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εξέλθετε εξ αυτης ο λαος μου

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Featured Greek Word:

απαίδευτος (ap-ah'ee-dyoo-tos)
from 1 (as a neg. particle) and a der. of 3811; uninstructed, i.e. (fig.) stupid; - unlearned.
(II Tim 2:23)

So yes the Bible says there are stupid questions.

Featured Verse:

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. -- Ma 28:7

(και ταχυ πορευθεισαι ειπατε τοις μαθηταις αυτου οτι ηγερθη απο των νεκρων, και ιδου προαγει υμας εις την Γαλιλαιαν· εκει αυτον οψεσθε· ιδου ειπον υμιν.)

Although νεκρων can sometimes refer to a figurative death in this case it is literal as Ma 27:50 specifically states that he yielded up (αφιμυ) the ghost. Μαθηταις is in the aorist indicative passive, revealing the miraculous quality of this event. Because it is stated in the aorist tense, the implication is that the timing is either unknown or unimportant. It is also clear that the event was once and for all done and completed. The passive nature suggest that Messiah did not raise himself but that this resurrection was performed by an external force. Romans 10:7 reminds us that faith does not ask who raised him but accepts that he was raised. Οψεσθε implies not a quick glance but a gaze or prolonged inspection. This is strengthened by other scriptures where upwards to 500 people were reported to have seen, walked and talked with Him following the resurrection (I Co 15:6).

Don't be a Demas

by Michael J. Ranck

Alone in his prison cell, the Apostle Paul is awaiting certain martyrdom. He writes his last letter to his beloved friend and spiritual son, Timothy. He says, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica: Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry." (II Ti 4:9-11)

Demas and Lucas are both literal people as should be evident by the scripture. They took two different paths. When the heat was on, Demas decided to "get out of Dodge." The explanation for this, as Paul provided, was that he loved this present world. This implies that he loved the world more than Yahushua. Contrariwise Lucas decided to stay, comfort Paul, and aid his ministry.

These two people become archetypes for two types of believers. There are those like Lucas who endure the heat because of their great love for Messiah. There are those such as Demas who run from persecution in order to enjoy the pleasures of this world.

Peculiarly, the Greek names, Δημας and Λουκας, bear resemblance through assonance to two Greek words. Δημας sounds a lot like δημας which means the general public. Λουκας sounds like λαος which means a specific public that is connected by common language or common ideas (ie a nation). More importantly is, that John the Revelator used the term λαος when he quoted Messiah saying, "...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Re 18:4)

Yahushua commands His followers in many ways to be separate. He commands them to pray with out vain repetitions. He commands them to have absurd, super human, levels of love, including love for ones enemies. He commands the unobtainable level of forgiveness of seventy times seven times daily for the same offense. He commands other things of his people too in Luke 22:35-38.

As times of persecution rise and the Truth is cast aside by the δημας in favor of the lie, who will stand for His Truth? Who will be willing to seek it out and defend it? Who will be willing to lose their job or suffer imprisonment or martyrdom? For as it is written, "...Because they did not receive the

love of the Truth ... for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they might believe the lie." -- II Th 2:10-11

Who is willing to seek out Truth? Who is willing to dig for it as for gold, rubies, or silver? Have you seen the utter worthlessness of the dollar? How much oil will it really buy? Will you take my word because I speak a few Greek words or your pastor's word because of his divinity degree? Open up your Bible and read it! According to Matthew 24:15 there is an extreme need to read.

See, there is a need for a λαος as a distinct people that can be recognizably seen as salt and light. That can recognizably be seen as belonging to the Messiah. There is a need for a Laos Light. For the Messiah is coming back and coming back soon. He is coming for an, "εκκλησια that is without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;..." (Eph 5:27) That transformation process was to come by the Word (Ro 12:1-2). Are you reading it?

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Air Tax

by Michael J. Ranck

Without a doubt the Beatles seemed to have forgotten a line in the 1966, hit song, Tax Man. They got the part about taxing your seat and your feet. They could not have imagined that the government would tax the air you breathe. This is a reality already on their side of the world, where the people fall under the jurisdiction of the European Union (EU). It may soon be a reality here in America depending on the out come of the Carbon Tax legislation. This already passed the House as HR 2454 on June 26, 2009. Only the senate stands between us and an oppressive tax on the air we breathe. Of course the legislation would have to be stretched to extremes to mean such a dark sinister tax. Therefore we can "rest safely" in the arms of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and corporate America who have always had our best interest in their heart.

This law in itself would not be so disturbing if it weren't for the system of carbon credits beginning to fall into place by the United Nations (UN) and the Kyoto Treaty. This treaty is beginning to set up a global tax on Carbon Di-Oxide emissions to be paid by the nations of the earth to the United Nations for the investment in new technology to prevent further Carbon Di-Oxide emissions. The problem is that United Nations would decide what is and is not a technology that will reduce emissions.

