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**1Co 14:26** How is it then, brethren, when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

## The Forbidden Secret Prologue A: Kidnapped

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### Introduction:

**HOW TO SURVIVE WHAT THE ELITE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU**

**THIS COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK YOU WILL EVER READ**

**Are you ready for Operation Rescue?**

Power-mad murder mongers have seized our planet. They don't want you to know the survival strategy that will defeat their plans for you.

**WARNING: The contents of this book may be hazardous to your pre-conceived ideas**

### Prologue A: Kidnapped

Eleven year old Jaycee Lee Dugard was snatched at a bus stop. For the next 18 years, she was held in captivity, but apparently did not try to escape and, over time, developed a close relationship with her kidnapper. Her stepfather said that she "has strong feelings with this guy" and "feels it's almost like a marriage." (Laura Fitzpatrick, "A Brief History of Stockholm Syndrome," *Time*, Aug. 31, 2009)

After 10 months in the hands of a kidnapper, Shawn Hornbeck called police to report his stolen bike. The captive gave his first name, *Shawn*, and as his last name the surname of his abductor, *Devlin*. (*Ibid.*) He stayed with his captor three more years, never escaping even while the man was away working at his two jobs.

There are many reported cases of victims becoming bonded to and even feeling compassion for and loyalty to their captors.

In Stockholm, Sweden, two thieves held four bank employee's hostage at gunpoint in the bank's vault for six days. "When the victims were released, their reaction shocked the world: They hugged and kissed their captors, declaring their loyalty even as the kidnappers were carted off to jail." (*Ibid.*)

Psychologists think the victim comes to perceive the captor as the one controlling survival and life itself. Thus, the victim aligns with the captor out of pure self-interest.

### We acquiesce to our controllers

Uncommon? No. In a broader sense, most of us without protest agree with those who have come to dominate our culture.

From infancy upward, external influences help shape our values. Most people do not question the worldview which is imposed upon them, assuming that what they think, and practice is simply the way it is.

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When challenged, they often defend themselves. They are held captive to their thinking – which they don't realize is often seriously off track.

**Villains have seized control**

Most are not aware that our world has been taken captive. Forces hostile to us have taken over our planet – our courts, our governments, science, education, the media, the entertainment industry, the medical industry, the legal and illegal drug trade, and they have infiltrated mainstream religion as well.

And we have fallen victim to the same syndrome as a kidnap victim, passively identifying with our malevolent captor!

Strange, but true! Our whole world has been held captive for thousands of years – and **we have come to identify with our captors.**

Firstly, as New Zealand government figure Murray McLean admitted to me, “We are not the ones in control. We are following the directions of internationalists outside the country.” And they, in turn, are controlled by others ...unseen, whom we shall identify later.

It is they who are plunging our world into its current financial crisis. They need to collapse every nation's economy, so they can replace it with their One World Government. A Conspiracy Theorist statement? No, it is a statement of fact.

They control the shadowy Bilderberg Group, a financial, political and corporate elite who, at a meeting in Greece in mid-May, 2009, agreed that in order to continue their drive towards a New World Order, the US Dollar has to be “totally” destroyed.

**The extermination plot**

Not only that. A frightening agenda is currently being put into operation – to eliminate most of this world's population. New World Order planners say this needs to be done, so they can have their Utopia world.

In 1974, in an address to the National Security Council, former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger presented 2 billion people as the desired level of reduction, but in fact the depopulation policy may seek a 2-4 billion reduction, or up to two thirds of the world's population. This depopulation policy is intended by the world's ruling elite to result in control of mineral and strategic resources and water and total control of the world's wealth. (“Implications of worldwide population growth for US security & overseas interests”, *National Security Memo 200*, April 24, 1974)

By 1979 depopulation was the top priority of US national security policy, as outlined in the national security paper *Global 2000* written by Rockefeller contractors Henry Kissinger, Z. Brzezinski, Gen. Alexander Haig, and Ed Muskie for President Carter.

We now see a progressive enacting of this charming plan in the stealthy release of biological/genetic/recombinant DNA weapons, such as AIDS, swine flu, forced vaccinations in third world countries, and now systematic use of depleted uranium.

But an unseen bombshell is set to explode – and seal the fate of these plotters.

**Plot uncovered**

I placed my finger in the bullet hole.

Peter, a university lecturer and businessman from Perth, Western Australia, now in hiding, had called me to examine it.

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“A helicopter flew low over our home,” said Peter, “and lodged these bullet holes in our kitchen window. Then a sniper team from that tree on the hill fired into this same window. Police later said they knew in advance – but were ordered not to interfere.”

You ask, why was Peter Golden targeted? In the process of dealing internationally in computer software, he had uncovered information – 11 months before the event – suggesting that men in the Australian government were involved in plans for the bombing of Australians in Bali, and also that individuals in the US government were plotting the 9/11 incident.

The motive: to provoke anger against the Muslim world which could lead to support for a war in the Middle East, the elimination of Muslims, and the seizing of their resources.

Within days of presenting a 5,000-page report to a highly placed government official whom he trusted, Peter was told he had to get out of Australia if he valued his life.

He fled to New Zealand – and from there he proceeded to alert officials in the New Zealand, United States and Australian governments. After each attempt, he became the target of death threats, break-ins and physical attacks on himself and his 6-year-old daughter Katie.

Peter explained: “The physical fact was this: I had stumbled into New World Order plans for a major war in the Middle East – and the elimination of untold millions of innocent people. This was to be triggered by, firstly, an international baiting campaign to stir the Muslim world into a fury, then, secondly, a series of carefully engineered ‘false flag’ terrorist attacks, such as the Bali bombing, for which Muslims were to be blamed. When I unwittingly stumbled into this plot, the Globalist ‘shadow government’ needed to shut me up.”

#### **Are lying to us**

On May 14, 2004, Dr Eugene Mallove was killed. The local police ruled his death a homicide. This occurred just as a discovery he had made was about to be vindicated.

Dr Mallove was a scientist and an engineer with two engineering degrees from MIT (1969, 1970) and a doctorate from the Harvard University School of Public Health (1975). He was also a regular science and technology broadcaster for The Voice of America.

Dr Mallove commented that if by chance you are one of those who believe “all is well in the house of science” and “official science” can be counted on to behave itself and always seek the truth – even in matters of central, overarching importance to the well-being of humankind – you are sorely mistaken.

Dr Mallove said it was time to “reconsider your opinion about who is telling the truth and who is defending falsehood.”

The hijackers are manipulating science to mislead us. When you see a scientific claim in the newspaper, or in a textbook, on television or the Internet, you had better watch out! It is possible you are being conned – and you won’t even know it! A major deception is being foisted on us all.

Thankfully, confessions like the following are leaking out concerning science textbooks:

If [it] supports our theories, we put it in the main text. If it does not entirely contradict them, we put it in a footnote. And if it is completely ‘out of date’, we just drop it. (T. Save-Soderbergh and I.U. Olsson -Institute of Egyptology and Institute of Physics respectively, University of Uppsala, Sweden, “C14 Dating and Egyptian Chronology,” in *Radiocarbon Variations and Absolute Chronology, Proceedings of the Twelfth Nobel Symposium*, Ingrid U. Olsson – ed., Almqvist and Wiksell, Stockholm, and John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, p.35)

Just catch this shocking revelation from news reporter Hannah Devlin:

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**One in seven scientists say colleagues’ fake data...** Faking scientific data and failing to report commercial conflicts of interest are far more prevalent than previously thought, a study suggests. (*Times Online*, June 4, 2009)

Kenneth Kitchen, Archaeology and laments that Professor of Egyptology in the Oriental studies, University of School of Liverpool, scientific and archaeological research is not getting through to young people in schools and colleges....

In some circles there even seems to be **a deliberate withholding** of such information, yet it is the fruit of leading scholars... known for their restrained, moderate, factual presentation of their research. (Forward to Victor Pearce’s book *Evidence For Truth: Archaeology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition)

Money talks. Scientists who speak up are being shut out of funding for projects... misrepresented... ridiculed...fired. And much of their research has even been destroyed! Positions. Reputations. Opportunity for publication. Small and powerful groups control careers. If you want a university post, you need recommendations. To get your articles published in scientific journals, you must pass what is called “anonymous peer review”. It is easy for a dominant group to control publication, research money and position. To “succeed”, you have to go along with them. Or else, displaying the liberal tolerance we have all come to love, they will shut you out – despite your qualifications. The crowd in charge here is beyond the pale.

#### **Destroying evidence**

On August 12, 1989, at a conference in Dayton, Tennessee, Dr Don Patton showed compelling evidence that both human and dinosaur tracks were present at the Paluxy River, Texas, at what was known as the Taylor Trail. (Would it shock you to learn that **dinosaurs and man have coexisted during the last few thousand years?**) (*The Discovery That’s Toppling Evolution*, chapters 2 to 4)

Two well known “scientists” were present. At least one of them was conspicuously disturbed by this presentation. Both flew to Dallas the next morning and went immediately to the Paluxy River. They were seen in the river that afternoon with an ‘iron bar’. And later extensive damage was noted to the prints.

But don’t scientists accept evidence? It should be noted that a living scientist today is not the solid object he appears to be, but is really almost entirely empty space, a series of holes joined together by French knitting (spaced atoms). That is to say, the scientist is as human as the rest of us. Faking of science is the result of a plan that has been developing for several centuries.

