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## YEAR 2015      **SUMMER PARABLES IN LIFE**

July 1, 2015 at 5:09pm ·

No one can convince me (or Many People, incl many of my FB friends!) otherwise: The FACT that LORD God Named YHWH (Exodus 3:14-15, Isiah 42:6) CREATED the Universe IS mentioned FAR more than **just** in Genesis & Psalms-- AND logically, He certainly

- (1) has **More Than Enough Power** to control His Bible,
- (2) has **More Than Enough Power** to give us wisdom- if we ask- to perceive any mistranslations, per James 1:5-6 & John 14:26 promise from Jesus, & etc.

Re 2nd Timothy 3:16: I believe God ALSO inspired VERSE ASSIGNMENTS that help us teach His word. **There are SO many patterns**-- like how often 3:16 is a significant verse in Bible books. What brought this to mind this moment: Looking up JOHN 6:66 again- People CHOSE to take offense at Truth Jesus taught. Satan's #666 - EASY to remember Bible "address" of Satan's moment of victory-- that God easily has conquered. John 6:66 > God still gives CHOICE to walk away.

July 3, 2015 at 1:10pm ·

REVIEW of book by Paul Copan, IS GOD A MORAL MONSTER? Making Sense of the Old Testament God.... which I bought and am still reading often..... I'm utterly confused how so many of the same church going Christians who declare 2nd Timothy 3:16 to be true-- that God inspired ALL scriptures in His Bible -- will then start **bashing** Paul for his writings. \*God\* guided the words-

We can't claim Paul supported "slavery" the way we think of it from American or British history, just because Paul told masters to be good. "*Whoever kidnaps someone, either to sell him or **to keep him as a slave is to be put to death.***" – Exodus 21:16

We all (should have) learned about indentured servants in elementary school history. This book review addresses

- (1) description of "slaves" in Israel - including that their situation was **NOT anything** like slaves in American history;
- (2) description of the evil that God wanted **ended** by peoples in lands that Israel entered-- no different from sending soldiers to end the evil of Nazis -- including STOPPING CHILD SACRIFICE, throwing children on fires to try to get blessed by fake gods... and
- (3) dietary laws & etc. that are GOOD for us.

July 3, 2015 at 12:33pm ·

So many people think God won't LAUGH in DERISION (Psalm 2) if we simply sing GOD BLESS AMERICA and quote God's promises in 2nd Chronicles 7:14 (If My people pray...).

THEY **never** keep quoting God's ALSO Promises in verses 19-20, "**BUT if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, 20 then I will uproot them** from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples." ...

Not hard to see which verses increasingly best describe America.....

.... the land that God allowed to be "discovered" by Columbus in 1492 -- the VERY year that the Spanish queen & king decided to promise to KILL any Jews who did not flee out of Spain before the Spanish Inquisition started: God set up America for His people.... and for those willing to be Grafted In (Romans 11 based on Jeremiah 33).

July 3, 2015 at 11:54am ·

Don't you hate it when people tell others what YOU think, when you didn't say it?.... Noah, Daniel, and Job -- 2x, Ezekiel describes ALL these men as real (chap 14). James too, of Job (5:11) in usual theme: PERSEVERE: GOD WILL BRING YOU THRU: TRUST HIM & WAIT (Psalm 46:10)... I've increasingly come to realize that God's telling of Job's life is Also about FALSE PROPHECY. "To prophesy" doesn't always mean "to tell the future"- DOES always means "to speak God's Word to others"../..

Job's 3rd' friend' Eliphaz begins (chapter 4) by complimenting Job & moves (Ch 15 & 22) to *blaming* & *blasting* Job. The BITS he says often are true-- 22:30 actually is prophetic, saying of The LORD, "He will even deliver one who is not innocent."

But just as you & I don't like others saying WE said what we didn't -- God understandably got really angry at the FALSE words that Eliphaz & Co claimed that God was saying about Job.

July 4, 2015 at 2:00pm ·

TV re-run of Mr. Belvedere: Wesley (age 10) learns that a boy in a dif city sold the most cookies; gave away his prize Week in Disneyland to a sick kid with cancer; & was rewarded with TWO-week trip to D by some rich guy. So Wesley works hard, wins prize for selling most cookies in HIS city; -- and then gives away his prize for a week in Disneyland to a local kid with cancer expecting that \*HE\* will get rewarded with a doubled, 2-week trip. THEN he does gets some newspaper praise but NO trip, no \$, no other reward. Wesley gets mad & wants "his trip" back.... // ...

Reminds me of some churches I visit often enough to see a pattern: EVERY call to bring an offering is preceded with a PROMISE that God will reward the gift by blessing the giver. YES: 2nd Corin 9 & Luke 6:38 are TRUTHS of God. But how SAD when churches "**bribe**" givers instead of teaching us to give in LOVE & obedience to GOD, without expecting reward.

July 5, 2015 at 11:44pm

Jesus used "real life" parables all the time to illustrate God's Truths! I think God is pretty cool to have so many patterns that "draw our eyes" to Him. PHOTO: This is **Laminin - a molecule. THE protein that holds human beings together. Notice its shape: Like a CROSS.** It's AMAZING that God PLANNED far into the future. Created the very thing that makes us to remind us of Jesus. God formed each human to not only live as an image of Christ (2nd Corin 3:18), but to never escape the fact that all humans are branded by the Cross! **Colossians 1:17** states, "He [Christ] is before all things, and **in him all things hold together.**"

July 6, 2015 at 10:02pm

2nd Thessalonians 3:13 sounds tiring- telling us to keep doing Good. The earlier letter, 5:17, gives the key: PRAY constantly!

YET: How compassionate our LORD is to repeatedly, understandingly encourage us to keep on keeping on!! My favorite words of reassurance from Him include 2nd Corinthians 1:4 (comfort others as He comforts you) & Hebrews 12:3 (Jesus endured more than us... He understands our weariness on all topics. ... incl re churches).

July 8, 2015 at 12:55pm

WHY SHOULD WE WORRY? How that insults God!! Psalm 33:22 is just ONE comfort our Loving LORD inspired to be written.... "Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You."... // ...

Our Nation deserves whatever our Holy God decides on... But as God tells us thru Words like 1st Peter 3:15, we should PREPARE to tell "everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you" - God's Truths. HOW CAN WE SHARE JESUS'S GOSPEL with people if we keep Speaking Fear in churches, in our conversations, on Twitter or Facebook etc? Who will believe they can trust Jesus when His people just speak complaints, condemnations, & fear?

July 9, 2015 at 2:34am

SUMMARY of main differences between the True God and what is called **allah**:

- "First, in Islam, **allah** ("God" who has NO son, declares the Koran) is *utterly* unknowable. To think in terms of a God who can be known and who desires a relationship with his creatures is actually considered *blasphemous*. He is a distant God who is to be feared and obeyed "or else".
- In place of relationship, there is only submission to this **allah** that only reveals his will -- NOT himself (obviously since no evidence it's a true concept, no Answered Prayers as evidence) but thru a disorganized & contradictory book.
- ALL prayers are thus rituals... memorized prayers are offered five times a day to appease a transcendent force with no personal interest in his creatures.
- Only way to "heaven" is by "good works"... which includes killing infidels when possible: and telling the truth to other "believers" but not required for "infidels".

- Declares that any unbeliever is to be murdered as a Form of worship.....

**Contrast that with the God of the Bible,**

- who reveals himself, answers PRAYERS BEYOND STATISTICAL LIKELIHOOD,
- cares about EVEN people who do NOT worship Him....
- knocks at the door of our heart, and encourages us to enter into an ever-increasing relationship with him.

JESUS, unlike any **allah**,

- calls us who believe, trust & honor Him, his "friends" (John 15:15).
- AND tells us to LOVE enemies... not to kill them, though God allows for defense, incl. stopping those who murdered children on altars to worship Baal and other fake Gods.
- And does not want ANY ONE to die: 2nd Peter 3:8

**July 10, 2015 at 1:07pm** ·

A crazy tufted titmouse suddenly has been beating on my bedroom window for an hour each AM. First day, I laughingly refilled birdfeeder thinking it was his hint; it wasn't. He hangs onto screen, spreads his tail, acts frantic but won't fly away when I come to window. I wish I could talk to him to calm him down before he hurts himself. If I could just become a bird for a few moments .. // .. as God became Man for a few years. LOVELY comfort reminder from Him in Hebrews 2:18 > "Since He himself has gone thru suffering & testing, He is able to help us...."

**July 11, 2015 at 10:43am** · 2 pictures BRAIN:

We put STRESS on our bodies when telling lies: Scientists see different parts of brain light up in MRI Imaging tests when people lie: Many more cells light up during decision making: Like how to avoid speaking truth. EVIDENCES that God made us with science health reasons to speak Truth. The Creator's Sin List in the Bible/ Revelation ends with Loving to Lie.

**July 13, 2015 at 7:29pm**

Even non-Christians of any flavor should be supporting the freedoms of choice that is given in our constitution. Sweet Cakes had previously sold cakes to these ingrate customers but the owners were personally nauseated by the concepts that go with a wedding cake. AND:

What are CHURCHES doing to help people persecuted by Name Calling of "Prejudice" or "Intolerance" that does not apply to their beliefs in what GOD clearly, repeatedly said. Even tho the easy Go Fund Me method has been denied, the Law can't stop Americans from receiving gifts to be used for any purpose they want, including for paying UN-just fines. EVERY person's freedom is at risk: REMEMBER:

Martin Niemöller QUOTE re Hitler days [which has been adapted & added to his words by other people]:

"First they came for the Communists,  
and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew.....  
Then they came for me,  
and by that time there was no one left  
to speak up for me.

**Are our churches who Stand on God's truth**

going to pool resources to help out victims of

**prejudice by people demanding we not Stand on God's Truth?**

The World is watching to see. So is God.

