a teacher and coach because I felt God wanted me to help young people and to be an influence on their lives. I assumed I would marry at some point, but I wasn't concerned because my career came first. When I turned 33, I told the Lord that I could accept being single if that was his wish and I got on with my life.

In May of 1989 I was reading the San Antonio Single Scene magazine and just glanced at a few personal ads to laugh at them, but I kept going back to the one that read, " DWM 44 says, Hi! You are that girl of 30+ I have pictured in my mind. The one with the qualities of inner and outer beauty. You love the Lord. You seek friendship, romance, oneness and a purposeful life. You prefer men with an honest bit of shyness to balance the extrovert in you. You are attracted to men with courage and heart. You are proud of your appearance and

will respond with phone and a brief life story. Since I go to the Medical Center track from 8-9 pm your curiosity will enable you to see if you can spot me. If you say the magic word, let the good times roll. The magic word is "Hi".

I thought this guy was too good to be true! I responded and he called me on Memorial weekend and we agreed to meet at a Jim's restaurant in SA. We spoke for a while, and then we left so he could go running.

We started dating and since it was summer we saw each other 3-4 times a week. We watched basketball playoff games, went to movies and he attempted to teach me to play golf. I was thinking that if we continued to see each other, that by Christmas he might propose. I went to a week long athletic training course in mid July and was gone for a week. When I returned, Joe picked me up at the airport. When we arrived at my house, he helped me get my bags in. We sat on the couch to talk, and all of a sudden he pulled out a ring and asked me to marry him!

I of course said yes. His father wanted us to get married in August, but I said no, Joe hasn't lived through my coaching schedule. We needed to wait until at least December, so he can see the hours I work.

We married December 23rd, on the coldest day in south Texas' history, 10 degrees in Corpus Christi. My sister Connie had always said "it would be a cold day in hell when Donna got married."

Joe and I searched for a church to attend and decided on Universal City United Methodist Church. Each Sunday on the way home he would start talking about the sermon. I was comfortable as long as he talked about God, but when he talked about Jesus, I was uncomfortable. He was always studying the Bible at night and tried to engage me in "theological" questions. I began to realize that I wasn't a Christian. I didn't have the personal relationship with Jesus as Joe did. One day on

the way home from work, I prayed for Jesus to become personal to me. I felt a rush of wind enter my body. I realized later that it was the Holy Spirit coming into my life.

My life has never been the same. I praise God for the grace and mercy he has shown through his Son Jesus and for bringing Joe into my life to “flip my switch.

Joe’s Testimony

1. Who is man: who am I?

In 1 Peter 3:15 he said to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that you have. I remember in my life before I became a Christian that I was foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. Although I did not know it, I was oblivious to the fact that I was a sinner in need of a Savior.

2. Who is God: who is Jesus Christ?

As I was growing up I had no idea that Jesus Christ was God, I just went to church now and then and kept a sinful lifestyle. Then one day a man witnessed to me about Jesus Christ and that started me on a journey to investigate who this Jesus was. Eventually I came to understand that Jesus Christ was in fact God and had died for my sins. I never had a road to Damascus experience like Paul did, but I eventually after several years was able to look back and see that God in His wonderful grace and mercy had forgiven all my sins and made me a child of God.

3. What has Jesus Christ done in my life? Christ has proved himself to me in many ways as listed on the next page. I find comfort in John 14:21 where Jesus said He would manifest himself to anyone who strives to keep his commandments and loves the Lord Jesus Christ and is loved by Him. Everything needs verification with the Scripture, however.

a. One day I was out mowing the grass by what we called the "footprint." and somehow it came to me that my name was written in the Lamb's book of life. And thereafter I was mystified by how my old attitudes of worldliness had lost it's luster.

b. One time when I was out of a job with nothing in sight, He gave me a job.

c. When I was divorced and needed new companionship Donna came into my life and she has been a blessing extraordinaire.

d. The providence of God moved us from Texas to Nevada, where after a few years I was invited to take the place of the retiring Bible teacher.

e. God has assured me of my salvation through the Holy Spirit guidance in personal and serendipitous ways.

4. What does God command (me) us to do? I understand now that repentance and belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior is the most important thing that can happen in someone's life. What could be more important than eternal life? I and anyone who believes in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for his or her sins has a peace, rest and assurance of eternal life because Christ has made them a new person that has a desire to serve him with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

5. I want to use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to win souls and help fellow Christians grow in grace. My attitude has changed from self to giving God all the glory.

6. I want to live a life as if I am an ambassador for Christ and his cause of forgiving our sins and giving us eternal life through his bloodshed on the cross.

CHAPTER 24

“ETERNAL LIFE”

Have you ever heard someone use the word “forever” when describing something? Maybe you are stopped at a stop light and you say, “This red light is lasting ‘forever’.” Our concept of forever is a long time. God invented or created time. We can suppose that where God lives in the 3rd heaven, time must be something different. But whatever heaven is like, it will exist eternally or forever. Eternal life is also a quality of life. According to the Bible a soul goes to either heaven or hell when his flesh dies. The Bible also says that Christians have eternal life even while living in the flesh. (1 John 5:11-13). Not only does a Christian have eternal life, but he can know that he has it according to the apostle John. I bet you might want to ask: “How does one know that?” The first knowing that you have eternal life involves genuine faith. According to Romans 10:9, “... if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Technically then, if you tell others you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God or God in the flesh, and you are sure He was raised from the dead, having accepted that He paid for your sins by His shed blood on the cross, then you have eternal life. Of course, the enemy of your soul will try to make you think that you are not saved. Here's the test. The underlined statements on the next page are

my interpretation of the scriptures indicated.

1. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8) A true believer admits he or she sins. Sincere Christians do not believe they can go to heaven by being a “good” person. They realize their total depravity. (Jeremiah 17:9)
2. “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” (1 John 2:3) Born-again believers live a life focused on obedience to the God of the Bible.
3. “He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.” (1 John 2:9-10) Believers love their brothers both (spiritual and physical) and model forgiveness, love, and compassion.
4. “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15) A true convert does not love the world, or the world’s system of evil, ruled by Satan.
5. “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.” (1 John 2:22) “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11) True Christians are to have no spiritual fellowship with the activities of Christ-deniers.
6. “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.” (1 John 2:19) A true believer stays with the truth and does not fall away from the Biblical doctrines of the apostles of Jesus Christ.

7. “Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1 John 3:2-3) A true believer is looking for His return and takes strides to make his life pure from sin as much as possible.

8. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:15) "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17) A born again believer wants to be of help to his brother in Christ.

9. “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” (1 John 4:15) “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6) “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) A true servant of God proclaims that Jesus Christ is the only way to get to heaven thereby denying all other religions that are not Christian.

10. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.” (1 John 5:1) True Christians believe that Jesus is the One Who is spoken of in both the Old and New Testament.

11. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm:119:105) True believers are spiritually enlightened by God’s Word.

Well, how did you do on this test? I believe that the more of these items you are congruent with, the more confidence you can have that you have eternal life. Ultimately, if you are saved, Jesus Christ will manifest Himself to you when God sees that you are striving diligently to keep His commandments and God knows that you love Him. (John 14:21)

Now think for a minute, is it worth the few moments of pleasure with sin in this world, to miss out on an eternity with your Creator? God's Word says, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11) I say repent of your sin and trust in Christ as your Savior today. Did you know that Jesus is the "Son of God" and co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, they being a Trinity or God in three persons? "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

CHAPTER 25

“WHAT IS SAVING FAITH?”

