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your Bible and see whether these things are true. Iron sharpens Iron

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Why?

There is a strange segment of history that is, apparently, so important that it is repeated three times in the Old Testament—2 Kings 18, 19, 20; 2 Chronicles 29, 30; and Isaiah 36, 37, 38, 39 (a unique historical parenthesis inserted in the prophecies of Isaiah). Why? Why did the Holy Spirit provide this unusual emphasis of these particular events? Are there some surprises hidden behind these details? These three passages (each) detail three unique miracles:

1. The death angel slays 185,000 Assyrians (Isaiah 37:36–38);
2. God heals Hezekiah and extends his life fifteen years (Isaiah 38:1–5);
3. The sun retreats ten degrees on the sundial of Ahaz (Isaiah 38:7–8).

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Isaiah was the official prophet that served King Hezekiah. In general, Hezekiah did well: he tore down the idols throughout the land and reestablished worship to the true living God in Jerusalem. However, this was misunderstood by his enemies. The Assyrians were encamped against Jerusalem, encouraged by their soothsayers and astrologers. Hezekiah’s anxiety came from the imminent attack of the Assyrians, led by Sennacherib. The fears associated with the awesome power of the Assyrian Empire were justified: they were very powerful and relished in extreme brutalities upon their captives.

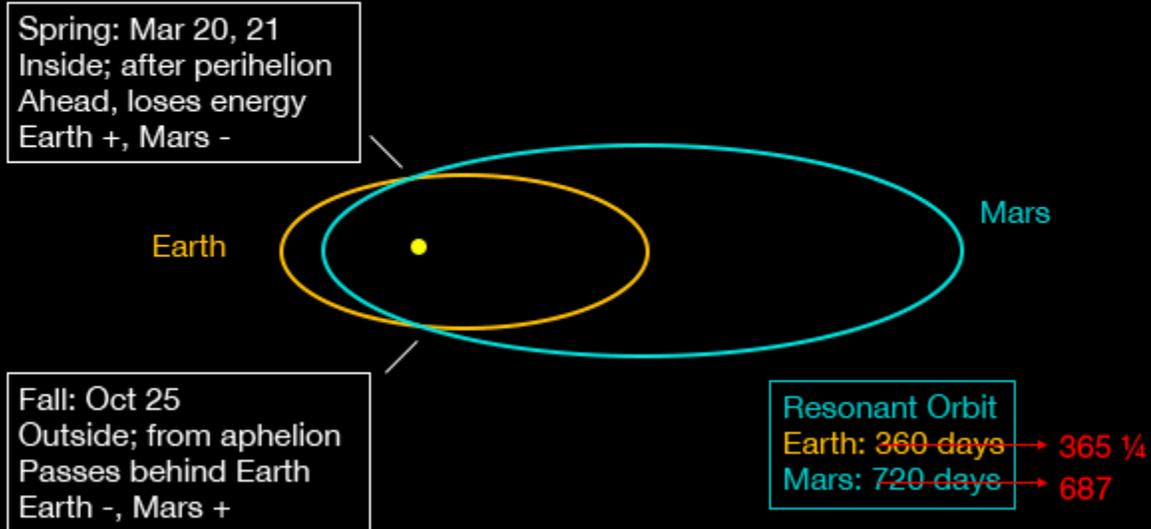
However, Isaiah counseled Hezekiah that God was going to intervene and protect them. And He certainly did. On the Passover night of March 20, 701 B.C., the angel dramatically destroyed 185,000 (of an estimated 250,000) Assyrians.¹ It is provocative—and perhaps quite insightful—that so many catastrophic events frequently occurred on the precise anniversary of the Passover of Egypt. This is suggestive of a cyclical (perhaps orbital) mechanism being employed. Could these events also bear a relationship to the drama that occurred on the fabled “long day” of Joshua? The subsequent behavior regarding Ahaz’s sundial is also suggestive of some “cosmological irregularities.” Could they all be related to orbital planetary intervention?