July 14, 2015 at 8:20am ·

<<WITH PHOTO OF BRAIN where electrical impulses light up more when person is lying.>>

EACH time we are with someone- in person, by phone, etc- we make decisions: Will I speak aloud what I am thinking, or modify it when I speak?

Then the hearer has decisions: Will I BELIEVE it? ..//..

That was the fascinating science info in my July 11th post & Brain photo re MRI medical imaging's possible ability to discern LYING... EACH time we pray- we make decisions: Will I speak honestly with God, or modify it so I won't "bother" Him with "unimportant" prayers... or ones that would be, uhhh, maybe too honest? ....//.....

But God's Holy Spirit has no decisions on whether to believe: He (not "it", btw) ALWAYS knows our True thoughts. AND... I believe with all my heart... the LORD is pleased when we are completely honest: Even when we have doubts about HIM.

One of the most PEACEFUL scriptures is Jesus's response in Mark 9:23+> The dad cried, "I believe-- Help Thou my unbelief!" And Jesus... simply answered with Healing.

DIRECT LINK to post re MRI brain scans & Lying experiments:

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/733059406821789:0?pnref=story>

**14 July 2015 4:16 pm**

One of the best compliments I've received after praying for a friend who isn't saved was "you don't sound all churchy.!" I explained it didn't have to be that way but to speak from the heart as you would to a friend. He seemed intrigued as he mulled the possibility of an approachable GOD.

I'm continually astounded by how hard it is for Christians to explain to others that THE LORD God is far, far different from ANY other concepts of a god including the concept of *allah* who leaders claim demands prayers 5x a day (rote recitations) ... but there's never any evidence of an allah who is NOT reported to have a personal relationship with anyone even listening to, much less answering, a personal prayer. Such an amazing God surely is exciting to share to others!

July 15, 2015 at 11:08pm

There's a horribly disturbing photo from a movie of Jesus bloody & badly beaten lying on the cross on the stones-- that asks, "Would you help Jesus up?"

Over 3,000 replies was the number count; I reviewed about 50-- all but 2 said yes!.....

So, not being a passive type person, I added a comment that will get so buried in the numbers that probably few will notice: >>

Yet Matthew 25:40 & 45 >> Most Christians would say yes. BUT since Jesus said "what you do for others you do for me", the REAL question is:

WOULD YOU HELP SOMEONE ON THE STREET LIKE THIS? (Honestly?)

July 15, 2015 at 8:46am

How would YOU like to get blamed alone with others in your group after you had fought & FOUGHT to convince them of the Right & Just thing to do??? That IS the sad thing happening to Chief Justice John Roberts and fellow justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas & Samuel Alito. It's so SAD to hear people say "THE SUPREME COURT APPROVES \_\_\_" when in fact 4 of them simply LOST the vote-- and **now are getting blamed** for what they did NOT do! We should remember to support, praise the 4 who fought and lost in decisions set by the 5 justices whose decisions are DIS- approved vehemently by 1000s in America. It's ONLY by God's patient GRACE have not yet called down fire & brimstone on America....

July 16, 2015 at 11:31am

What is *WITH* all the posts I see? >> People write, "This is a test to see who is REALLY my friend: If you are, post just one word below....."

Come on, people----- we're NOT in 3rd grade! Sorry, my friends... I really enjoy following ideas of ALL the people I've friended via Facebook (or else I'd have quietly deleted your name from my list & you couldn't read this! :) ) ..... But I really get annoyed by childish posts that accuse me of not caring about the person if I don't cave in to such demands for proof.....//.....

And assuredly there's some parable there. **Imagine how annoyed God must be, after all He's done for us, when our prayers sort of demand that He proves His love by responding with a reply to "this little request".**

July 18, 2015 at 10:28am ·

Peter (who had experience giving into temptation of FEAR that denies Jesus Christ) has reminded people for **centuries** that Satan is like a roaring lion wanting to DEVOUR us all: From Jesus's words in John 10:10 >> Peter's warning in 1st Peter 5:8. But when we run to YHWH Jehovah God (James 4:7-8),

Satan is like a little weak kitten. Of course, we can GO boldly into the world only after we COME boldly to God's Throne. Hebrews 4:16... our choice: "LET US therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain Mercy and find Grace to HELP in time of need."

July 20, 2015 ·

Feeling bummed out this AM. Before going to funeral home... friend Dorothy... yesterday, I looked in mirror & realized that I probably should stop wearing my favorite necklace, bought for 3 bucks at King's Dominion 4 yrs ago. A cross that reminds me of God's Great Sacrifice, given with Love. On a cord that reminds me of God's Great Covenant, Given with Love: Rainbow colored....

So sad how easily people "fall for" Satan taking God's wonderful gifts (like His Rainbow PROMISE of Grace") & words, and turn them to "ordinary" - or even to represent what God calls Evil. So if I wear my favorite necklace, it may seem as if I favor what the Facebook app for profile pics calls "PRIDE".

Hey-- just this instant realized: That's what GOD calls it, too. Satan proudly thinking he IS & knows BETTER than God (Luke 10:18) & conning people to think the same. Feeling bummed, yet knowing Philippians 4>> God helps us out of our funks.

July 23, 2015 at 4:39pm \_\_ RADAR IMAGE OVER U.S.

National Weather Service RADAR detected a swarm of bugs nearly 50 miles wide over western North Texas on 22 July 2015. We don't think about it much, but all the TINY MIRACLES of our world like insects can GROW to be a POWER BEYOND US--- and The LORD God Creator can easily create locust swarms again if he wants. God even used hornets to keep enemies away from His people Israel- to SAVE & PROTECT: Deuteronomy 7 & Joshua 24.

July 24, 2015 at 8:37am ·

Matthew 24:20, Jesus speaking: ""And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath." Obviously the Son of God expected reverence for God's definition of Sabbath & not working on it to still exist in our not yet come future. Grace forgives repented sins-- not presumptuous ones re-defining God's definitions.....

"For it is not those who hear the Law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the Law who will be declared righteous" Romans 2:13.

\*\*\* "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. DO what it says" James 1:22. God's GRACE forgives us when we break His COMMANDS &

STATUTES for which even Jesus gives NO expiration date: Matthew 5:18 & 19 as well as the oft quoted verse 17.

July 24, 2015 at 7:44am ·

Woke up this AM with that "Today's an IMPORTANT day... what IS it???" feeling. *Know* it's a birthday for 3 important men in my life : So that's not "it".

Nothing on my appointment calendar.

Then checked the Hebrew calendar: It's TOMORROW::: A fast day-- the NINTH OF AV.... a day that should remind us to TRUST & OBEY the LORD. For the 9th of Av = July 25th this year = the Remembrance of the **Date when the people of God REFUSED to go into the Promised Land-- INSULTED God** by listening to 10 fear-filled men instead of, like Caleb & Joshua, trusting the LORD Who had saved them from Egyptians & done miracle after miracle, incl rolling back the Red Sea & feeding 1,000s in a dry desert for weeks... see Numbers 13 & 14.

In 2015: as before:

NOW people of Israel-- PLUS (Hosea 2:23 prophecy) many Christians FAST IN SORROW-- and in AWE & FEAR of the Holy God who's REMINDED us of His Righteous ANGER when we "call Him a Liar" by-- in a statistically VERY low chance of "coincidence" -- arranging for for some terrible things to "coincidentally" happen on that date--> see tomorrow's post.

July 25, 2015. 9th of Av

Today, many People are Fasting & PRAYING that God get us thru another 9th OF AV safely, blessed by God. **IT IS NOT SUPERSTITION.... IT IS HONORING GOD, humbly REMEMBERING all the times we have not.....** Considering the way our World News has been in the past few years especially: We really should fast & pray with His chosen people Israel that He protect us and our Nation... That He protect us by His GRACE even though we deserve anything He chooses to allow.

**Fascinating 9th OF AV HISTORY:**

Mathematically intriguing LINK: <http://www.chabad.org/.../What-happened-on-the-Ninth-of-Av.htm>

An even LONGER Detailed List of events that seem beyond coincidence is at <https://lamarzulli.wordpress.com/.../the-9th-of-av-an-excerpt.../> - where L. A. Marzulli describes "The Supernatural hatred of the Jews" as so evil that he points out the real possibility that God's enemy Satan (John 10:10, John 8:44, Luke 10:18- our Foe too) is **actively INCITING people to hate God's chosen Israel.**

July 26, 2015 at 8:17am ·

The **PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING** that Jesus promised (John 14:27, Phil 4:7) is Fun & Astounding to watch develop as we grow to Trust our LORD... to Trust His Love & Ability to keep His promises.

Dreamed a gym floor held dozens of glass shards-- and **children** were starting to walk out there barefooted. I warned the parents & officials, but they just mocked. I didn't



want to look obnoxious-- but cared about the children more. The person in charge said she'd move the glass if I came up to her office:: I had to face a super steep ladder of pipes with lots of spaces- over a pool.

But I rejected my terror & began climbing... ANYTHING to help these children..... and it was FUN to watch that person stop laughing as I got closer. ...

**Satan too thinks he'll always WIN... but with GOD on our side because we RAN to Him at HIS invitation (James 4:7-8 and Jesus's Parable of the Prodigal Son).... Satan stops laughing pretty soon as we STAND with GOD!**

**July 27, 2015.**

**PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING** doesn't happen the second we accept Jesus as the LORD of our life, like turning on a light bulb. God tells us HIS Holy Spirit helps us to grow to reflect Him more & more over time (2nd Corinthians 3:18), but it's only by us trustingly accepting His help & acting on it-- Despite Fears of our phobias (inc Failure) & Fears of people mocking us.