#### **An intellectual bomb let loose**

We might be aghast at the dangers of the nuclear bomb in the hands of terrorists or renegade governments. Yet even more deadly than all of the above is an intellectual bomb that has been let loose on the race.

Hitler’s atrocities were based on it. So were those of Stalin, Mao tse Tung and Pol Pot. Now it is the turn of the New World Order crazies.

What is this intellectual ticking bomb? Nothing less than the **nihilistic mindset** which has dominated scientific thought for the past century. Based on the popularized theory of evolution, nihilism is now in danger of committing mankind to a course of automatic self-destruction.

You may be surprised to learn that many leading scientists are now questioning the validity of evolution. But the damage has been done. It has had a free hand and little or no opposition in the universities and colleges, and through the press and television, all these years. It has resulted in reasoning which has brought the most disastrous consequences.

### **The “Big E” mindset of Hitler**

The appeal of totalitarian systems such as Nazism, Communism and Secular Humanism, owe a great deal to the acceptance of the “Big E”... as do fascism, anarchism, atheism and militarism. Take away Evolution theory from these belief systems, and they effectively lose a central premise necessary for their coherence.

Yes, the “Big E” (Evolution) theory was a powerful influence on the mindset which dominated Nazi and Communist leaders. As the holocaust swept into action, Himmler regarded the victims as vermin, as though he was handling a biological disease. “Does a rat catcher think it is wrong to catch rats?” asked a Nazi defendant at the Nuremberg war criminal trials. So came the death camps, in which millions of men, women and children were exterminated. Gold watches, gold wedding rings, gold teeth and gold eyeglasses that the victims left behind were deposited into the federal bank. One witness admitted it took an extra five minutes to kill the women, because they had to cut their hair off to be used in making mattresses.

Of course, we cannot blame Charles Darwin and his colleagues personally for such gruesome practices. But we need to recognize that unquestioning belief in evolution was a **CENTRAL** feature of the Nazi belief system, and **not just incidental** to it.

### **The “Big E” inspired Communism**

Again, evolution theory was **ESSENTIAL** to the communist purges of 60 million in the USSR alone, and tens of millions more in China. The victims were regarded as nothing more than creatures expendable in the quest for a classless society. The central proposition of Class Struggle depended upon evolution theory for plausibility.

To be fair, one might not blame evolution theory for the inhuman and degrading acts carried out by Nazism and Communism. However, the impact of evolution needs to be placed in its proper context. We need to give it due recognition.

### **The “Big E” thinking inspires the Globalists**

A major part of the Globalist hijackers’ plans is to prepare us mentally to accept elimination of life as necessary. So to systematically dull down the minds of the masses, they have been carefully preparing and using a compliant servant team of “nice guy” educators whose doctorates, salaries and grants depend on toeing the line – who will parrot the ideology that “we’re **here by accident** – not children of a Creator, but ‘**useless eaters**’ that are **expendable** to evolutionary progress.”

You realize, of course, that teachers, lecturers and textbook writers are just the front faces. Most are probably honest men and women who are unsuspecting that they are being used. And many of them would be aghast at the “expendable” idea. They haven’t joined the dots. So, they remain unwitting puppets.

Just like so many people in the media. It has been observed that “most journalists are so brain-dead themselves, so lacking in understanding of what they are part of, that they, like most of the population, play a part in advancing an agenda they do not even know exists.” (*Uncensored* magazine, September-December 2009)

### **Most people are unaware**

The propaganda has already molded society’s thinking. The people continue to remain, for the most part, blissfully unaware of what has happened and continue to believe the litany of Globalist lies being poured upon them by their propaganda media organs, never once raising any objection to billions of dollars being poured into perpetuating their ignorance.

No, the issue is NOT just a whole lot of different organizations. **ONE CHIEF PLAYER** and his gang **controls them all**. This chief player – the Lucifer Legion – has taken our planet hostage. Its human globalist puppets are now strategically placed throughout the highest levels of power. And, for the most part, we are acquiescing as they influence our lives. Unaware of the issues, most of us live in sympathy with our kidnappers.

**There is a rescue plan**

Why am I writing this? Because I hate to think that you and I are being cheated out of what a former editor of the *Los Angeles Times* called “**a world scoop**”. Glimpsing its importance, he asked in astonishment, “**Why are you sitting on this? The world needs to know it!**”

There is a rescue program.

Ask yourself. If a credible, trustworthy and all-powerful world figure were to show you a foolproof strategy guaranteed to end the current violence, corruption and misery, would you be interested? And if he had also cracked the secret to life extension beyond your wildest dreams – with pain-free, productive, enjoyable living – what would that be worth to you?

Well, not only is such a rescue program currently under way, but the hijackers of our planet know it. They and their Globalist puppets are determined, if possible, to

- (a) sabotage the operation, and
- (b) stop us from learning about it.

That’s why I have called this the *Forbidden Secret*. If you didn’t know, it is so explosive that, when common people discover it, they become ignited, invincible and unafraid.

That’s what the Globalist villains don’t want - an informed, empowered and fearless population. They are obsessed with you becoming subdued, slumbering, and submissive to them, so that they can more easily execute their dark plans.

**SUMMARY**

- 1. VICTIMS OFTEN ACQUIESCE TO THEIR CAPTORS**
- 2. GLOBALISTS HAVE CAPTURED OUR SOCIETY** They have taken over the nations. Their agenda is to kill off most of us. They are lying to us.
- 3. THEIR PROPAGANDA HAS SHAPED OUR THINKING** We have acquiesced to their control.
- 4. DIRECTING THEM ARE THE REAL HIJACKERS, THE LUCIFER LEGION**
- 5. THERE IS A RESCUE PLAN**
- 6. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO:**
  - (a) sabotage that plan
  - (b) even stop us from knowing about it.

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**Prologue B: Your Life and Death**  
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“We buried Norman alive! We buried him alive!” The shocking news swept from house to house.

In 16<sup>th</sup> century England, some local folks were running out of burial space. So, they would dig up coffins, take the bones to a bone-house, then reuse the graves. On opening coffins, they found that 1 out of 25 coffins had scratch marks on the inside. To their horror, they had been burying people alive! So, they began to tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, thread it through the coffin and up through the ground, then tie it to a bell.

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Someone was appointed to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift), to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be “saved by the bell” or was considered a “dead ringer”.

I don't need to tell you. Of all things you possess, **life** is the most precious, right?

“My daughter is only 15,” cried Moira. “She has a rare brain tumor that cannot be operated on. I don't want to lose her. What can I do?”

Fred slaved at his job. He planned to retire at 60. Missing time with his dear wife and children, he drove himself with the one thought... retire, then enjoy the remaining years. Fred was in a coffin before his 58<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If someone told you, “I'll guarantee to **add 20 years to your life** – 20 years of pain-free, productive, enjoyable living” – what would that be worth to you?

Yet even better, what if you learned that there are some people now alive who will live to be 200, 300, 600 years old... no, more than that... some who will live on... and on... in glorious quality of life... without dying at all. Yes, you are right, it's hard to imagine. But there is a good chance that you could qualify to become one of them.

#### **The colossal cover-up**

However, there is a problem. There are powers that, for reasons which you might term philosophical, spiritual, or religious, want to keep the knowledge of this from you. That's why I've called this the *Forbidden Secret*.

And, as unlikely as the connection might seem on the surface, these people are right into the **origins** debate. As already noted, they **control** the scientific community, the education system, the media, the entertainment industry, the medical and pharmaceutical industries, and they have infiltrated mainstream religion as well.

They are aware that your knowledge or ignorance about your origins could definitely affect your chance of life extension. Why is this? You will see why, as we proceed. Sufficient to say, it's vital that first you get your origins facts right. No matter what the popular theories, it is the **facts** that decide the day.

Turned off by fake religious people? I understand. So am I. But this is not about religion or non-religion. It is not just about a religious viewpoint (atheistic, agnostic, New Age, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Christian or whatever). It is not about that. It is about a **spiritual war being waged against us**. It is happening in your own home town or district. This is a **conflict of epic proportions**. And of such importance that not a single person alive on this planet should ignore it.

My investigations as a hard-nosed archaeologist over 44 years have been largely **front-line**, dealing **first-hand** with **on-site** discoveries. And some of the **evidence** you are about to see may knock your socks off. It is still unknown to most people. Yet it is beyond successful contradiction.

Is this important? Yes – because it could affect your future... personally.

I promise you that a long, thorough investigation has been undertaken to guarantee the integrity of this information. Facts which **can be tested** underlie each point. So certain am I that **the over-all thesis** is correct that I hereby offer \$100,000 to anyone who can **disprove it** – either to be retained by the claimant or donated to his/her nominated charity.

**What's this all about?**

Glad you asked. This is about **evidence**. Here are the facts. (References relate to this current book, unless otherwise stated):

**Facts at a glance**

I submit that we shall materially and physically **prove beyond reasonable doubt** (sufficient to serve as actionable proof):

That we are here neither by evolution, nor by seeding from outer space, but by a direct creation of an intelligent Superior Being existing outside both space and time.

- *Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation.*

That we are alienated from our Life-Giver. We suffer death and cannot save ourselves.

- *Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation.*

That, in His compassion, our Creator has provided a single means of rescue and restoration through His appointed Deliverer.

