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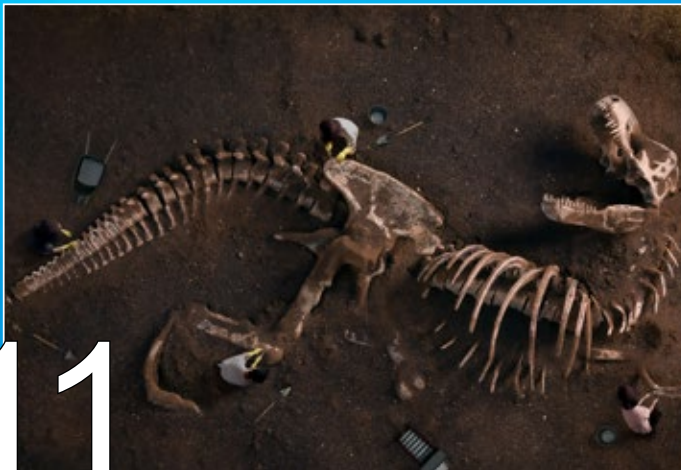


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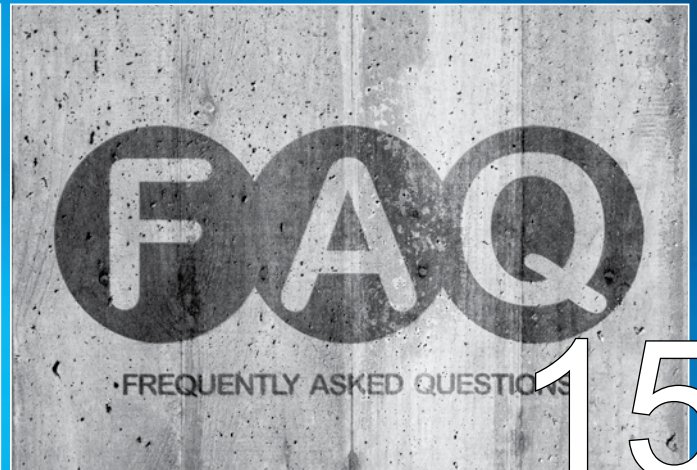


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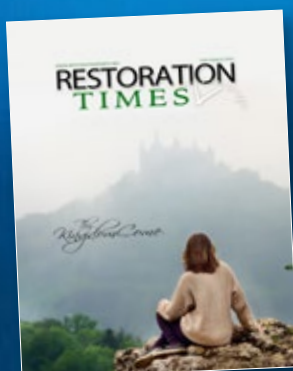
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Fruits of the Spirit Meekness

by Randy Folliard

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law,” Galatians 5:22-23.

As noted in previous installments, these nine attributes form the foundation or bedrock of what it is to be a believer in Messiah. If we desire to emulate and follow in the footsteps of our Savior, then we must adopt and live by the characteristics we find here. It’s not enough to simply keep the Sabbath and other commandments, but we must go beyond this and change who are on in the inside.

In Matthew 23, Yahshua refers to what He calls the weightier matters – judgment, mercy, and faith. I believe the attributes we see in Galatians 5 would also be considered the weightier matters.

Does this mean, then, that commandments like the Sabbath are not important? The answer is obviously not; Yahweh’s commandments are critically important. We know that Yahshua and the apostles, including Paul, faithfully observed the commandments including the Sabbath and Feast days. Is it possible to obey these commandments and yet NOT be found worthy of the first resurrection? Based on the pitiful examples of the Scribes of

Pharisees, this is a very real possibility. And for this reason we must not only focus on the outward commandments, but also on how we must change inwardly.

Continuing with this series on the fruits of the spirit, we now focus on meekness.

Meek Doesn’t Mean Weak

As we’ve done with the previous spiritual fruits, let’s first define what this word means in the Greek. According to Strong’s Concordance, “meekness” is *prautes* and means, “mildness, i.e. (by implication) humility.” *Thayer’s Greek Lexicon* defines it as “mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness.”

Meekness, also known as humility, is one of the most important attributes to have as a believer. As such the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines “humility” as “freedom from pride or arrogance or the quality or state of being humble.”

If we’re going to follow the examples of Yahshua the Messiah our Savior, we must be humble. In some ways pride is our worst enemy. Consider all the instances in your life when you allowed pride to control the response and outcome. In those cases, more often than not we probably said or did something that we later regretted. And it’s precisely for this reason that meekness or

humility is so important.

The Greek word for meekness is found only three other times in the New Testament. Let’s now review these three instances, beginning with James 1:21.

“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (*RSB*)

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” (*NIV*)

The message here in James is that we must remove all filth and immorality from our lives. This is necessary for drawing close to Yahweh.

To receive the engrafted Word with meekness simply means to accept the Word and humbly surrender our lives to the will of Almighty Yahweh. This is one of the most important concepts; if we’re going to humble ourselves before Yahweh we must realize that our lives are not ours but belong to Him.

We also see the phrase, “engrafted word.” This idiom conveys the idea that Yahweh’s Word should be within and part of us. Hebrews 8:10 says it should be implanted within our hearts and minds. When the Word is rooted within us, it drives our behavior and actions. So, let’s ask ourselves: Have we

removed filth and immorality from our lives? Can we say we've accepted Yahweh's Word with meekness and humility? Has His Word been implanted deep within, driving our behavior and actions? Only we can answer these questions for ourselves.

Living by Example

The next instance of *prautes* is found in James 3:13. "Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

James begins this passage by asking who is wise and knowledgeable and then explains that we can display this wisdom by a good conversation and with meekness. The word "conversation" is from the Greek *anastrophe* and means, "behavior." So, we see that a person of wisdom and knowledge will show the characteristics through his behavior.

A good behavior means we show consideration, kindness, and patience to others. We avoid immorality and those things that offend our Heavenly Father and we set a positive example that others can follow. In essence, good behavior is doing what is right to our fellow man and to the One we worship.

James also admonishes to show meekness of wisdom. *Barnes' Notes* interprets this phrase as, "With a wise and prudent gentleness of life; not in a noisy, arrogant, and boastful manner. True wisdom is always meek, mild, gentle; and that is the wisdom which is needful if men would become public teachers. It is remarkable that the truly wise man is always characterized by a calm spirit, a mild and placid demeanor, and by a gentle, though firm, enunciation of his sentiments."

This phrase, then, simply refers to a person who shows a behavior that is calm, mild, or kind, obviously ruling out the arrogant and haughty individual. That is one difference between Yahweh's wisdom and man's. Yahweh's wisdom requires that a person remain humble and meek. It doesn't matter who we are or what position we have in this life, we are all filthy rags compared to Yahweh.

Have a Ready Answer

The last example of *prautes* is in 1Peter 3:15. "But sanctify Yahweh Elohim in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the

hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Peter exhorts us to sanctify Yahweh in our hearts. According to *Strong's*, "sanctify," from the Greek *hagiazō*, means, "to make holy or to venerate." As believers we're to venerate, meaning to esteem and honor the One we worship.

Peter also says we're to have a ready answer to all who might ask about the hope within us. This is one reason we must know the Word. We should be able to explain to others why we observe the Sabbath and Feast days, along with why we insist on using Yahweh and Yahshua's Names.

We should also be able to clarify why we refrain from worshiping on Sunday and holidays like Easter and Christmas. We should also be able to explain why we don't believe in the Trinity, going to heaven or hell, and many of the other errors we find in popular theology. But to do this, we must know the Word, which means we must actively study the Word.

Lastly, Peter encourages witnessing in meekness and fear. The Greek word for "fear" is *phobos*, which Strong's defines as, "to be put in fear." The KJV translates this word as to "be afraid, to be afraid exceedingly, fear, and terror." When we witness we should do so with a healthy dose of humility along with fear in realizing that we are witnessing the most important Word in this universe.