And JOY comes from realizing how much we **frustrate** Satan's plans when we trustingly follow our LORD's and teach others the Peace of trusting God more than our Feelings that Satan so loves to try to manipulate.

July 28, 2015 at 10:04pm ·

EXPERIMENT: Don't ask people you meet      *"How ARE you?!"*  
Instead, ask      *"Are you happy?" ...*

Joy is being at peace despite bad events in Life-- or in someone's that we Care About.... **And this Different Question indicates to the person we're talking to, "I CARE about you." ...**

*"Happy"* is just a feeling: and we can REJECT unhappy feelings. PHOTO: Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy. GOD's Word Picture: Philippians 4: When we think on What is good-- God-- and trust Him, we can have joy. Even when we're not feeling happy.

July 28, 2015 at 12:24am ·

DID YOU KNOW?? >> Israel's people are about as secular as America's- even leaders. My info source: A rabbi who considers it YHWH's ministry to come to America a few months a year to both teach & share first hand news.... Tonight at Studio, we recorded scriptures for upcoming Jeremiah 24-27 section songs re Return of God's people to Israel from being scattered thru world. As I drove home late, I suddenly realized:

PERSECUTED Jews are returning!!.... With many STORIES of how LORD YHWH saved them. Quite likely: God's fulfilling of more than 700 prophecy verses of Aliyah ("coming up" to Israel) will bring about a Great Awakening to once again see how the LORD who saved the remnant for centuries STILL can. LINK TO PROPHECIES: [http://www.tarshish.org.il/Aliyah\\_Scriptures.htm](http://www.tarshish.org.il/Aliyah_Scriptures.htm) ...

July 30, 2015 at 3:00pm · PHOTO with caption: "WRECKED CHURCH"

It is WRONG, this photographer's caption following a hurricane ten years ago. Description says, "The pews are all that remain at Our Savior Lutheran Church & School", West Palm Beach, Florida, Oct. 26, 2005.

A RIGHT caption would be: **The TRUE church- the People- Continues**

**On!** Because THEY **HAVE** kept right on, helping others despite all this destruction.... & trusting God's Romans 8:28 promise to bring good from bad.....

*Photo source: "From Katrina to Wilma: 10 Photos That Capture the Devastation of the 2005 Hurricane Season", AccuWeather.com article by Katy Galimberti .*

July 30, 2015 at 10:22am ·

WHO is allah? allah is NOT a being, NOT a name, according to what God-His-Name-Is-Yahweh (YHWH) guided to be written in 1 Chronicles 16:26.

SO: What's the difference between YHWH LORD God & CONCEPT called "allah"? ... SUPER easy answer! But most Christians either

- (1) don't teach about false gods still worshiped, or
- (2) discourage people with either TMI [too much unnecessary info] or claims that "It's Too Hard To Understand". <Like they do re O.T. or Revelation: **Also Wrong!!** >

**FIRST:** John 14:26 & James 1:5, If you **WANT** to know, God **will** help you.

**2ND:** 1st Peter 3:15, God **COMMANDS** that we study & **SPEAK** the Reason for the **HOPE** that is in us.

Simple answer: No one ever has (or even expects) prayer answers from "allah" yet statistical math shows Evidence that YHWH answers. Only God CARES-- and even invites UNbelievers to respectfully test Him! > Malachi 3:10.

July 31, 2015 at 6:47pm ·

**DOES ALLAH ANSWER PRAYERS?** The "strategically correct" answer is in the LINK & comment below. It's SO sad.... >>

- **Even worshipers of allah DON'T expect any personal answers** to prayers--- other than "to be destroyed" if they DON'T repeatedly pray exactly the right way & times.
- God CARES & answers prayers beyond statistical probability -- EVEN to people who don't quite BELIEVE He will (Malachi 3:10).

So... WHO is this allah that people of Islam pray to 5x a day? NOT a real being- See what God guided written in 1st Chron 16:26.

- Many Christians mistakenly **talk as IF allah is a real being;**
- of course, similar to C.S. Lewis's THE LAST BATTLE (Narnia tale), Satan might "**appropriate**" to himself praises people give --- under ANY NAME they used, including "allah" for the Islam concept called a god:
- God WHO STATISTICALLY **\*\*DOES\*\* ANSWER PRAYERS \*\*BEYOND\*\* CHANCE** prompted Jeremiah to write in 11:12, ".. [They] will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but **they [the concepts of these**

**false gods] will not save them at all in the time of their trouble!"** ..// Like those in 1st Kings 18 who expected Baal to answer their 100s of priests ...

**"For ALL the gods of the peoples are idols,  
But the LORD made the heavens." -- 1 Chronicles 16:26.**

And idols are described by God in Isaiah 44 etc:

**USELESS. UN-CARING.**

First Kings 18:26, "So they [450 prophets of Baal] took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and **called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered."**

LINK to a life-long Muslim's answer to the opening question-- which includes that Muslims are trying to make allah look more acceptable to Christians by saying things that have NOT been taught to Muslims:

[http://www.answering-islam.org/au.../alfadi/allah\\_prayers.html](http://www.answering-islam.org/au.../alfadi/allah_prayers.html)

**August 1, 2015 at 11:13am · PARABLE**

Sigh. I've lost my electric phone charger. I have several choices:

- (1) Get mad at phone company for deliberately making odd connectors- and changing design every few months (*grrrr...*) ;
- (2) Get mad at The World because Problems are SO everyday;
- (3) Get mad at \*me\* for a \$20 mistake; or
- (4) Get praising God for yet another example: Even though we people keep making stupid mistakes, He still cares. Even when His method of Help is to let us learn to trust Him thru problems without Him always saying "Yes" to our specific prayer. OH YEAH:
- (5) And pray to find it. After all, one of my most emphasized teachings to the H.S. & College youth was: If YOU care about "it", then God who LOVES you cares!- Just honestly talk with Him :) - 1st Thes 5:17, Pray Always without "screening" what you'll pray. God knows our thoughts anyway!

**August 3, 2015 at 8:56am ·**

Question, asked quietly just for consideration: If your mom told you she loves mums & carnations and asked you to plant her a garden... **and you decided that she'd prefer roses so Gifted her with those instead... Does it really honor her? ..//..**

Paul did repeatedly write God's inspired words (2 Tim 3:16) that Jesus freed us from the ENMITY of the Law (Ephesians 2:15&16 must be read with 14 and without the italics word added in 15 that change the meaning-- the death penalty for breaking it. But Jesus said Matthew 5:18 & 19 as well as 17. And God thru out the first 5 books alone repeatedly spoke of His Covenant forever. And... **even if God doesn't condemn us** for eating shellfish & etc, **our Father has SAID** what He likes.

Doesn't it honor GOD to do it just because He said what He really wanted?

August 3, 2015 at 8:36am ·

SNOWFLAKES & SUNS.

Physicists say no 2 of EITHER are like any other.

AND we'd be burnt to a crisp if our solar system's main light source wasn't a **SPECK** compared to other suns n size and intensity.

100 billion stars in our galaxy ALONE-- and they're all different. **CHANCE?**

**No, not a \*chance\* of convincing many-a Logic Thinker that all this "just happened", anymore than that proverbial monkey "just happening" to type up a dictionary.** SCIENTIFIC METHOD says you *objectively* look at all

evidence, NO MATTER what you are HOPING is True:

Including all these Evidences of an Imaginative- and Humorous!- Artist Designer, NOT just those you WANT to be true. God will never Prove Himself because otherwise we'd not have a chance to have FAITH in Him. Hebrews 11:1 easy to remember :)  
(Photo sources: Reddit;com ... Rev. Cohen)

August 4, 2015 at 10:24pm ·

Chess strategy, looking many moves ahead:

If you were Satan & were upset that a leader or a church was serving God in a mighty way, what would you do? Usually easy:

- Put in a few people's heads some lies to spread about the leader or church--
- Convince the leader that it's his or hr fault --
- Convince the leader that if God REALLY CARED, then God WOULD HELP.
- Convince people to forget Hebrews 12:3... Telling us to remember Jesus was rejected, mocked.... and thus we have no need to lose hope.

And Then... You'd think after all these centuries, people would have learned to research articles before blasting accusations across Facebook-- Good that some admit they don't know if an article is true & ask for more info. John 8:44- Jesus said Satan = Father of Lies, from the Beginning. Satan has lots of fun when we don't research Internet Gossip.

- (1) Gets people thinking **Christians in general are gullible fools**, and
- (2) gets those who are truly seeking Truth to DOUBT they can trust ANY Christians.

August 4, 2015 ·

One of our daughters was afraid of grass. Yes.... the green plants. At 18 months she'd stand on grass with arms flailed out, crying 'til I picked her up: Memory flotsam during an old MONK show-- he too feared grass.

Psalms 23, God MAKES us His sheep (Ezekiel 34) LIE DOWN in green grass. John 6:10, Jesus told disciples to MAKE people sit down before He fed them... Greek word: NOT just "tell"..... //... WHY DID GOD inspire emphasis, "Now there was Much Grass in the place."??? ... Consider: To make us THINK of Psalm 23, of JESUS as the LORD our Shepherd, like Ezekiel 34 says.

What if someone refused? > Too Proud to sit on grass like a common person?

Too Materialistic to risk staining clothes? ... Consider: .... **STANDING sheep are picking their Own grass choices...** Can WE get fed Jesus's truths if we consider OUR opinion about sitting in grass as Above HIS command to humbly Sit? ... ask,  
"Can \*I\* be filled by God if I put MY preferences above His commands?...."

August 5, 2015 at 11:23pm ·

When I visit Mom, I often see something I'd forgotten all about, tucked away on her (many) knick knack shelves. Yesterday: A green Woolworth's Department Store aquarium castle, of an indescribable green. My first thought: **WHEN did we have a goldfish?!** Eventually remembered that when I was about 7, my brother and I nagged Dad into one at the dime store on a rare trip to downtown. Then remembered: Mom was pretty mad about it. THEN: And we 2 were heartbroken 4 wks later when the fish died.