Salvation is not a process by which one saves face! Salvation is brought about by faith. The Bible says, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) In other words, “faith” is initiated by believing what God has told you in His Word. But what is the evidence of saving faith? First let me introduce you to the words of Jesus, where He said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matthew 7:21-23 It is obvious from this statement by Jesus that one does not get into heaven by good works. It is also obvious that one has to have a personal relationship with Him in order to get into heaven. Instead of saying to you, “I never knew you,” He might say, “I know you well because we communed together and I manifested Myself to you while you were on the earth,” if you are one of His. (See John 14:21) If you do good works then it will be a result of salvation and not the cause thereof, because salvation is a free gift of grace to those who believe and trust in the Lord. If you belong to God, the

Holy Spirit is within you and will communicate to you by God's Word the Bible and in various ways as He sees fit. God the Holy Spirit can put word thoughts in line with the Scripture into your mind, and can reveal himself to the faithful in amazing ways. Saving faith is one in which you are willing to go down whatever pathway He leads, whether it be death or living to His glory. Your route to glory will involve your believing the 66-book Bible. Is your faith sincere, or are you worshipping idols in some way. An idol is any material thing that you worship as if it were the Lord.

CHAPTER 26

“SINCERE FAITH”

The word "Sincere" according to the dictionary means, "honest and free from adulteration, and marked by genuineness." Sincere faith has certain characteristics. And faith is the product of hearing the Word of God.

I was about to get on a roll, and wouldn't you know it, Koko parked himself in front of my computer and meowed. He must be happy because he is purring.

Sincere faith is really "purrific" faith. It has a way of healing what ails the soul. I want to take a look at several verses from the Bible. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." And in verse 3 we read, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." In other words the material universe has not always existed, but instead was fashioned by God by His word. He spoke it into existence!

Faith can be initiated by relationships: Someone in your life as a Christian has told you about Christ. In 2 Timothy 1:2-3,5,14 we see that Timothy had faith as a result of the witness of his mother and his grandmother. Sincere faith has the look of honesty: There

is not hypocrisy in sincere faith or at least one is honest about his or her need of a Savior.

How about a time out for some cat talk? Cats can learn what humans are saying if you provide them with a treat in relation to a word or phrase. I trained my cats to relate to the word "cheese" by this method. When I now say the phrase "want some cheese" they begin to meow and pester me for a treat. It doesn't matter that their treat is really not a piece of cheese like I gave them early on as kittens. They know the routine. Cats love to purr when they are content. They will try to wake you up with a shrill little purr to remind you that it is their morning feeding or treat time.

It is interesting that cats often make growling noises when they are confronted by another cat. They will sometimes bat their paws at each other. Koko and Pelli did just that in my office a few minutes ago. They were perched on the ledge by the window and they were trying to tell each other that this was their spot and that the other cat was trespassing on their territory.

Researchers have found that a cat's meow is different depending upon their situation. For example a meow in the kitchen at breakfast time is different from a meow a cat makes if he is locked up in a closet by mistake. Once when we lived in Nevada, we could not find Pelli for nearly the whole day. Donna even went down the block asking if anyone had seen our little kitten Pelli. We thought she might have gotten out as they are normally house cats. While I was walking thru the house I heard a little squeaky meow and opened the dresser drawer to Donna's dresser and there she was. She had climbed up into the dresser and one of us had closed it not noticing that she was in the drawer earlier in the day. So much for my cat stories.

You can spot a person who is just going through the motions and looks good on the outside but has no spirit of kindness or love within.

Sincere Faith is Attractive

There is passion in the life of one who is sincere about his faith in Christ. He really cares about others and uses God's spiritual gifts and fruits to become attractive to others about what he teaches. Sincere faith is not ashamed of the Word of God: have you met anyone who refuses to talk about the things of God because he is afraid of what people will think of him? Out faith is in question when we want the applause of men more than God. The Apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Sincere Faith works in love to benefit others:

Of course the most beneficial thing you can do is to plant a seed for the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can't tell which seed you plant will sprout. Some do and some don't. It may sprout now or later. I am told that some seed of a palm tree took 2,000 years to sprout! Likewise, it seems that the spiritual seed you plant will sometimes take time to sprout. Jesus said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh from, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:7- 8) Just as the wind blows in different ways and directions, so the new birth by the Spirit of God is a mystery. One person claims that he was led to Christ at a church while another claims that he became a Christian after dropping to his knees in his bedroom. God looks on the heart of the

person seeking Him. If he is honest about his sinful life and is ready to surrender to Him, then God will put the Spirit of God into his heart and assure him of forgiveness and eternal life.

James says in his epistle that the evidence of a saved life is genuine love and good works. Good works are the result of salvation and not the cause, as is put forth in some churches. James wants us to be an ambassador for Christ.

I have said this before but want to say it again for us to be certain of what sincere faith is.

1. (John 1:8) A sincere believer admits he or she is a sinner. They do not believe they can go to heaven by being a good person. They realize their total depravity. (Jeremiah 17:9, Genesis 6:5)
2. (1 John 2:3-6, 3:19,24, 5:2) Born again believers live a life focused on obedience to the God of the Bible. Life controlling sins can cease. Since the sin nature is still present they may stumble into sin, but hate it and confess it to God when they do.
3. (1 John 2:9-10, 3:11, 3:14, 4:11,16, 4:21) Believers love their brothers and model forgiveness, love and compassion.
4. (1 John 2:15-17) A true convert does not love the world or the things of the world, nor the world's system of evil ruled by Satan.
5. (1 John 2:18,22-23,4:1); Jude:4:16, Ephesians 5:11) A sincere believer rejects false teachers and avoids spiritual enterprises with them.
6. (1 John 2:19, 24) A sincere believer stays with the truth and does not fall away from it. He obeys the doctrine of the Apostles as written in Scripture. When a sincere believer falls into sin, he will be disciplined by God.

7. (1 John 3:2-3) A true believer is looking and hoping for the return of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

8. (1 John 3:14,17-18) A born again believer wants to be of help to his brother in Christ.

9. (1 John 4:15,5:5) A true servant of God says that Jesus. Christ is the Son of God and proclaims that He is the only way to heaven. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)

10. (1 John 5:1) A sincere believer loves being with other believers and learning the Word of God. (1 Jn.3:23, 4:7) John writes in 1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Folks with sincere faith in God have eternal life and are not led astray by things not in the 66 book bible. One example of being led astray is to make the apocrypha into a part of the Bible.

CHAPTER 27

"THINGS THAT COUNT"

In this chapter I am going to list several things that really count when it comes to spiritual truth. For example: There are two different portions of the Bible called the Old and New Testament that are argued by Bible scholars. However, the Catholic Bible contains at least 7 other books which is called the Apocrypha, that gives a total of 73 books in their Bible while non- Roman Catholics have a 66-book Bible. If you are not sure which Bible is the correct one, I am going to argue that the 66 book Bible is the true one as I have already in another chapter. I think even my cat knows which Bible is the true one. I told Koko to meow 66 times for the real Bible, but he only purred while sitting in my lap so I am still stuck with proving otherwise this truth. Meow. So here goes! It is often put forth by KJV haters that the Apocrypha was in the 1611 KJV. But the translators thought it would be good to include them as history of the time period between the Old and New Testaments. This was a period of about 400 years and the authors of some of these books even said themselves that their writings were not inspired of God. These writers made no predictions. Jesus and the true Apostles never quoted from these books, but did quote from all other Old Testament inspired writings with maybe 2 or 3 exceptions. The

Apocrypha is written by men who were not using the inspired words of the Holy Spirit. When God inspires something it rings true, as we shall see in the next topic.