- *Demonstrated with evidence, not speculation.*

That is the over-all thesis. Here it is in more detail:

**1. NO EVOLUTION:**

Did life appear spontaneously then evolution take over? Documented and observable scientific **evidence** from DNA, biology and fossils, **says no**. (Chapters 1-5)

**2. NO UFO-ALIEN START:**

Did mankind originate by seeding from outer space? Physical and experimental **evidence says no**. (Chapters 6-7)

**3. DELIBERATELY DESIGNED:**

Observable scientific **evidence** indicates that an effect is not greater than its cause. It always takes a greater source of information to produce information. The intricate design of human life, intelligence and personality requires **a cause** which possesses life, intelligence and personality outside the creation itself. (See Chapters 8-9)

**4. HAS SPOKEN TO US:**

This Superior Intelligence has demonstrated ability to communicate messages to mankind and has sealed the authorship of certain messages in at least two ways that no human being can replicate:

(a) a 3500 year track record in prophecy - cold, hard, incontrovertible PROOF of accurate **foreknowledge** of consecutive world history (Chapters 11-12)

(b) a unique, DNA-style **mathematical code** within the structure of the written messages. (Chapters 13,43-46)

Since the content of these messages is **exactly consistent with observed fact**, then the most reasonable deduction from the **evidence** is that the messages are trustworthy.

**5. PLANET HIJACKED:**

There is demonstrable **evidence** that our world is held captive by forces **hostile** to the human race. (Chapters 14-18)

**6. SPIRITUAL WARFARE:**

Messages claiming to be from the Superior Intelligence reveal that a *spiritual battle* between the powers of good and evil is being waged for the future of each person on earth. One side uses force; the other does not. (Chapters 14-18)

**7. DEATH IS UNNATURAL:** According to the *evidence*:

- (a) We are alienated from our Source of life.
- (b) Cut off from this Source, our existence is fragile. We die.
- (c) Death is not an inevitable, natural, essential part of our existence, but an intrusion, that need not be. (Chapter 16)

**8. RESCUE PROGRAM:**

FACT: *The ancient nations universally claimed* that the first great father was informed of a coming rescue program, which will result in abolishing death, and in the restoring of this world to its original perfect state. (Chapter 19)

**9. RESCUER'S NAME KNOWN:**

There is *evidence* that the name of the Rescuer was known from the earliest times and his name was recorded:

- (a) on the ancient sky charts (Chapter 27)
- (b) in the written text of the Tanakh (Chapters 24 and 25)
- (c) by various nations – for example, the Egyptians, the Celtic Druids and the Persians. (Chapters 26 and 27)

**10. RESCUER'S LOCATION KNOWN:**

*Non-biblical* sources show that *the world's nations* believed the Messiah was to make his appearance through the Hebrew branch of the human race. If this be true, then we might expect the *more complete* revelation of the Deliverer to be imparted to the Hebrews. Let's wait and see.

**11. MESSIANIC PROPHECIES SPECIFIC:**

Additionally, more than 300 prophecies concerning the Deliverer were recorded in the Tanakh, including

- (a) precisely *when and where* he would appear
- (b) that he *would be rejected* by the nation of his birth. (Chapters 20-23,29)

**12. PROPHECIES WERE FULFILLED:**

There is solid *evidence* that at the precise *place and time predicted*, one bearing the *prophesied name* did appear, living out the prophecies one by one - including those beyond human control, such as place of birth, manner of death, manner of burial, and so on, which no imposter could have acted out. (Chapters 22-23,28-32)

**13. THE RESCUER'S ROLE:**

The prophecies said *his role* would be to offer individuals:

- (a) freedom from guilt

- (b) power to live victoriously
- (c) a restored personal relationship with the Creator
- (d) the ultimate end to death
- (e) a guaranteed place in the coming new world in which harmony, peace and joy will prevail.

#### 14. EVENT SEQUENCE:

According to the prophecies, **after** Messiah's stand-in death for all, **then** the Second Jewish Temple sacrifices (which foreshadowed that event) would be terminated. (Ch.20) This timing is important in helping us to pinpoint the Messiah's identity.

#### 15. ANTI-RESCUE CAMPAIGN:

Globally, on multiple fronts, a high-powered **disinformation campaign** has since swung into action against the rescue operation, along with a direct sabotage agenda to **physically destroy or oppress** as many prospects as possible.

#### Coincidences?

That brief overview now brings us to a bizarre set of historical "coincidences" that demand an explanation. Since no event is isolated and every effect has its cause, then what do these odd "coincidences" mean?:

#### COINCIDENCE 1: THE PASSOVER TIMING

##### FACT:

- (a) The annual Hebrew **Passover** event (14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month Nisan) centered around a lamb **sacrifice**. This symbolized a substitute death in the place of man, to free him from the penalty of his wrongs. (Exodus chapter 12; *Jewish Encyclopedia*)
- (b) Jewish scholars expected the coming **Messiah** to bring redemption at that same time of the year – **Passover**. (*Cabalistae apud Fagium*; Abrabanal, *The Wells of Salvation*; Ex.12:1-6,11; Lev. 23:4,5; (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, art., "Atonement, Day of")

##### FACT:

- (a) **The one with the predicted name** said he had come to fulfill the Passover symbolism, to **sacrifice** his life and free men from the penalty of sin. (Matthew 26:1-2,17-28; 1 Corinthians 5:7)
- (b) Jewish leaders, charging that the "named one" "led astray Israel", condemned him to be **executed** on precisely the same day as the **Passover lamb was sacrificed**. (Babylonian *Sanhedrin* 43a, 95-110 AD)

Was it just coincidence that both ...

- \* the Tanakh's prophetic date for Messiah to die violently, and
- \* the Passover "prophecy" date for the sacrificial lamb to die ... converged at the precise time that the "named one" died violently?

Or was something much bigger at work here?

#### COINCIDENCE 2: DEATH AND LIFE

##### FACT:

After rejecting the "named one's" "how to escape" prophecy, 1,100,000 people died in the siege of Jerusalem, AD 70. Their **rejection of his message killed them**. (Chapter 33)

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**FACT:**

Those who acted on the “named one’s” prophecy did not die. They escaped. (*Encyclopedia Judaica*) Their **acceptance of the “named one” saved them.**

Bold statements? Yes. An exaggeration? No. These are both documented history. Is there a connection?

**COINCIDENCE 3:**

**REASON FOR THE DESTRUCTION:**

According to the Hebrew Tanakh, the **specific reason** why the First Jewish Temple was destroyed in 586 BC and the nation **scattered for 70 years** was **because** they had **rejected the prophets** sent by God. (1 Chronicles 36:15-20)

Recognizing the same spiritual laws to be operative, may we ask, what could be the enormity of the national sin which triggered the Second Temple’s destruction in 70 AD and the people being **scattered for 2,000 years**? Had they **rejected a greater Prophet** – even the Messiah himself? (Chapter 29)

**COINCIDENCE 4: DESTRUCTION DATE:**

In 586 BC, the First Temple was burned by Babylonian armies on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of the month Ab.**

In 70 AD, the Second Temple was burned by Roman armies on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of the month Ab.** (Josephus, *Wars of the Jews*, 6:4.5)

These two events: are they connected? Was there a supernatural element in the timing, to convey a message of extreme importance?

**COINCIDENCE 5:**

**THE “FORGIVENESS” FACTOR:**

**Forty years before** Jerusalem’s destruction, the “named one’s” public offer of the Creator’s divine **forgiveness** to all who would accept, was officially **rejected** by the nation’s leaders when they executed him as an imposter. (Chapters 23 and 29)

**Forty years before** Jerusalem’s destruction, on the first annual Day of Atonement after their rejection of the “named one”, the traditional red wool which always turned white (signifying divine forgiveness) now ceased to do so. According to the rabbis this was a supernatural omen that the nation’s sins were **no longer forgiven** by God. (*Babylonian Talmud*, Yoma chapter 39b.)

Coincidence? Or was there a supernatural connection in the timing?

**Forbidden information destroyed**

When news of the “named one’s” death and resurrection, allegedly confirming him as the Deliverer, spread across the earth to challenge the legitimacy of Lucifer worship, sabotage campaigns were launched against it from two chief centers – **Rome** (the center of sun worship – Satan worship) and **Alexandria, Egypt** (the center of Luciferian pagan philosophy). (*The Da Vinci Code Hoax*, Chapters 4-7)

Acts of sabotage and cover-up included the following:

**1. FIDDLING WITH MESSIAH TEXTS:**

In **Alexandria**, opponents infiltrated the “named one’s” group of followers and surreptitiously **mutilated selected Messiah texts** in order to **downgrade the “named one”**. Rome adopted and enforced these corruptions of text. (*The Da Vinci Code Hoax*, Chapters 4-7)

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However, since most manuscript copies were beyond their reach, only 1 percent of surviving manuscripts are affected. (*The Da Vinci Code Hoax*, Chapters 17-18,20-21; *Who’s Playing Jesus Games?* Chapters 12-15; *The Sorcerers’ Secret*, Chapters 4-6)

**2. PTOLEMY’S MUTILATED STAR CHART:**

Between 127 and 151 AD, in that **same center** of undercover corruption – **Alexandria** – Ptolemy’s historic map of the stars **chopped out the prophecy of the “named one”** which had been in the star maps for 4,000 years. (Chapter 27)

**3. KEY WORDS CHOPPED OUT OF TANAKH**

Around **the same time** (130 AD), Rabbi Akiva, “the father of the Mishnah”, promoted a translation of the Tanakh which **ripped out key words in certain messianic texts** that were being linked with the “named one”. (Chapter 27)

**4. RABBIS FALSIFY CHRONOLOGY:**

Rabbis Akiva and Ben Halaftha also **slashed out 160 years from the Persian/Jewish calendar** to nullify the “named one’s” fulfillment of Daniel’s 490-year prophecy. (Chapter 41) That’s right, 160 years of real time was ripped out and thrown away!