**Dad had good intentions & wanted to give us our "heart's desire", but Mom knew from experience what would happen....** Why is it so hard for me-- us-- to realize? > Sometimes people who love us want to get for us our "heart's desires" -- **but God knows that we'll suffer for it, tries to warn us to not use His gift of free will to insist on our own way** - which will hurt us? Not getting a "yes" to our wants does NOT mean God doesn't love us!

August 7, 2015 at 9:56am · Walking down the hall waiting for Day 2 of a huge Global Leadership Summit Conference to start, I heard 1 lady ask another: "What is the ONE thing we can **take back and REALLY do** to change things?" They were bouncing ideas as I got too distant to hear... but I knew right off what MY answer would be: Bill Hybels spoke of the KEY MOMENT that changed his life as he struggled to figure out ~age 22 what God wanted him to do: His mind was reeling with this Q as a super-high-up professor concluded his lecture. So he went to the office of the prof (who had another lecture in 20 min) to say, "Do you have a few minutes? Your lectures have my mind reeling."... >>>

The professor had 2 options: (1) Politely explain his time crunch and refer Hybels to an assistant, or (2) what he did: Invited Hybels to sit, listened a few minutes with sympathy & encouragement, & invited him to come later in week to meet at lunch & discuss the questions more fully. Hybels said: If that professor had not shown caring concern, he might have just given up his ideas of starting Willow Creek Church with the goal of creating fellowships where people who had GIVEN UP on church felt, once again, cared for. Shepherded.

ONE THING I would say we can each take to REALLY change things is this:

Remember that it is the LORD who quite often makes appointments FOR us-- **puts someone in our path**.... When we remember that constantly, we'll grow more like

Jesus at that well, meeting "just a woman"... **who shared His message truths further to help MORE people**... 2nd Corinthians 3:18, acting (with the Holy Spirit's help-- also in vs 18) in ways that more & more reflect Him. Even when we're in a rush.

August 9, 2015 at 7:16am · another SERMONS I'VE NEVER HEARD

Why was it that a little boy had his lunch late in the day when no one else did-- out of 5,000 men not counting women and children?

**I think it was because he was so enthralled listening to Jesus, that he never even thought about distracting himself to eat.....** May we be the same, setting aside whatever distracts us. And that, in God's Ephesians 3:20-21 empowering, will give us more to give to God for Him to give to others. May you find much peace & *Excitement* about God's Truths as you listen to & worship Him today.

August 12, 2015 at 11:33am ·

Our Creator gave us some wonderful parables via... sigh.. weeds. Been fighting exhaustion, ignoring some things that NEED doing-- like garden care. Gorgeous weather today, so I went out to work, took a look-- & **almost** went back in house.

Singing to the Oscar Meyer Wiener song: "Tall weeds, short weeds, weeds that choke stuff out..."

My choices: Work, Postpone, Give Up. BUT each choice has within it some choices. We tend to forget that, with "ALL or NONE" thoughts.

So... I did what I had energy for-- a short while, & just committed to a schedule plan to keep doing so.. Method works for anything, incl working for the LORD: Long term commitment, that's what God thru scriptures encourages us to do. **'Not Giving Up' is itself a gift to our great God.** Psalm 31:24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD."

August 15, 2015 at 9:53am ·

Enjoyed nice small music festival way down near Richmond VA last nite. 3 country-ish bands incl headliner Rhett Walker Band. All 3 bands shared that they had faith in God. First 2 also had pleasant enough sounds, though my own music preference is for more chord changes. So 40 minutes into 2nd band, I wasn't paying close attention as I crowd- watched, until I suddenly happily realized, "Hey, nice, they've got a song with a **U2**-esque style! Started listening; then chorus began:

"RADIOACTIVE". By a famous band, amid this band's own songs.

OK: I know bands do covers. But it seems to me to be **dishonest** to give **NO** credit to the original artist-- for I'm sure many of the people who were indeed cheering hard for the first time for this band.... at end of this song..... had no idea the song belongs to Imagine Dragons (and most likely was sung WITHOUT PERMISSION).

**It especially seems dishonest when people trust this band as Christian, but the band deceives them, pretending that *another* band's song is theirs.....**

**And the ONLY song** that the crowd seemed to like of this group.

August 17, 2015 at 7:56am ·

HORRID SCARY experience a few months ago-- & WARNING: I'd hurt myself & was therefore in much pain and rushing to open new bottle of ibuprofen & popped 2 pills.

In moments I was chocking horribly with something stuck in my throat-- NOT a pill BUT, as I found when I finally coughed it up after wondering if I could breathe until a rescue squad came if I called >> **a fleck** of aluminum foil. Bottle's seal had torn a **TINY** bit which I swallowed with pill- stuck on side of my throat... // ..

Thought on that this AM as I opened another bottle- carefully! :) Suddenly compared: **Here's just a GLIMPSE of how nauseating a SINGLE sin is to our HOLY God.** "It's not about *compassion*" which we've seen Evidences that God has in abundance. God is so HOLY... Rightly / Righteously.. that He cannot stand what some Christians declare He should because of His True Mercy & Grace.

ABOMINATION.... ABHORRENCE ..... NAUSEATED.... that is what God thinks of "flecks" of sin.

August 17, 2015 at 12:45pm

HOW DO YOU KNOW if your thought is from God? After all: Satan puts lies in our mind too, Jesus said so: John 8:44. SAFETY: Ask another God follower to pray with you about it. Sometimes we think we're hearing God speak, but how can we tell the difference between our thoughts and God's?

- (1) James 1:5, Pray for wisdom as you study scriptures- and ask someone willing to disagree with your ideas.
- (2) Compare to scriptures.
- (3) God usually keeps putting idea in your mind.
- (4) You become more excited as you pray about it.
- (5) You realize it involves risk-- or maybe is IMPOSSIBLE if God doesn't give you power to do it >> Ephesians 3:20.
- (6) **It will in some way give God Glory >> Ephesians 3:21.**

August 18, 2015 at 12:56pm ·

HOW TO SHOW SUPPORT to TEACHERS when you know just giving money to a school won't really help: You can have FUN doing this for just one: Each fall I have LOTS of fun taking a high school teacher to stores to buy lots of school supplies that she otherwise would have to pay herself because she's dedicated to the kids but the school's Supplies budget can't afford all that will help them in the learning process.

And while I'm checking out items for her,  
I usually sneak in a little special thing for her.

Not to brag-- my husband and I don't spend much: But it's simply a joy to pick one person to show "I Care-- and on behalf of all my children who are enjoying Life because OTHER teachers helped them-- **I thank you!**"

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August 18, 2015 at 8:28am · Comic strip by Bill Watterson:

Calvin: "I'm doing a crossword... #3 says BIRD... I know! **Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker!**" Friend Hobbes: "But there are only 5 boxes."

Calvin, squinting & writing: "I know. These idiots make you write real small." ...//...

**We each have a LOGIC process that leads us to conclusions** about what's true. We usually examine at least a few evidences-- some are memories that affected us. Sometimes our conclusions are True; sometimes only partly so--

BUT the ol' Truth Tables that got kicked out of modern math classes tell us:

**A single FALSE in a set of even 1,000 TRUE's makes the WHOLE = FALSE.**

Our Logic that God promises to help us develop (James 1:5-6) never EQUALS Truth: It may (or may not) recognize Truth. But what God's Bible Word calls Truth is Truth **whatever our opinion**. Jesus says, in John 8, e.g. (And Logic says :)

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August 19, 2015 at 10:44pm ·

Looking for some music "toys" to explore some of the old hymns & new praise songs? I've had lots of fun with CYBER HYMNAL (free website), which even lets you hear audio of many songs... and WORSHIP TOGETHER lets you search on a Topic+Tempo. These & other music resources are at link below.

Some like [CCLI.com](http://www.ccli.com) don't let you hear modern songs or download their music sheets unless you (or your church) pays the subscription which is partially passed on to songwriters -- but you can still explore lyrics, new songs to play on YouTube etc. Fun links are via a magazine that I've used a lot for a decade: Leading Worship Together: <http://www.leadingworshiptogether.com/create-a-setlist.html>

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August 19, 2015 at 9:09am · **HUMOR POST** This AM I started laughing, feeling like I was in some old B&W comedy routine: The tube of flypaper had fallen off window where I had lain it horizontal near the latch/ lock; plastic orange trays at top & bottom of tube are great for this! So I picked it up-- but a bit of a plastic bag on the counter had stuck to it. I pulled it off easily- but the bottom of the bag had come up & stuck. I pulled THAT off, but the same first part popped up & Stuck.

After a few repetitions, I gave up & got scissors-- laughingly wondering if **God sometimes enjoys our antics as much as we enjoy watching puppies** and all those kitten YouTube videos :) .... Well, after all, He DID make us in His image. So I don't think it's a dis-respectful wondering!

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August 21, 2015 at 1:36pm ·

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS number getting you down? How about PINTEREST after all that work you do to try to attract people? Poster:

The number of followers you have does not make you better than anyone else. Hitler had MILLIONS. Jesus had 12. -

HOPE & DREAMS are from God, Ephesians 3:20-21, NOT from popularity.



August 21, 2015 at 11:13am ·

BLESSINGS & WILD CATS: The neighbors <actually Laura's> got a new puppy 2 wks ago. They let it outside- **but when they call, he won't come.** They chase & scold & chase 'til its little legs tire out & they "win"...