Absolute power corrupts absolutely:

Have you heard that absolute power corrupts absolutely? History has proven that to be a fact. When dictators establish rule, they do it without the consent of the people. This type of human rulership is flawed because every human being is flawed until they are born again by the Spirit of God and have been translated into heaven. Even with the new birth we still sin. Can you think of other forms of absolute human power? What about the Pope of Roman Catholicism? The Pope is given absolute authority over his religion. Whatever the pope decrees becomes canon law. When the pope speaks he might be implying "thus saith the Lord," but what if what he says conflicts with the Bible? Our world is filled with people who live in ivory towers and think they are king on the mountain. You will find this in university faculty thinking and likewise in those they instruct. One of the ways that God has sought to restrain the possibility of the absolute power of men is to establish nation states. If the world descends into world government then it has a great potential to be corrupt because it will be a government of men. But if you have nation states then the problem of overall corruption is limited to that particular nation rather than the whole world. This is why God scattered men at the Tower of Babel. Not only that... He had each nation to have a different language. By the way did you know that there are "walls" in heaven? It is not a violation of human rights to put up a wall on this earth. And President Trump did this year (2019) what the Democrats think is a corruption of power to declare a national emergency in the face of the influx of illegal crossing at our southern border. The "Deep State"

wealthy want open borders and world government. And according to the scripture they will get their wish for a short time known as the Great Tribulation just before Christ returns to set up a "Millennial Rule" on planet earth. According to the KJV Bible: "The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." (Psalm 2:2-3) It was the powerful of the earth in both the religious sphere and the governmental sphere who failed to worship or to see who Jesus is, when He was on the earth. The Deep State wants to protect its money and power with world government.

Who Killed Jesus

Have you ever wondered what kind of a person would kill Jesus? It was said of Him that he never committed one sin. He never committed any crimes. And in fact He healed the sick, raised the dead, and went about joyfully proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. He had compassion on the men and women whose lives He touched, and yet He was crucified. His accusers were the religious leadership of the "one true religion" of His time. They said He made Himself equal with God. So why was He killed? The answer is not what most people want to hear. They want to hear about their potential and how to have their best life now. It was us who killed Jesus! My sins were cast upon Him by my Father in Heaven.

Excuse me there is a message for you

My wife has an app on her phone that comes on and says "Excuse me there is a message for you," when someone has texted her or left a message for her. Sometimes the message

is one that she really doesn't want, like "call this number to get a good deal" on some product. Do you get tired of those incessant robo calls? I sometimes just say hello and then don't say anything until they hang up. You can now buy a product that will keep them on the line with crazy talk like "My cat just jumped in my lap and keep talking all you want." Telemarketers' time is thus wasted instead of your time. What a novel idea. But there is a message that no one should want to ignore. And that message is summarized in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:". . "Excuse me, there is a message for you" and it is the message that you and I are both sinners who need a Redeemer who suffered in our place for the sins we committed against God. You can be saved right now if you take that message to heart. Jesus said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4:17) Paul's letter to the Corinthians states the gospel in plain language.

A Nest Among the Stars

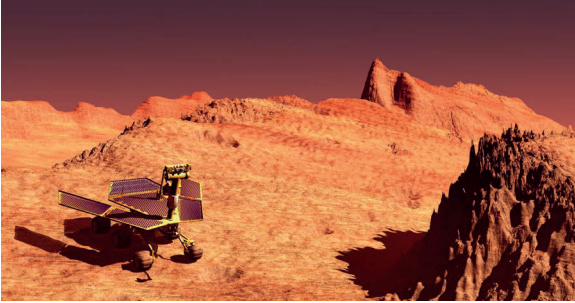
Obadiah 1:4 states, "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord." This verse of Scripture is about the Edomites, but I wonder if it will apply to future travelers to the planet Mars. Pride could be seen in several ways which is often the downfall of those who wish to exalt themselves with clamor. As the scripture says: Pride goeth before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18) Israel requested permission to travel through Edom during the exodus from Egypt. The Edomites assembled a big army

to deny them to pass through. (Numbers 20:14-21) Later, when Israel had established nationhood, the Edomites invaded, after other nations had beaten up on Israel, and took prisoners. (2 Chronicles 28:16-21) Finally when Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians, the Edomites celebrated (Psalm 137:7-8) The Edomites are a type of those who are overly proud of accomplishments, who seek to deny God's creation by doing those things that go against God's commands. Genesis 12:3 says, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Is Edom cursed?

How about a cat break? One of the things you notice is that cats can tell if you don't feel well. They will want to snuggle up to you to make you feel better. Cats also like to sleep with humans. Pelli sleeps with my wife and sometimes Koko sleeps at the foot of my bed. You don't need an alarm clock if you have a cat. They will give you an agitated meow if you sleep late.

I have recently been looking at the pictures of Mars posted on the Internet. You can go out into the yard at night and see Mars the red planet at a high place in the easterly sky. The Mars rover returns pictures of a landscape littered with large boulders and rocks. It looks like a wasteland of desert with no sign of life and is generally red in color. Elon Musk has stated that his plan for SpaceX is to land men on Mars in 2024. Another organization known as "Mars One" says they can make it to Mars by 2023. Are these folks the modern-day Edomites? Mars landings would certainly be considered 'a nest among the stars'. Obadiah 1:1-5 relates the overly proud outlook of the Edomites. Will the settlers of Mars be brought back to earth in a similar fashion that the Edomites were to be brought down by God?

Below is a picture of the Mars Rover and the landscape of Mars. It looks rugged, dry and lifeless! Do you want to go there? You can probably sign up with SpaceX or Mars One.



Can you count on going to heaven?

If you really want to fly into space I have a better plan for you. The things that we do in this life only count when God's will is done. You can amass a huge fortune, become the next king or president, or even write a famous book, but if it is not what God wants you to do, it's not a member of the "things that count" category. If you truly read all of my book so far you should be beginning to see what is really important in life. God created an entire huge universe with trillions of stars and galaxies just so He could give you abundant reasons to believe and worship Him. I hope God will adopt you into His family and count you as one of His children that is on his way to heaven! He has already signed the adoption papers in His Blood. The ball is in your court. All He requires is faith and repentance on your part. You need God in your life. You and I have both committed sins in our life. Turn you life over to Christ. He will make your life what it should be.

You will have problems just like every other human in this life, but what if God walks along side you in it all. When you are reborn by God, you will look back and wondered why you did some of the things you did. You will notice that your old lifestyle is simply not as satisfying anymore. If you are already born again I will see you in heaven. Maranatha! If you have finished the main part of this book, you can drop me an email about what's on your mind, be it "purrific" or "unpurrific." You can even disagree with me if you like. I hope you will begin to see that we need to be wise as to the "Things That Count!"

Who is driving your theological car?

Have you ever been to a car wash before? You drive up on the ramp, take your foot off the brake, put your car in neutral, and sit back and enjoy the ride to a perfectly cleansed car. Likewise, if you are to be saved you will have to relinquish your theological car to a new driver after driving up onto the ramp of salvation! So take your foot off the brake, relax and let Jesus Christ cleanse you of your sins. You don't have to do anything. You only need God's grace (the ramp) and your faith (trust in Jesus Christ) to have salvation happen. Your name will be written into the Lamb's book of life. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Have you ever wondered why some folks who know the Bible front to back are not saved? It is because their hands are still on the steering wheel and their foot is on the brake. The Bible does say that faith comes by "hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17) Let's look at the life of one famous theologian. He has been to seminary, he has spoken to the multitudes, and he has written books. He says that the

the cross of Jesus Christ was cosmic child abuse. This is of course is not true. Jesus willingly went to the cross. The Cross was planned in eternity past to be the cause of men's salvation. What these teachers hear when they hear the gospel is: "That's not fair to punish someone else for my sins." Instead of putting God in the driver's seat, they want to take over the wheel of salvation. They think it's not about what God has done but about what we do that reconciles us with God. So in spite of all that study and these seminary degrees they don't yet get it! Why is that, you say? Is it not because they are not willing to let God be one's only Savior? The person I am talking about is Brian McLaren. If he is a sincere Christian, it would be a surprise to me. But he is essentially no different from the person who says baptism saves. Baptism is a work of the flesh when it is said to save. The world is full of religions which espouse a works based salvation. For example: Islam, Romanism, Buddhism, and some protestant denominations that require works or baptism for salvation and eternal life.