**5. CURSE ON MESSIAH PROPHECY:**

Rabbi Samuel B. Nahmani placed a **curse** (recorded in the Talmud) on whoever would read the **same prophecy** of Daniel which pointed to **the “named one”** as the Messiah. (Chapters 21,23)

**6. MESSIAH PROPHECY CUT OUT OF TANAKH**

The Isaiah 53 prophecy so clearly described the “named one” that some Ashkenazi Jews **blasted this chapter right out** of their Scriptures. However, the Sephardic Jews retained it. (Chapter 23)

**Thought questions**

Why such a desperate **cover-up of that one single feature** in all these different documents? Did **evidence** so clearly point to the “named one” as the Messiah, that rejectors had no option but to

- (a) **chop out** textual evidence
- (b) **falsify** historical evidence, and
- (c) **curse** whoever studied the evidence?

Shouldn’t one feel sorry for them?

**As the climax approaches**

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL:**

According to the prophecies, as the final showdown looms, every person will have opportunity to accept or reject the pending rescue.

**2. WE CHOOSE:**

Inbuilt into each of us is the capacity for free choice concerning our destiny. (Chapter 15)

**3. FORBIDDEN NEWS:**

The hijackers of our planet have admitted they will do whatever it takes to **eliminate, suppress, or discredit** the news of the rescue plan and the documents which alert us to it – so that you and I, deprived of its benefits, can be brought under their Luciferian New Age **control**.

#### 4. THE RESCUER’S POWER:

There is **well-documented evidence** that today in real life the name of the Promised One – and no other – is able to halt an alien abduction, free a victim from demon possession, and empower one to enjoy a new quality of life. (Chapters 48 and 49)

##### **Sources identifying the Coming One**

As already noted, the message of the Promised One was known to the **nations of the world**, who testified that they had inherited this knowledge from the first great father. They knew that:

Originally this was a perfect world with no suffering. There had been a rebellion in the heavens.

Man had followed the rebels and had himself fallen.

The Curer of all ills was coming to restore mankind.

He was to appear in Judea – and have a Hebrew name.

We shall consult both **non-biblical** and **biblical** sources. Why biblical? some will ask. Firstly, because both the Globalists and the so-called UFO “alien” entities have adopted a particular **stance toward the Bible** as essential to their plans. Secondly, as the most widely trusted (and hated) book on the planet, what it says is directly relevant to our investigation.

##### **How you can benefit**

The best part of our topic will be this: You will be presented with **actionable benefits** in real life. (Chapters 47-49)

In contrast to the Globalist plan to annihilate millions, I shall show you how you can claim for yourself an extension of life.

Of course, there are laws of health that can enhance your quality of life now – and even extend your life-span to a certain degree. However, there is only one “bridge to eternal life” – and it does not involve preserving or repairing our present bodies. Death is **not** an engineering or **biological problem**, it is a **moral penalty**. Therefore the only solution to death has been provided by the Creator Himself.

I’m not always right. But with **evidence** like you’re now about to see, I’ve never been more certain of anything in my life.

In assembling this report for you, I have been excavating deep for rock-solid **evidence**. We need to be passionate about **evidence**. Speculation is out. **Evidence** is king.

If you just want to surface-scan this report and say ‘I know all that’, then stop right here. But if you’re willing to **drill into the facts** and accept their challenge, then you are in for some mind-blowing **evidence** that can change everything for you – for the better!

No matter what you’ve thought, you want to know the truth, right? So please empty yourself of previous ideas and just look at the **evidence**. It might change your life.

Okay, are you feeling adventurous? Because we are about to embark on a grand discovery. For starters, let’s explore a city...

## **The Corruption that is Called Christmas** **(Copyright) by Jeffrey Caldwell (Arkansas)**

Eve, the first woman, meant well ... at least she felt she meant well ... reaching for the forbidden fruit. Satan's deceitful and misleading spiel had convinced her. Nobody had ever lied to her ... she wasn't prepared for that. After all, "... she saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her..." (Genesis 3:6), can't fault the reasoning. Adam knew better, he remembered God had said it was not to be eaten, that death would be the consequence. But he went along with his mate anyway, and thus they and their children were corrupted with sin, disobedience to God.

For Christians to observe Christmas is much like Eve eating the forbidden fruit ... it looks like a great idea, it seems very pleasant, what could be better than remembering and honoring Christ by celebrating his birth? He should be glad we care, right?

I am a Christian, but I do not celebrate Christmas. With regard to the Christian faith, keeping Christmas is a corrupt practice. From its inception, the keeping of Christmas as a "Christian" observance, supposedly to honor Christ our Lord and King, is corrupt to the core, in its very essence. The very concept of keeping Christmas dishonors the Word of God! Its inception came after all of Christ's apostles were dead.

True Christian doctrine and practice was once for all time delivered to God's flock in the time of Christ and his apostles. Even well before the life and work of Christ's apostles was finished, there were people attempting to subvert the faith and leading portions of the church away from the Way of Truth for their own purposes. Jude, the brother of Jesus, writes "I found it necessary to take up my pen and urge you to join in the struggle for that faith which God entrusted to people once for all" (Jude 4, 'The Revised English Bible').

Christ's apostles bequeathed the New Testament to the people of God, which represents, I believe, their doing their "utmost" to ensure that after they were gone we would have a sound basis for understanding the truth of the good news and the Way of faith (2 Peter 1:15).

Satan's continually moving false teachers to corrupt the faith is a concern of Paul's: "I am afraid that, as the serpent in his cunning seduced Eve, your thoughts may be corrupted and you may lose your single-hearted devotion to Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3 REB).

I, Jeffrey, was moved to write this article as just now I consulted the 'Zondervan NIV Bible Commentary' to better understand the book of Hosea and ran across this note on Hosea 10:6:

"The word for "its wooden idols" is often translated "its counsel" (cf. NIV note). The former translation refers disdainfully to the calf [the shrine idol of Israel in Bethel set up by the first king of the house of Israel] as mere wood; the alternate translation to the "counsel" given by Jeroboam I when he had first established calf worship (1 Ki 12:28)." (page 1419).

It seems that in the Old Testament, the word for "false gods" is the same as for "falsehoods".

Saul, David and Solomon were the first kings of all Israel. But when Solomon's son came to power and proved unacceptable to the ten northern tribes, they broke away and formed the "house of Israel" ... while David's dynasty continued to rule only over the "house of Judah". Jeroboam I, the first king of the house of Israel, was afraid that if his subjects continued to travel down to Jerusalem in Judah, the place God had chosen -- to keep the feasts of the LORD, they might "revert to the house of David" (1 Kings 12:26 NIV). So, Jeroboam I set up alternate shrines and alternate feasts, designed to appeal to the tastes and customs of the people. "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem" he said to them ... he instituted a festival "like the festival held in Judah" [the LORD's feast] (1 Ki 12:32 NIV) ... on a day and month "of his own choosing" (1 Ki 12:33 NIV). Bethel was a good choice for his major shrine ... the name means "house

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of God" and there Jacob (a.k.a. "Israel"), the father of their nation, had his first recorded significant encounter with God. But God's prophets called Jeroboam's Bethel of idolatrous worship, worship according to wicked counsel, by the name of Beth-Aven -- "house of wickedness", or even, merely, "Aven", wickedness.

Thanks to the typical spiritual lack of acumen and dullness of the Israelites, that idolatrous worship in Bethel -- based on false and deceitful counsel of clever human devising, was confounded with worship of the one true God, the One whose name is Truth.

I am reminded of Aaron and the golden calf. Of that day of revelry when people were dancing in front of the golden calf, the day Moses broke the first tablets of the ten commandments, of that very day Aaron, the brother of Moses and the first high priest -- had said: "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD" (Exodus 32:5 NIV). "So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings." (Exodus 32:6a NIV). Those offering-rituals were their nod, as it were. Somehow, they must've thought it was all OK with Him ... or would be if they just gave Him their ritual nod. "Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to engage in revelry."

The "made up" rituals of Jeroboam 1 were also, by the people, somehow thought to honor the LORD. The "made up" holiday of Christmas is in the same vein. The date and the trappings of pagan worship were appropriated by men to create a man-made "Christian holiday" ... and thus the church of Rome, like the house of Israel, turned away from the LORD's festivals (Leviticus 23:2ff) to keep observances in ways and on dates of their own choosing, designed to appeal to the masses under the influence of pagans who know not the God of Israel.

Jeroboam 1 had said "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem" the place God had chosen for His festivals to be kept. Similarly, the church of Rome came to deem it "too much" to continue to keep the LORD's holy days, days kept by the Jews, at a time when Jews were deeply despised in the Empire. The Jews were intensely hated in Rome in those days because Jewish revolts were militarily very costly to the Empire. Everything equated with the despised Jews, including the Sabbath and the LORD's other appointed feasts, became inconvenient and even dangerous to observe. Increasingly, Christians became willing to listen to leaders who argued and counseled that it would be good and right to "do otherwise".

