

"Integrity is what you do

when no one is watching; it's doing the right thing all the time, even when it may work to your disadvantage."

Tony Dungy

God delights in turning the darkest hour into the most glorious moment.

Matthew Barnett -Tweet

To argue with a person who has renounced reason is like administering medicine to the dead. *Thomas Paine*

Where is God? Meet Him at the Cross. *Editor*



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Ready or Not! ~ Part I

....Here I Come! Everyone who ever played Tag as a youngster remembers these words. You may not have had time to hide yourself away before they come and tag you! Prepared or not....

That's sort of like the future! Regardless of what you believe about it...it's coming at you! And we are not prepared! Why? Because the most important part of preparation is 'mental' and we are preoccupied.

Jesus said our life would resemble Noah's day... people eating & drinking, marrying - Nothing's wrong with those things. The people were just BUSY! In a stupor.

But...! Let's recall the outcome! Though people were warned, all but eight were destroyed. Hello?

People then & people now are no different. Jesus said to His generation, they weren't aware 'their time of visitation.'

Many believe life goes in cycles, that things go on as they always have...and they really don't believe we are in endtimes. Nothing's changed. This is why I'm starting a series of what is wholly NEW in our lives...!

Even those who think we might truly be at the end of all things, they find it too heavy - they're uncertain - they don't believe - it's too scary.

Life does move in cycles!

But this time it is going off the tracks! Very few will make it. Question is, will **you** be one?

Then there's the huge crowd who wonder, how good do you have to be, to GET to heaven? They're "busy" earning brownie points to gain a place - just in case. Good news! Quit wasting your time — they count for nothing! Getting there is a matter of faith! Where IS your faith? Jesus did it all! He's not a liar...or do you think so?

Do you believe the Bible? Or do you resort to what man has said about what God has said? If that's you, you'll miss the boat! Go to the Source... Jesus' Word merits your trust.

Do you believe there is an antichrist coming? Or that the table is being set for him? That all things GLOBAL is on our threshold? That there is a social, economic & religious tsunami coming our way! Only 7 national entities will remain. The U.S. isn't one, only combined with Canada & Mexico! Plans already exist! Unless a miracle comes, the U.S. is done. It probably won't – endtime prophecy must be fulfilled- & we merit judgment!

"Has such things as these happened in your day?" 1 Whoever heard of a an EMP* threat until recently? It's a nuclear bomb set off high in the atmosphere that kills no one initially. Then it destroys power grids & landlines, throwing us back into the 1800's: autos newer than 1970 won't start. As the ash settles, killing crops waterways, millions die! Iran's warships are off our coastline as I write. They say they're ready for conflict with us!

Whoever heard of genetically modified or ganisms or Monsanto, filled with pesticides that explode insect stomachs "but won't harm us!"

Protected <u>by law</u> in U.S. yet Europe burns **gmo** crops!

Whoever heard of ultrahigh radioactivity on the beaches of San Francisco from the tsunami in Japan?

How about a sewage glob floating north of Hawaii, as big as Texas?

Whoever heard of a polar vortex before this winter, crippling northern cities & airline flights?

Whoever heard of new Exec. Orders, in a crisis, empowering 36 designated leaders to take over food, energy, the internet, social media & all transportation and communication?

Whoever heard of a \$17 trillion debt before...? Will Kiev come here? Some say yes... if the economy turns!

Who would ever think of our gov't stockpiling guns, tanks and bullets, planning for civil unrest? Or building FEMA 'camps', one of the biggest in my home town? Did you know Katrina and 9/11/01 occurred directly after we turned our back on our democratic ally, Israel?

Whoever heard of a child's game, Lego - now a theme park - sponsoring the Disney gay pride day, another child's theme park? America is shameful... yet is wholly without shame! Billy Graham's wife said 30 years ago "If God doesn't judge America, He'll owe Sodom and Gomorrah an apology!" These cities had no dvd's, no Hollywood, internet & didn't insist on marriage! It's far worse now! Question. Are locusts next?

Life is fragile; we are illprepared. This life is short! It's the *next one that counts*

Awake you who sleep!2
Repent.Believe-the-gospel3
You'll be encouraged by
next month's NEW Words!





4 out 3 people have trouble with math

I couldn't sleep last night, so I made my coffee with a can of Red Bull (highly caffeinated drink), not water. I got half way to work before I realized I forgot my car.

Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold. But be transformed by the renewing of your *mind!*Rom. 12:2 Message

The 'mind' is the battlefield!