ANOTHER CHRIST

This chapter is to my friends and family who are either Roman Catholic or members of some of the non-Roman Catholic Churches. 2 Corinthians 11:4 states: "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" The message of Paul is simple. You either are worshipping "another Jesus" or the true one. I truly believe there are people who are abiding in the wrong church of which some are saved (born

again) and some are not. What we should do is either abandon ship or try and correct that which is wrong while remaining. I believe you decide what is right or wrong by the scripture. I have already shown that the KJV can be relied upon completely in what it says.

Consider for example Hebrews 9:12 which states: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." So what part of "once" can make it seem that this might be congruent with the "Mass" and "transubstantiation."

Here's another example: Is it possible for a human body to be in more than one place at a single time? Even Christ is now living in his body in heaven. Revelation 1:13-16 states: "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." Wouldn't Jesus' body have to be omnipresent in order for the thousands of masses held all over the world? Clearly a body has to have singular location.

Read also Psalm 32:5. Clearly confession of sin can be done directly to the Lord. No priest is needed as King David states in this Psalm.

It's not just Catholics who err. What about

others such as Methodists who claim you can lose your salvation. Question: if you have eternal life and then somehow lose it, you never had it in the first place because it wasn't eternal! "They went out from us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that the were not of us." (1 John 2:19.) The "us" in this verse is the "apostles." And there are no more apostles after Paul." Because they had to have seen the resurrected "Christ" in order to be an apostle. (Acts 1:22) I believe that people who depart from the doctrines of the original apostles are in danger of finding themselves in the fires of "hell." Their gospel is "another gospel." (Galatians 1:8)

Here's what will count when you get to heaven. For the born again believer there are basically five crowns that we know of. First there is the "*crown of life*." This one goes to ones that have made it through trials in life. The temptation is to go outside the bounds of God's Word, but those who even in the place of hardship remain faithful, there is reward. Are you looking forward to the day when Christ shall appear? If you are, your crown is known as the "*crown of righteousness*." Do you love the possibility of His appearing in you lifetime? If you do you can look forward to this crown. And then there is the "*crown of rejoicing*" This is given to those who take the great commission seriously and try to win people to Christ. The fourth crown is called the "*crown of glory*." This one goes to those who shepperd the flock. They are the pastors and teachers that labor to direct Christians in the truth. And finally there is the "*imperishable crown*." This one is given to those who live a life like

disiplined athlete because they love the Lord. Do you remember the Olympic event where the runner came up limping, but his father came out of the stands to assist him to the finish line. Your heavenly father wants to assist you in getting to the finish line. what a wonderful future there is for those who struggle to live Godly in His presence here on earth. While you can't obtain salvation with what you do in this life you can earn a reward in the next one! God does not remember our sins anymore but he will certainly take stock of what you and I do for him. (James 1:12, 2 Tim. 4:8, 1 Thess. 2:19,20, 1 Peter 5:4, and 1 Cor. 9:25)

CHAPTER 28

“SPLASHING AROUND IN THE WATER”

Cats do not like water. Just try to give your cat a bath and you will find out that he likes to claw you. He might growl at you too. What is it about water that cats do not like? So don't baptize your cat in water.

Speaking of baptism, there are two ways baptism is done in churches. In the Roman Catholic church you baptize your baby by having the priest sprinkle water on his head. And the priest says, “Your baby is now saved and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.” Of course if he commits a mortal sin later in life he loses his salvation and will need to say some Hail Marys or something to get it back. In the Baptist church you get dunked fully in water and it is done only as a symbol of the salvation of your soul that has already happened beforehand, a showing of your commitment. Different churches do baptism different ways, and some say it is required for salvation and some say it isn't. So which is it?

Obviously one can be saved and then get baptized according to Acts 10:44-48. Cornelius and his household received the Holy Spirit and then they got baptized. Now, since “the gifts and calling of God are without repentance,” (Romans 11:29), baptism is not required for salvation, but is an act that a Christian does to give testimony to others of his or her salvation. We also know that the thief on the cross was not baptized and Jesus said

He would be with him in paradise. There are verses of scripture that some take to make baptism a requirement for salvation. Lets look at each verse and see what you think.

Concerning the words, “be baptized, and wash away thy sins,” (Acts 22:16) because Paul was already cleansed spiritually at the time Christ appeared to him, these words must refer to the symbolism of baptism. Baptism is a picture of God’s inner work of washing away sin (1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 3:21). Galatians 3:27 says, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” In order to determine if this passage really supports baptismal regeneration, one simply needs to read the immediate context to know that it does not. The overall context of Galatians is centered on Paul’s rebuke that some of the Galatians were turning from the one true gospel to another false gospel that could not save them (Galatians 1:6-9, 3:1-3). The false gospel they were embracing was one that mixed God’s grace with works of the law, including circumcision, as a requirement for being saved, much like those who add baptism as a requirement for salvation. Paul’s message in Galatians is very, very clear—we are justified not “by the “works of the law” but “by the faith of Christ” (Galatians 2:16). This context of justification by faith alone in Christ alone is seen throughout the first three chapters of Galatians and is reinforced in Galatians 3:26, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” This verse, along with all other passages of Scripture is “through faith in Christ Jesus,” and since, for baptism to have any meaning at all, it must always be preceded by faith, we can know that it is faith in Christ that saves us, not the baptism that follows faith. While baptism is important as a way of identifying us with Christ, it only has meaning if it comes

from saving faith which always comes first.

Mark 16:16 states, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." He does not say that if you are not baptized you will be damned. He is not saying that baptism is necessary to salvation, but that the person who is saved will be baptized. It is the rejection of Christ which brings eternal damnation in hell. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36) 1 Peter 3:21 states, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:" What baptism does this scripture represent? It is not water baptism but the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is real baptism, and the water baptism is symbolic baptism. If one has faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, he is a candidate for Holy Spirit baptism.

Another verse that talks about baptism is John 3:5. Let's start with John 3:4 and then 3:5. "Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." When one is born of the flesh his mother's water breaks. So Jesus may be saying that a person must first be born of his mother, and then he can be born of the Spirit of God. Likewise since water is a symbol of the word of God, his reference could be that of being born of the word of God by the Spirit of God.

Have you ever read Macbeth? Remember the line double double toil and trouble fire burn and cauldron bubble." A witch thinks that they can cause spells to happen by putting a certain mixture of things into the pot. I think that many of us have thought in our lives that we can make things happen if we get the right action. Does your cauldron contain baptism, eating the "Jesus cookie," going forward to an altar call, joining a certain church, or any other "doing" that you think God might like for you to do? Your cauldron is no different from the witches' if you think God will save you by you stirring just the right ingredients into it. Maybe you are just splashing around in your cauldron and need to believe only in Jesus Christ for your salvation. The Scripture says that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) The skeptic might point to the verse that says "Not everyone that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) First of all this verse says that just calling on God from your head is not enough. You have to believe in your heart/spirit and the proof that you believe is that you will be doing the will of God! Doing something, even if it might look like the will of God will not be the cause of someone's salvation. That cause is by the 100% gospel of Jesus Christ. You can find that defined in (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), as I have said before.