We might compare it to the meekness and fear that Aaron had when going into the Holy of Holies. Witnessing and sharing Yahweh's truth is a tremendous and awesome responsibility and one that we're not to take lightly.

Blessed are the Meek

There is a special blessing for the meek or humble, which we see in both Psalm 37:11 and Matthew 5:5. "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (Ps. 37:11). "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5).

In both these passages we find the same promise, i.e., inheritance of the earth by those deemed meek. We know from the Word that those found worthy will reign and rule with Yahshua the Messiah in the Kingdom. We find this promise in Revelation 5:10: "And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Two important points are shown in this

passage. First, those found worthy will rule as a kingdom of priests with Yahshua in the millennial Kingdom, and second, they are going to reign on earth.

This is why the promise we find in Psalm 37 and Matthew 5 is prophetic in nature. We're going to inherit the earth as a kingdom of priests at the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah. But, remember, humility is an absolute must for those found worthy of this promise.

Meekness in Heart

Psalms 25:9 illustrates another blessing for the meek. The *Restoration Study Bible* reads, "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way," while the *New International Version* expounds, "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way."

We might ask, how does humility or meekness guide and teach us of Yahweh's ways? The answer's quite simple, Yahweh works only with those meek in heart. Meekness allows Him to mold a person according to His ways or to His image.

When I think about humility I think about a soft clump of clay. You can mold and shape that soft piece of clay in whatever form you desire. Conversely, when I think about pride, I think of a hard and dried-out chunk of clay, which cannot be molded or formed. This is why Yahweh can guide and teach the humble, but not the proud.

One man who stands out from the rest when it comes to meekness is Moses. Numbers 12:3 describes him: "(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)"

No wonder Yahweh called and blessed Moses in so many ways. I think this tells us something about the type of person our Heavenly Father is looking for in a believer. He could have called any man to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. He could have chosen a born leader who had strength, courage, and charisma. Instead, he chose Moses, a man who was not known for any of these characteristics. What Moses lacked there he more than made up for in humility



and meekness.

Two lessons stand out here: Yahweh's idea of a leader is less about charisma and more about humility, and Yahweh calls and promotes the humble.

'Choose Someone Else'

For a moment, let's think back to when Moses was called at the burning bush. When Yahweh told Moses to return to Egypt to free His people Israel, how did Moses respond? He begged Yahweh to send someone else and he made excuses, including that he was slow

humility.

Consider this, Yahweh can give a humble man charisma and presence, but He can do nothing with a man full of pride, like a hard clump of clay that is not moldable and worthless.

Humbleness of Mind

Paul addresses pride in Romans 12:3. "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as Elohim

longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Messiah forgave you, so also do ye."

We see many lessons in this passage by Paul who begins by describing believers in the Messiah. He calls them the elect of Elohim, also holy and beloved. The word "elect" comes from the Greek *eklektos* and means, "favorite." Yahweh favors those in the Messiah.

Paul also makes references to "holy" and "beloved." The word "holy" is from the



of speech, which is why Yahweh also called Aaron to be spokesman for Moses.

Moses was not called because of his courage or strength; he was chosen because he was humble and Yahweh knew He could work with him. Remember, Yahweh hasn't changed (Mal. 3:6); He's still very much looking for the humble and meek. He is less concerned about charisma and presence and more concerned about meekness and

hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Here Paul warns against being prideful and thinking too highly of ourselves. As believers we're all to remain humble, no matter our station in life, rich or poor, minister or layperson. Yahweh is calling the meek and humble, not the proud and arrogant.

A similar message is found in Colossians 3:12-13. "Put on therefore, as the elect of Elohim, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness,

Greek *hagios* and refers to something that is sacred or morally blameless and "beloved" (Greek *agapao*) means "to love." As we consider these definitions, we should realize the depth of love and favor that Yahweh has for His elect.

Also mentioned are bowels of mercies which refer to pity or compassion. We've reviewed the need for compassion and mercy in past installments. Like forgiveness, if we don't show mercy, Yahweh will not show

mercy to us.

Kindness is another attribute that Paul mentions in the above passage. This comes from *chrestotes*, a Greek word that we should all be somewhat familiar with. This is the same Greek word for gentleness that we find in the fruits of the spirit. Strong's defines this word as, "moral excellence (in character or demeanor)."

Paul goes on to mention humbleness of mind and meekness. As we've seen throughout this installment, humility is such an important attribute for those in Messiah. In fact, it's one of the defining characteristics for a believer. Without meekness, we will not be found worthy of Yahweh's Kingdom.

Lastly, Paul also mentions longsuffering, forbearance, and forgiveness. It's crucial that as believers we're able to show patience and forgiveness, especially to one another. But this is also true even of our enemies and for those whom we may dislike, for Yahshua commanded us to love our enemies and pray for them. If we have grievance against someone, we're to forgive them as Yahshua forgave us.

Submission of a Child

In Matthew 18:1-4, Yahshua compares believers to a little child. "At the same time came the disciples unto Yahshua, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Yahshua called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Yahshua explains that we must be converted and become like little children to enter into Yahweh's Kingdom. The word "converted" comes from the Greek *strepho*, which Strong's defines as, "to twist, i.e. turn quietly around or reverse."

This sounds a lot like repentance. Some believe repentance is only a verbal confession of remorse. But as we see from the Greek, repentance is a turning around and living a different way.

Now how are we to become like little children? We're to be humble or meek, including the notion of being submissive. If we are not humble and submissive to


our Heavenly Father, we will not be found worthy of His Kingdom. Humility and submission go hand-in-hand; you can't have one without the other, important concepts when it comes to our relationship with Yahweh.

He's looking for a people who are humble and willing to submit to His Word, which is why pride and arrogance will not work for a believer in Messiah. When it comes to Yahweh and to Yahshua the Messiah, we must have the humility and submission of a little child.

Paul also speaks of submission in Philippians 2:2-5. "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Yahshua:"

Here we read about unity and love within the assembly and removing strife and conceit. Paul also refers to walking in lowliness of mind, which is meekness or humility. Part of this includes thinking more of others than we do of ourselves, which, for human nature is a very hard thing to do. Most people naturally think of themselves first and others only secondarily. But as believers in the Messiah this is not how we should think.

Paul closes here by saying we should have this mind within us, as was also in Yahshua the Messiah. There's a lot to say about having the mind of Messiah, but one way is by adopting the same humility He had during His ministry.

Everything we do should follow and mimic the Messiah. Yahshua came to serve and not to be served. Everything He did was an example of humility to either His Heavenly Father or to mankind. As believers in Him, we're to follow in this pattern. 

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"These are the Feasts of Yahweh which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations ..." Leviticus 23:37



Thy Kingdom Come

by Alan Mansager



You may have experienced euphoria when first finding the Truth. It was new and exciting and entirely provable from the Scriptures.

You had found the Rosetta Stone and for the first time the Bible made sense from beginning to end. You were itching to cry out from the mountaintops. “Look, our Father has a Name. He doesn’t want to be called by a title any more than you do. And the Sabbath is the seventh day, which is easily seen as Saturday even on your wall calendar.”

Instead of the silly world of bunny rabbits, jack-o-lanterns and Santa Claus, there are genuine, provable, biblical holidays that the Bible commands us to honor, with associated benefits and blessings – a fact your smiling minister has kept hidden from you.

Even seminaries teach that His Name is Yahweh and in the next breath, and from that point on, still call Him god. Does it make any sense to use a classification for a name—when you clearly know what His Name is? “I know your name is Robert but I’ll just keep calling you friend.”

Some Real Shockers

By accepting all the Truth you were given, for the first time the pieces started coming together. Your many questions were being answered. The once perplexing mysteries were no longer mystifying.

The blatantly obvious, which was hidden in plain sight all your life, suddenly struck like lightning: the Jewish Messiah Yahshua wasn’t a Christian nor was Christianity



You can have all the Bible knowledge in the world but unless you do something with it you’re stuck in neutral.

