

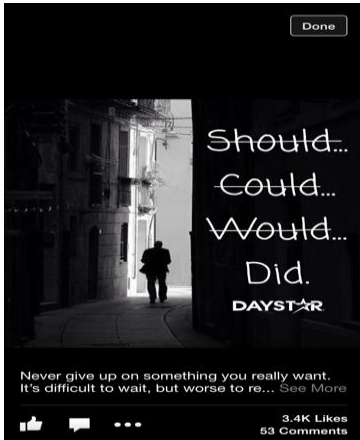
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Rx For The Soul



The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

They say your memory is the first to...something, something.

Sometimes I lay awake at nite and ask, "Where did I go wrong?" Then a voice says "Oh dear this is going to take more than 1 night."

"Be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Jas 1:22 (the devil's not in this picture!)



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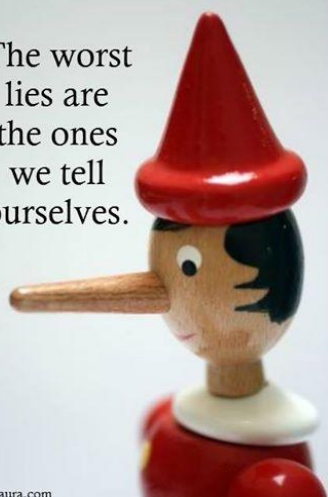
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The worst lies are the ones we tell ourselves.



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Home Before Dark

Last month, a Florida man landed his gyrocopter practically on the White House grounds, flying thru 30+ miles of strictly monitored airspace. He was immediately arrested. His reason? To draw attention to the need for campaign finance changes... An exercise in futility.

This event illustrated to me our own need to 'choose our battles.' A potential call for martial law could dissolve all election plans. It's a real likelihood, Tyrants don't relinquish control readily.

We musn't permit constant coverage of peripheral issues like candidates obscure the hour in which we live! *Chuck Swindoll* said, 'Don't let the tyranny of the urgent crowd out the truly important.'

I learned in business that "ideas" travel in the air – if I didn't pursue an idea, I'd see the finished product in six months or so someone else had done...But this is true with both good & bad ideas.

For example, 90 miles East of Atlanta is a granite monument atop a mountain called Georgia Guidestones. It was funded by a mysterious group and has ten engraved statements of belief. It concerns world population ...too many people using up stuff – (their words) so 500 million people seem like a manageable number ...I didn't make this up! It's not only Ted Turner who has eccentric ideas– it's in the air.

These kinds of mindsets prove the truth of scripture that says our struggle is not with flesh & blood but with "powers, principalities & wickedness in high places." 1

We are soft and we sorely need to toughen up... Discover your armor.1 Someone said, *I used to work to prepare the future for my children. Now I work to prepare youth for the future!*

Recently, I saw a picture on a friend's wall of a Collie standing over a little white lamb, he'd rescued at its feet, titled, "Home Before Dark." ...retrieved from danger.

That picture demonstrates the Hound of Heaven whose relentless Grace pursues & retrieves us from danger

Corrie ten Boom said she once asked her Papa when they'd boarded a train. "Papa when trouble comes, how will I face it?" (a foreboding...?)

He put the suitcase down between them and hesitated. Then he asked, "Corrie, when you ride the train to Gramma's, when do I give you the ticket." She said it was when she boarded the train. He replied, "Yes Corrie. **Grace is like that; it's there when you need it.**"

Scripture is clear that God's chosen will be taken out before His wrath falls on a sinful world. (II Thes.1:7-8)

God is always with us! What ever happens, He'll take care of us.2 We know we'll be Home By Dark.

So... I don't look at the behavior of those I love & pray for, because none of it can surpass the power of the Word of God that I've prayed over them. His word never returns void, so I thank Him for working in them the desire to surrender to Him, tho I may not see evidence of it.

*These aren't ordinary people... they're MY people, **prayed for people...** covered with the Blood of the Son! More, I'm convinced every horrible thing that comes may well be the thing that turns their heart toward Him! I thank Him constantly for it!*

Australia recently called the world to pray for the USA for 7 days. Do they see what Americans don't? Ideas are in the air of a New World Order - God saw it from the outset. It's coming like a train wreck!

The U.S. must relinquish sovereignty, her mantle of greatness now diminished.

Elle Wiesel, a well known Jewish commentator, says of the prelude to Hitler's reign– "*It all came so quickly.*" So it is now.

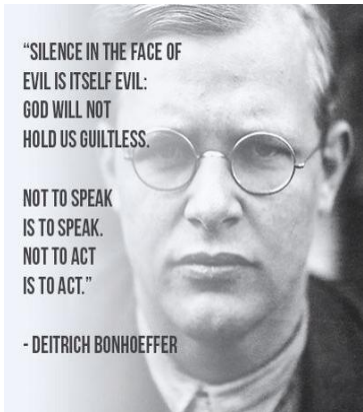
Preoccupation with newscasts often diffuse our energy. We end up rehearsing the difficulties, not looking at the Answer ...Our God Reigns! Corrie said, "There is no panic in heaven; only plans." Ann Graham Lotz & Jonathan Cahn both say judgment is now on the USA. I want you to be able to say to your Kids, I **DID** something!

The antichrist will "wear down the saints";3 it's his tactic! Fix your eyes upon Jesus. Set your hope in God. Teach your children.