CHAPTER 29

“CLEARED FOR DEPARTURE”

When you fly Southwest Airlines you will hear the flight attendant say, “We have been cleared for departure.” Just as I was writing this Koko jumped up and appeared in front of my computer, so he needed a departure from my room so I could write this chapter. He didn’t like his departure, however, and began to meow outside my closed door. This chapter is not about departing cats, but is about the departure of Christians from this earth.

The question I have for all is, “Are you ready for the departure?” The Bible says, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (2 Peter 3:3,4) The scoffers do not believe the Bible because it says there will be a departure or catching away from the earth of true believers. 2 Thessalonians 2 describes a time when the saints will be gathered unto God and the time of great tribulation will begin because the Holy Spirit has been removed from His resistance-to-evil role. The saints of God are part of that resistance since they are indwelt by Him. The saints of God will depart from the earth in what is known as the rapture. Here are two other scriptures that point to that event:

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17) and “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) So all people will be caught up leaving no one on the earth. Meow. There will be many left behind. Most likely people will be left here to endure the time of great tribulation. According to Jesus’ own words, few will find their way into heaven. (See Matthew 7:14.) This is a great mystery since the word of God also says that God is “not willing that any should perish”. (2 Peter 3:9)

Are we moving toward this time of the rapture? I will report the signs of the times. You can make the call. I list several signs. Are we the last generation?

1. Daniel said, “But thou, O Daniel shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” (Daniel 12:4) Does this sound like both travel and knowledge will be increasing greatly at the time of the end? Travel has gone from horse and buggy to rocket ships in a mere 120 years. And knowledge is increasing at a colossal rate.

2. John the apostle spoke of a time when two prophets of Israel would be killed and their bodies would lie in the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half days and people and kindreds and tongues and nations of the earth shall

see their dead bodies. See (Revelation 11:7-9) This is undoubtedly television coverage of this event. Television has existed since 1927. And so the end times will have television internet and cell phones.

3. Jesus said that there would be an increase in false prophets and that many would say they are the Christ and deceive many. See (Matthew 24:5,11) also see...https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_claimed_to_be_Jesus

4. Hosea said, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice and without an image, and without an ephod, and without a teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days." (Hosea 3:4-5) And Ezekiel said, "And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, and with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out." (Ezekiel 20:34) This is the return of the Jews to Israel which happened in 1948 or in the latter days as described above . This seems to picture the latter days beginning in 1948.

5. Jesus said, there would be "wars and rumors of wars" (Matthew 24:6)

From 184 A.D to 763 A.D. There were two major wars in the world.

From 1207 to 1405 there were two major wars.

From 1562 to 1815 there were four major wars

From 1816 to 1877 there were three major wars

From 1914 to 2003 there were eight major wars

These last wars included WWI and WWII in which 55 million to 137 million were killed. WWI included many deaths from the Spanish flu. The 20th century was the bloodiest century in history from wars.

6. Great earthquakes have struck at a record rate.

See: <http://earthsky.org/earth/are-large-earthquakes-increasing-in-frequency>. Jesus also said their would be earthquakes in diverse places.

7. Famines and pestilences are another sign of the the end times. (Matthew 24:7) Look up Wikipedia. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/list-of-famines>.. It states that there have been 50 different famines from 1904 to 2016. The 4,000 previous years only recorded 100 famines. From 1960 to the present the AIDS epidemic has killed more than 30 million. The Spanish flu of 1918 killed up to 50 million.

8. In Matthew 24: 9 Jesus stated, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my names sake." Because the Jews are said to be the chosen people of God that brought forth our Saviour they have been hated especially in the 20th century. Hitler's Third Reich murdered almost 6 million Jews.

9. In Matthew 24:14 Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." The gospel of Jesus Christ and His kingdom has been preached to all nations since 30 A.D. The Bible has been translated into 670 languages according to Wikipedia. The New Testament has been translated into 1,521 languages.

There are only around 4% of the languages of the world in which the Bible has not been translated .

10. The atomic bomb occurring in these last days makes one think that we can't last much longer until some "crazy" sets it all off. Is the atomic bomb mentioned in the Bible? I believe it is.

Zechariah 14:12,15,21 describes a scenario that sounds very much like the result of a nuclear bomb. I think you would have to be ignorant to think that the atomic bomb will never be used again.

CHAPTER 30

“REDEEMING THE TIME”

My cat Koko thinks that “redeeming the time” means to take an extended catnap in my favorite chair. When I want to sit there I have to pick him up and set him in my lap, at which time he will move around a bit, and after a few petting strokes will then settle in for a little grooming or maybe another catnap.

“Redeeming the time” for us humans is not usually done by napping; however, I think God does want us to be refreshed by sleep. When Jesus had His catnap interrupted by a storm on the disciples’ boat, He rebuked the storm and it obeyed Him. Have you ever had your nap interrupted by the doorbell? You can’t rebuke a doorbell even if you wanted to! It’s usually someone selling something or maybe a pair of Jehovah’s Witnesses wanting to tell you all about Jesus not being God or something. Jehovah’s Witnesses think they are redeeming the time by going door to door and trying to get a new convert. Evangelism is important, however, although there are no examples of door-to-door evangelism in the Bible, there is no scripture forbidding it. Jesus had a method of evangelism that probably produced the most results. Perhaps the story of the woman at the well provides us with a look into what works best. Of course Jesus knew that if He took a certain route in his journey He would meet up with this woman at the well. Since we

do not know the future, we can only pray that God will bring across our path those who need to hear the gospel. I believe the most important way to redeem time is to talk with people about Jesus Christ and the Word of God. Jesus approach to the woman at Jacob's well was to ask her for a drink of water. Have you ever noticed that when we talk casually with people and ask casual questions, it can lead to a discussion of Biblical truth?

Years ago I was employed by a school district in Texas as school counselor. I often talked to the man who was in charge of the bus barn because he asked me to fill in when drivers were absent. As we talked I found out that he was a Roman Catholic, but that he wasn't sure of his salvation. So I told him to go home and get alone with God and pray to be saved. A few weeks later he died, and I had a dream that he was in heaven. That was a rare experience for me.

Jesus encounter with the Woman at the well is as follows, "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water." (John 4:7-10) Do you see that Jesus used her water-need to tell the woman the Gospel truth? The living water Jesus spoke of was not literal earthly water but the truth that Jesus was the Messiah and the Living Word of God. The Word of God is spiritual water as opposed to earthly water. Now the woman did not get what Jesus was talking about, so "The

woman saith unto him, Sir, thou has nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" (John 4:11-12) The woman still was thinking about earthly water, so Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13-14) The woman did not still completely believe, but she said, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." (John 4:15) Next in this chapter Jesus told her to call her husband to come to the well. Jesus knew about her history of having several husbands so, He asked her to bring her husband over. But the woman told Jesus she had no husband. It was then that Jesus told her that she had had 5 husbands and was currently living with someone out of wedlock. This was when the woman at the well realized that Jesus was a prophet because He knew without being told her history. She then said to him, "I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." Jesus replied unto her, "I that speak unto thee am he." (John 4: 25-26) At this point the woman believed that Jesus was the Christ. and therefore became a child of God. This will apply to anyone who wants to be a child of Jesus. 1 John 5:1 begins, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God."

Jesus "redeemed the time" with the woman at the well, and He wants us as Christians to consider the fact that our meeting with anyone could be a "person at the well" type of meeting. So How does this story illustrate how we should witness? You can make statements that

make people curious, or asking them for something like Jesus did. The ultimate goal is to get to the topic of everlasting life in such a way that the person sees his need for the Saviour from his sins who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." The days are evil, and the opportunities we have to do good and to bring glory to God are often taken up with busyness and our worldly mindsets. Because the days are evil, going with the flow of the culture is wasting time. Our sin nature can often become the default course of action in our windows of opportunity to do good and glorify God.