Il Cor. 10:5.6

One time I was sitting at a banquet with people I didn't know. We'd just discovered a baby copperhead that had come up thru our basement shower drain. I had a Park Ranger come out, and he said "Yep, that's a baby copperhead alright. Hmm.... When you find one though, you have to wonder where the other 34 are!" Comforting.

I was telling of this event when this one gal went off on me how ignorant I was, & that no poisonous snakes existed in our region! I simply told her "Hey, poisonous or not, heart attacks can be fatal!"

On Feb. 17, KY preacher Jamie Coots, who'd starred in a recent Nat'l Geographic reality show about snakehandling died of ...snakebite. His son soon took up where he left off... and reports say with the same snake!

Where does this practice come from? I want to say ignorance, because the simplest man on the street has more *common sense!*

But this practice is based on a passage in Mark 16:18 that is a translator's error. A serious one. Only the devil wins in the wake of the confusion abroad due to it.

I took a look at this verse in 4 translations. KJ, NIV, LB & NRS. Three out of 4 have either 'hands' or 'handle' in the translation. But only 2 words appear in the Greek – neither mean hands or handle in them!

The first is 'ophis' meaning 'a snake or artful, malicious person. 'The 2nd is 'apo/usin' The prefix a-p-o does not mean *take up*, as translators say! Rather "off, or away" & 'usually denotes separation, departure and cessation.'

Given that Luke 10:19 says believers are given **authority** to 'tread upon serpents', (also in Ps 91:13) *meaning bring defeat* to them, it is apparent our role is to cast serpents (i.e. demons) out and away, *not take them up!* More, you don't see Jesus doing this!

From Genesis through Revelation, serpents & dragons have always symbolized the devil - 13 times in Revelation, the devil is called a dragon, 4 times a serpent. Then what?

Friends, misguided folks are not God's fault! These folks are no doubt sincere, but *Hitler was sincere!* Peter warned us about false brethren & teachers, saying "on account of these the gospel will be evil spoken of." *Ridiculed!* 4 So when you hear people doing bizarre things *in Jesus' Name*, **RUN**.



"Repent and bear fruit that befits repentance." John the Baptist

When a train goes through a dark tunnel, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Corrie ten Boom

Ref's 1.Joel 1:2 **2.** Joel 2:3 **3.** Matt. 4:17 **4.** II Peter 2:2 **5.** Rom. 2:15 **6.** Rom.1:20 **7.** John 1:1,14; II Tim.3:16,17 **8.** Rom.2:12-15 **9.** Rom. 2:11 **10.** John 14:6 **11.** ICor.14:33,40

".....What About The Natives in Africa?"

Dear Agatha: Hi, Agatha. I just wanted to ask you how to handle a situation I have. I am a believer and our family attends a mid-size church we like. We have an active Sunday school class and have a lot of lively discussion in it. There is one man who is so troublesome to me and the entire class who routinely brings up the same question. What about the natives in Africa who have never heard the gospel....are they going to hell because they didn't know? How to answer so he will just shut up? Janice.

Dear Janice: Thankfully, the Bible has your answer. But first let me say, that many folks raise that argument as an excuse not to obey God! But, we don't have to walk in what we don't understand! If we only walk in **what we <u>do</u>**, understand, we'll be ahead!

First, there are three ways in which God reveals Himself:

1st. The conscience.5 2nd.

Nature.6 3rd. Holy Scripture.7

We are each born with a conscience – "Knowing!"

Nature speaks so loudly, God says man is without excuse (ladies too) (6) We can't ever say we didn't know! Nature displays the intangible attributes of God – His power & His deity. Psalm 19:1,2 'the heavens never stop speaking', 1 translation says.

Scripture is God-breathed, which best defines 'inspired' in II Timothy.

Romans 2 says one who is without the law, will not be judged by the law.8 You can know that God is just and fair

to all. We can't know the heart, but God does. If one does without knowledge of the law what is right, isn't he better than one who has the law and doesn't follow it? God is impartial.9

Jesus is forever the source of our salvation, and the only way to the Father. 10 He said so. He either told the truth, or He's the greatest liar who ever lived!

The most primitive tribes ever discovered have had an innate code of right & wrong; about murder, etc.

God has the final say on the measure of truth we know and follow. But *Americans have no excuse!* Until recently, you couldn't even run away from your spouse without a Gideon Bible finding you inside the hotel room!