His faith; neither were any of the apostles Christian, not even their champion the Apostle Paul; Mary wasn’t a Catholic, and neither was the Apostle Peter, the alleged first pope; all were Jewish Hebrews.

But in all of your newfound understanding, both superficial and salvational, you also learned that knowledge itself is not the final goal, as important as it is. You can have all the Bible knowledge in the world but unless you do something with it, you’re stuck in neutral and going nowhere.

James wrote in 4:17 that for him that knows to do good and does it not, to him it is sin. That means procrastination can be sin when we don’t act on what we know we must do.

Becoming a True Believer is not like being a Marine, you don’t need to be enlisted to live the life. If you are convinced in your heart of the Truth, then you must begin living it, baptism notwithstanding.

If you know the Sabbath is the seventh day and must be honored, why are you still going to Sunday worship? If you read that the Feasts are commanded in both Old and

New testaments, being observed religiously by Yahshua Himself, then why do you do nothing about it? Do you really think you will inherit Yahshua's Kingdom coming to earth when you won't follow His leading? Paul knew that knowledge alone was not enough for a truth seeker. Change comes via the heart, which is shown by how we live. He wrote in Romans 2:5-6: "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasure up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of Elohim; Who will render to every man according to his deeds."

Are rewards based on what we say or what we do? Acting on what you learn proceeds from and impacts your heart. In the last chapter of Revelation we read Yahshua's words, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life."

Yahshua also commanded in Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4 that we are to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh, Deut. 8:3. We must do all that the Word commands, not just what may be easy to conform to. The Scriptures come from the Father and are inspired, which means "Yahweh breathed." They are His blueprint for life.

Kingdom Preparation

Acting on one's faith is not normal for most. It involves sacrifice of self, which goes against human nature. As one management consultant said, "Tell me what you esteem, and I might believe you, but show me your calendar and your bank statement, and I'll show you what you really value..."

Two of the questions we ask candidates for baptism are: have you repented of your sins, which is a complete change in both heart and behavior. Second, are you willing to help others find this Truth that leads to everlasting life. There is an important reason for this second question.

Using your gifts to advance the truth is serving Yahweh in a priestly capacity. The office of priest in the Kingdom is precisely what the true believer is training for. The Kingdom is central to Yahshua's teaching.

- The word Kingdom occurs 342 times in 316 verses in the KJV.
- The words Kingdom of Yahweh occur more than 80 times in the New Testament.

That's a lot of references to ignore. As pervasive as it appears, this is one of the most neglected teachings in sermons today, even though it is a pivotal teaching of Yahshua. In fact, it is a subject that Yahshua said must be taught today:

He emphasized, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," Matthew 24:14. This is the final truth to be manifest worldwide just before Yahshua returns. It encompasses all He came to do.

The message of the Kingdom has been universally neglected by clerics of every stripe. It is the elephant in the room universally ignored and avoided.

His Chosen Serve Him Now

Yahshua is preparing a firstfruits chosen people for an office of authority in that Kingdom He will bring to earth.

Readers of the Restoration Times have 10 times the biblical knowledge of the average churchgoer, and more correct understanding than most ministers. An inquirer once asked, "How did you come to learn all these things you teach?" The answer is, because "a good understanding have all they that do his commandments," Psalm 111:10.

What about you? Is your light still under a bushel? Are you burying your talent, planning to dig it up and give it back to Yahshua when He returns? The Matthew 25:24 parable is a warning against wasting your scriptural knowledge and ability given you:

"Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Master, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His master answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant... And cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

To get out and touch someone with the truth is where rubber meets the road. That's what spiritual gifts are given for. And that's what the believer needs to be doing in preparing for a future part of Yahshua's Kingdom of priests.

John 15:8: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." The Truth involves more than a passive acceptance or a nod of confirmation.

Paul, as well as Yahshua, expected his disciples to grow in spirit, grace, knowledge, a right attitude, and proper behavior. Serving others within and without the fellowship is a central part of being in the Truth.

Ephesians 4:13 calls it the unity of the faith. He defines it as being a perfect man unto the stature and fullness of Yahshua.

Interacting with fellow believers is a key aspect of the Sabbath in the New Testament. Caring for one another is central, shown by sharing advice, bearing one another's burdens, praying for one another, and rejoicing together as a body. Yahshua consistently attended worship on the weekly



We are in training to be a key part in His kingdom rulership. It's the very reason for living a life of obedience!

Sabbath and feasts, Luke 4:16.

All of the study and learning we do is useless unless we apply what we discover. That's the whole point of learning the Word. Those who spend all their time pursuing the world's offerings are wasting the precious gift of life given to them. Yahshua said in Luke 12:30, "For all these things do the nations of the world seek after..." Things that perish, that's what the natural man and woman want. It is what most live for. And in the end it will all go away. Your only permanent possession in this world is the record of your life.

Yahshua admonished in Luke 12:31: "But rather seek first the kingdom of Elohim; and all these things shall be added unto you." The Kingdom should be every

believer's passion. It is the goal we should live and die for. It's the one objective in life that really matters. He'll make sure you have your needs met when you put His Kingdom first.

A righteous King is coming soon and His Kingdom will be established. A kingdom is composed of a king, subjects, territory, and laws. Biblical laws will govern Yahshua's Kingdom when the law goes forth out of Zion and truth from Jerusalem. The earth will be His Kingdom territory and His subjects will be those learning the truth.

Yahshua the Coming King

If there is anything we need it's an overwhelming desire to live for and be with our King. We need to be assured that what we do today will be found worthy of that Kingdom. We must live a life of obedience now, in order to be found worthy of His Kingdom.

Paul wrote in Colossians 1:10, "That you might walk worthy of Yahweh unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim." As we increase in knowledge and understanding while producing fruit, we also constantly avoid what leads to sin in our lives. Paul also wrote in 1Corinthians 6:9: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Elohim? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."

This passage shatters the notion that obedience is just useless works of righteousness! It demolishes the idea that the law has been abolished. All of these are violations of the law and any sin, without repentance, will keep one out of the Kingdom.

In Revelation 22:14-15 we read, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to [be worthy of] the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie."

Through His Kingdom Message we learn to think like, act like, live like, and be like Yahshua.

Yahshua taught that life is all about the Kingdom. Yahshua's main purpose

of coming to earth—was to advance the Kingdom of His father. It's about preparing for the coming reign of Yahshua. He died to make it possible for the repentant sinner to be a part of His Kingdom plan.

Remember what Yahshua prayed in Matt. 6:10: "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This is the goal Yahshua always kept before Him. Preparing the earth for His millennial reign and ultimately Yahweh's throne and universal seat of power to be at New Jerusalem.

In Luke 4:43 when the multitude wanted him to stay in Capernaum and teach, He said: "I must preach the kingdom of Elohim to other cities also: for therefore am I sent."

For centuries some scholars have used and abused Paul's letters to justify moving away from Yahshua's Kingdom message and to stop short at Yahshua's death and resurrection.

Sure, Yahshua's death and resurrection paved the way and made salvation possible for all of us. But then what? What's next? What is the point and purpose of everlasting life?

Key Teaching Totally Missed

Did you know that Abraham was given a glimpse of the Evangel of the Kingdom? Paul wrote in Gal 3:8: "And the scripture, foreseeing that Elohim would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel [Evangel] unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Yahshua the Messiah; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

It's a key message of the Bible in Old and New testaments and most miss it. Traditional teachings don't explain what follows this life.

Salvation is through Yahshua. But then what? What's the next step? Spending eternity doing nothing but lounging around on clouds? Yahshua said my Father works and I work. That work will be shared by those having proved faithful in obeying Him in this life.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard," Matthew 20:1. Work

accomplished gives blessings and deep-down satisfaction, especially doing the work of Yahweh. Proverbs 14 talks about that: "In all labor there is profit."