The will of God can involve both planned and unplanned activities. The work of God can often take on a situation of surprise. While writing this chapter I was wondering how God works to help us to redeem the time, so yesterday I was going for my usual walk and I prayed to have someone who needed to hear the Gospel cross my path. So I took a couple of tracts and my billfold. I usually don't take my billfold but for some reason I did. And wouldn't you know it, a woman with 2 children stopped me to ask directions. In the process of communication I discovered that she was being evicted from her home and that her husband had left her. So I gave her 20 dollars to help with the rent and one of the gospel tracts I often carry around. While opportunity was sought for in my case, sometimes a situation develops without you seeking it. I like to use the word "serendipity" for that. God has a providence that we cannot predict. God often brings people across our path either for our growth or for their growth or understanding of the gospel.

CHAPTER 31

“LOOSENING BOLTS”

It is considered by some that the screw thread was invented in about 400 B.C. by Archytas of Tarentum (428 BC - 350 BC). Archytas is sometimes called the founder of mechanics and was a contemporary of Plato. Nuts and bolts are things that hold something down. My cat Koko doesn't like anything that limits where he can go. For example, when we take him to the veterinarian we put him into his cat cage. He then meows all the way. If your cat is like mine he will probably hate you at least until “treat” time.

Have you ever had to loosen a rusted bolt? Sometimes you will ruin the nut trying to get it to break loose. One tip I heard was to spray oil along the bottom of the bolt and then tap the bolt gently on top before trying to break it loose. John MacArthur once said, “And you know, what you want to do when you give the gospel to someone who's pretty well-bolted down, you just want to loosen the bolts.” Here is a scenario that is an analogy of “loosening the bolts” of the unbeliever.

You are speaking to someone who thinks that there are many ways to heaven. Your way of “tapping the bolt head gently and “spraying oil on the bottom of the bolt” is with scripture: “I am the way, the truth, the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me.” (John

14:6) If you want to maybe make another turn of the bolt, you could quote Acts 4:12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

The bolts of the skeptics are tightened down and are often left to rust in worldly and cultural settings. Have you ever heard someone say, “He who dies with the most toys wins”? If you die with the most toys, you do not win. Unless of course you are a sincere believer in the gospel of Jesus Christ in which case you are a real winner! One of the very tight bolts of Roman Catholicism is that you can lose your salvation. Let’s grab the wrench known as the KJV of the Bible. It states, “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:13) The key word is “know.” Obviously one can know that he has eternal life, according to the Bible.

Another bolt-loosening practice is to ask them where in the Bible and the first century is any evidence of the following: popes and papal infallibility, transubstantiation, praying to Mary and to saints, the scapular garments, and indulgences. Catholics like to say that we need to read the Church fathers to understand Roman Catholicism, but obviously some of them were more interested in man made doctrines than in the scripture. Early Roman church fathers’ interpretations of scripture were based too much on current culture rather than on the singular message God intended from each verse of His inspired word. They also blur the understanding of the distinction between Israel and the Church. They allegorize the Scripture where none was indicated. Their end-time theories departed from scriptural truth.

The bottom line, of course, is that we must continually go back to the Scriptures as our only source for "doing theology." As much as we may respect and admire the early church fathers, or, for that matter, the Reformers, the Puritans, or any particular modern spiritual leader, we must always remember to be Bereans, checking their conclusions and reasoning against the plumb line of God's Word. No one could put it more clearly or forcefully than Martin Luther as he boldly and defiantly proclaimed before the Diet of Worms: "Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise." We should do the same. So a Berean is one who searches the scriptures for validity about the things of God.

CHAPTER 32

“THE GATES OF HELL”

Jesus said that He would preserve His Church and the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. There are two church groups that claim they are that church of which Jesus spoke. The first one is the Roman Catholic system, which really came into being during the Roman Empire of the 4th Century. The second one is the Ana-baptist or Baptist church, which claims to be what we have today that has descended from the New Testament churches in the first century, and has been known by such names as the Montanists, and others. (As listed in the chart in this chapter.) Baptists as well as Protestants have been persecuted by the Roman Catholic system beginning with the Roman Empire and extending past the 4th century when that church became the state church of the Roman Empire under Constantine. It is very unlikely that the Roman Catholic Church is what Jesus was referring to since Jesus also said, “My kingdom is not of this world:” (Jn. 18:36) and the Roman Church has always tried to make their church a world controlling entity. That leaves the Baptist church as the only one that is not Catholic or protestant that claims to have been the original church, although it was presumably called by different names until they became the Anabaptists in the 16th century.

Today, about the only church type that resembles the original apostolic church would have to be the many Independent Baptist churches spread over the world. Of course it would not have to be called a Baptist church to be one that is apostolic in nature. There are probably many churches that are okay as long as they hold to the original tenets of the apostolic church such as baptism by immersion after having been born again. The apostolic church is one that says Jesus is the only way to salvation and that one must believe in the Son of God to get saved. Page 181 lists churches that appear to have developed doctrines that may leave one curious about whether they have adopted doctrines that are truly biblical. (See John 3:18,36; John 17:8; John 14:6, and Acts 4:12)

In John 18:36, Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." If Jesus' kingdom were of this world, He would have had his angels put down all demonic influence and would have assumed His kingship at that time. Some day He will rule on this earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; however, for the church age He is occupying heaven and interceding on our behalf. When He rules the earth during His millennial reign the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. This country's system is mainly run by crooked politicians of the two major parties...Democrat and Republican. Wars and turmoil among nations will not bring about paradise on earth. Jesus will not be an elected leader. Look, for example, at Pilate in the Bible. He was a crooked politician that hated the Jews, but was afraid he might offend them and thereby lose his job. Peter tried to defend Jesus with the sword, but Jesus rebuked him for his worldly thinking. The worldly church will not be able

to build His kingdom either. In this age Jesus is taking a group known as the true Church and making them 'salt and light' until it is time for us to be removed. Then after a few more years Christ will come in His kingdom and will establish a 1,000- year reign on earth.

In the booklet The Trail of Blood, "Cardinal Hosius Catholic, A.D. 1524, President of the Council of Trent: said, Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past twelve hundred years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers."¹⁰

"The twelve hundred years were the years preceding the Reformation in which Rome persecuted others with the most cruel persecution thinkable."¹¹

"Sir Isaac Newton: "The Baptists are the only body of known Christians that have never symbolized with Rome."¹²

Mosheim Lutheran: "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of modern Dutch Baptists."¹³

It is interesting that neither Christ, nor His apostles ever gave to His followers what is known today as a denominational name such as Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and many others.

According to Carroll: "Another vital change which seems from history to have had its beginning before the close of the second century was on the great doctrine of Salvation itself. The Jews as well as the Pagans, had for many generations, been trained to lay great stress on

10. The Trail of Blood, by J.M Carroll, Challenge Press Book Heaven,p.3

11. ibid p4

12. ibid p4

13. ibid p.4

Ceremonials. They had come to look upon types as antitypes, shadows as real substances, and ceremonials as real saving agencies. How easy to come thus to look upon baptism. They reasoned thus: The Bible has much to say concerning baptism. Much stress is laid upon the ordinance and one's duty concerning it. Surely it must have something to do with one's salvation. So that it was in this period that the idea of Baptismal Regeneration began to get a fixed hold in some of the churches."¹⁴ Thus because the Baptists stayed with their doctrine of "believer's baptism," they were called the Ana-Baptists and were persecuted by both Roman Catholics and protestants. On the next page we have the following different names for numbers 1 to 15.