Last November 2008 Chris Horner revealed to us on the Glenn Beck show that one of the methods of technology referred to as Carbon Offset Credits is the state mandated murders (ie abortions) of as many Chinese babies as there are US citizens. That is the total number of murdered babies (ie abortions) together with the births avoided by birth control and sterilization, since China adopted their One Child Only policy in 1979. In fact some Australian and British medical journals are already calling for similar governmental policies in the Western World.

This past June 18, 2009 another block fell into place for this evil "air tax" with the signing of the agreement between European based BlueNext and the China Beijing Environmental Exchange (CBEEEX). Currently CBEEEX auctions China's Offset Carbon Credits to European Union members through a case by case basis. This system is too visible and slow to adequately hide their evil so they are inserting a middle man in the form of BlueNext as an Offset Carbon Credit Broker. Offset Carbon Credits are in fact becoming big business in the world.

In a Bibles to Rum to Slaves trade ring fashion it works something like this... The United Nations imposes a global emissions tax on the nations. The nations in turn pass the tax along to the corporations and businesses falling under their jurisdiction. In an effort to avoid the tax the corporations and businesses go to brokers such as BlueNext to purchase an Offset Carbon Credit. These credits may be defined by the UN to mean anything from hydro-electric power, which is good, to forced population reduction, which is only good if you are an atheistic eugenicist (or is that eugeni-CYST). If the corporations and businesses decide instead to simply pay the tax, the monies are sucked up and applied towards these same "technologies" anyway.

The charges would begin as \$15/ton of CO₂. They would then increase by \$10/ton annually for five years. After the five years the increase would be \$15/ton annually unless the company being taxed is in on track with the 80% reduction of 2005 CO₂ levels that is set as the goal for 2050. These charges will be passed on to you as the consumer. In short every time you drive a car, heat your home, use your electricity, or breathe; you could be paying a hidden tax to pay for the elimination an unborn child in the Eastern World.

Well was it written in Leviticus 20:1-5 by Moses, whose teachings are enjoyed by three major world religions. Legislation such as this puts us at a

monumental position in history. This is bigger than Roe vs Wade. If these types of laws are not stopped the future for our children will be a bleak one indeed. If mass genocide is the solution to “Global Warming” then I’ll take my chances with the rising tide. Only let me be counted as he who was faithful to stand up in my day and say loud and clear to my government in non-violent protest, “Stop killing babies! It’s a sin.”

Besides the total inadequacy of this system of laws to protect the environment and the fact that it is a very thinly veiled breeding ground for eugenics and the rape of the *λαος*, there are thirty-one thousand scientists who have gone on record to say that “Global Warming” is not a reality. Among those listed is Dr. Phil Chapman. Dr. Chapman was Massachusetts’ Institute of Technology’s (MIT) Staff Physicist. He was also the Mission Scientist for the Apollo 14 mission. He states, “We need to take off the blinkers and give some thought to what we should do if we are facing global cooling instead.”

In fact there has been much evidence lately that the icebergs and ice caps are growing and ocean temperatures (as recorded by UN Buoys) are falling. According to the Chicago Tribune July 8, 2009 is the coolest day that Chicago has seen in 118 years. Likewise the temperature there has stayed below 70° F twelve times this years since June 1, 2009. This might all seem to be cherry picked data but that seems to be the mantra of both camps in this issue. Quite frankly there is just not enough substantial evidence to justify a global tax and the murder of more babies. The likelihood of having our children taken out by “global warming” or Al Qaeda is pretty much about zero. The likelihood of losing our grandchildren to eugenicists and power hungry bureaucrats is... Well I’ll leave that up to my readers to decide.

Pastor Joseph

by Michael J. Ranck

What do you do when a group of men beat you to the point of unconsciousness and let you spend the night locked in a room only to come in and beat you again at 5 AM? The answer to pastor Joseph was to respond with the loving Old, Old Story. He preached to his persecutors about how Yahushua was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He preached to them about His birth and resurrection. Then he told them it was their turn to do whatever they liked because he had been very bold. Pastor Joseph attributed all of the glory to Messiah.

The result was that the leader of the attackers was brought to tears, called off the attack and even received a bible from Joseph. He listened as Pastor Joseph taught that Jesus required that we should love one another. He listened as Pastor Joseph explained about Jesus’ Blood that was shed for all. The leader of the attackers was so moved that he even asked Pastor Joseph for his forgiveness and the two men hugged.

This happened in Pakistan where the citizens have freedom to worship as they please according to the Islamic Republic government. Some of the citizens however hold fast to Shariah law. This form of law requires that, “Christians are guilty of of rejecting Muhammad, Islam’s prophet, and are thus punishable by imprisonment or death.”

So while Pastor Joseph was going from shop to shop peacefully distributing bibles in the main bazaar of the city, a beggar approached him asking for money. Instead of paying him he gave him a bible and prayed for him. He told him the Gospel Message.