Revelation confirms what many Old Testament prophecies say – that ultimately Yahweh the Father will descend to the earth and dwell here. Once this earth has been cleansed of its sin, when the law is in place everywhere and everyone is living according to it, then Yahweh Himself will come.

Revelation 21:1 describes that time: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away... And I John saw the Holy City new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven... And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim."

The throne of The Messiah and ultimately Yahweh the Father is to be relocated from somewhere in the northern heavens to Earth. We are in training to be a key part in His kingdom rulership. It's the very reason for living a life of obedience!

In order to teach and administer His will in a future righteous kingdom we must first have proved we can handle it by overcoming sin. Those who can't will be discarded as unworthy, Paul said. They will not enter the Kingdom, period. Yahweh won't have an unrepentant law-breaker in His pure and righteous rulership.

The Scriptures are either absolute or they are obsolete. You can trust that they are authenticated from Yahweh Himself, 2Timothy 3:16.

Rest of the Key Account Missing

In a parable Yahshua reviewed some of the excuses often heard for noncompliance to His will. Friends, work obligations, and even parents come second place to Yahweh. He and His will must take precedence.

It all boils down to the gist of His sacred plan, which Yahshua called the Evangel. Many define the "Gospels" using only the first part of 1Corinthians 15, the resurrection chapter. But they stop after verse 4 and the resurrection, and don't give the rest of the sacred plan.

But Paul continues on in the chapter

about the Evangel, talking about Yahshua's subduing all worldly authorities and powers and eventually turning rulership of the earth over to His Father,

The rest of the plan is in vv. 23-28. "But every man in his own order: Yahshua the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to Elohim, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that Yahweh may be all in all."

Kingdom rulership is the key part left out in discussions about the Gospel or Evangel.

Millions Left in Limbo

Without a purpose and a goal we have little reason to prepare for anything. For most people unaware of Yahweh and His sacred plan, their life is all about themselves and chasing around fulfilling every desire. The resurrection is a non-starter for them.

The Gospel message heard almost exclusively today is to get people resurrected and then leave them literally hanging in the air. What's the point of being resurrected if it all ends at the point of entry, at the proverbial pearly gates?

Millions have repeated the Savior's model prayer where He says to pray like this, but not to pray this same prayer. In it He prayed, "Thy Kingdom come," and most don't understand why the Kingdom is coming. Clouds, harps, and angel wings is the depth of their understanding of salvation. Besides, they believe they'll be in heaven, so why the concern about a Kingdom on earth? Many false ideas obfuscate plain teachings and render them ineffectual.

Our purpose as believers is to prepare to live and reign in Yahshua's kingdom on earth. His law will go out of Zion to all the planet. "And many people shall go and say Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will

walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem," Isaiah 2:3.

Yahweh's people are practicing lawyers who not only are studying the laws that will be the constitution of that Kingdom, but they are also putting them into practice now. So much for the accusation of legalists earning their salvation!

What Obedience Does

So how does observing His commands prepare us for the rulership of Yahshua here on earth? The first of the two great law Psalms answers that question:

Psalms 19:7-11 reads, "The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

The Law converts the soul and enlightens the mind. That is why a great understanding have those who love his law and why those who live by it don't grope around in spiritual darkness, confusion, and unanswered questions.

Yahweh's statutes as taught in the Bible are gyroscopes that keep us on a straight, even keel. They keep our minds healthy and in tuned with Yahweh's mind and thoughts. We can't go wrong if we follow them.

Millions today are spiritually groping around clueless when it comes to understanding the Bible because they have not been taught the fundamentals of the Word. If you don't even read it, what can you expect?

We had a tongue-in-cheek saying back in my former newspaper days: "If you want to hide something, put it in the newspaper. No one will read it." That's applies even more to the Scriptures. And if the seeker of truth does happen to stumble upon a pearl of enlightenment, which means living by the Word, the blind guides just explain it away.

"Why, that's Old Testament," some will say. That's also New Testament... See the

chart called Remarkable Harmony of the Testaments in the *Restoration Study Bible* 4th edition. You'll see that the New is also in the Old and the Old is in the New. Here's more popular arguments:

- "That's works righteousness... (is there something wrong with works of righteousness? Wasn't that what Yahshua had and did and taught?)
- "You're putting yourself in bondage" (by following the perfect law of liberty? Please explain.)
- "I'm under grace, not works..." (so am I, for the goal of salvation)
- "You're being a legalist..." (would you rather I were an illegalist?)

Take your pick of any one of these tired old bromides whose real purpose is to reign in a person from successfully bridging the traditional gap of error and seeing that obedience and faith go hand in hand toward a beautiful end.


Why won't the religious establishment ever break free from darkness and teach what Yahshua Himself taught? Yahweh tells us why. As we read in Psalm 111:10, if you aren't disposed to obey then your understanding will suffer and you will be as far separated from the truth as the two sides of the Grand Canyon are from each other.

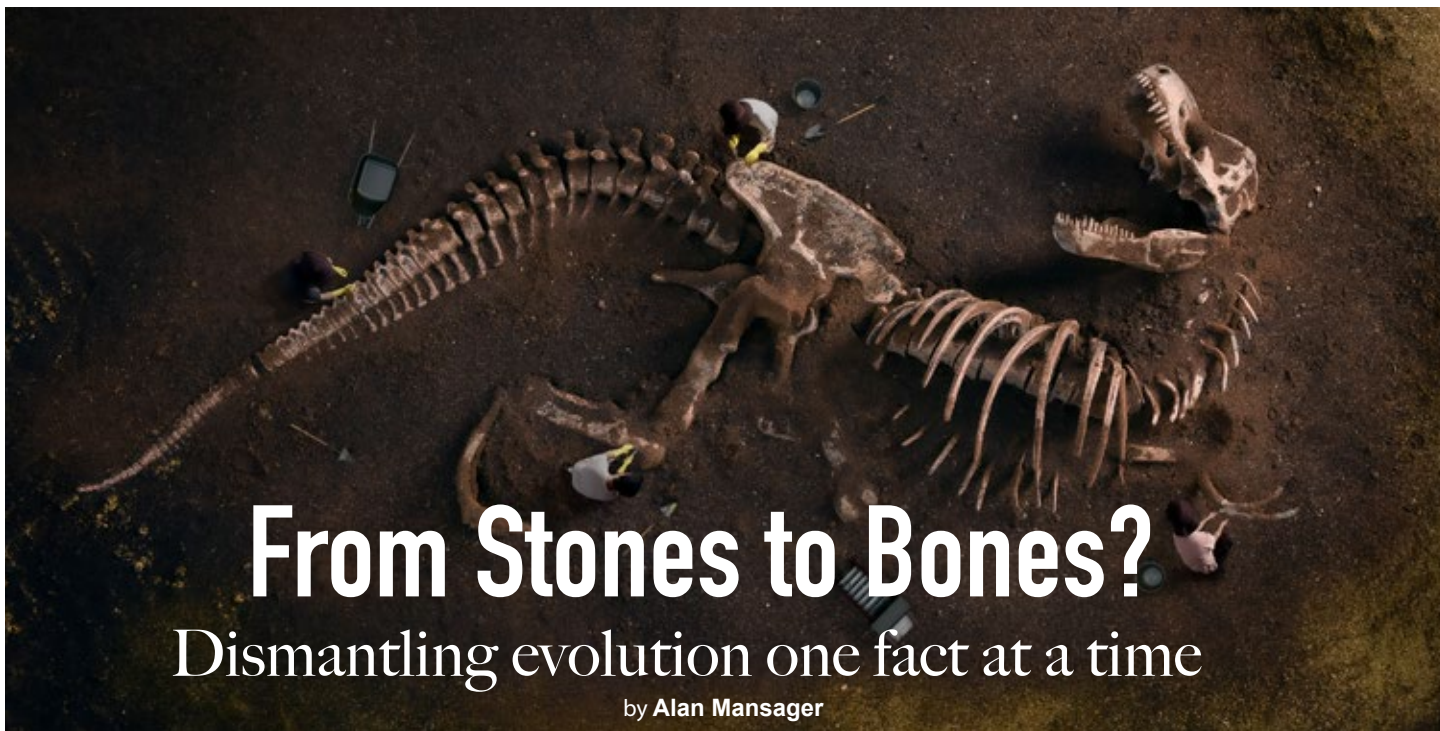
Twisting Paul's Teachings

Paul is the one typically used in an effort to emasculate the New Testament where love and grace are used to supersede a believer's obligation to follow Yahshua's teachings. Nevermind that His words were based on Yahweh's commands—by Yahshua's own account.