It was found expedient, not only to avoid persecution, but also to make converts more easily ... to take pagan observances and "Christianize" them ... but so doing was the work of men, not the will of God. Ideas that seemed good include "let's celebrate Christ's birth" and "let's celebrate Christ's resurrection". I am reminded of Eve. Eating the forbidden fruit seemed good to her ... a way to be wise ... the tree looked good ... seemed like it would taste good. But her choice was not "good" to God. Even though the tree was beautiful, God had said it would be a loss, not a gain, to eat of it.

Christmas is not holy. It did not come from the Holy One. God set the standards and commands the observances of "your most holy faith" (Jude 20 NIV) ... "the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3, NIV).

It may seem like a good idea to "celebrate Christ's birthday" ... but God does not command it, His apostles do not do it ... though they do keep the LORD's festivals. One of the most joyful of His holy festivals, the feast of tabernacles, points to Christ's birth, when he came and "tabernacled" among us! (John 1:14) 'Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words' says the Greek SKENOO ... "to pitch a tent (skene), to tabernacle, is translated "dwelt," in John 1:14, A.V., R.V. marg., "tabernacled;". 'The New Testament in its Original Order: A Faithful Version with Commentary' renders the Greek naturally: "And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we ourselves beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten with the Father), full of grace and truth.") Those of us who keep the feast of tabernacles sing Joy to the World and other hymns about Christ's birth at that time ... when not only Christ's birth, but also His life and work, from the beginning, now and forever, is joyfully celebrated!

God hates to be worshiped in any manner that reminds Him of the worship of other gods (Deuteronomy 12:29-31), so surely, He would not want us to choose the Saturnalia as a pattern to celebrate Christ's birth! Nor does He desire us to appropriate any of the customs of sun-worship to worship the Son of God.

These are His sentiments with regard to worshiping Him: "See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it." (Deuteronomy 12:32 NIV). That Christians, under the influence of deceitful counsel, have embraced

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Sundays, Christmas and Easter and St. Valentine's Day as their observances, and have jettisoned all of His holy days, does not please Him.

Pure devotion to Christ, "the simplicity that is in Christ" is expressed in these words of Moses, which constitute a genuine creed of the apostles: "It is the LORD your God you must follow and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him." (Deuteronomy 13:4 NIV). The Jewish Bible renders this verse (Dt. 13:5 in their versification) even more imperatively: "Follow none but the LORD your God, and revere none but Him; observe His commandments alone, and heed only His orders; worship none but Him, and hold fast to Him" ('Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures'). This way of holiness is the Way of Christ and of His apostles!

Peter addresses Christians as "God's elect, strangers in the world" (1 Peter 1:1) and says: "just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV).

But as Paul says: "... I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough." (2 Corinthians 11:3-4 NIV). Paul's fears are historically exemplified by the church in Rome ... and by all of us Christians who have followed her lead, to this present day ... jettisoning the LORD's holy days to institute cleverly "Christianized" pagan days as 'Christian observances'! Ever since this early choice of the church of Rome, Christian sheep "accept" these man-made holidays as "Christian" much in the same way as Eve listened to the serpent, or the house of Israel listened to her first king, or Aaron and the children of Israel in the wilderness listened to those who wanted the golden calf.

The observance of Christmas is a practice not built on the Rock of our salvation! Brothers and sisters in Christ, I say to you: Christmas-keeping, splendid in so many ways as it may humanly seem to be, is a corruption of your most holy faith. "Christmas" is not holy!! Celebrating Christmas is not the Way of holiness ...

In regard to the worship, He is truly honored to receive, the Holy One says: "See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it" (Dt. 12:32 NIV).

There is a proverb of Solomon that reminds me of Eve: "The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful" (Proverbs 12:5). Eve knew that being wise is good and she wanted to be wise ... but heeding Satan's deceitful and wicked advice spoiled her good plan. As Solomon says, the "fear of the LORD is the" true and genuine "beginning of wisdom"! (Proverbs 9:10).

## **Vladimir Putin, The Antichrist, and the Kingdom of God**

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*And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you  
have heard was coming and is already in the world.  
1 John 4:3b*

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In II Thessalonians 2:1-4 Paul speaks of an evil, end-time world ruler whom he calls “the man of sin.” This individual whom Paul says, *opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God*, is obviously the same person that John refers to as “the Beast” in Revelation 13 and “the Antichrist” in I John 2:18; 4:3.

In I John 2:18, John says, *You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now there are many antichrists in the world*. John seems to be saying that this evil, controlling ruler at the end of the age will be preceded by many of the same character and spirit. He confirms this later by saying that the spirit of Antichrist, *is now already in the world* (I John 4:3).

Vladimir Putin is not the Antichrist, but his desire for dominance and control are certainly in the spirit of the Antichrist; and he is not the only one exuding that spirit in the world today.

Both the “man of sin” and “the Beast” are described as putting themselves in the place of God over people’s lives. This fits perfectly with the meaning of “Antichrist,” for according to *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, the word *anti* in Greek means “instead of” or “in place of.” In other words, this individual is not just “against” Christ; he has a messianic complex and seeks to take the place of Christ as the one destined to rule the earth.

Remember, the word “Christ” is the Greek word for the Hebrew “Messiah.” In Scripture, the Messiah is God’s appointed king and ruler over Israel, and the entire cosmos. Various O.T. prophecies, such as II Samuel 7:12-13, Psalm 2:6, Daniel 7:13-14, and Micah 5:2, speak of the coming Messiah as God’s appointed king and ruler. The messianic prophecy of Isaiah 9:6-7, says,

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder . . . of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.*

The Antichrist has a messianic complex and projects himself as the one who has the right, the intelligence, and the ability to rule the world and save the planet. He is, however, the *antichristos*, the one who puts himself in that place that belongs only to Jesus Christ. John says his spirit *is now already in the world* (I John 4:3).

This Antichrist spirit has shown itself throughout history in the Caesars of Rome, the medieval Catholic popes, Islamic movements seeking world domination, and European monarchs and their official state churches. It is seen in modern political leaders with visions of world domination such as Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler, Xi Jinping, and Vladimir Putin.

It is to be seen in the so-called “progressive” movement in America and the emerging “cancel culture” which seek to control our thoughts, words, and actions. It is to be seen in Big Tech companies who control the flow of information and ban any person and any message they deem to be unacceptable.

We have seen this same spirit raising its ugly head through political leaders in the United States, Canada, and other Western nations with their harsh Covid-19 lockdowns and mandates. Justin Trudeau, prime minister of Canada, just forcefully ended a peaceful Freedom Convoy, arrested many of the protestors, confiscated their vehicles, froze their bank accounts, and threatened to take their pets and children.

A March 30, 2020, interview with British Supreme Court Judge, Lord Sumpton, now sounds prophetic. He warned that the Covid-19 mandates were paving the way for despotism--the exercise of power in a cruel and oppressive manner (Hyatt, *To Comply or Not Comply*, 59).

This spirit of Antichrist also shows itself in church leaders who exercise absolute control over the lives of their followers. They often do this by the use of authority-laden titles and hierarchical church structures that have no basis in Scripture. Such authoritarian control flies in face of Jesus’ declaration in Mark 10:42-45 that leadership in His kingdom would be characterized by servanthood, not worldly authority (Mark 10:42-45).

In Revelation 14:18 John says that the number of the Beast is the number of a “man” and his number is 666. Since, however, there is no indefinite article in Greek and because John left off the definite article, the passage literally says that

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the number of the Beast, *is the number of man and his number is 666*. This, therefore, probably refers to mankind in general, as well as the evil, end-time ruler.

This would coincide with the fact that the number 6 is first mentioned in Genesis 1:31 where God created mankind on the 6th day of creation. Whereas the number 7 normally refers to completion and perfection, the number 6 is one shy of that.

The number 6, therefore, could well be the number of mankind and his incompleteness apart from God. Since, however, the number of the Beast is a trinity of 666, it probably refers to him as a mere man asserting himself into the place of God over people’s lives—a man acting as if he were God. That is the spirit of Antichrist.

America’s founders and their parents and grandparents had lived under the Antichrist spirit, which is why they were so adamant about individual liberty. It is why in Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution, the Founders banned aristocracy and the handing out of honorific titles by the U.S. government. It is why the Constitution opens with, “We the people . . .”

In this new land, there would be no “Lord so and so” or “Lady so and so.” There would be no royal aristocracy to which the masses must curtsy, doff their hats, and bow the knee. When some wondered how they would manage without a monarchy, Thomas Paine, in his book, *Common Sense*, wrote, “But where says some is the King of America? I’ll tell you Friend, He reigns above.”

We must resist the antichrist spirit in both the church and the world, and we do this by proclaiming Jesus Christ as God’s appointed Messiah/King who alone has the right and wisdom to govern our lives. This happened in Colonial America through the influence of the Great Awakening, for when a British-appointed official reported on the state of things to his superiors in England, he wrote,

If you ask an American who is his master, he will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ (Hyatt, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, 81).

When a society recognizes Jesus as God’s Messiah/King and commit themselves to be governed by his moral values, there will be peace, prosperity, and safety. It is what Jesus and the New Testament writers called “the Gospel of the Kingdom.”

As we see the end nearing, our focus should be on understanding and proclaiming this Gospel of the Kingdom, for in Matthew 24:14 Jesus said,

*And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

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**Why Was Jesus Born in Bethlehem?**  
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Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem when his parents, Mary and Joseph, lived in Nazareth (Luke 2:39)?