Planetary Intervention

Apparently the cyclical near pass-bys of the planet Mars (every 108 years) were a key factor in a significant series of catastrophic intrusions that ultimately resulted in Mars (“Ares,” or “Baal”) being worshipped (and universally feared) by the ancient cultures.² These pass-bys were accompanied by, among other things, interplanetary lightning. (An aurora or electromagnetic flux tube can currently be observed between Jupiter and its innermost moon, Io.)

Could an interplanetary flux tube have been an instrument of God’s intervention on behalf of Jerusalem? Could Sennacherib’s extensive iron weapons and chariots present been a distinguishing (electromagnetic) factor highlighting the vulnerability of the Assyrian warriors? Apparently, Sennacherib personally also suffered some strange burns, although his clothes were unscathed.³ This, too, is suggestive.

Mars' Near Pass-Bys



Mars' Near Pass-bys

Catastrophic Realities

Virtually all ancient calendars were initially based on a 360-day year: 12 months of 30 days each.⁴ However, all calendars change in 701 B.C.; they all resort to adjustments to accommodate the current sidereal reckoning. Why? Something distinctive occurred that year, 701 B.C., to perturb the previous resonances. It is interesting to catalog the Biblically recorded catastrophes:

Catastrophe	Bible Ref.	B.C.
Flood of Noah	Gen 6-8	Oct 2484
Tower of Babel	Gen 11	Oct 1944
Sodom-Gomorrah	Gen 19	Mar 1889
Exodus from Egypt	Exodus 12	Mar 1447
Long Day of Joshua	Joshua 10	Oct 1404
Sisera's Defeat	Judges 5	Oct 1296
Gideon's Victory	Judges 7	Mar 1241

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Philistine Defeat	1 Sam 7	Oct 1080
Davidic Catastrophe	2 Sam 22	Oct 972
Mt Carmel & Elijah	1 Kings 18	Oct 864
Jonah-Joel-Amos	Jonah 3f, et al.	Oct 756
Sennacherib’s Night	Isa 37, 38	Mar 701

The Long Day of Joshua apparently occurred on 1080th anniversary of the Flood of Noah, and the 540th anniversary of the Tower of Babel event. The confrontation on Mount Carmel would occur on the 540th anniversary of the Long Day of Joshua. A careful study of the cyclic underpinnings, and the frequent multiples of 54 (or 108) years, supports the view involving orbital resonances with the planet Mars (with assists involving Jupiter and Saturn as well). The apparent role of the near pass-bys of the planet Mars is persuasive.

A strange form of confirmation has also emerged from fictional literature: Jonathan Swift, in his political parody known as Gulliver’s Travels, has Gulliver, in his third voyage, encounter the astronomers in Laputa who brag that they know about the two moons of Mars while the astronomers in London don’t. (They even describe the sizes, periods, and orbits of the two moons with disturbing precision.) What makes this documentation so startling is that Swift published his imaginative fiction in 1726, *151 years before these moons were discovered by the astronomical world!*⁵

It is assumed that Swift simply embroidered his colorful parody drawing upon an ancient legend of some sort, probably not realizing that it was, apparently, an actual eye-witness account long prior to the development of telescopic optics.⁶

The Mars near pass-by in 701 B.C. was particularly distinctive in that, for orbital mechanics reasons, it stabilized both the Earth and Mars in their present non-resonant orbits, ending the disruptive pass-bys.

The Roche Limit Factor

The Roche limit is the distance within which a celestial body, held together only by its own gravity, will disintegrate due to a second celestial body’s tidal forces exceeding the first body’s gravitational self-attraction. Inside the Roche limit, orbiting material will tend to disperse and form rings, while outside the limit, material will tend to coalesce.

It is suspected that it was the penetration of a Roche limit that led to the fragmentation resulting in the numerous asteroids now infiltrating the solar system, forming the rings around Saturn, and pockmarking the planet Mars.