Turn to Romans 8:17 and read what Paul has to say about the Evangel. Does he stop at the resurrection, or does he teach what Yahshua taught about the Kingdom? "And if children, then heirs; heirs of Elohim, and joint-heirs with Messiah; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Here Paul writes that the children of Elohim are Kingdom heirs with Messiah.

In Romans 4:13 Paul says that Abraham was promised to be an heir of the world through the righteousness of his faith, and the saints as well: "And if you be Messiah's, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise," Galatians 3:29.

Old ways are often hard to change. 



From Stones to Bones?

Dismantling evolution one fact at a time

by Alan Mansager

A verse that says it all when it comes to our Creator is Psalm 139:14: “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works.” Too bad David’s astute observation isn’t shared by everyone, especially evolutionists.

A central teaching in science classes today is that all life evolved from a single cell that emerged from a dead organic soup into the infinitely complex and wonderfully varied animal and plant kingdoms.

The theory of evolution is attractive to the humanistic mind because it eliminates the need for a Higher Power. Evolution is a way to explain life without Yahweh.

Without a Creator you are your own authority. You can live the way you want without consequences.

Goal: Eliminate the Spiritual

The atheists have found a religion that frees them from any and all constraints. No guiding principles, no ultimate reckoning; just unhinged human nature doing what comes naturally.

If they would admit to the existence of a Creator, the evolutionists might have to change their ways and be accountable to a greater authority.

The inevitable result of evolutionary creed is diminishing of human value. Yahweh created man in His image. Without Him we are no better than a deer, fish, or

frog, with our lives lacking in direction and purpose. What a depressing thought.

Without the Bible this world would self-destruct like one big tower of Babel. Human sin would proliferate until man destroyed himself. Our country and world are on that treacherous path today. While they busily remove Yahweh from the collective conscience, sin and misery move in.

Therein lies a huge moral problem with the evolution theory, and it is just a theory. If we don’t believe in a Creator who gives mankind His ethics and right standard of behavior – many of our Western laws are based on Scripture – then human behavior inevitably degenerates into sin and debauchery.

But if Yahweh designed and created us and has a great plan for His people, we may want to know more about Him. If we will all stand before His Son as the Judge of all mankind, who will decide our eternal future, we may just want to take a serious look at Him and His Word.

A Peddler of Fantasy

Before the middle of the 19th century most people believed that all living things were created as the Bible says. Most of the famed scientists of the 17th and 18th centuries believed in creation. Then in 1859 a man who studied theology with aspirations for the ministry published a book called *Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*.

He was Charles Darwin. Paradoxically, this father of evolutionary theory had a blistering contempt for the Bible. He wrote that the Old Testament was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindus or the beliefs of any barbarian.

Within 50 years most of the Western world and the scientific community had confidence in Darwin’s leading.

But the true Bible believer does not hold that confidence, recognizing that evolution is an impossible myth in endlessly countless ways. Its teaching that nothing produced and developed everything is scientific and mathematical nonsense, as well as counter-intuitive, logic-defying, and contrary to basic common sense.

As for creation, Romans 1:20 tells us: “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Majesty; so that they are without excuse.” We can’t see His personal power and glory but Paul says we can see them through the awesome miracles of His creation.

Dead Chemicals Yielding Life?

Let’s start simply, the same way evolution claims living creatures started. Evolution says all life sprang from a single living cell in a primeval, chemical swamp. But where does the life in that living cell come from? From dead matter, the evolutionist says.

French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur proved 100 years ago that non-life cannot produce life. Each organism requires parents. This is the law of biogenesis. Notice it is a law, not a theory. Never has anything dead ever produced life. Zero times zero is zero, even after a billion trillion years trying a different result.

And where did this perfect chemical swamp come from that produced the first living cell? No trace of such a thing was ever found on the planet, which Dr. Wilder-Smith calls “the myth of the pre-biotic soup.”

Nothing Short of Mind-blowing

Where evolution really fails is explaining the detailed mechanisms by which evolution was supposed to happen. An insurmountable problem is that evolution doesn’t deal with the exact how and especially the why mutations occurred.

Where does this theory offer detailed scientific explanations showing exactly how birds with high metabolisms sprang from reptiles that have the lowest? How did birds acquire lightweight, hollow bones that make flight possible? Did they just happen to develop them on their own with no clue, plan, or purpose? The same goes for their lightweight feathers to efficiently catch the air and repel water.

How could blood clotting ever be successful when the first animals got cut and bled to death before being able to develop the ability to stop the flow?

The next insurmountable problem is how millions of necessary mutations became implanted in the the genetic code that could then be passed on to future offspring.

Inconceivably Complex Control Centers

All living cells operate by unimaginably complex DNA molecules, which is where the genetic code resides. DNA is the genetic material carrying all the instructions for the development and function of the living cell.

There are 15,000 or more atoms of the subassemblies of a single DNA molecule. Left to chance, as the evolutionary theory requires, they could go together in any one of 10 to the 87th power ways.

This means that the odds of a single, functioning DNA molecule produced at random are about the same odds as filling a billion universes with golf balls and putting a single red dot on the bottom of one of them and somehow a blindfolded baby could find that ball while rummaging through a

hundred billion galaxies – on the very first try.

In the DNA of every one of your cells is the blueprint for producing another one of you. The human body has 100 trillion cells. Lined up side by side all cells in the human body would encircle the earth 200 times. If all the DNA in all your cells were placed end to end, it would reach the sun and back 400 times.

Miracles at the Cellular Level

The cell is like an extremely complex factory. On its surface are millions of openings, constantly opening and closing to allow a steady stream of material like nourishment and waste to flow in and out.

For even the simplest cell to work it needs a mind-boggling complex of internal structures working in perfect harmony. If not, the cell would die and so would we. For this amazing synchronization to happen by random chance is a statistical impossibility.

How did the many varieties of cells know how to connect and interact with other cells and why would they even know how with no thinking mechanism guiding them? Each cell type has a unique and critical job to do. Who gave them that function? What made one cell become a heart muscle while another a brain neuron? Who orchestrated that and gave it the DNA to transfer its particular function to the offspring?

How did an animal cell jump gaps to become a plant cell or insect cell with completely different functions? What told it to do that?

The function of cells is a study in the miraculous. In your body are skin cells, bone cells, nerve cells, muscle cells, blood cells, etc. Each carries out a necessary purpose to keep you functioning, growing, and living. Were the various cells aware of their critical tasks as they evolved? Did they follow their own blueprint? No, they just fell blindly into it, evolutionists say, and thoughtlessly and miraculously made it happen.

Yahweh thunders in Romans 1:21, “Because that, when they knew Elohim, they glorified him not as Elohim, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”

Speaking of complexity, your brain is the most complex arrangement of matter in the universe, with 12 billion cells and 120 trillion nerve connections. How did the brain



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figure out how to put them all together to think and learn, hear and see, and smell and taste, all while simultaneously operating and controlling all the systems in your body? Each function is a miracle in itself and you and I were given this miraculous gift free and clear.