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The primary reason the birth of Jesus took place in Bethlehem was to fulfill the prophecy given by the minor prophet Micah. He stated the following:

And you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, you being least among the thousands of Judah, out of you He (Jesus) shall come forth (be born) to Me, that is to become Ruler in Israel . . . (Micah 5:2, HBFV throughout).

One of the most fascinating facts about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is how God used the powerful but sometimes brutal Roman Empire, coupled with a Jewish fixation on their ancestors, to fulfill a 700-year-old prophecy!

### **Using the Romans**

Mary, before she left Nazareth for Bethlehem, was betrothed but had not consummated her marital relationship with Joseph. The couple had to go to Joseph's ancestral home of Bethlehem due to Roman taxation policies.



Arrival of the Holy Family in Bethlehem  
Cornelis Massys, 1543

The Roman Empire, from time to time, would conduct a census not merely to count people but also to find out what they owned. It was decreed in the year Jesus was born (5 B.C.) that such a Roman taxation census would be taken in Judea (Luke 2:1 - 4) and the surrounding area.

This information, however, begs a question. Why did the Romans not carry out their census where people lived in Judea and the surrounding area as they did for the rest of the Empire? Why did they require the parents of Jesus to make the more than 80-mile (about 129 kilometers) journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem?

### **The Census**

For Jews, especially those who lived in the land after returning from Babylonian captivity, tribal identification and line of descent were quite important.

We find in the New Testament the lineage of Jesus traced back not only to Abraham (in Matthew 1) but also to Adam (Luke 3). The Apostle Paul even wrote about his own lineage (Romans 11:1). The self-righteous Jewish Pharisees used their physical lineage to boast how spiritually superior they thought they were compared to others (John 8:33 - 39, Matthew 3:9).

Roman law, in deference to Jewish customs and prejudices (plus the desire to peaceably collect taxes from a subjugated people), stated any census in Palestine would be undertaken based on the town from which a person's ancestral family belonged. In the case of Joseph, since he traced his lineage to David, who was born in Bethlehem (1Samuel 17:12), he had to go to the city for the census.

What time of the year did the Roman census take place which forced the family of Jesus to travel to Bethlehem? Was it in the middle of winter as is depicted in many Christmas scenes?

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The Holy Bible Faithful Version offers interesting insight in regard to when such travel to Bethlehem took place. It states the following:

"The taxation and census decree by Caesar Augustus was carried out according to the Jewish custom which required that such taxes be collected after the fall harvest. Thus, Luke's record of this taxation reveals that the birth of Jesus took place during the autumn" (Appendix E).

The Romans conducted censuses in Palestine during the fall so that they could maximize the amount of tax revenue they collected from the people.

Barney Kasdan, in his book "God's Appointed Times," wrote regarding Rome that they took censuses at a time convenient based on local customs. In short, it was far better for the Romans and Israelites to handle taxes in the fall of the year, when it was easier to travel (e.g. Nazareth to Bethlehem) as opposed to the middle of winter.

God used Rome's desire to collect as much tax revenue as it could, coupled with a Jewish fascination of their ancestors, to fulfill an awesome prophecy concerning the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem!

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**'The most brilliant thoughts of all time'**  
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**"We have it in our power to begin the world over again."** — Thomas Paine, c. 1774

IT'S NO SECRET THAT OUR PRESIDENT WANTS TO "REMAKE" AMERICA (Barack Hussein Obama). This is the final column for now in a series based on a book review of "The Most Brilliant Thoughts of All Time" by John M. Shanahan — who also created the "Hooked on Phonics" program. I meant to mention that in the previous columns, because that alone would make Shanahan a hero in my book. If this country had taken the money it spent on Midnight Basketball and bought Hooked on Phonics tapes for public schools, we wouldn't have so much illiteracy (or illiterate athletes).

A friend of mine would like to see more of *my* thoughts (thanks) but, in actuality, finding and putting in order some of the greatest proverbs of all time is probably one of the things I was "born to do." SO:

- "The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor great scholar's great men." — Oliver Wendell Holmes (1806-94)
- "Our principal writers have nearly all been fortunate in escaping regular education." — Christopher Grieve
- "A liberal is a man who will give away everything he doesn't own." — Frank Dane
- "Equality of opportunity is an opportunity to prove unequal talents." — Lord Samuel (1870-1916)
- "Fortune soon tires of carrying anyone long on her shoulders." — Baltasar Gracian (1601-58)
- "Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision." — Peter Drucker
- "One man's wage rise is another man's price increase." — Harold Wilson
- "And differing judgments serve but to declare that truth lies somewhere if we knew but where." — William Cowper
- "When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary." — William Wrigley, Jr.

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- "If everyone is thinking alike, someone isn't thinking." — General Geo. Patton
- "Unanimity is almost always an indicator of servitude." — Charles de Remusat (1797-1875)
- "No government can be long secure without a formidable opposition." — Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81)
- "He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill." — Edmund Burke (1729-97)
- "We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still." — John Stuart Mill (1806-73)
- "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one." — Abbott Liebling
- "Perhaps in time the so-called Dark Ages will be thought of as including our own." — George Lichtenberg (1742-99)
- "Learning hath gained most by those books by which the printers have lost." — Thomas Fuller (1608-94)
- "A man writes for an audience of about ten persons. Of course, if others like it, that is clear gain. But if those ten are satisfied, he is content." — Alfred Whitehead (1861-1947)
- "Read the best books first, or you may not be able to read them at all." — Henry David Thoreau (1817-62)
- "The great American novel has not only already been written, it has already been rejected." — Frank Dane
- "You know who the critics are? The men who have failed in literature and art." — Disraeli
- "Look wise, say nothing, and grunt. Speech was given to conceal thought." — Sir Wm. Osler (1849-1919)
- "Reading is sometimes an ingenious device for avoiding thought." — Sir Arthur Helps (1813-75)
- "Literature is most about having sex and not much about having children; life is the other way around." — David Lodge
- "Books are good enough in their own way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life." — Robert Louis Stevenson
- "The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything." — Walter Bagehot (1826-77)
- "How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live." — Thoreau
- "Of all cold words of tongue or pen, the worst are these: 'I knew him when -.'" — Arthur Guiterman (1871-1943)
- "Autobiography is a preemptive strike against biographers." — Barbara Harrison
- "Great geniuses have the shortest biographies: Their cousins can tell you nothing about them." — Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)
- "To do easily what is difficult for others is the mark of talent. To do what is impossible for talent is the mark of genius." — Henri Amiel (1821-81)
- "Ignorance is the mother of admiration." — George Chapman (1559-1634)
- "Bad artists always admire each other's work." — Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- "There is nothing more dreadful than imagination without taste." — Goethe (1749-1834)
- "Acting is therefore the lowest of the arts, if it is an art at all." — George Moore (1852-1933)
- "Read the Good Book first." — Curt Dahlgren (1942- )
- "Thousands kiss the book's outside who ne'er look within." — Wm. Cowper
- "Equality of opportunity means the opportunity to be unequal." — Wm. Sharp (1855-1905)

**CONCLUSION:**

I wonder if you were as struck as I was by the number of great thinkers who lived and wrote during the 1800s? That was no accident. America had come on the world stage in the latter half of the 1700s, and although today's history "scholars" will refuse to admit it, America's DWASPs (dead white anglo-saxon protestants) opened up a whole 'nother world of thought. Thomas Paine put it this way:

**"So deeply rooted were all the governments of the old world, and so effectually had . . . tyranny . . . established itself over the mind, that no beginning could be made in Asia, Africa, or Europe, to reform the political condition of man.**

**"Freedom had been hunted around the globe; reason was considered rebellion, and the slavery of fear had made men afraid to think.**

"The sun needs no inscription to distinguish him from darkness, and no sooner did American governments display themselves to the world, than despotism felt a shock, and men began to contemplate redress . . .

"The insulted German and the enslaved Spaniard, the Russ and the Pole are beginning to think."

That's why Tom Paine had so boldly written in the 1770s:

*"We have it in our power to begin the world over again. A situation, similar to the present hath not happened since the days of NOAH."*

ENOUGH SAID?

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## Immanuel's Priceless Gift

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"One raw winter night a man heard an irregular thumping sound against the kitchen storm door. He went to a window and watched as tiny, shivering sparrows, attracted to the evident warmth inside, beat in vain against the glass.

Touched, the farmer bundled up and trudged through the fresh snow to open the barn for the struggling birds. He turned on the lights, tossed some hay in the corner, and sprinkled a trail of saltine crackers to direct them to the barn. But the sparrows, which had scattered in all directions when he emerged from the house, still hid in the darkness, afraid of him.

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He tried various tactics: circling behind the birds to drive them toward the barn, tossing cracker crumbs in the air toward them, retreating to his house to see if they'd flutter into the barn on their own. Nothing worked. He, a huge alien creature, had terrified them; the birds could not understand that he actually desired to help.

He withdrew to the house and watched the doomed sparrows through a window. As he stared, a thought hit him like lightning from a clear blue sky. If only I could become a bird—one of them—just for a moment. Then I wouldn't frighten them so. I could show them the way to warmth and safety. At the same moment, another thought dawned on him. He had grasped the whole principle of the incarnation.

A man's becoming a bird is nothing compared to God's becoming a man. The concept of a sovereign being as big as the universe he created confining himself to a human body was—and is—too much for some people to believe.” —Story by Paul Harvey

When Jesus came as a baby in a manger, He was called Immanuel—God with us. God with skin on. Have you ever thought about the many things Jesus experienced during his life on earth that relates to us today?