I say nothing: Not my business. But I fondly remember when someone dumped an unwanted cat near our house: Starving & miserable, yet he wouldn't come. I put food out at a distance, til he hungrily sneaked to the dish... un-trusting. Gradually I brought the dish nearer, then began sitting away off where he knew I was its provider but I wasn't acting as if I'd hurt him like other people.

..... Eventually the cat would eat out of the dish right beside me-- and I still didn't move toward him though **I kept talking lovingly. Eventually HE came to ME!** OHH, what a JOY it still gives me! And in time, the wild cat learned to love me & come even when I wasn't offering any... BLESSINGS.

**God calls us, step by step.... gently shows hints of His true LOVE for us.**

..... First John 4:19 > "We love Him because He first loved us." And OH, what JOY our LORD God has when we finally hear His loving talking thru the Bible--- when we realize that although others hurt us, God loves us & cares... OH what JOY God has when we love Him & come to pray/ be with Him thru each day-- 1st Thess 5:17-- even if we look at our lives & don't see lots of money & things & even health BLESSINGS.

..... Matthew 23:37, Luke 13:34 >> and what SADNESS each and EVERY person gives our loving LORD who's done so much for us, if they keep living starving & miserable lives, un-trusting despite all the blessings God's given... loving EACH ME among us even before we love Him.

August 22, 2015 at 6:53pm · PHOTO: The worst feeling isn't being lonely. It's being FORGOTTEN by someone you' never forget.

THIS is what our Creator God would speak... Read the end of Matthew 23-- how Jesus God's Son loved the people of the city so much He said **He YEARNED to gather them under their wings to protect & show love to them--** but they ignored God: Said they followed Him but did things their own way. PEACEFUL PEOPLE remember: God loves YOU \*this\* MUCH! Why worry when He promised John 14 PEACE, even after death to those who follow Him!

August 22, 2015 at 10:24am ·

This has been "Yank Down The Vines We Ignored" week. They were choking out tomatoes, basil, flowers... Funny how one day they weren't there, & suddenly I realized how these huge vines were hurting the good plants. But it was a 4-day task: The vines didn't disappear the moment I began the Removal process. ...//..

Are you ever as ANNOYED as I am at bumper stickers, **"Be patient with me: God isn't finished yet"?? People say it like an EXCUSE**... like saying "I'm sorry" but still doing "it". Yet: It's true. When we dearly want Jesus as LORD, He doesn't work on all our "vine" sins at once else we'd give up. Like a Gardener, He pulls gently but

consistently until we more & more see the sins we need to pray for help & then ACT to pull out of our lives.

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August 24, 2015 at 4:13pm ·

This interesting article isn't predicting anything even though end of Hebrew calendar month & esp each 7th year (Sept 13 this year) is, as Bible says, a time when God assesses His followers & sometimes gives serious judgments. Article lists many significant events on the World's calendar. Like Sept 21: UN General Assembly new session resumes & France reports plans to introduce a resolution for formal recognition to a Palestinian state... On 23rd, Pope Francis arrives at White House to meet with Barack Obama; later going to a joint session of the U.S. Congress & in New York & then UN. >>

ARTICLE: United Nations is going to launch "The 2030 Agenda" at a major conference Sept 25- 27: Purpose is to create a template for governing the entire planet. Added to climate change, it sets ambitious goals for all nations in areas such as economics, health, energy, education, agriculture, gender equality and a whole host of other issues. Should be an interesting month...

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August 25, 2015 at 9:15am ·

Maine Coon cats = the Border Collies of the feline world: Extremely intelligent.

Sometimes too much for their own good.

To "exercise" Jessie, I call both cats to me. Then I drop 1 piece for skinny little Lea & toss #2 down the rather long wood hall for my MC cat to chase. But this AM-familiar with this "game"- she refused to come back: Thinking she'd outwit me by just staying where she was: SURE that I'd toss her next blessing. So... she got no more even when Lea did. ...//..

I've observed, esp in Facebook, that often other people (incl me) feel surprised when God didn't give us the blessings He "used to"- & that we tend to think we did nothing to stop. Like Jessie, it's often hard to see thru our "wise" thinkings that God's Plan isn't stagnant... Life, Creativity = changes.

August 28, 2015 at 10:20pm ·

Cartoon:      WHAT I SAY:                      "I listen to metal."  
                  WHAT OTHERS HEAR:            "I worship Satan."

As an absolutely dedicated Christ follower who loves all kinds of music including the really heavy, hard band-- I admit this HUMOR photo by Far From Sanity on Facebook just makes me laugh & laugh! How ridiculous... but sadly true of many people-- including church goers who have an defined idea of what "style of Worship" God likes- or doesn't. 1 Chronicles 28:9 B >

"... serve Him with a whole heart & a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, & understands every intent of the thoughts." Including as we worship Him with whatever music....      People look at me and see a sweet pianist who plays acoustic guitar once in awhile in church.... and have no idea of ALL the kinds of music I love.... ALL of which reflect God, in various styles. 2nd Corinthians 3:18.

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August 28, 2015 at 8:18am · Photo: Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee LORD my soul to keep....

My childhood bedtime prayer has me looking back >>

We SHOULD reassure children (& nursing home residents) especially: God does INDEED bring to Himself those who love Him.... I still remember, starting ~age 6, suddenly realizing I wasn't good enough for heaven... and being really SCARED- with this nightly Q, "Will God say NO & send me to hell because I deserve it?". I got the "I deserve it" truth right. But so often we forget to reassure others (who may not admit this fear) of Jesus's PROMISE:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of Death into Life." - John 5:24. And: "Therefore He is able also to SAVE \*FOREVER\* those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them [us]." - Hebrews 7:25. And of Titus 1:2 > God CANNOT lie, so these promises are True! :)

OTHER WORDS OF GOD TO SHARE: <http://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topi.../Assurance-Of-Salvation...>

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August 30, 2015 at 7:30am ·

Was SO excited at an "antique thrift" shop >> Found a display of windchimes (which I love hanging in trees & on deck). Saw a HUGE one that looked like those Corinthian bell chimes that I could never afford at \$300, that are tuned at music intervals to sound like a gorgeous chord on a church organ....

This one was only \$10. I looked around-- no one near! .... So I gently pulled on the wind catcher.... and **it was AWFUL... CLANGING**.... like a pile of pipes just hit the floor. Obvious first thought: God's warning of how our LOVE sounds when we are selfish, even if we "look good": Start of 1st Corinthians 13, 'The Love Chapter': "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

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August 31, 2015 at 5:04pm ·

Each time I go to a certain city, I pass a SQUARE red brick house, 1950s style. And each time, I think: "The Strawberry Lady." You see, when I was 4 & 5, Mom would stop cleaning & walk with me down country streets to take me what seemed a LONG way past our neighborhood to this square red house to pick fruit... Mom had NO idea that her preschooler would remember that, decades later.

MY ENCOURAGEMENT to all you MOMS & DADS out there: Even for young children, each time you give up personal time to do something with your child, you're planting "seeds". And you never know how much any of those seeds might one day mean to your child... & to the people your child grows up to share memories-- & parables-- with :)

September 1, 2015 at 11:18pm ·

Fast link to music for CHILD BY THE ROAD (Matthew 25:45) © 2012 DianaDee Osborne that goes with post below. Cartoon photo link on next post = If You're Not Sure, Don't Run Over It..... an Excellent Parable about LIFE.

**SOURCE: Free music website** (MP3 downloads as well as PDF music sheets) >>  
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

September 1, 2015 at 11:11pm · PHOTO - If you're not sure-- DON'T RUN OVER IT.  
(no feedback on Facebook... Prayerfully, God Like'd it.... :(

CHILD BY THE ROAD (Matthew 25:45) © 2012 DianaDee Osborne // AUDIO LINK (free) >>  
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/.../2010to.../ChildByTheRoad.mp3> .... <Photo link = Excellent Parable=> .....

VERSE 1:

What would you do if you saw a child just lying in a ditch....

facedown in the dirt... / looking so life-less.

Would you stop your busy life? Or quickly walk on by... /

Fearful that you may get hurt, if you stop to truly look? / Thinking it's not your business.... Besides, she looks so lifeless.... / WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? What WILL you do for a child who seems lifeless?

unwanted and helpless? alone? friendless? >>>>> WHAT WILL YOU DO?

**Your choice defines >>>>>> who you Really are.**

VERSE 2:

What would you do \_ if you saw a child just lying by the road.... alone and looking cold, looking so life-less. Would you stop your busy life?

Or simply turn your eyes?....

Say there's nothing you can do. Say others can help -- not you.

Would you say there's just no hope? .....

Just keep going down your road?

>>>>> WHAT WOULD YOU DO? .....

What WILL you do for a child who seems lifeless?

unwanted and helpless? alone? friend-less?

>>>>> WHAT WILL YOU DO?

**Your choice defines >>>>>>>> who you Really are.**

VERSE 3:

Jesus asked you this in **Luke 10's parable** ----- 'The

*Good Samaritan'*: Face down by the road,  
Religious people passing by, thinking they are serving God.  
Will YOU too turn YOUR eyes?  
Say there's nothing you can do. Say others can help ----- not you.  
WILL you give up time to help God's children or run like \_\_\_\_\_?

>>>> WHAT WILL YOU DO? .....  
What WILL you do for a child who seems lifeless?  
unwanted and helpless? alone? friendless?

>>>> WHAT WILL YOU DO?

**Your choice defines >>>>>>>>>> who you Really are.**

on website <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

September 1, 2015 at 6:11pm ·

I've never (really) passed on thru Facebook what I've heard on radio, but this 91.9 (DC area) story is too good to not share:

There's an exhausted mom whose super intelligent but active youngster is always inspiring teachers to call her in for conferences about misbehavior. This summer she put him in a 2 week art camp hoping to give him a fun outlet.

