

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Mysteries Of The Bible Explained"

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We have all watched shows from time to time purporting to explain certain "mysteries" within the Bible. Usually in these programs, the writers set forth an allegedly "unexplained" phenomenon discussed in the scriptures and then seek the professional opinions of scholars and educators from different institutions of higher learning. The result of these programs is often a conclusion to which most believers in the Bible are shocked and dismayed. Additionally, many who have trusted the Bible on its own merits, after watching such programs, are left with a sense of doubt and generally have more unanswered questions than answered.

There are several types of these programs aired. There are the programs that explain the miracles within the Bible in terms of nature. I watched one program that explained the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites in terms of a big wind blowing the sea apart at a shallow place. Such naturalistic explanations of the miraculous are common in such programs. Other, similar, programs try to explain the authorship of the Bible in human terms; some question the purity of the life of Jesus; and still others level charges of misogyny against Paul. In these programs, the possibility of God's existence and intervention in such things is usually ignored and/or relegated to the beliefs of right-wing fundamentalists. How should the Christian respond to such programs?

The Christian should recognize that the people who create such programs base their beliefs upon modern day philosophies more than they do the Bible (if they have any respect for the Bible at all; many do not), and postmodernism is the philosophy of the day. While there are many facets to postmodernism, one of its basic tenets is the belief that there really is no objective truth. Rather, "truth" is the explanation (theory) of something that holds up best against what is called "deconstruction," a process of providing criticism that tests the explanation (theory). Postmodernism never uses the word "truth" per se, but the word theory (or explanation), in place of truth. The theory or set of theories that is the most falsifiable (that is, can be falsified by empirical data), but has the least evidence to prove that the theory is false becomes the accepted explanation for what is correct.

The fact of the matter is that the fundamental assumption of postmodernism is false; truth exists. The statement "there is no truth" would be self-contradictory if true, so it must be false. From the conclusion that there is objective truth, we can eventually understand that God exists, and that the Bible is God's word. Once that is established, we can easily recognize that the Bible contains all of God's truth and we must believe it. Jesus believed in truth. The Bible teaches that we can know God's truth and that it is God's truth for all mankind today. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Till The Last Amen

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Important Dates

*** Coming 9/1/2022 Weekly
Zoom Question of Life,
Faith, Religion**

*** Combined Worship With
Needville 8/28/2022**

Plan Of Salvation

In order to obey the Gospel and become a Christian, a member of the Church of Christ, which is the Kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13) which is the body (Col. 1:18).

God has provided a scheme of redemption. A Plan of Salvation.

All who obey God, through Christ, must:

1. Hear the Gospel.
Rom. 10:12-17;
I Cor. 15:1-4
2. Believe in Jesus, as the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
Jn. 8:24
3. Repent of your Sins.
Acts 2:38; 17:30,
Lk. 13:3, 5.
4. Confess Faith In Christ. Rom. 10:9.
5. Be Baptized for the remission of sins.
Mk. 16:16,
Acts 2:38; 22:16
6. The Lord will add you to His Body, which is the church.
Acts 2:47

This is the simple plan of salvation. There are biblical examples of this : Acts 8:26-39.

Dear student of the Bible, follow after the Lord in the same fashion , and you too can be saved.



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Corners (Evangelism Ministry)

Exploring Stars And The Birth Of The Universe

In rejoicing over new telescopes, and new techniques, some men of science have been delighted in seeing some things in distant space that heretofore have not been viewed – at least from that far away. One, recently, referred to the viewing of exploding stars, and thus “we have hope that we might have new information on the birth of the universe!”

Interesting, especially in seeing how one point would lead to the other. Granted, if stars explode, and if one saw a star explode, or if one viewed two stars collide or if one witnessed some huge explosion out in space, etc., how does that PROVE that this is the way the universe began? The fact is that there is no such proof, but that men who do not believe in God, and hence do not believe the Bible, must look elsewhere for an explanation of the existence of things. And one need not, if in that vein, be too particular as to the theory that he embraces.

We well remember that when space exploration was in its infancy, some newscasters, in venturing all the benefits that could be realized, said that we might even “discover the origin of the universe!” To this good day, they’ve brought forth no evidence – well, a little moon dust and a few rocks – of anything remotely relating to origins! We have no fears that they will do so, either!

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Sister Omni Benjamin-Douglas has been attending the Agape congregation for a little over 2 1/2 months now, along with her two sons and one daughter.

She is a diligent note taker and consistently attentive to the preached Word that

she receives with great enthusiasm.

The genuine love and embracement of family at the Agape congregation is what initially drew Omni to the congregation.

Sister Benjamin holds to the encouraging Word

that she derives from Phil. 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

This wondrous passage enables our good sister to accomplish all those things that are pressed upon her heart to do. To that end, she works along side her husband, in a business and organization that he founded.

Omni has the earnest desire to grow in her faith and work within the congregation at Agape and to become active and involved in its various ministries.

God bless you Sister Benjamin, to see these aspirations of growth and development come to fruition, as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country"

Pro. 25:25

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



The Universe Was Made

Evolution teaches that the creation of the universe was self-generated; that it just "happened" (Big Bang

Theory).

It also teaches that mankind "evolved" over eons of time separating the initial "big bang" from the commencement of the human family. These two ideas can easily be refuted by the following biblical evidence:

In Rom. 1:20, the inspired apostle Paul states, that the "world" (Grk. kosmos – universe) was "made" (cf. Jn. 1:3,10). The Greek word translated "made" is the word ginomai, to begin to be, i.e. to come into existence, or

into any state, as implying origin either from natural causes or through special agency; hence, to become, come to pass (Bullinger's Lexicon To The Greek NT, 1982, p. 473).

Paul is saying that the universe is not eternal (2 Pet. 3:10; cf. Psa. 102:25-26; Isa. 51:6; Mt. 24:35); it was not self-generated. The cosmos (that which is ordered) is an "effect" which points to a Supreme Being.

The Creator of the universe (Christ – Jn. 1:3,10; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2) Himself declared in Mark 10:6 that man and woman ("male and female") existed "from the beginning of the creation." Thus, you can point out to folks who believe in the evolutionary theory the following facts from the above biblical evidence: (1) An orderly creation demands a Creator; (2) Mankind has existed since the beginning of the creation; there is no evidence to substantiate evolution.

AGAPE Salutations

We, the Church of Christ, that meets at the Adorn Hall in Fresno, TX are delighted that you have received this particular edition of the "Love Letter"; a weekly publication which highlights important events and featured articles by our Minister and staff.

When you have the opportunity we would be elated to welcome you to any and all of our services at the congregation.

It is our great joy to proclaim the glad tidings of Christ, His Kingdom and His glorious gospel.

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