1 to 6: The Church at Jerusalem, The Church at Antioch, The Church at Phillipi, The Church at Ephesus, The Church at Corinth, and the Church at Rome.

7 to 9: The Montanists, the Novations, and the Donatists.

10 to 15: the Publicans, the Henricians, The Albigenes, the Waldenses, the Anabaptists, and the Baptists.

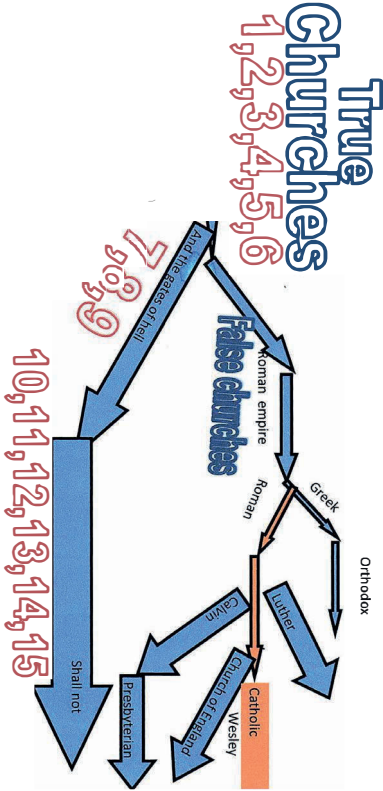
Baptists have existed throughout the New Testament era, however they have been known by different names. The church I attend is known as the New Testament Baptist Church. My wife Donna and I visited some 19 different churches in Tucson until we found one that taught from the KJV and promoted sound Biblical doctrine. These churches are hard to find, but a few are still around. You can find some programs online that are good for the soul. But some of them are false in that they are just there to get some of your money.

¹⁴. *ibid* p12-13

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See Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20 and 28:18-20



CHAPTER 33

“YOU ARE INVITED”

A lot of churches give what is sometimes called the “altar call” or the “invitation” at the end of some sermon or presentation. The thought is that someone has to be invited by a preacher to receive Christ as their Savior in order for it to happen, but marching up to an altar may or may not result in salvation. Being born again is not easily explained sometimes, and there are a lot of writers who think they can explain it. I am not so sure that I can explain it either. For instance, John 3:8 states, “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” Apparently God decides who will be born again and the new birth is somewhat out of our control. The Altar call was an invention of Michael Finney about 200 years ago. Finney had a distorted view of the gospel. He believed that Christ’s sacrifice was more to “show” us the way rather than to “be” the way to salvation and therefore peace with God. If he believed that way he probably was not saved. Today the same procedure is often called “the invitation.” Most Baptist churches do the invitation process. Someone usually sings a song such as “Just As I Am.” The thought is that sinners must be called publicly to become a Christian. In Matthew 10:32-33 we read: “Whosoever therefore

shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” McGee writes, “It stands to reason that if we have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior from sin, we will acknowledge it publicly or whenever it is deemed necessary to give a testimony.” Jesus is talking to His disciples and a disciples first confession is often by baptism in a public sense. Jesus may be saying that He will pray for those who are willing to acknowledge him to others as well. See Romans 8:34

Another verse that many like to quote in connection with salvation is Romans 10:9-10 which states: “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Here is another verse that has two possible meanings. a. The doing of the public confession with our tongue makes salvation happen if one really believes. or b. It is only when a persons speech and heart are fully congruent that genuine salvation has happened with or without a public confession. A person’s calling upon the Lord Jesus is probably to be understood as “believing in Jesus in ones heart.” Even so, an altar call is okay, and it is probable that some are saved while on their way to the altar or at the altar, while others are saved by a personal discovery of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Scripture or hearing an evangelist on the radio or something like that.

Down through the ages man has tried to get right with God by some sort of “action” or “work.”

To the Roman Catholic the act of “baptism” makes one saved. Or maybe eating what they say is the body of Jesus Christ during the Eucharist gives eternal life. Or maybe to another church the act of publicly walking down to an altar makes it happen. But does it? Why would Paul the apostle say that you are saved by grace through faith and not by works, if these were possible? Do you suppose that maybe it would be possible for someone to be saved without any of these works? What if someone just reads from the Bible 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and believes in Christ? (“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”)

So, does action + belief = salvation or does belief all by itself cause salvation? Admittedly good works always follow after salvation as the person grows in Christ through study and Church.

It is interesting that there are folks who work in seminaries who know the Bible frontwards, or sideways, up and down, and yet are not saved. Why is this? Because Jesus said, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:44)

The word translated as “draw” is really “drag” This is all about divine election. Divine election is something that a lot of theologians try to explain. Some like it to say that God saves us according to His will without us being involved. Others say that we can come to God on our own

initiative and God will save us. It is most likely some combination of both which seems impossible to us but possible to God.

So do we really need to take some action in order to be “saved” or is it merely a combination of God’s “grace” and our “faith” that makes it happen? It seems to me that the instrument of salvation is faith alone and the Bible says that, “faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Salvation can happen anywhere without any “action” on your part in that your faith meets up with God’s grace through His Word.

CHAPTER 34

“LAST THINGS”

Have you ever wondered how it is all going to end? Do you remember watching Columbo and hearing him say, “Just one more thing”? Columbo was a very smart detective who seemed to always get his man. He would make it look like he wasn’t after a certain person “whom we knew all along was going to be the guilty party” and just before leaving the presence of the rascal he would turn and say, “Just one more thing.” Of course by the “one more thing” Columbo put the guilty party in a tough position of having to cover up his guilt somehow. While watching Columbo we were pretty sure how it was all going to end, but when it comes to the end times of Planet Earth most people are oblivious. In fact they mostly want it not to end so they can do such things as graduate from school, get a job, get married, or invent something that would make them a millionaire. Little do they know that if they are genuine born-again Christians their life will be much more rewarding during Christ’s reign on earth.

According to Scripture, we cannot know the day or hour when Jesus comes again to set up His millennial reign on earth. Perhaps we can know the season though. So what are the signs that allow us to say, “Sure looks like the season of the Lord’s return?”

Psalm 102:16 states, "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." Zion is the holy land of Israel including the holy city of Jerusalem. In 1948 Israel became a nation again for the first time since 70 A.D. and in 1967 during the six Day War Israel recaptured the ancient city of Jerusalem. Israel was nothing but a wasteland until the Jews returned in 1948. They began to plant trees and to restore the land to productivity. Today Israel supplies a very large portion of fruits to Europe. They are also a nuclear power and have one of the best militaries in the world. Zion is definitely being built up and Jesus will soon appear in His glory.

Are some Catholics and Protestants incognizant to the fact that we are nearing the last of the last days? It would seem so. Let's take a look at Scripture with regard to "last things":

1. "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4) Daniel was to seal the book such that it would not be understood until the time of the end. When we look at today's culture, we find many running to and fro in cars, airplanes, and even rocket ships. Prior to the 20th century few traveled more than 30 miles from home in a lifetime. And the Hebrew word for "increase" (ra-ba-h) implies not only just an addition of knowledge, but a multiplication and knowledge that is increasing exponentially. More than one-half million new books are produced each year. However, that is just one sign of the end. We will need more to make our case for being in the season of the Lord's return.