But on the 3rd day, his teacher called & asked her to meet. Mom did, & hid her sighs as the teacher explained that he wasn't "getting it" in class. Mom asked if she should take him home right then or wait til tomorrow. **The teacher said, "OH NO! I just wanted to ask if you can suggest how I can engage him."** ...

Mom said "He likes origami." So for the rest of camp, he cut paper & made animals & even started playing by himself. **Feeling happy & wanted, because a teacher took time to learn more about him instead of just scolding or rejecting.** Pretty cool.... A THANK YOU, once again, to all you teachers who aren't told often enough how much you're appreciated.

September 3, 2015 at 8:46am · PHOTO with A.W. Tozer quote (A Man Of God) >> "We cannot afford to let down our Christian standards just to hold the interest of people who want to go to hell and still belong to a church.: >>

Tozer's **Truth of God** covers "**lovingly**" **tolerating sins** because our human "strategy" we claim is serving God is: **Draw people into church any way we can including sympathizing with their sins, and THEN tell them what God says.** ...//..

God Himself declares this is NOT loving; that's why He sent Jonah to **go warn** the evil people of Nineveh (across river from today's Mosul, Iraq) whom God lovingly described despite their sins, last verses. God warns us thru Ezekiel 33, He'll punish US-churches, individuals- who do not love others enough to **WARN** them what God says to tell them: The Great Commission, not watered down. (Jesus's mission given at end of

Matthew.) REF: EZEKIEL 33, God says: Declare sins OR be judged WITH the people.

September 3, 2015 at 7:32pm ·

Here's a parable for when someone tells you:

"ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD, we worship the same god". >>

I try to serve God well with my time & \$\$ but even little things like cleaning my deck to prep for winter remind me how often I FAIL: This AM I've found SO many name tabs from plant pots bought last spring- but I didn't give enough care, so they died. No "value" from my investment of work or \$\$\$. Not much hope I'll do better next year. // HEAVEN:: All Religions say you must DO something for joy after death. HOW: Every religion's "book" except one says YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

All But 1 say TOUGH LUCK if you fail... even Judaism that doesn't continue to the End of the Book:

That ONE way that's different: Jesus says I'LL HELP YOU (if you believe & ask forgiveness-- that's all you do, because you can't earn heaven >> First John 1, Romans 10:9). Jesus says IF YOU FAIL... Well, God's Romans 7's truths that honestly remind us about our Failures continues on to Romans 8 summary of His promises: We are MORE THAN CONQUERORS with Jesus as our LORD.... Even when our works seem to wither & die.

September 4, 2015 at 7:16am ·

When talking with people: All Christians... CHRIST FOLLOWERS... must beware of the SHORTCUT CHRISTIANESE language we're often taught in church. It often confuses non-believers, incl seekers who REALLY want to learn Truth. **EXAMPLE: saying that "God will send to hell".... REASON: >>>**

That sentence makes God sound EVIL- doesn't put the "blame" where it belongs. TRUTH TO SHARE: "If you choose any religion but the one God defines in His FULL Bible, which leads to relationship with Him that no other religion lovingly offers like He does, YOU will have chosen Hell instead of choosing Christ Jesus as your only Salvation. ....God gave YOU & all of us each a choice: God allows us to choose to refuse His gift offer & thus choose Hell as our Final Destination."

Then sharing First John One.....

Sure, these words are longer than "Believe God or He'll Send You To Hell."

But..... Isn't gently drawing people to Christ worth the extra time & words? Of course! Our common SHORTCUT GOSPEL like that 8-word sentence stops them from listening before we get around to saying anything else. **Why?**

Plain old human nature self-defense instincts. "... send you to Hell" comes off to non-believers as God being the Bad Guy instead of God being the Just Judge who just gives each person Justice-- whose punishment Jesus paid for when we humbly confess sins & accept Him as our LORD & Savior, who then cleanses us from all sin-- First John 1:9.

We better serve our Lord-- and obey First Peter 3:15-- **when we share the REASON for the HOPE that we have in us--** by more gentle BUT firm more complete wording.

September 5, 2015 at 7:42pm ·

Finally gave in & replaced tattered wash cloths. Bought 3 packs-of-6 medium quality ones at Walmart yest. Tossed 'em in washer with rest of load, then entire load into dryer. When I pulled laundry out of dryer: 5 wash cloths were still folded into a nice quarter-fold square. How DID they do that, going thru the pounding ringer & heat??! :) .....

I confess, I DO enjoy many things about getting older--- most especially that I so easily see the humor of little things like this. I pray that I too will still be "in shape" after God lets me go thru Life's spinning Ringer & blasting Heat. Good ol' comforting Romans 8:28...

September 5, 2015 at 9:34am · Consider Matthew 5:44. If people who say they are Christ-FOLLOWERS followed His commands (John 15, a requirement to be His FRIEND)..... why that ALONE would be TREMENDOUS witness to the world that God's Truth and God Himself are far different from ANY other religion. Can you imagine the results of SHOWING Muslims especially God's Love by refusing to hate them "though some of them deserve hate".... There's actual EVIDENCE of what happens when First Peter 3:15 is our witness-- not our "sense of justice" >>> see the exciting article below.

To God-- who tells us to LOVE-- it is DISGUSTING-- Nauseating-- Anathema to use His Name and then speak angry things against Muslims. Re-read end of Book of Jonah, set beside today's Mosul, Turkey: -- People THEN were acting like ISIS members today, many DECEIVED to think they are serving their god. Nahum 3 describes Nineveh's bloodthirsty culture taught to people... YET GOD >>> YET GOD had compassion & sent one last prophet to warn them.

(Start with Nahum Chapter 1 to see God's reaction a few centuries after He'd sent Jonah-- NOT of TOLERANCE for their evil, but waiting to give them a chance to again repent ... to turn back to Him once again, We still see the sad results today in the Middle East: Repentance of a people turned to Pride.)

Jesus repeated said to PRAY FOR enemies.... Here's an example of EXCITING NEWS of prayer results, reported in October 20, 2010 edition of THE CHRISTIAN POST I just came across: God IS very much in action & guiding more & more people to find Him. >>> QUOTE >>>

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The Middle East, which has become almost synonymous with violence and Islam, is experiencing an unprecedented level of Muslims becoming followers of Jesus Christ, said Sam Yeghnazar, founder of Iran-focused Elam Ministries. There were only about 500 Iranian Christians from a Muslim background ... in 1974, he said. But over the past 30 years, more Muslims have come to Christ than in the past 1,300 years. That's 13 **CENTURIES**.

September 6, 2015 at 11:00pm ·

Just FYI: Learned something in a class yest that SHOULD have been shared on public station TV news-- I'm amazed to have not heard it on Christian Radio talk shows >> As most people know, in ANY court, if the judge has a background related to the case, s/he MUST recuse self. And that didn't happen this summer at the very highest judicial level: ([CNSNews.com](http://CNSNews.com)) – "Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) told C-SPAN's 'Washington Journal' on Wednesday that Supreme Court Justices Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg 'acted illegally' by not recusing themselves before weighing in on same-sex marriage. >

"Two of our justices – Kagan and Ginsberg – had presided over same-sex marriage. So there was no question they believed it was constitutional. That means they were disqualified. The law 28 USC 455 says: 'Any justice, judge or magistrate of the United States **shall** disqualify' – not *maybe* – '**shall** disqualify in any proceeding in which impartiality might reasonably be questioned,'" Gohmert said. (Article by Melanie Hunter | July 8, 2015 | 2:40 PM EDT). Another link from a source I've followed a lot, on same topic: <http://www.breitbart.com/.../caap-calls-on-justices-ginsburg.../>

### **8 September 2016.**

Each year at Passover, the Jews are supposed to get all leaven out of their house. We gentiles sorta adopted the similar idea of Spring Housekeeping-- and getting out old bread & flour avoids moths etc, so a practical thing as well as obeying God-- which the Jews do. (Exodus 12:15-19). BUT it's common tradition among Jews (and I learned this in a class with a rabbi who tours America teaching) - to SELL all their things with leaven to Gentiles for \$1... and buy it back after Passover. TECHNICALLY they've obeyed the Letter of the Law in Exodus 12. But by applying the Law God gave in Exodus 20, we can see how God would be angered at their human inventions on how to avoid truly obeying Him.

What of us? Do we keep "the letter of the law" in a sneaky way.... trying to LOOK "Christian" even when we're not "exactly" following what God said?

September 8, 2015 at 2:43pm ·

A few months ago, my husband got me a great anniversary gift: A big Dell SUDOKU puzzle book. In July, I finished the 89 puzzles marked EASY, and began Medium. I'll work on one 'til I'm stumped & a bit frustrated "with my stupidity"... then start a new puzzle 'til same point :) Later I'll go back to an incomplete one-- & almost always \*immediately\* see correct answers that I didn't figure out before... // ..

It's a pretty cool comparison to how I often feel when studying God's Word: When I'm frustrated "with my stupidity" that somehow I've not listened to any wisdom from God (James 1:5), I just set aside the topic awhile. Often when I return to it: Light bulb moment! >> Jesus promised peace to all who follow Him-- not all the Knowledge of God, like Satan tempted Adam & Eve & us with... Peace is in Trusting God's character... incl. His compassion as "He remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:14).



September 9, 2015 at 10:00am · PHOTO of mug with this acronym:

C.O.F.F.E.E. Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere:

September 10, 2015 · Formatted Facebook Parable (finally doing my homework):

[>>](http://facebookparablesinlife.blogspot.com/.../english-names-...)