Death by a 1000 cuts has already come to our nation. Most are oblivious to it. Yet God's promised an outpouring of His Spirit in the last days that parallel judgments in Revelation. It's a *family event*, of signs & wonders...our sons & daughters shall prophesy! As Paul defines that in I Corinthians 14:3, they will "edify, encourage & console" others... rejecting their 'all about me' culture.

It's imperative we learn to discern now where to focus our time, energy, prayers and money. Most importantly, we must teach our loved ones to love the truth...**else they will readily accept a lie!** People who don't love the truth, will clamor to accept the MARK of 666! What IS truth? Jesus said, "Father... Thy Word is truth."4

His Word washes us; cleanses us; transforms us; informs us; heals & guides us; & delivers us! It will get us Home Before Dark.5.



Bold hearted men are always called mean-spirited by cowards. *Spurgeon*

Today, pick up your Bible, open it & read the Word of God as if your life depended on it. It does!

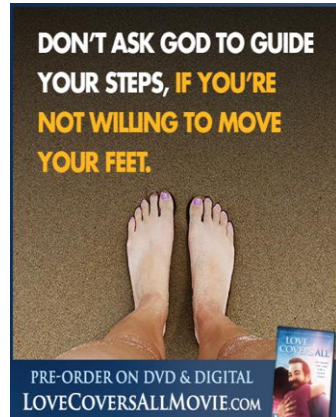
Earth laughs in flowers. Emerson



Ask Agatha



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Shocked Into Rhythm

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In a Bible Study group one time, a woman shared she was grateful doctors had been able to fix her erratic heart beat. It was a technique that shocked her heart into rhythm!

I was taken by that remark because it seems so appropriate spiritually.

People go along through life, unaware they are in any kind of danger at all, then suddenly realize they need something beyond themselves because they are hopelessly lost and in need of a Savior. Unaware that without Jesus Christ, scripture says the wages of sin is death. Hell. Yet...!

There's a FREE 'Get Out of Hell' card! Unbelievers (& those who don't obey) are unaware of the existing danger. But... unless they have that FREE ticket, there will be hell to pay...!

People who don't know scripture don't realize that while God is loving & merciful He is also just & holy. So holy He **can't look** upon sin.⁶ ALL have sinned & missed the mark (of holiness),⁷ so we each need forgiveness. That's why God sent Jesus to accept the just penalty of our sins; to be a 'stand in' for us, all who will believe.

But...! After Jesus pleaded with His Father, "If there be another way, please take this cup from me" God didn't do so! His death was all that would satisfy God's holiness!

Thus, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" God gave His Best; Jesus paid His all...and we *somehow think we can craft our own means of salvation WITHOUT Jesus'* death on the cross? NOT. We must submit as a child to His **plan of righteousness**...! 8

"Truth demands confrontation Loving confrontation never the less." *Dr. Francis Schaeffer*. The gospel is confrontational because it demands a decision, Friends!

It is easier to let friends & neighbors slide, preferring not to offend them. But question. In doing so, are we permitting them to slide into hell?

Dwight Moody held a gospel campaign in Chicago and planned to give an altar call that evening. Instead, he chose to wait until Friday near the end of the crusade. In the meantime, the Chicago fire occurred in which many died. He *never waited again* to offer people an opportunity to be born from above!

The Apostle Paul often prayed for boldness. We too must pray for the same! It is easier not to say anything. But we must be about our Father's business... souls.

"Spiritual Endeavors" See Phillipians 3:1-3

Dear Agatha: I just don't get it, Agatha! I've been in church most of my life but I don't understand the Bible. I feel like I love God as Father, but I can't see why God sent Jesus! I feel dumb & stupid next to other people. I'm single & very shy, so it's hard for me to make friends easily. I wish I had someone to talk to about this though. **Barb.**

Dear Barb: You are not dumb & stupid, Barb. Your questions show intelligence. But you have a number of problems, starting with being shy. That's a preoccupation with "self" – discover other people! They can be wonderful and you need to engage those who are! Stop trying to please them all. Learn to please yourself. Shy people often fail to do that

Find one person you like and make eye contact. Take an interest in them and find out what they like. Talk about THEM. Everyone enjoys that.

Next, if you really want to know God, then look at Jesus! He is the express image of God and how we can know Him best! He is our example, so we imitate Him. He prayed, so we pray. He cared for the hurting & the outcast, so we care as well. His was a life of self surrender, serving others. So we serve others, aiding them.

You are right that you can't understand scripture- **it's a spiritual endeavor requiring the Holy Spirit to teach us.** Worship too is spiritual – in spirit and in truth.⁹ You are a daughter of the King...! Lift your head and act like one.

The question is whether you have actually ever been born again. If you should die tonight & St. Peter asked you 'why' I should let you into heaven, what would you say? "I've been in church all my life?" "Taught Sunday School?" Neither are correct!

Only one answer is right, Barb. That is, *Jesus paid it all for me.* It's Jesus + nothing. It's not about being *good*...If you haven't been born again, Pray this: Father, Your Word says if I believe in my heart & confess with my mouth Jesus is Lord, I will be saved. Forgive me my unbelief in trying to understand you on my own. I humbly accept your provision of Jesus for my sin and Thank You for Him. From now on, I want to serve You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