He knew what it meant to be poor. Imagine what it must have felt like to sleep on a bed of scratchy straw instead of a satin-lined bassinet. Rather than being surrounded by stuffed animals with brightly colored bows of satin, he occupied the same room with baying burros and mooing cows.

He experienced the pain of being misunderstood and rejected by those he loved. Jesus' own half-brothers rejected his claim to be the Messiah. It was not until after the resurrection that they finally believed. Jesus knows how it feels to live without the approval of family and friends. He knows the sorrow of being rejected and despised by those he loves.

He knew the frustration of dealing with closed-minded religious leaders. Have you ever been wounded by a pastor or church leaders who are more concerned with being right and religious than meeting the needs of hurting people? Jesus had similar dealings with the Pharisees who followed the law to the very letter, but whose hearts he described as whitewashed tombs containing dead men's bones. They looked good on the outside but lacked compassion and Christian love on the inside.

He understands what it feels like to be judged unfairly and be slandered by cruel lies. When Jesus stood before Pilate, he was falsely accused by the very people he came to save. Instead of ranting and raving to prove his innocence, he simply told the truth and let people choose whether or not to believe him.

He knows what it feels like to have a body that gets hungry and tired, and he knows the trauma of being brutally beaten. Jesus' body was subject to the same limitations as ours. He got hungry and thirsty, tired and worn out. After his trial, he was slapped, beaten with a whip, and forced to wear a woven crown of sharp thorns which pierced his skin and dug into his forehead. The prophet Isaiah says his face was so marred that he was unrecognizable. He experienced the rage of angry men and the pain of cruel fists.

He knows what it feels like to be abandoned and alone. Have you ever felt totally alone with no one there for you? Jesus felt that way in the Garden of Gethsemane after his friends abandoned him. He knew the ultimate pain of abandonment as he hung on the cross and cried out, “My God! My God, why have you forsaken me?”

He knows how it feels to die and then rise again from the dead! Even when we face death, Jesus understands what we are going through. He is the only one who can give us comfort and hope because he conquered death and hell when he rose from the grave. When we receive his free gift of love, we have the assurance of living with him forever. In the words of gospel singer, Jake Hess, “Death ain't no big deal!”

**Editor's Note: There is a little more to it than just accepting Christ's free gift of love. Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. Laura Lee**

No matter what you are going through, Jesus understands. He's been there. He knows. He cares!

He is Immanuel—God with us!

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## Prophecy Stinks!

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We all have heard of prophecies or predictions that were made by so-called prophets or "holy men" which failed to come to pass. Usually, in the beginning of their rise to fame, their lofty and zealous prognostications with clever and meticulous details tickled many curious and gullible ears.

But once their spellbinding, enticing forecasts of doom failed to materialize, their reputations would quickly take a nose-dive into the garbage heap with a foul stench reaching to heaven. A classic example is the famous prediction of Christ's return in 1844 by William Miller. It has become known as "The Great Disappointment."

Long before William Miller and other "prophets" of our day, there were those who made prophetic proclamations in the first century. The apostle Paul gave this warning:

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ **is at hand**" (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2).

Here are some **false** predictions made in the first century A.D. about Christ's return being at hand:

"For yet a little while, and he [Jesus] that shall come will come and **will not tarry**."

"You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord **is at hand**."

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord **is at hand**."

"But the end of all things **is at hand**."

"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it **is the last hour**."

"And he said to me, 'Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time **is at hand**.'"

Well, here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it should be quite obvious to everyone by now that the above predictions about Christ's eminent return have been proven false. Christ did not return in the first century as these predictions appear to indicate.

What historical documents contain these false prophecies?

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They come from the writings of the apostles: James, Peter, Paul, and John. The exact references can be found at the end of this article. Also, a better rendering of 2 Thessalonians 2:2 would be, "that the Day of the Lord has already come."

So, the early church fathers were subject to the same human errors that plague us all. Yet God used their imperfect thinking to write words that not only inspired church members of their day to be preparing for Christ's return, but, just as important, for our day as well. It was that blessed **hope** which allowed many to face the trials and persecution that they would have to endure.

God knows that **expectation** is a vital part of our spiritual growth. Consider:

"For the earnest **expectation** of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same in **hope**" (Romans 8:19-20).

"Now faith is the substance of things **hoped** for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Christ said that among those born of women, none was greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). John the Baptist proclaimed this to the people of his day: "I baptize you with water, but One more powerful than I will come, ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with **fire**. His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Luke 3:16-17).

Yet Christ did not baptize or destroy anyone with fire at His first coming. Did John the Baptist get it wrong? Is that why he was confused if Jesus was the Messiah? Notice John's quandary:

"So John called two of his disciples and sent them to ask the Lord, 'Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?'" (Luke 7:19).

Isn't that strange? Why did John the Baptist have problems recognizing Jesus as the Messiah? Notice the response that Jesus gave to John's disciples after they witnessed the miracles and preaching: "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. And blessed is he who is not offended because of me" (Luke 7:22-23).

Where was the fire that John saw in his prophetic visions? Where was the winnowing fork? Had eating honey and locusts all his life finally gotten to John? Give that man some beef! Jesus certainly gave him some spiritual meat to chew on. The answer has been vividly explained by Lance Wallnau in some of his videos. Check out LanceWallnau.com.

John had prophetic visions way far into the future concerning Christ. But they were of His second coming rather than His first coming. A ministry of healing and preaching is not what John was expecting, thus his confusion that is depicted in Luke seven. Once again, we see that the servants of God are not perfect. However, John the Baptist did fulfill his calling.

We don't know an exact date of Christ's return. Christ warns us to be watching and to be ready (Matthew 24:42, 44). Christ also gave us signs that would indicate the nearness of His return. We need to be aware of those signs in order to better watch. Many are expecting a third temple to be built in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount as a sign that Christ's return will follow shortly after the abomination of desolation appears.

What if a third temple is not built on the Temple Mount (or, in the City of David as some think is the correct location)? What then? Will your prophetic timeline fall apart? Do you have any alternate views? Are we able to adjust our thinking if actual events crush any of our eschatological ivory towers?

Another inspiring example that Lance has often illustrated in his videos is from the movie, "Gladiator." The scene with the chariots in the Roman Colosseum is the one. Maximus, played by Russell Crowe, says to the others while waiting for the gates to open, "Whatever comes out of these gates, we got a better chance of survival if we work together. Do you understand? We stay together, we survive."

References to above quotes:

Hebrews 10:37; James 5:8; Philippians 4:5; I Peter 4:7; I John 2:18; Revelation 22:10.

Link to Chariot scene: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ\\_gLof5ifM&t=303s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ_gLof5ifM&t=303s)

Remember, Christ comes on a White Horse with a Sword to battle the nations! Revelation 19.

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## Victory Over Evil Thoughts

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Every young person is sooner or later tempted by unclean thoughts. The sexual urge being stronger and more aggressive in men than in women, men face this problem much more than women do. In *Mark 7:21*, Jesus listed evil thoughts as the first things that proceed from the heart of men. The hearts of all unconverted men are equally wicked and so the description Jesus gave is true of all. Unclean thoughts plague the mind of the morally upright man as much as they do the mind of the adulterer – even though lack of opportunity and fear of society may have prevented the former from committing adultery in the flesh.

We need to distinguish however between temptation and sin. Even Jesus was tempted “in every respect as we are” (*Hebrews 4:15*). But He never once yielded to temptation (even in His mind) and so never sinned. We too shall be tempted till the last day of our life on earth. But we need not sin. We sin only when the evil desire is permitted to conceive in our minds (*James 1:15*), i.e., when we accept the lustful thought flashed into our minds. If we reject the suggestion at once, we do not sin. As the old Puritan said, “While I cannot prevent the birds from flying over my head, I can prevent them from making a nest in my hair.” When an evil thought presents itself to us, if we cherish it even for a moment in our minds, we allow it to “make a nest” there and so sin.

Lustful thinking, once indulged in, will make a person more and more its slave. Deliverance becomes increasingly difficult with the passage of time. The sooner we seek for deliverance the easier it will be. Victory over evil thoughts (like victory over all other sin) comes through an honest confession of failure, a real longing for deliverance, an acceptance of the fact of our death with Christ, and an utter yieldedness of our bodies and minds to the Lord (*Romans 6:1–14*).

We must also “*walk in the Spirit*” and cooperate with Him in disciplining our lives if we are to enjoy continuous victory (*Galatians 5:16–19*). If we fail to discipline our eyes and ears (cutting off all reading and seeing and hearing that is lustful), we shall not be able to discipline our thoughts either (this is the real implication of *Matthew 5:28–30*). Discipline of the body is essential for deliverance from lustful thoughts. The greatest of saints have confessed that they had to battle constantly with sexual temptations in their minds. They had to discipline their bodies severely in order to get victory.

***“We must fill our minds daily with the Word of God – for saturating our minds thus with God’s Word is one of the surest safeguards against evil thinking.”***

Job, though a married man with ten children, recognized that if he was to be delivered from lustful thinking, he had to control his eyes. He said, “*I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust upon a girl*” (*Job 31:1 - TLB*). For men, the greatest temptations come through the eyes. If care is not exercised here and an unclean thought or picture is once allowed to enter our minds through the eye-gate, it becomes almost impossible to remove it from there.

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We must fill our minds daily with the Word of God – for saturating our minds thus with God's Word is one of the surest safeguards against evil thinking. David said, "*I have thought much about Your words, and stored them in my heart so that they would hold me back from sin*" (Psalm 119:11 - TLB). The Bible also says, "*If you value the approval of God, fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good*" (Philippians 4:8 - JBP).