I've been called Debbie since 5th grade when we had 5 in class. As an adult, I asked why. The answer is ALWAYS, "**Well, you LOOK like a Debbie!**" <umm, whatever that is :) >

Then there's the surprising number of people who come up to me & call me by my 2nd daughter's name (it's never one of my others' ! ) -- excited to see me, asking how Diana is (Daughter 2! :) ... How CAN I get angry at people happy to see me & talk to me, just because they didn't really listen when I gently corrected them? So, I just happily continue talking with & being with them. After all, it's ME they're glad to see: Not the concept of any name... // ... I declare with fervent passion:

Christians who smack down seekers or even mature Christians for calling God "God" or "Jehovah" or whatever-- criticizing "That's not His real Name!" >>> are doing GREAT disservice to our LORD.

**When people call me Debbie, I know it's ME they're glad to be with...**

The LORD rejoices in anyone who seeks to follow Him, and The Holy Spirit interprets our prayers to be right-- even with the Anglicized (English version) words for His name. That's Romans 8:26 ... Just as important as the famous verse 28 "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" truth.... Christ being Christos in the original Greek. Or, in the commonly spoken language at the time of the Cross: *Jesus Christ is Yeshua Msheekha in Aramaic.....* **The LORD is not so stupid as to not know Whom we deeply love and honor as we call to Him in His name... using English words.**

September 11, 2015 at 9:32am ·

To all my friends who don't think I'm crazy when I do things like crack up laughing, watching dry leaves dance a fast circle in the wind... or at least who are polite enough to let me enjoy my weirdness's quirky sense of humor: THANK YOU! ....

PHOTO: Minion, Best Friends: They know how crazy you are and still choose to be seen with you in public.

September 12, 2015 at 10:47am · With PHOTO MOCKING those who say God will return, saying "I BELIEVE god WILL COME- BUT IN THE 21ST CENTURY? THE bible SAYS A THOUSAND YEARS IS A DAY IS IN HEAVEN. SO god TOOK A WEEKEND OFF OR WHAT?

..... Found this silly photo online yest. Ref: Psalm 90:4 & 2nd Peter 3:8. Perfect example of 5 verses earlier in Peter: **SCOFFERS asking "Where IS He?!"**

Ridiculously uninformed, too. FACT: In God's Hebrew calendar, this year that ends in 2 weeks is Year 5775. So we're not quite at the end of Day 6. What happens after Day 6? Day 7, Day of Rest (Exodus 20)... as in: The Millennium Rest from Satan's evil: Revelation 20:2-7. Anyone who's going to mock God's word like this should do

homework to look less ignorant. \*\*God in His Mercy may very well give MORE time\*\*...  
Yet: WAKE, GOD'S CHURCH: Get "out there", too, for teaching God's Truth! Jesus  
never said to wait for them to be drawn to our ads & walk in.  
<https://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsborne/wake-gods-church/>

September 13, 2015 at 4:57pm · PHOTO re Muslims forcing children to be soldiers.

Why aren't we rightly furious with people who **defame God's reputation** by claiming that "There's One God, we just call Him by different names including **allah**." ...

**THESE PEOPLE ARE CLAIMING THAT God-Named- YHWH / Jehovah is the same as allah wanting CHILDREN to fight & die as soldiers!** LORD God is assuredly nauseated-- as in **eating vomit**-- by the evil saying that **He** approves kidnapping or conning young children into being soldiers-- as Islam does.

Not just the extremists. In the Bible, God clearly defined soldiers as age 20 and up: Numbers 1:2-3 (easy to remember pattern). No way is God not as sickened as WE should be by what Islam teaches as righteous, to send children to their death against grown men & terrible weapons.....

September 13, 2015 at 7:51am ·

Heard the COOLEST thought yesterday after Rabbi Monte Judah's ISRAEL NEWS clip, where info from Israel's point of view is usually presented around the 17 minute mark each Shabbat/ Friday night: >>

A Romans 8:28 thought of all the GOOD that The LORD just might pull out of the EVIL of ISIS & other rebels who are driving so many people to seek refuge: Ezekiel 38 & 39 speak of nations all coming against Israel-- and our GOD WHO NEVER CHANGES & cared so much about people of Nineveh (MOSUL) that he sent Personal Warning (see last verse of Jonah) .....

God-Named-YHWH might be *herding 1,000s of innocents away from the area we know as the future Armageddon* where He'll finally take care of Evil People. Hmm...

September 14, 2015 ·

God does not "need" for us to defend His honor. After all, Jesus willingly endured shame rather than fight back. Hebrews 12:2 YLT\*, "keeping our eyes on Jesus... He endured the cross, disregarding its shame." .... NO, unlike in some other religions, YHWH LORD does \*not\* want violence. He repeatedly commanded "FORGIVE your enemies-- OR I won't forgive YOU." (Matt 6:15).

Yet: Friends speak a defense of the honor of other friends (John 15). WHAT WAS THE MAIN REASON YOUNG DAVID FOUGHT GOLIATH? ... Because when Goliath of now-named Palestine mocked the the "armies of the living God" (1 Sam 17:26), he was mocking the power & Name of The One True God Who is Worthy of All Praise. .... and David loved The LORD. [\*YLT = Young's Literal Translation... useful tool.]

September 15, 2015 at 4:58pm ·

Since CHRISTmas is now only 3 months away, seeing hundreds of gift ideas. But I've gotta say, one of them really puzzles me: People who ask for (& get) for their holiday gifts a gun or rifle.. Doesn't seem to quite fit the real purpose of the celebration now, does it? Despite the popularity of movie "A Christmas Story" and Ralphie's burning dream for a Red Ryder air rifle ;}

September 16, 2015 at 10:16pm · **HUMOR POST**

My husband was jokingly mocking me (a couple of years ago) for not being willing to run with him on a muddy, slippery hiking trail. I had been in a church band 4 years, & I quietly explained, "If I break my arm, I can't play guitar." He responded-- quite seriously, "Can't you play with the other arm"? ...

He's a 2nd Service Traditional Music sorta guy... We still laugh together about that conversation, now that he's learned a bit more about guitars ... Funny how little flotsams of memories suddenly surge to the surface of our minds!

September 17, 2015 at 4:11pm ·

When I was a kid, my Grandmother from "eons away" (60 miles) would come visit about every 2 months. I'd nag & nag starting ~5 weeks after a visit, "Is she coming soon?!" Then the Day would finally come. We'd listen out for her car-- starting long before she'd said she'd be there, hoping she left early. We'd get SO disappointed each time we looked down road::: NO Gram. We'd get SO disappointed each time a car DID come down this **\*\*c-o-u-n-t-r-y\*\*** road-- No one hardly used it-- what heartache as we realized it was the wrong car. Sometimes one WOULD come down our drive!-- and it'd be some church lady coming to bring Mom something. :( Finally I'd assign my little brother to wait at the window while **I TRIED to FORGET that Gram was coming, so I'd quit feeling disappointment** >>> Yep, there's a parable point for us today >>

We've been hearing for centuries that Messiah is coming back! We watch the news in excitement, hoping-- looks like it's almost time. But again & again disappointment comes-- **til many Christians just quit looking & TRY to FORGET...** and other people fulfill Jesus's prophecy of mockings of "Where IS he, huh huh, huh-??" ... Meanwhile the Jews & Muslims & Buddhists etc have been waiting & repeatedly disappointed by false messiahs -- before as well as since after Jesus came.

God has called us to keep reminding people that He keeps His promise... that He is coming... that until that special arrival time in Earth's history of Jesus's return, we STILL have the Ever-present YHWH God with us-- Emmanuel, God with Us (Matthew 1:2-3, easy pattern to remember). **And one day, like my little brother used to do, we will have the joy of proclaiming loudly to anyone who'll hear-- as we rush out to Welcome Him::: "HE'S HERE!"** Another easy to find reference pattern: 2 Peter 3:4 (2-3-4), "where is He?" Spoken of by Jesus thru Matthew 24.

FINALLY GOT AROUND to again updating my FACEBOOK PARABLES blog ... For a "pretty" version of this & other parables that

YOU ARE WELCOME TO USE, go to my page:

<http://facebookparablesinlife.blogspot.com/2015/09/waiting-for-return-day.html>

September 19, 2015 at 2:10pm ·

With a 4 year old laptop, you tend to be paranoid when you turn it on and... it doesn't turn on. Sadly I see the pattern behind my freakouts:

- First: "What's WRONG with you?- I PLUGGED you in!" >>
- Next a check, and then "Come ON! - The charger is inserted into you right!" >>
- Finally "oohhhh.... the surge protector is off. Cat must have stepped on the switch again..." //

Such embarrassing moments help me to remember when I'm frustrated with God: God's always right. There has to be a mis-connection with ME somewhere...." And then, with God's help, I either DO find & FIX it..... or I "shelve" the thing until later ... when God often helps me work through it. But it's NEVER God who is wrong.....

FORMATTED Parable: <http://facebookparablesinlife.blogspot.com/.../plugging-in-fa...>

September 19, 2015 at 7:33pm ·

It's funny on some days, not others :) how often I have to go to Windows Network Diagnostics to re-set my connection in this area where cable & all those fancy offers of Fast Internet don't come as far as my part of the countryside. YET >> 98% of the time, somehow WND fixes the problem that stumped me. Now if only I went to the LORD God that fast when things in my life feel like I'm getting blocked by huge walls....

September 22, 2015 at 8:44am ·

RE TONITE: Last nite radio, 2 theologians said, "If you have accepted Jesus as LORD, then THRU Him you ARE keeping ALL the commandments." - Their reference was to Matthew 22:40. I confess: I yelled back to radio, **"That's RIDICULOUS! So much for 'SIN', huh, people??"** ..... //.....

Bet Satan loves **THAT false** teaching::

- (1) Not all commandments apply to all people. 2/3 of them are only for priests. Some only for men. Some only for after childbirth. Some only for soldiers.....
- (2) Do they think Jesus is like a Star Wars force field and deflects SIN off of us by His sacrifice??