Yet, why are over 90% of the craters on Mars located in a single hemisphere? It would appear that the majority of them occurred in a single epoch of time. It has been suspected that if the fragments were composed of ice—a source of water—they could also account for the peculiar erosion evidences on Mars, and despite the current absence of water, perhaps they could have been an additional factor in the flood of Noah.

Summary

We are all victims of a form of uniformitarianism, a presumption that ignores observable evidences, and desperately requires reexamination. Even a casual review of the solar system reveals that it was once a very rough neighborhood. And its history is surprisingly well documented in ancient records. The diligent student will discover that behind the Biblical records lie surprises illuminating the realities of both the macrocosm and the microcosm of cosmological history, a drama indelibly written on the tapestry of what apparently is a holographic universe.⁷

Notes

1. Rabbinical sources: Shabbat 113b; Sanhedrin 94a; Jerome Is. 10:16; Tosefta-Targum 2 Kings 19:35; Targum 2 Chron. 13:21. Also, Louis Ginzberg, *Legends of the Jews*, Jewish Publication Society of America, 1928, Vol IV, p.269. “Their souls were burnt, though their garments remained.”

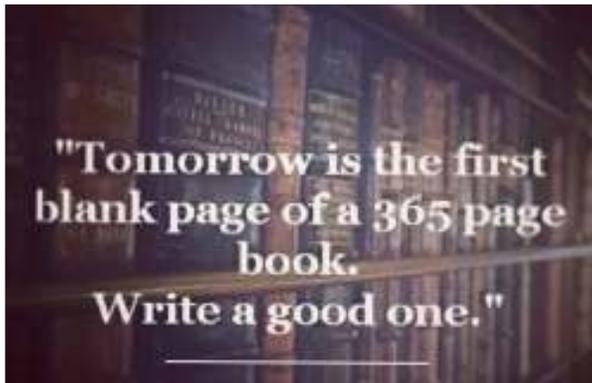
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5. This strange corroboration is discussed in our *Expositional Commentary on Joshua*, and also in our summary survey, *Learn the Bible in 24 Hours*.
6. The two moons are very small and have an albedo (reflectivity) of less than 3% (almost black). The further observation is that one of them, Phobos, is the only moon in the solar system going backwards!
7. Read our materials on the “boundaries of our physical reality” to better appreciate and understand the Bible.

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Every Tomorrow is a New Beginning.



BE WORD WISE:

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” (Prv. 25:11)

“For by your Words you are justified and by your Words you are condemned.” (Matt. 12:37)

Every Yesterday cannot be rewritten.

WHEN A NEW BEGINNING HAPPENS:

The ending of one cycle is connected to the beginning of another.

Always. This is always the case...not something rare: *Every Ending* signals a New Beginning is about to start...just over the horizon or only moments away.

“Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.” (Prv. 3:5-6)

LIFE BRINGS HOPE:

It happens in life. Often when times are darkest...a New Dawn is about to break. After all, the dawn cannot happen until that darkest hour ends:

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"At the lowest ebb is the turn of the tide." is an often-quoted maxim. The lowest ebb, the darkest time in life may well signal a New Advance is about to happen, that breakthrough, that epiphany, the longed-for result is a short time from becoming a reality!

At that point never lose hope, wait just a little longer...*Because we can*

SPEAK INTO EXISTENCE THE FUTURE YOU WANT:

That is Biblical. Instead of speaking things as they are: "...**Calling** [speaking] those things which are not *AS THOUGH THEY WERE*." (Rom. 4:17)

WHAT IS YOUR MOUNTAIN THAT NEEDS TO BE REMOVED?

"For I say to you, That whosoever shall **SAY** to this Mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he **SAITH** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **SAITH**." (Mk. 11:23)

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH:

"So then Faith comes by Hearing, and Hearing by the Word of Yahweh." (Rom. 11:1).