As soon as Pastor Joseph looked up from praying six men were standing around him. They began to beat him, as described earlier. In the night when he was locked in the room awaiting his morning beating, he felt a presence touch him. He remembered Revelation 2:10, “Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” This empowered him to show love the following morning while they beat him.

Without saying, Pastor Joseph’s courage and dedication to the principals of Messiah are to be commended. For him to stand up for Truth lovingly and as a man of courage in the midst of such circumstances, exposes the complacency of American churches for what it is, sin. Revelation 21:8 speaks harsh and mysterious words for cowards. Cowardice comes in two varieties those who hide behind a gun as terrorists and those who just hide. If we must hide then let it be beneath the shadow of YHWH’s wings until these calamities pass. Should we pray for Pastor Joseph or pray we can be more like him?

Theophilus of Alexandria

by Michael J. Ranck

It was a time of conflict in a world shifting power away from the pagan establishment towards Christianity. The Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church, that is the Christian church in Egypt, was Theophilus of Alexandria. He served from 385-412 AD.

He caused a stir in 391 AD when he discovered a hidden pagan temple by publicly displaying articles from the temple in mockery. The local pagans were rabid and attacked the Christians in retribution. This inevitably sparked a retaliation causing the pagans to retreat to Serapeum, the Temple of the Hellenistic Egyptian god Serapis. Theophilus followed the edict of Emperor Theodosius I and destroyed the temple, but pardoned the people.

First Theophilus and his army cleaned out the Mithraeum, worship place of an ancient mystery religion. They next completely destroyed the Serapeum. He had the phallus of Priapus, the male reproductive organ of a minor fertility god, paraded through the open square, as if to show he’d been neutered. All of the temples of the region were utterly destroyed. Their idols were melted down into pots and utensils for use by the Coptic Church. The stones from these ruined temples were used to build a church.

Meanwhile, a rift had been steadily growing in the church between two camps. First there were the followers of Origen, including John Chrysostom (meaning silver mouth for his eloquent speaking), with all of their allegorical interpretations of scriptures leading to a kind of gnosticism. Then there were others like Theophilus who wished to preserve the traditional understanding of scripture as passed down. At first John Chrysostom and Theophilus worked together in their efforts to establish church unity between Flavian and Rome, but then they fell into disunity themselves and even outright war.

Theophilus and Archpresbyter Isidore had been in disagreement, causing Isidore to flee Theophilus’ retribution at the protection of the monks who followed Origen. Theophilus led an all out crusade to go and destroy Origen’s monasteries. These monks fled to Constantinople to seek protection and favor of John Chrysostom and the emperor.

Theophilus was called upon to explain his actions. He listed a number of extraordinary charges against Origen and his followers including bizarre beliefs such as: reincarnation, mixing astrology with Christianity, possible redemption for demons, cutting themselves in magical rituals, and many others. Origen’s own writings seem to indicate that the majority of these charges are true although exaggerated and somewhat misunderstood. This summit called, the Synod of Alexandria, ended with John Chrysostom condemned and exiled. This occurred in 401 AD. This sentence was not immediate, however because a series of events, that were seemingly supernatural, frightened the empress. Additionally, John was very popular with the people. Eventually John was banished.

At the Synod of the Oak in 403 AD Theophilus made relative peace with the followers of Origen. In 410 AD Theophilus appointed Synesius as Bishop although he had not been baptized and followed the Origen style teaching of allegorical interpretation of Scripture. When Theophilus died, his nephew Cyril was eventually named his successor after a bitter dispute resulting in riots.

With no certain origin and his history of violence and contention, there is little value that could be subscribed to his writings. His writings survived mainly in fragments and mostly pertain to the fallacy of the teaching of Origen. There value is more of a historical rather than a spiritual nature.

This period of church history known as the Origen Controversy is a defining moment in the history of the church. The divide between literal and allegorical interpretation of scripture had caused a rift that has never completely healed. In truth the flaw is in believing that scripture should be interpreted at all. Scripture is not interpreted it is revealed. In short scripture is for “he that has ears to hear” or in other words those who love the Truth.

Canola the Mutant

by Michael J. Ranck

Yes it is true canola, the plant from which canola oil is derived is essentially a mutant plant. It is not a genetically modified organism (GMO) but it is still what I would call a franken-vegetable. It was derived from a process known as mutagenesis.

The plant from which canola is derived, is rapeseed. Rapeseed is toxic to humans. Rather than simply accepting this and not consuming it the more “intelligent” among men decided to “make it” non-toxic. To do so they would grow rapeseed and subject each generation of the plant to radiation in order to mutate the DNA. This process was repeated until a non-toxic variety was found. They named this canola after Canada where it is grown.

Mutagenesis is different from gene insertion or food irradiation. Gene insertion involves directly changing the DNA of an organism and food irradiation is a method using radiation to kill microbes in our food. In any case both mutagenesis and gene insertion involve the changing of a naturally organism into one which is foreign to the environment and the food chain. If you still wish to eat things fried in canola, bon appetite.

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