2. According to the Lord Jesus Christ, the last days will be ones in which there is deception and many false Christs. (Matthew 24:4,5) In the latter half of the 20th century there has been an increase of men claiming to be the “Christ” in one way or another. For example:

- a. Sun Myung Moon (1920-2012)
- b. David Moses Berg (1919-1994)
- c. Jim Jones (1931-1978)
- d. Charles Manson (1934-2017)
- e. David Koresh (1959-1993)
- f. Sergey Anafolyevitch Torop (1961-
- g. Yisrayl Hawkins (Unknown)
- h. Jose De Jesus Miranda (1943-2013)
- i. Apollo Quiboloy (1950-

These would-be “Christs” have one thing in common. They all conflict with Scripture which says: “Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.” (Matthew 24:26-27) These words of Jesus clear up the idea that any of these men are the real Jesus Christ.

3. The bloodiest wars in history have taken place in the last 100 years or so. Namely, I am talking about WW1 and WW2. Jesus warned of “wars and rumors of wars” as a sign that His coming was getting near in Matthew 24:6.

4. Earthquakes from 1987 to 2019 show a definite pattern in the increase of earthquakes of 6.0 and up on the Richter scale.

5. Public education and the teaching of evolution and the Big Bang theory have made this current generation question the veracity of the Bible. The thought that everything there is was the result of some kind of explosion is crazy if you ask me. Explosions create chaos and disorder, but our world is characterized by order. When you look at the complexity of DNA you cannot help but at least think that there is a Creator. Complex things DON'T just pop up. Genuine believers know there is a creator! Nevertheless educators continue to make it sound like evolution is a fact rather than a theory. By the way, nothing cannot create something by itself. That is nonsense. Where did all the stuff in the universe come from?

6. Another factor to look at is the apostasy in the pulpits. The apostle Paul wrote: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:1-4) Here is at least one example of turning from the truth. Some churches and pastors are okaying "same sex-marriage" as if it were proclaimed as okay by the Bible. There are many passages in the Bible that call it sin: for example, Romans 1:26-28, Leviticus 18:22, and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Sexual sins were often punished by death in the Old Testament, (Leviticus 20) but they are forgivable by the grace of God; and some in the Corinthian church were forgiven and changed such

that they no longer were controlled by this deviant behavior. They were washed clean by the blood of Christ. The power of God changes lives no matter what their past is like, and is truly marvelous but one must trust in God for such to happen.

7. Have you considered that Israel did not exist for about 1,868 years until 1948? The Bible predicts the regathering of the Jews. Deut. 30:3 states, "That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. And we see that God's plan was to scatter the Jews among the heathens (Ezekiel 22:15) and then bring them back to their land after a long dispersion. (Hosea 3:4-5) Notice that this verse proves we are in the latter days. Some commentators think that Hosea 6:2 is saying that after two days Israel will be revived. Do the two days here mean two thousand years? Maybe. God does say that a day is as a thousand years with the Lord. "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)

CHAPTER 35

“PRAYER”

Did you know that cats prey? As far as I know they do not pray, however. “A little prey on words” My cats’ prey is food or maybe a rub-down from yours truly. Right now he is meowing at my door and interrupting my plan to write this book. So I opened the door and he is now in my lap. I am praying he will jump down and pursue a catnap elsewhere.

Jesus said “that men ought always to pray and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1) How high a priority are your prayers? Complete prayer in a nutshell consists of 5 things: praise, thanks, confession, intercession, and petition. Psalm 147:1 says “Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.” Psalm 148 tells us that all His creation should praise the Lord. We can thank Him that He sent His Son to become our Savior by shedding His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Praise God for His attributes. God is infinite, self existing and without origin. God is all powerful, everywhere present, and knows everything. God is good, wise, and faithful to His promises. God is gracious, merciful, and loving. God is full of glory! We might do well to think on and praise God in prayer for His attributes. When we pray we could thank Him for all the wondrous things He has done in us and for us. The earthly food we eat, the clothes we wear,

and all our earthly provision has come from His hand. God is even preparing a place for those who are born from above. It will be a place of wonders known as Heaven.

When we pray we should confess our sins that we are aware of and ask Him to make us to overcome fleshly and worldly desires. What a wondrous thing it is to have Christ take our sins and credit us with His righteousness.

We should pray for those, we are familiar with, who need physical or spiritual healing. God may do something truly marvelous for someone just because you prayed for them.

Lastly we should pray for ourselves. Perhaps one of the greatest prayers is to pray that Jesus Christ might intercede for us from His heavenly position. If Jesus prays for you, you can be sure that what He asks will be done. See Luke 22:31-33; Jn. 17

The next chapter is about a list of Scriptures. It might do us good to read through and memorize these or others as we spend time praying to and thinking about our God.

CHAPTER 36

“SCRIPTURE MEMORY”

You need to memorize the word of God. “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm:119:11) Below are recommended verses to commit to memory that we might be able stand before our enemies and live holier, cleaner lives. If you memorize about one verse per week, you will have learned fifty-two by the year’s end. The first eight verses comprise the “Romans Road” of evangelism.

- Week 1. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:” Romans 3:23
- Week 2. “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one;” Romans 3:10
- Week 3. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Romans: 5:12
- Week 4. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” Romans 6:23
- Week 5. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8

- Week 6. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10
- Week 7. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" Romans 10:13
- Week 8. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17
- Week 9. "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23
- Week 10. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- Week 11. "...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12
- Week 12. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13

- Week 13. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Week 14. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." 1 John 5:1
- Week 15. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Week 16. "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7
- Week 17. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.
- Week 18. "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." 1 John 2:19
- Week 19. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" John 15:7

- Week 20. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Isaiah 43:10
- Week 21. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;" Psalm 103:2-4
- Week 22. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7.
- Week 23. "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8
- Week 24. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6
- Week 25. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Psalm 41:1
- Week 26. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

- Week 27. "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" 1 Timothy 6:17
- Week 28. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." 1 John 2:22
- Week 29. "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:3
- Week 30. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3
- Week 31. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:16-17
- Week 32. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9
- Week 33. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

- Week 34. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8
- Week 35. "Wherefore I say unto you. All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." Matthew 12:31
- Week 36. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16
- Week 37. "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:
- Week 38. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"(James:5:16)

faults not sins

- Week 39. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Psalm 147:3
- Week 40. "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Proverbs 29:25
- Week 41. "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:11
- Week 42. "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the

gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,” Ephesians 1:12-13

- Week 43. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.” Matthew 7:21-23.
- Week 44. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9
- Week 45. “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.” James 2:23
- Week 46. “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:50-52
- Week 47. “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world,

to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10

- Week 48. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thessalonians 5:9
- Week 49. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
- Week 50. "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:3-4
- Week 51. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17
- Week 52. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13

CHAPTER 37

“ SUMMING IT UP”

1. There are a number of related things in the Bible that only God could arrange.
2. The hand of God is on the KJV Bible.
3. A lot of mathematicians are believers in God and Jesus Christ.
4. Infinity is something only God can count to.
5. Eternal life is eternal.
6. The speed of light is mysterious.
7. There are things in nature that obey the Fibonacci spiral.
8. The Trinity is mysterious but true.
9. God’s ways are higher than man’s ways.
10. Non-Christians are many.
11. Non-Christians often ignore the truth.
12. Creation beats up on evolution.
13. One’s faith needs to be sincere.
14. “Purrific” means outstanding.
15. Gravity is really, really mysterious.
16. College kids are usually biblically ignorant evolutionists.

17. How about that number 17.
18. Saving faith may not be what you think it is.
19. Scripture is the way to gain fulfilling faith.

CHAPTER 38

“JUST ONE MORE THING”

In John 11:39-43 Jesus said, “ Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Jesus could have moved the stone with one single word. Do you see that we as Christians are given the task of moving the stone of unbelief? But only Jesus can raise the dead! Only Jesus can also raise us from spiritual death. The stone has been removed. If you haven't already, will you now sincerely believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

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