As you **Hear** yourself **Speak** the Future You Want (anything that is not against Yahweh's Law), your Faith increases that you will receive what you **Speak**. Thinking it is not enough. It must be **SPOKEN**.

SOMETIMES WAITING IS PART OF THE PROCESS:

"They that wait upon Yahweh shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isa. 40:31).

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Why on Earth are you here?

by James McBride (United Kingdom)

That thought crosses the mind of most of us sooner or later. The basic reply is 'from mum and dad'. But where did that *life force* originate?

Almost universally it is believed that each of us has an 'immortal soul'. It's in us throughout life and persists in some form when we die. Few give thought as to where the 'soul' originated. In the Mormon faith all humans lived in a premortal state before coming to earth. The Hindu belief is that the soul continually recycles. For Catholics each human soul is 'individual and immortal, immediately created by God'.

The Christian perspective—as presented in the Old and New Testaments—is that '*...the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul [Heb.nephesh: creature]*' (Genesis 2:7). That 'life' generated in each of us '*...the spirit in man*' (e.g., Job 32:8). It is the life force that activates all our in-built body processes.

Having created the material universe, some six millennia ago He created us *—with purpose*. Having created and animated the clay model (we are made from earth's elements) He designed us, uniquely, to communicate with Him, to have His characteristics, to be rational beings and with the possibility of our becoming His Spirit children—a part of the divine family.

To that end the Creator gave us Earth as our training arena. We were to '*...dress and keep*' it (look after its bountiful resources), to *subdue* its wild nature (Genesis 1:26-28)., to deploy our God-given intellect to further His purpose.

God's proviso was that our freedoms would work only when in harmony with the ways He taught us. Adam chose his own

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contrary way; a way mankind has followed ever since—to our obvious detriment. International conferences will not restore that lost harmony!

Humanity Restored

Having cast aside the Creator we lost sight of the divine purpose, and our perverted mindset spawned a plethora of belief systems that simply hid God’s plan. That plan remained intact, and the shining torch of the true way was passed to faithful believers down the ages who faithfully kept the torch of truth burning.

But what of man himself? He had severed his relationship with God and was now destined to oblivion. The ultimate step was a Redeemer, who in God’s time perfectly fulfilled God’s original purpose. That was Jesus *of Nazareth*, God’s Messiah, His anointed, (*Gk Christ*) and the only one in all history through whom fallen mankind can become a child of God, His heirs (Romans 8:17).

Jesus, the ‘*lamb of God*’ became the perfect sinless sacrifice who as ‘*God with us*’ (Immanuel –Matthew 1:23) qualified to carry away the sin of all mankind, thus restoring our filial relationship with the Father’.

The choice is ours. Face destruction—or fulfil the purpose for your life.

Have a Really Great Sabbath!

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LIVE Fetal Organ Harvesting Revealed

In the Old Testament the Israelites copied pagan religious practices and performed human sacrifice of their own children. This was done by kings of Israel and Judah, by nobility, Levites, priests (Israelite pagan and Aaronic priests), and by wealthy people. In our times also extreme cults sacrifice adults and children to pagan gods in exchange for favors. Furthermore, today body parts are forcibly extracted from living and functioning people.¹ This practice of selling bodies and body parts will continue up to the time Christ returns.

Revelation chapter 18 tells us the city of Babylon will be rebuilt,² rich and superrich people will cry and lament about the future Babylon’s destruction. A long list of luxury merchandise bought and sold in Babylon is presented for John to see. Note the last few words in verse 13:

“The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, ... and cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”

Revelation 18:12–13

The phrase “slaves, and souls of men” has translation errors in the King James Version. The text is clear and expressive in Greek. The word “slaves” is not the usual word for slaves. In Greek the usual word is δούλοι, plural, which consistently means “slave” or “bond-servant,” people who sold themselves, or were sold into servitude against their will — slavery as we commonly think of it today. In verse 13, however, the Greek word is σωματίων (*somaton*, plural) is usually translated as “bodies” in the New Testament and Greek literature.