**IRONY:** The caller's Q was **"Should Christians follow what God said for Yom Kippur?"** That's tonite sundown thru tomorrow's... It's IRONY because the PURPOSE of this Day SET by God is to REMEMBER His Holiness and CONFESS our sins and PRAY for help stopping them... and to DETERMINE that we WANT to stop sins. What ARE sins? NOT obeying God's set of commandments – the LAW that Jesus called a LIGHT BURDEN (Matthew 11:30).....

Even though works are **not** required for salvation-- no works are except "saying YES to Jesus"-- still we each can use a Day of Atonement, praying in sorrow for our sins. After all God's done and IS... **He deserves even if He doesn't demand it as a "work"**.

September 22, 2015 at 6:27pm ·

In 1,000s of sermons heard, I've noticed: Preachers seldom encourage us to read the wonderful words of God thru older teachers like Tozer & E.M. Bounds (prayer), or Oswald Chambers (God MEANT it when He says to be holy), or George MacDonald who inspired C.S. Lewis. McD's book THE LIGHT PRINCESS has a line where Spoiled Brat finally reaches the point of saying **"I'm so tired of MYSELF"** -- & finally humbly turns to the character who represents God... who waits for Each of Us to do the same..... //.....

What would our churches--- or we-- be like if we let God guide us to the earlier writings \*HE\* inspired? // I "accidentally" (God's way) found copy of Diary of Andrew Bonar... It's SO encouraging to read how the LORD brought HIM out of discouragement over his seeming lack of "success" in serving the LORD...

LINK TO GEORGE MACDONALD BOOK with this story, but called "A Double Story" instead >> <http://www.online-literature.com/george-macdonald/double-story/1/>

September 23, 2015 at 10:15pm ·

Thru the MUSLIM & JEWISH world, people are reporting DREAMS & VISIONS- as God prophesied thru Joel 2:28- of a man in white. This Jewish leader writes honestly > QUOTE> "... have we REALLY stopped to examine what Moses and the prophets said, and how Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled every single one of those prophecies?...

- In 1973, there were fewer than 2,000 Jewish people on the planet who were followers of Jesus.
- But today, some 300,000 Jews around the world are followers of Jesus.
- And millions of Jews are searching for the Messiah and thus reading the Hebrew prophecies, and comparing them with the writings of the New Testament, and trying to decide whether Jesus really is the Messiah we have desperately longed for over so many centuries."

Sad: Most won't believe because they think JESUS said "Stop obeying commandments." Even though no one can find even a single quote of Jesus clearly saying that, compared to HUNDREDS of times God-Named-YHWH clearly said so.

References: [https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/act/9/4/s\\_1027004](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/act/9/4/s_1027004)

THE RABBI WHO SAW MESSIAH - Biography I've read & loan out a lot of people.

September 23, 2015 at 12:48pm · PHOTO of women with protest signs demanding right to have abortions..... Appropriate post for today, the DAY OF ATONE\_MENT.

My heart breaks for these women... & even for truly earnest Christians who don't see the DIS-connect of how this BREAKS THE HEART of our LORD God who created each of those babies now living in His presence... whose deaths people \*celebrate\*.

Isaiah 1-- a nation's blood stays on its hands. Numbers 15:30, God describes presumptuousness of Gentiles as well: Deliberate sins that challenge His authority & Truth: "But those who brazenly violate the LORD's will, whether native-born Israelites or foreigners, have BLASPHEMED the LORD."

In Hebrew/ God's wording, SUPER IMPT words are repeated. 15:31 is the same: "Since they have treated the LORD's word with contempt ..." God inspired Paul to

repeat this, Hebrews 10:26. THANKFULLY God led Paul to keep writing... of God's GRACE. When we repent of... not celebrate... our sins.

**Isaiah 1:15 warning from God to Israel... a truth applicable to each nation, person: "When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look. Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims."**

[https://www.blueletterbible.org/nlt/isa/1/1/s\\_680001](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nlt/isa/1/1/s_680001)

September 24, 2015 at 9:57pm ·

I got home late last night after a fun but long day... As I prepared to turn onto last road only a few miles left to go, two Electric Company trucks sailed thru their yellow light... I followed them thinking, "Oh no, don't tell me our area power is out AGAIN!" ... It's been frequently lately-- with no evident causes. Was delighted to see my colorful Christmas lights (yep) lit by the front door! ...//.....

Used to be that if our power went out, I'd check various light switches, go check the fuse box, walk outside to see if neighbors had lights... then call the Electric Co. Now: I just skip right to Step 4... Would be useful if I'd just remember that example and skip right to calling on God every time some problem knocks my power out...\_

September 26, 2015 at 9:00pm ·

God **tells** us to comfort others in 2nd Corin 1:3-4 (the verse with 4 COMFORTs :) even while saying HE comforts us. >> Psalm 56:8's promise of God for each of us who dearly love & revere Him: He keeps track of all my sorrows. He has collected all my tears in His bottle. He has recorded each one in His book..... // ...

In the end, Revelation 21:4, God inspired this comforting promise to be written: HE will wipe every tear from our eyes... those of us who dearly love & revere Him. // The LORD must have one pretty big tear bottle for many of us.

September 27, 2015 at 8:06pm ·

About 70% of the U.S. will get a good view of the Blood Moon tonight ... but for the 3rd of 4 times, in my area the odds of seeing the moon "are rather poor". I was jokingly praying, "Does that mean we in the DelMarVa area don't need as badly to see Your warnings?!" ...

Then laughed & admitted, "Of COURSE not!"

<< after all, D.C.' gov't's in here too: Delaware-Maryland-Virginia region>> ... **BAD BAD** :( ...!... But really: Our Holy LORD God \*deserves\* for every person on Earth to see & be in awe of His Right-eous Mighty Power... to be amazed at His grace for putting up with us people for so many centuries. We can't imagine the GRIEF we've caused our Holy God (Ephesians 4:30): Especially when you consider He's KNOWN of each coming sorrow since eons before we were born.

September 28, 2015 at 10:08am · IMPORTANT PHOTOS AT LINK: FINGERS clouds SCARY-ish EXCITING-ish Vision SEEN in sky last night: SKIES CLEARED ONLY in East at place I'd picked to camp out by river. West & South, solid gray clouds. As moon

turned to dark blood color with some of silver edge left, I looked up.

AMAZING sight: Clouds streaming NOT like shown in pic below, but with VERY clear edges. I joked to myself "Like 7 long fingers of God. If God had designed 7 finger hands ----- WAIT a MINUTE... 7 ..... 7! " .....

I cloud watch a lot: High winds blow thin clouds into blurs within minutes. BUT I looked up for **20 full minutes** while moon in that phase: Sparkling stars shining thru 7 sticks: **Like a Menorah. The symbol of the Nation of Israel... WINDS BLEW high in trees around me... The clouds did NOT dissipate. For 20 minutes the sticks stayed clear. I was thinking "THAT'S SO cool!"... Thinking it a sign perhaps of Grace by the One who Keeps His Menorah lit.....**

**UNTIL I did my research this morning..... Remember Revelation?**

God's Word there have been repeatedly represented in figures of the Menorah... especially of the Seven trumpets are sounded, one at a time, to cue apocalyptic events that were seen in the vision of the Revelation of Christ Jesus, by John of Patmos.

Revelation 7 brings PEACE to those of us who Worship the One True Living God, who truly declare He's LORD (e.g. First John 1's comfort from God.) ... But then comes the next chapter...

Revelation 8: "When He [The LORD] opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.



September 29, 2015 at 7:37am ·

Peace..... thoughts of what Heaven could be like... Home of The Creator, THE LORD over All the Universe incl the speck called Earth. Exodus 25:9; Ezekiel 43:10; Acts 7:44; Hebrews 8:5 (see comments) indicate together: God gave the PATTERN of the Tabernacle & Temple to be a faint Shadow of His heavenly home.....

I put a Huge poster of this art in the H.S./ College Age Sunday School class I taught... Students across the years would sit & look at it: Before, during class... Hope & Joy it inspires! The large version shows fascinating details, all the more fun because you have to search.

I've always thought that Proverbs 25:2 is like astronomy, science, even math: God concealing things so we can have the JOY of finding them... Treasures!

September 29, 2015 at 11:21am ·

Is it not amazing... horribly sad... that **pretty much no Christians know anything about Islam unless they studied for themselves.**

No wonder the world is declaring "Tolerance of Everything!" when the organized churches won't preach details about why no-way-is God the same as the entity called *allah*?

September 29, 2015 at 7:23pm ·

PHOTO: Let your faith **roar out so loud** that you can't hear what Doubt is saying. <LION in photo>.

My addition: ... and when "necessary", use drums, music to accompany it! Jesus said (Matthew 21:21 pattern): "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done."

September 30, 2015 at 11:47pm ·

Simple logic: If you see a child lying facedown by the road, you'd assume she was alive & try to help...

Simple logic: If you see ultrasounds of a child even in the earliest weeks, you'd assume she was alive & at least not hurt her. Or even move to the next step:

Keep the issue alive, like with info filled posts like this. Examine words against evidence & speak out. Babies are more important than fretting about your reputation as a troublemaker critic in social media... or even in churches silent on real life topics like this.

September 30, 2015 at 8:57am · "WHAT IF CARTOONS GOT SAVED?" – Chris Rice.

This is one of my favorite Songs to make me laugh on dreary days... Those of you who know me, know that it's gotta be \*really\* special if I post a video :) ...

It's also a PUZZLE to see how well you remember cartoon voices from our childhood... if you're old enough to remember bears as well as little blue people who live in mushrooms.. :) Have a wonderfully blessed day, my friends-- even though This is the Day that The LORD Hath Made that isn't Friday yet :) (& if you're in my Friends list, you're truly that... I enjoy hearing your ideas...)

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8BKunlglal>

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