Your brain controls all your organs, including your heart that pumps 600,000 metric tons of blood in a lifetime, six times the weight of an aircraft carrier. Our hearts beat on autopilot, slower when we rest, faster when we run or are alarmed. We don’t even give it a moment’s thought.

How could primitive and clueless cells with zero guidance and no present purpose in even living have a goal of developing into a marvel of complexity and sophistication called the brain? What grand design did pure chance deliver to create a brain with complexities we can’t understand using that very brain?

An Unplanned, Life-sustaining Network

If you lined up all your veins, arteries, and capillaries end-to-end they would extend 80,000 miles. How did mindless cells know to how to shape themselves into tubes called vessels for the movement of blood to and from the pumping heart to all cells of the body that need what the blood carries? How did brainless cells understand the laws of physics, fluid dynamics, gravity, and a host of other complex principles to make it work?

How did these vessels know of the need

for blood in the body in the first place and then to fashion themselves into the complex circulatory system?

And how did these arteries and veins see the need for extremely small capillaries to take blood to the far reaches of the body's toes and fingers?

Evolutionists Are Clueless

When pressed, the evolutionist always dodges the issue. "It happened through eons of time," the evolutionist argues as he sidesteps explaining exactly how all the specific miracles happened.

He cannot answer how instinct is carried over to offspring. Why animals in a species share the very same instincts, doing the same things we come to expect of them even when they lived separately for years? Why are dogs social animals and cats not? Why do specific insects act a certain, particular way? Where in their genes do they get that?

Unless we functioned perfectly and immediately from the start we humans would perish. Everything has to come into existence at once or nothing would survive.

No intermediate stages of evolutionary development have ever been found in the fossil record—no partial foot, a developing finger, a partial bird's wing.

This hardly scratches the surface of how utterly impossible evolutionary theory is. It is a theory with no evidence for the mechanisms that would make it happen. Creation is one incredible miracle after another—billions of miracles from the hand of Yahweh. Our language has no words for it. There are no superlatives to describe it. Wherever we look, from outer space to inner being, we see miraculous design.

Complexity of Sight and Sound

The ear hears by the vibration of sound waves hitting the eardrum and transferring it to tiny inner ear bones which send sound impulses to the brain.

How did the ear learn to catch and send sound waves? Why such ability without a purpose and plan behind it? The sophisticated brain would have had to evolve simultaneously to be there to interpret the sound waves and light waves for vision.

There had to be a master plan in place for all of the body's systems to develop as they did. There are more circuits in the inner ear than the telephone system of a large city. Surely, Mr. Darwin, you won't say that the

cells and nerve cells that compose the ear understood the laws of physics and sound and how to turn sound into impulses that the brain can understand.

Just as sophisticated is the eye. Was it just blind chance that the eye captures light waves and focuses them on the retina's optic nerve, with its million nerve fibers, in order for us to see? Did it figure out that it needed an iris that opens the pupil for more light in the dark and closes it down in daylight, all by automatic muscle action?

Millions of nerve endings pick up every visual message the eye sends to the brain. The eye can distinguish up to 100 million shades of color. And at the end of the day the eye cleans and maintains itself when we sleep.

Even Darwin saw the lunacy of believing self-development of the intricate, amazing eye when he said, "To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest sense."

And here is another one for Mr. Darwin to marvel at: we actually see not with our eyes but with our brain. Everything coming through our eyes is upside down and the brain has to turn it right-side up and make sense of it. How did it solve that physics problem that otherwise would leave us stumbling our way through life because everything looked topsy-turvy?

Some fail to see the incredible complexity, integration, and systems engineering that extends throughout the universe—from carbon atoms to galaxies — all obeying physical laws (and Who established those laws?).

The earth itself is in a Goldilocks zone—having just the right temperature for life. Too close to the sun and we would burn up. Too far away and we would be a huge ice cube.

Go to the Ant, Sluggard Scientist

Eighty-seven percent of insects undergo complete metamorphosis. The metamorphosis of the monarch butterfly defies evolution six ways to Sabbath. The caterpillar builds a tent called a chrysalis around itself. Then its complex organs turn to a pulp-like liquid. This should be the end of the monarch a thousand times over.

Instead, two weeks later a beautiful butterfly breaks out of the tent with very different and even more remarkable capabilities. Compare it to a complex machine like a car that disintegrates and quickly emerges as an airplane.

There are endless miracles of creation evolutionists cannot explain. Get them off of their theoretical clouds and down to the nitty-gritty where it all was supposed to happen and they stand there stammering and stuttering, looking for a way out.

Ask them to explain the exact mechanisms by which things supposedly evolved, all blindly, without direction and without a blueprint — and no mind or Creator behind any of it. They have no answer. They just retreat into the theoretical where they can hide behind the cover of billions of years of chance mutations. As one astute observer said, "Evolution is a tangled mish-mash of guessing games and figure juggling."

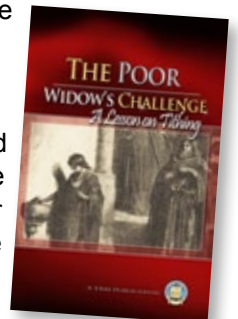
Sir Fredrick Hoyle, British mathematician and astronomer, likened the probability of spontaneous generation this way: assuming that the first cell originated by chance is like believing a tornado could sweep through a junk pile of airplane parts and form a Boeing 747.

Celebrated atheist Carl Sagan estimated the mathematical probability of the simplest form of life emerging from nonliving matter to be in 10 to the two billionth power. Dr. Emile Borel, who discovered the laws of probability, said, "The occurrence of any event where the chances are beyond one in ten to the 50th power is an event we can state with certainty will never happen no matter how much time is allotted."

Another put it this way: the chances that evolution happened compare to an exploding

Blessings from the Heart

When Yahshua pointed out the poor widow's remarkable giving to support the temple, He made a statement about the true heart. One doesn't support what is not believed in. You can donate either online or by mail. See the contact information on the back cover of this issue.



gymnasium filled with dice with each one landing on the number one.

Evolutionists rely on random mutation and natural selection to explain how one species can evolve and survive into another with different and more developed characteristics. Mutations rely on preexisting DNA in the reproductive cells that are modified at the time of reproduction.

Question: Because changes are supposed to be produced by some outside stimulus or need, how do those mutations get transferred to the DNA of the reproductive cells?

Here's another conundrum: DNA cannot function without at least 75 pre-existing proteins, but proteins are produced only at the direction of DNA. Both must be present at the same time.

Evolution is possible only with favorable mutations. Enormous amounts of new DNA information are required to advance creatures from simple cells to the making of skin, eyes, bones, nerves, muscles, blood cells, etc. Even given 3.5 billion years there is not nearly enough time for what the evolutionist says happened on its own. Besides, mutations don't add to genetic information, they take it away. Information cannot be built up by mutations that cancel it.

Almost all mutations are harmful, often pathological and even lethal. Think of cancer, when certain cells go rogue. The body's cellular defenses have checks to protect against genetic errors. Our immune systems identify and destroy mutant cells like cancer. Our defenses had to learn to do it very fast or we could not survive. Also perplexing is how the body identifies mutations that it destroys and how did it learn to identify the healthy cells?

Natural selection was supposed to work with only the fit surviving. But by the sixth edition of his book, Darwin himself abandoned this part of his theory. "Natural selection is incompetent to account for the incipient stages of useful structures."

Darwin is incompetent to be called a scientist. Evolution is not science, it is a theory, not proven fact. It has evolved into a faith, accepted on faith with little that is even provable. Maybe Darwin succeeded as a minister after all, a clergyman in a religion called evolution where much is taken on faith.

The absurdity of evolution is evident in the various examples that evolutionists claim

as proof, which in fact amount to even more solid evidence for special creation.