The words “souls of men” (ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων, *psuchas anthropon*)³ refers to souls of human beings, not animals. *Anthropology* is our English word for the study of humanity from the Greek root of ἀνθρώπων. When God puts a human spirit into a human body, they combine to become a human soul: “**And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam was made**

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a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45, quoting Genesis 2:7).

Put altogether, Revelation 18:13 says that human bodies and human souls will be separate “products” brokered, bought, and sold in Babylon. That buying and selling is beginning now. These practices will cease when Babylon is destroyed. This information originated from God, through Christ, that John saw in a vision, as he explains to us in Revelation 1:1–2

Is Humanity More Moral Now Than In Biblical Times?

No. Human depravity will get worse as the time of Christ’s return and judgment approaches. For several years it has been reported the Chinese Communist government has been selling human body parts extracted from prisoners, particularly from Uighur tribal prisoners, a mostly Muslim Turkic people. The body parts include hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys, and corneas. Read [“China Killing Muslim Prisoners To Harvest ‘Halal’ Organs For Rich Saudis.”](#) one among many such articles. The Chinese government gladly supplies that market. It provides income and reduces their prison populations. People’s bodies are now commodities.

In the United States it was recently revealed that a market for fetal in-the-womb body parts was funded in 2015 by the Health and Human Services, a large United States government agency, to fund the University of Pittsburgh for purchase of fetal body parts. The organization [Judicial Watch](#) obtained documents from FOIA⁴ requests about these organ extractions from living and viable full-term and post-term fetuses still in the mother’s womb. The data indicates that anesthesia was given to the mother but not to the fetus — those drugs might reduce the usefulness of the fetal organs and tissue.

The details are in a comprehensive *Washington Free Beacon* article, [“Government-Funded Researchers Sought Aborted Minorities for Organ Harvesting — Taxpayers shelled out nearly \\$3 million to build organ ‘pipeline’ at University of Pittsburgh.”](#) Here is an extract:

“The federal government gave at least \$2.7 million in taxpayer money to researchers who sought out minority babies who had been aborted in order to harvest their organs, according to internal documents released Tuesday.

The University of Pittsburgh targeted minorities in its request for infant organs— including those taken from full-term babies — to create a ‘pipeline’ for fetal research. Researchers said they needed 50 percent of the donated fetuses to be minorities and specified that 25 percent must come from black women. The Pittsburgh metropolitan area is 85 percent white and 8 percent black. Researchers stressed the importance of maintaining organ blood flow in the request, which watchdogs say could violate federal law by asking doctors to illegally preserve organs during labor-inducing abortions.

The National Institutes of Health [NIH] has overseen experiments on fetal organs at the University of Pittsburgh since 2015 in what the school claimed to be a “tissue hub.” Aborted babies used in this research ranged from 6 to 42 weeks of gestation, according to government documents.”

God help us. God have mercy upon us all. Such behavior crosses the threshold of crimes against humanity and are worthy of God’s judgment.

End Notes:

¹ Some parts are then sold (in the name of science, of course) for research, for experimentation on human beings, and for profit.

² This is explained in two articles on the ASK website: [“Will Babylon be Rebuilt?”](#) (1925) and [“The Rebirth of Babylon”](#) (1975).

³ We get our English word anthropology from the root of ἀνθρώπων.

⁴ **FOIA** stands for the **F**reedom **O**f **I**nformation **A**ct, a Federal law enacted in 1966. Because the United States

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government funded the fetal organ harvesting, the information was subject to FOIA inspection and release. A court judgment ruled for Judicial Watch (acting on behalf of The Center for Medical Progress) and ordered the information to be released. See [“Judicial Watch: New HHS Documents Reveal Millions in Federal Funding for University of Pittsburgh Human Fetal Organ Harvesting Project Including Viable and Full-Term Babies.”](#) See also, [“Aborted Infants’ Continued Blood Flow Advertised in Racist University of Pittsburgh Grant Application to NIH.”](#)

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Transgenderism: Erasing the Created Order

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As late as 2019, Will Thomas swam for the University of Pennsylvania’s men’s swim team, winning one 500-meter freestyle event in 2019 and being named to the All-Ivy League second-team a season earlier. COVID-19 canceled the 2020-2021 season. When swimming competitions resumed in late 2021, Thomas—now known as Lia—swam for the university’s women’s team after undergoing at least a year of testosterone-suppression treatments, as required by the NCAA.