Some may say that the prevailing standard of morals in the world around us is so low that it is difficult to be totally free from unclean thoughts. But this state of affairs is not peculiar to the twentieth century. Corinth in the first century was a center of licentiousness and immorality, yet the Spirit of God urged the Christians there to lead their every thought captive into the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). He tells us to do the same today. The way to life may be narrow and difficult, but the Holy Spirit can strengthen us to walk that way.

To discipline our lives thus, does not mean that we should develop a repugnance for the opposite sex. Far from it! The fact that we find the opposite sex attractive is, in itself, not sinful. It is quite natural. It is not wrong for us to admire a pretty face as a part of God's beautiful creation. But being fallen creatures, if we are not careful, we shall soon begin to notice the beautiful form and then to lust. Thus, the attractiveness of the opposite sex, though clean in itself, can become for us, an occasion for unclean thinking.

Our safety lies in instantly obeying the voice of the Holy Spirit within us when He checks us and tells us to turn our eyes and our thoughts in another direction. We should also frequently pray, "Lord, do not let me face temptation (in this realm) that I cannot overcome." Many young men have found victory through sincerely praying such a prayer.

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## Lord of my Heart's Elation

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*Lord of my heart's elation,  
Spirit of things unseen,  
Be thou my aspiration  
Consuming and serene!*

*Bear up, bear out, bear onward  
This mortal soul alone,  
To selfhood or oblivion,  
Incredibly thine own,*

*As the foam heads are loosened  
And blown along the sea,  
Or sink and merge forever  
In that which bids them be.*

*I, too, must climb in wonder,  
Uplift at thy command,*

*Be one with my frail fellows  
Beneath the wind's strong hand,*

*A fleet and shadowy column  
Of dust or mountain rain,  
To walk the earth a moment  
And be dissolved again.*

*Be thou my exaltation  
Or fortitude of mine,  
Lord of the world's elation,  
Thou breath of things unseen!*

*By Bliss Carman (1861-1929)*

## Tears & Laughter

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There is a story about two philosophers. Each morning one would come out his front door look around begin to laugh. And each morning the other would come out of his front door and begin to wail and cry.

It is so true that crying and laughter are natural to humans depending on what we see, how we look at things, and how we feel inside ourselves. Little infants will cry and as they look at Mommy's or Daddy's face they might giggle.

The Bible says that "Jesus wept" in its shortest verse of John 11:35. But there is no verse in the Bible saying that Jesus laughed! But to put it in gambling terms, I'll put my money on the belief that He did laugh and did so many times heartily.

Jesus said about the difference between Himself and John the Baptist: "**Matt. 11:18-19:** "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!' <sup>19</sup> "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." (NAU)

When it says that John came neither eating nor drinking, we can't take it that he never ate anything or drank anything. It means that John adhered to a very strict schedule foods permitted for those who took the Nazirite vow (Num. 6:2). They were not permitted to drink any wine or even grape juice.

Jesus said about Himself, the "Son of Man," that He came eating and drinking, that is, He ate and drank what ordinary Jews did in His day. If they served wine, He drank it. He ate what was prepared by His Jewish hosts.

We know He was invited to dinners by different ones He went. See Luke 7:37; 14:1. He also ate with tax collectors and others who were considered outcasts of society.

Jesus and His disciples went to a wedding party and reception. When the wine ran out His mother pushed Him to perform a miracle -- turning water into very fine wine. No doubt He drinks some. See John 2.

The Bible says of wine: Psalm 104:15: "And wine which makes man's heart glad..." (NAU) Ecclesiastes 9:7: "Go *then*, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works." (NAU) Zechariah 10:7: "Ephraim will be like a mighty man, And their heart will be glad as if *from* wine..." (NAU)

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When people drink wine they relax and become merry. They find humor in various things and they laugh. Can you imagine Jesus and His disciples camping out; eating what grows from the land, getting ready for bed, and sometimes tell stories of their experiences growing up?

Jesus seems to have had a sense of humor. He changed the name Simon bar Jonah to petros -- a "rocky", a tough guy. And Peter was just that.

He called the sons of Zebedee, James, and John by the names "thunder sons" or "the thunder boys". That is humorous.

I am so positive that Jesus laughed on many occasions and enjoyed the company of people around Him, especially His closest companions -- the Twelve!

Laughing and crying are natural human functions. Often, they balance each other. And at times may happen one after another. Have you ever had things go wrong so much that you just wanted to cry and then in the next moment you might break out laughing?

But Jesus also experienced a variety of other human emotions which is sound minded and also normal. Compassion, love, care, frustrations, anger, pain, agony, relief, desire, weakness, strength, hope, despair, etc. You can add some of your own to this list.

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## **"Twice Dead" Same Sex Marriage, Supreme Court Judges** (Copyright 05-24-2025) by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

**Who Blasphemy God, Mock Marriage, and Impose Devil-Worship. *Honoring what God decreed evil by law is "State-Devil-Worship" Leviticus 20:13.*** Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito abhorred the "same sex marriage" constitutional ruling.

Judges deceitfully use the "Fourteenth Amendment" of the constitution as justification to make their diabolical "same sex marriage" constitutional ruling. It is obvious to those who are not Devil-Media possessed: The writers of the "equal protection of law" would not deny the God given distinction between male and female and that marriage is between a man and a woman.

The five Judicial Snakes who ruled "Same Sex Marriage Constitutional are doing the Devil's work. Praising the wicked and seeking justification to condemn the innocent, who will Not honor "same sex marriage" is the Devil's work.

Unless you supreme court judges who ruled "same sex marriage" constitutional **REPENT - Hell is your Destiny.** Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, if she did not repent before her death, is "twice dead." Her "second death" judgment of both body and spirit condemned to hell, has reached the place of judgment before Judgment Day. **1 Timothy 5:24 - NIV "The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of Judgment ahead of them" and John 5:24-29.**

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**Editor's Note:**

**Though I understand the anger of some and also acknowledge personally that same sex marriage is a sin, it is wrong to condemn people to the second death as that is not our job. That job belongs to God for only He knows the heart. Many of these people we look at today and see their evil actions have never known God in this life so cannot be condemned to the second death. The only people being judged at this point in time are those God has chosen at this point to be the First Fruits. All other people will get their one and only chance at a later point in time. Laura Lee**

The history of what honoring parading homosexuals and "same sex marriage" leads to is recorded in - **Genesis chapter 18 and 19**. The community of "men young and old" attacked the home of Lot demanding "bring out two men visitors so we can rape them." The homosexual mob said to Lot "we will treat you worse than them" because Lot said, "do not do this wicked thing." They ridiculed him saying "he wants to play the judge."

**Justice Anthony Kennedy, Steven Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan: Repent - or the same "twice dead" fate is awaiting you.** As Eve believed the Devil instead of God and sinned, you believe Devil-Media instead of God and sinned. Then by your "same sex marriage" ruling spread your sin to Americans and their children captives in K-12 classrooms.

**Supreme Court Judges: Words of repentance renews body, mind, and spirit.** Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Matthew 12:37 - Jesus Christ said, "By your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned." The "same sex marriage" ruling, violates our first amendment: **Imposing honor, by law, for homosexuals parading sin against God is - Devil-Worship.**

Presidential Devil-Worship Decrees: The month of - JUNE - defiled and "June Brides" mocked by President Clinton and Joe Biden. They both decreed "JUNE" honor for homosexuals parading sin against God month. **June 26, 2015, is America's National Day of Disgrace.** The day five judicial Snakes assumed authority to - Play God - dictate "good and evil" and falsely decreed "same sex marriage constitutional.

**President Trump Create This Executive Order: That will inspire America to repent and disarm "same sex marriage" political snakes. I believe God's word in Matthew 19:4-5, and God decreed marriage is between a man and a woman. "No lawmaker, state governor or Judge is to impose honor for "same sex marriage," their sexual practices or the sexual lifestyles of others on anyone or in k-12 education."**

The "same sex marriage" ruling "**discriminates**" against God and all who believe God. And justifies the "child abuse" of sexual perverts adopting and perverting children. And the blasphemy of a child having "two daddy's honored in sex-ed K-12. Ban sex education K-12, the Devil-Workshop. Send a boy or girl to school and Dr Frankenstein's child comes home.

The "fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." The fear of Devil-Media, shackles the tongue, and is the beginning of madness! Many Christian Churches and Synagogues are dead in spirit. **Wearing a mask called "love"** they invite homosexuals parading sin against God to church.

**"Twice dead" John 8:24, you will "die in your sins" if you do not believe the Son of God. Revelation 20:12 "books were opened" is your name in the "book of death"? God's Sacrifice is free "Repent" the Son of God paid our debt of sin. Jesus Christ Crucified is light that shines today and beyond the grave.**

Forward to President Trump, the retired and current supreme court justices. **America: If God's word is not the anchor of your conscious, Devil-Media and "evil is good" judicial snakes, will be your conscious!** Shackled speech and slavery of mind your future.

Genesis 1:4 "God separated light from darkness," free speech will do the same! Sowing the Word.

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

**Holy Days 2025**

**Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)**

**Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025**

**Pentecost – June 2, 2025**

**Trumpets – September 23, 2025**

**Atonement – October 2, 2025**

**Tabernacles –October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025**

**Last Great Day – October 14, 2025**

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