A Belief Without Warrant

A writer once interviewed a molecular biologist, who says he must believe in two insanities at the same time. He said it would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself. And it would be insane to say you don't believe in evolution when all government work, research grants, and college lectures would stop and you would be relegated to the outer fringes and unable to earn a decent living.

He said he had to live with the elephant in the room. What elephant? Design. The elephant moves around, takes up enormous room, loudly trumpets, bumps into us, knocks things over, eats a ton of hay, and smells like an elephant. And yet we have to swear it isn't there.

Harold Urey, Nobel Prize laureate said, "All of us who study the origin of life find that the more we look into it, the more we feel it is too complex to have evolved anywhere. We all believe as an article of faith that life evolved from dead matter on this planet. It is just that life's complexity is so great it is hard for us to imagine that it did."

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Job 38:1-18 *NLT*: "Then Yahweh answered [the evolutionists] from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. Where

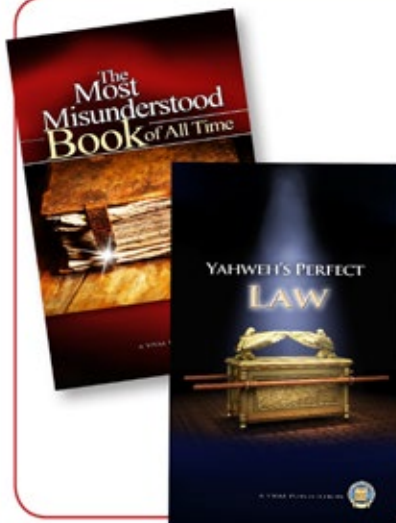
were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who kept the sea inside its boundaries as it burst from the womb, I said, 'This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!' Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east? Have you explored the springs from which the seas come? Have you explored their depths? Do you know where the gates of death are located? Have you seen the gates of utter gloom? Do you realize the extent of the earth? Tell me about it if you know!"

Luke defined evolutionists in Acts 1:25: "Who change the truth of Elohim into a lie, and [end up] worshiping and serving the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever."

In the clash between creation and evolution, what is at stake is nothing less than our salvation through a necessary bond with our amazing Creator.

Acts 17:24 puts the Truth where Yahweh is. "...And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

A belief in secular evolution adds up to a tragic waste of life. Who would choose a man-made "faith" with its dead-end future over a true faith and trust in Almighty Yahweh with its untold promises of eternal life that only He can give? Put another way: the choice is just 70 years on earth with evolution versus an endless life in a coming Kingdom paradise with Yahweh. 



Lawkeeping in the NEW Testament?

For many in churchianity, advocating obedience to the Word today is bondage to a bygone era and an attempt to earn salvation. Nothing could be further from the truth. The law represents the character and values of Yahweh and Yahshua, which believers are to emulate in their lives. Forget misguided church teachings. Get the facts. Request or go online to read the dynamic duo of booklets, **Yahweh's Perfect Law** and **The Most Misunderstood Book of All Time**.

Q I am extremely interested in your work. I do have an initial question concerning the name Yahshua and its treatment in Wikipedia. Wikipedia states, “The pronunciation of Yahshua is impossible on a number of levels. It violates basic Hebrew phonology. And later, “There is absolutely no support for this pronunciation—none at all...” I look forward to your reply as I am searching for the absolute truth.” – JC

A The fact is, there is no support for the hybrid pronunciation “Jesus,” none at all. The Name Yahshua is the same as Joshua of the Old Testament, with the “J” corrected to “Y” (Hebrew *yod*) as there was no J in any language until the time of Christopher Columbus. The Anglicized “Jo” in Joshua is the Hebrew “Yah,” the first part of the Father’s Name Yah-weh. As we read, Yahshua came in His Father’s name, John 5:43. Yahweh says my Name is in Him, Exodus 23:21.

In the Hebrew, Yahshua means “Yahweh is Salvation” with the theophoric element “Yah” along with “shua” meaning salvation (Yah-shua). The Masoretic Jews believed that Yah (in Yahweh) was too sacred to pronounce and so they changed the “a” to “e” through vowel pointing. A case of this is seen in the subtitles in Mel Gibson’s “Passion of the Christ” and the use of Yeshua for the Messiah instead of Yahshua.

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* explains how through Masoretic meddling the proper “a” in Yahweh became an “e” as in Jehovah and Yeshua: “In the early Middle Ages, when the consonantal text of the Bible was supplied with vowel points to facilitate its correct traditional reading, the vowel points for Adonai with one variation—a sheva (short ‘e’) with the first yod [Y] of YHWH instead of the hataf-patah (short ‘a’) under the aleph of Adonai—was used for YHWH, thus producing the form YeHoWaH. When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name ‘Jehovah’” (vol. 7, p. 680).

Jewish editors deliberately changed the “a” in the Name Yahweh to an “e.” Clear evidence is in Nehemiah 8:17, where Joshua was vowel-pointed Yeshua. This man-made manipulation was carried down to the Greek New Testament and is how the “e” in Jesus came to be. If they had not replaced the “a” with an “e,” “Jesus” would be Ja-sus—on its way to becoming Yahshua.

Moses is identified as performing the change while at Kadesh, in the wilderness of Paran, when they went to spy out this land of Canaan, Numbers 13:16. He introduced

the Israelites’ Supreme Being into it, Yahweh. He changed (Hawšē’) to (Yahwšū’), but not (Yēhōšū’) or (Yēšū’). These latter two trace to the later Hellenistic period and exemplify religio-linguistic machinations designed to avoid a form too close to Yahweh, i.e. yahw—the only long pre-exilic abbreviated form of the name at the end and also at the beginning of personal names compounded with the name Yahweh.” (stackexchange.com)

We find in the *Complete Biblical Library* note on Numbers 13:16 that the name Hoshea comes from the Hebrew verb meaning to save. It notes that often in Semitic languages the name of a deity was combined with a verb. “The name was sometimes shortened with the divine name understood.” It adds that Joshua includes part of the divine Name (Yah) represented by the Hebrew consonants YHWH (p. 455).

Jeremiah 23:5-6 ties “Branch,” speaking of Joshua, to Yahshua the Messiah by calling Him the Branch as well. In Zechariah 6:12 Yahweh says, “Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH.” This is clearly speaking of Yahshua, which is seen from the passage. The note in the *Restoration Study Bible* reads, “The close equivalency of the names ‘Joshua’ (v. 11) and ‘Yahshua’ the Messiah is clear, indelibly bound by the shared appellation ‘Branch.’”

“Jesus” is a ghost word that never existed in the New Testament autographs, as attested by many linguistic scholars. Jesus has no etymological meaning, but Yahshua, meaning salvation, is a perfect fit for what He came for. Keep in mind that Wikipedia is a platform that

takes literary submissions from the public. Anyone can write anything they want in it, even if completely lacking in sound scholarship. “Jesus” is a Latinized-Greek construct. Yahshua was a Hebrew, a Jew, and would not have been given a Latinized Greek name. He was never called Jesus in His lifetime.

Q I see that YRM is strong on observing of biblical law. But do you teach the keeping of all 613 laws of Scripture?

A The number 613 was made up by Jewish scribes. The Bible nowhere gives a specific count. According to Bullinger’s *Companion Bible*, the scribes divided them according to “dos” and “don’ts” or positive and negative laws. A total of 248 are affirmative, which is the number of bones in the human body, and 365 laws as the number of days in the year. Together they total 613, which is also the number of letters in the Decalogue. Some were great and some were small (or heavy and light), as in Matthew 22:38; and not “greatest” and “least.” (*Companion Bible* note on Matthew 22:36.)



Q If I dream a dream that is not in line with the commandments, do I sin mentally? Do I need to repent of it? Hebrews 10:26 has me concerned.