Swimming against biological females, Thomas wins races and breaks records with ease, shattering pool, meet, school, and national marks, sometimes by several whole seconds. If Thomas returns to the times he posted while swimming on the men’s team, the swimmer would break both of seven-time gold medalist Katie Ledecky’s NCAA records in the 500-meter and 1600-meter freestyle and fall just fractions of a second behind five-time gold medalist Missy Franklin’s record in the 200-meter. Thomas’ only losses this season have been at the hands of Yale’s Iszac Henig, another transgender swimmer.

Most observers admit that Thomas’ inclusion in women’s events is patently unfair. Despite taking testosterone-suppressing drugs for more than a year, the Penn swimmer still has a man’s body, a man’s strength, a man’s lung capacity, and biological women swimmers have virtually no chance when they compete against Thomas. As contributor Nicole Russell [writes](#) in the *Daily Signal*: “Even if Thomas has taken testosterone-suppression treatment for a year prior, his race times still show a clear physiological advantage.”

Some courageous women athletes—and anonymously, even some of Thomas’ Penn teammates—are speaking out about the obvious inequity of women having to compete against biological males. Idaho State University athlete Madison Kenyon expresses her exasperation with the situation in a January 11, 2022, Fox News article titled, [“Women can beat the odds, but we can’t beat biology”](#):

I know how frustrating this is. I’ve been competing for the last three years as a track-and-field athlete at Idaho State

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University, where five times I’ve lost competitions to a male who chose to identify as a woman. . . .

As an athlete and a biology major, I find it fascinating that the same sports authorities who would think it crazy to put a heavyweight boxer in the ring with a flyweight—just because the first guy “identifies as a flyweight” this week—think it’s perfectly natural to put a male on the running track or soccer field next to a woman and declare that “fair.” . . .

Putting male athletes in women’s sports isn’t fair. Not physically—because biology and common sense both tell us that men and women are different, whether some want to admit it or not. . . . It’s not something you can fix with testosterone suppression, as even the Olympic Committee now admits. And it poses dangerous risks for women vying against male athletes in contact sports. . . .

[Women] can beat exhaustion, frustration, even a tough team. We can beat the clock. We can beat some pretty tough odds. But in the end, we can’t beat biology—are officials more concerned with pleasing the wokes than “respecting our needs and identities.”

Even the transgender Caitlyn Jenner—formerly Olympic champion decathlete Bruce Jenner—has spoken out against biological males competing against females. Jenner told Fox News, “I’ve said from the beginning, biological boys should not be playing in women’s sports. We need to protect women’s sports.”

The problem is the “wokes” Kenyon mentions. As part of the Sexual Revolution, the progressive Left has redefined “sex” and “gender.” It used to be that “sex” referred to the objective male-female (binary) characteristic of human biology, whereas “gender” was a grammatical term for the sorting of words into masculine, feminine, and neuter categories. However, since the 1950s, *gender* has increasingly been redefined in terms similar to this 2014 U.S. Food and Drug Administration definition: “a person’s self-representation as male or female, or how that person is responded to by social institutions based on the individual’s gender presentation” ([Evaluation of Sex-Specific Data in Medical Device Clinical Studies](#), p.3, footnote 6).

The distinction is that “sex” refers to the unmistakable biological difference, as it always has, and “gender” is now either a social construct (how society views an individual) or a personal, psychological identification. And such personal identification can be literally anything. People now identify in more than a hundred bizarre ways—from “abimegender” (one that is profound, deep, and infinite) to “astralgender” (one that feels connected to space).

The word has come a long way from being a purely grammatical distinction!

Such a change could happen only in a godless society. It took just over a century after Darwin’s godless Theory of Evolution for Western progressive intellectuals to try to erase the created order of human sexuality that had dominated since the Garden of Eden. Beyond the fact that our very genes testify that a person is either male or female, [God](#) says unambiguously in [Genesis 1:27](#), “So God created man in His own image; in the [image of God](#) He created him; male and female He created them.” [Jesus](#) Himself confirms this in [Matthew 19:4](#).

The Creator should know the truth of His own creation. The current transgender movement is another in a long series of rebellions against God and the truth He reveals in His Word. It also demonstrates just how near Christ’s return is, and when He comes, He will put an end to immoral confusion of this sort: “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him” ([Jude 14-15](#)).

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The Spirit of Antichrist is Prevalent

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Scripture tells us to try the spirits to see if they are of God this is an important test because we need to be in unity with those that we have fellowship with and those that are teaching.

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1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **1Jn 4:2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: **1Jn 4:3** 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.

I recently asked a person who is part of the COG if Jesus was capable of sinning. He said no impossible. I tried to show him his error however he would not listen even after quoting scripture and explaining that Jesus was tempted in the same way we are.

He said what I was saying is satanic. Clearly that is the spirit of Antichrist.

The scripture is clear about associating with such people.

2 John 1:7-11 (NIV)

7 I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

I have found that many brethren are not clear on this when it should be crystal clear because it is of the utmost importance and is plain in scripture.

It is also very important to ensure that everything we believe is correct because if we don't, we will not enter the Kingdom of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:12 (NIV)

12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Jesus was able to overcome because He stayed very close to the Father. That is also the way we will be able to overcome. We also have the Holy Spirit to guide and help us.

Many false teachers are telling brethren that they do not have to do anything. They say that their particular COG has all truth and as long as they stay with them all is good.

Brethren that is completely false and those that follow man will as we have seen in scripture be counted as partners in their wickedness. Each of us have a major part to play in our salvation.

Philippians 2:12

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

John has some very strong words about denying Christ. This is very serious. It is imperative that we understand what is being taught from the pulpits of the COGs and check the scriptures to ensure it is true. If we find that what is being taught does not agree with scripture we must run for our lives and seek the truth.

1 John 2:22-25 (NIV)

22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 24 As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

Here in Hebrews, it is very clear he was just like us.

Hebrews 2:17-18 (ESV) 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Vulture Bees Evolved or Adapted to Eat Meat? (Copyright) by David Rives (Tennessee)



We know that vultures eat dead animals and are helpful in cleaning up those rotting remains, but did you know there are also bees that eat carrion? With all the talk of killer bees and murder hornets, here are some bees we can be thankful for!

Vulture bees, as they have been named, have been found to have acid in their guts similar to the stomach acid of other animals that feed on carrion, like vultures and hyenas. While there are only three species of vulture bees that exclusively consume dead meat, there are other bees that will eat both nectar and animal carcasses.

Researchers extracted DNA from different bees' abdomens – typical vegetarian bees, bees that feed on both meat and pollen, and bees that feed only on meat – and found that vulture bees have a more acidic gut and different types of bacteria than the other bees. God knew that certain bacteria and acid were needed for digesting their unusual meals without getting sick. While researchers claim the vulture bees' honey is still sweet to eat, I think I'll stick to the wildflower honey!

According to secularists, these bees have evolved to get their protein only from dead meat. We know that God created these bees to do what they do. From the beginning, He gave them the information needed to feast on carrion. While the bees adapted to eat dead flesh after the fall in the garden, this isn't due to evolving over 80 million years as suggested by secularists. Without God's environmental clean-up system, the world would be full of decaying plants and animals, which would lead to more disease. It's a good reminder to be thankful for the system God has put in place to help keep the world clean.

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