A Hebrews 10:26 reads, “For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

The Bible distinguishes deliberate sins from sins done unintentionally or ignorantly. Yahshua said the blind have no sin, John 9:41. But once we understand obedience to the law and what it means to break it, then we come under the penalty of the law when we disobey it.

Knowledge and understanding are the key. Paul wrote, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in Yahweh: walk as children of light,” Ephesians 5:8. Dreams are not under our conscious control and therefore we can’t be held responsible for them. By the same token, dreams reflect our nature, and can give us spiritual insight. Yahweh often used dreams to convey a message. Constant dream unrest may signal a need for spiritual help from Yahweh.

Q I like your Bible but how about some quality control and double-checking to catch those faux pas before releasing your editions?

A The *Restoration Study Bible* is based on the King James Version, which is a word-for-word translation. We made minimal changes in the text to avoid any charge that we wrote our own Bible in order to push our own private doctrines, as some organizations have done.

In the footnotes you’ll find corrections and clarifications to errors and incorrect, man-made teachings in the KJV. This serves two purposes: it shows honesty when claiming the KJV as the basis text. By having the verse reproduced word-for-word, the student can see the verse in question just as it appears in all KJV versions. Then he or she can also have the correct interpretation immediately available in the notes and a great aid in helping others understand as well.

Q Who were the sons of Elohim in Genesis 6 and Job 1:6? They came to present themselves before Yahweh. Satan is among them as if one of them.

A The apocryphal Book of Enoch possibly gave rise to the idea that the sons of Elohim are sinning angels. In this book of Enoch, 200 angels cohabited with mankind. The pseudonymous author undoubtedly got his notion from pagan mythology in which the pagan deities came down to earth to indulge their sexual appetites. This theme is strong in the heathen religions of both Greece and Rome.

The idea must be rejected on the simple grounds that angelic beings are spirit and lack the physical genetics to procreate. Yahshua said in Matthew 22:30, “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of Elohim in heaven.” No evidence exists that angels ever procreated.

Some believe that Genesis 6:1-3 speaks of sinning angels as the “sons of Elohim.” These angels and earthly women together supposedly produced giants. The passage reads, “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And Yahweh said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

Notice. Yahweh says my spirit shall not always strive with MAN. His trouble focused on man, not on sinning angels. Obviously the sons of Elohim here are men, His very “sons,” who offend Yahweh by mixing with the pagan women of the world. The sense is that they are taking multiple wives as well (see Matt. 24:38). Paul said a believer would marry only those in Messiah, 1Corinthians 7:39. Now read verse 4:

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.” Notice the words “after that.” The “giants” were BEFORE the sons of Elohim came into the daughters of men! “Giants” is the

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Hebrew *nephilim*, deriving from the verb “to fall.” Aside from giant, it can also mean one who has fallen, a depraved one. In succeeding verses, 5-7, He reveals His distress with man and wants to destroy the human race. If these were sinning angels then His wrath would have been aimed at angelic beings, not man.

If the purpose of the flood was to destroy these *nephilim*, then why do we find them again, 800 years later, in the land of Canaan? See Numbers 13:33, where we find “nephilim” again for “giants” and no record of a second supposed cohabitation incident.

The term “sons of Elohim” is found four times in the Old Testament. In addition to Genesis 6:2, we find it in Job 1:6, 2:1, and 38:7. In Daniel 3:25, where Nebuchadnezzar sees four men in the fiery furnace, the one who looked like a son of Elohim (singular) is indeed an angelic being, verse 28, as is the one referred to in Job 38:7.

But the beings of Job 1:6 and 2:1 cannot be angels. In both verses we read that there was a day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before Yahweh. Are not angels ALWAYS in Yahweh’s presence? Gabriel said he was, Luke 1:19, and Yahshua said angels “always behold the face of My Father,” Matthew 18:10.

These sons of Elohim were righteous men who had come voluntarily before Yahweh in obedience to the commands in Exodus 23:17 and Deuteronomy 16:16—to appear at the Feasts. Satan is there, too, to try to cause trouble and division.

In the New Testament the term sons of Elohim is used of those who submit to and accept Yahweh as their Heavenly Father (Heb. 12:7-8). See John 1:12, Romans 8:14, Philippians 2:15, and John 3:1-2.

Q What name do you call yourselves? Are you a church?

A We are Yahweh’s Restoration Ministry, restoring the original faith, Jude 1:3. We avoid the word “church” because it derives from the Greek *kuriakos*, meaning “of or belonging to the L-rd” (**Companion Bible** Appendix 186). “Lord” relates to the pagan deity Ba’al. “Church” is cognate to the name Circe, the Greek goddess who changed men to swine (Appendix 186). You will not find in Scripture an official denominational term designating the New Testament Assembly or a specific name they went by.

אִתְּכֶם HEBREW WORD לִשְׁנָה

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Shanah (Shaw-naw)

Composition: Shin, Qamets
Nun, Qamets, Hey.

The Hebrew word **Shanah** means a year (as a revolution of time).

“Noah was six hundred **years** old when the floodwaters came on the earth.”
Genesis 7:6

We see the word shanah in the phrase Rosh HaShanah which means “head of the year.”

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"My wife LuAnn and I are compelled to be baptized at the Feast of Tabernacles baptismal service this year, as Yahweh allows. As Randy noted in a message we recently viewed (Baptism: The Most Important Commitment in This Life) '... once you know, you need to do things differently.'

"Beginning nine months ago through YRM we were introduced to the sacred Names and a body of people that study the Word and show themselves approved. We became regular participants of the Sabbath services, have viewed many of the media offerings by YRM on YouTube and the YRM app, and tithe to support the ministry. In January we joined the Sabbath Bible study online and recently began the evangelism course. We eagerly await the Feast of Tabernacles to meet the believers that have so impacted and

evangelized this household since last October.

"We have seen and experienced a lot in our spiritual journey toward the Truth – and with every step Yahweh has brought us closer and closer to this place. LuAnn and I are not ones that 'look back' (Luke 9:62). We understand the commitment to and opportunity of being baptized into the Name of Yahshua, become part of His family, live a righteous life according to the Law, uphold the Feasts, and correctly handle the Word of Yahweh.

"We are extremely grateful for the ministry of YRM and eagerly anticipate meeting these fellow believers of the Way." – R & LT

"I am ready and want with my whole heart to be baptized into Yahshua's Name. My concern is, I only have trinity churches in my area and I want this important step in my life to be correct and biblical. What can I do and is a doctrinally incorrect baptism unacceptable to Yahweh? Thank you for your time and Yah bless you and our entire assembly." – SB

In answer to your question, you must walk in all the light you are given. Ephesians 4:5 says there is only ONE true faith, one hope and baptism. Baptism is necessary for salvation, John 3:5. You want to be baptized by those keeping the Truth, and who baptize into Yahshua's Name, the only name that gives salvation, Acts 4:12. Once you are immersed the Holy Spirit, which will raise you at the resurrection, Romans 8:11,

must be endowed on you by the laying on of hands of the ministry, 1 Timothy 4:14. That is critical because If you don't have the Spirit you are "none of His," Romans 8:9. The Spirit is given at baptism, as Yahshua showed by His own baptism, Matthew 3:16.

The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey Yahweh, Acts 4:12. It is the Spirit that causes us to walk in His laws, Ezekiel 36:27. How can a nominal minister have the Spirit to give you when he doesn't obey Yahweh and teach His laws? For starters, he worships on Sunday, ignores the commanded Feasts that Yahshua and His disciples all kept, uses false names and titles in his devotions and sermons, and throws out the Old Testament and its laws that endure forever.

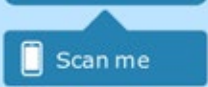
We hold baptisms at all the Feasts and welcome a visit from you. - ED

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It doesn't matter how old you are, you must be immersed into the Name Yahshua for salvation, the only Name that has salvation. We reach the Father through His Son. For more information, please see the response to SB above. - ED

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