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The Historical Jesus (2)

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In this article, I will continue to look at early non-Christian references to Jesus to show that Jesus was an historical person, just as was Julius Caesar. Then, toward the end of the article, we will very briefly consider the historical records from first century Christians as they appear in the New Testament. The intent is to reinforce the conclusion that Jesus of Nazareth actually lived and taught in the time and place ascribed to Him in the New Testament.

6. Josephus (37-100). Josephus was a Jewish leader who was given charge of the contingent of soldiers who defended Yodfat in Galilee during the early days of the Jewish rebellion against Rome. When Josephus' garrison was near defeat, the soldiers made a pact to commit suicide, much as others did at Masada in A.D. 73. Significantly Josephus was the lone survivor (did he rig the drawing of lots?). When he was captured by Vespasian and his son, Titus, Josephus claimed to have a divine revelation that Vespasian would be the next Roman emperor. When Vespasian became emperor, Josephus was held in high regard. During the siege of Jerusalem, Josephus tried to persuade his Jewish brethren to surrender to Rome. Because of his supporting the Romans and later writings, he is viewed as a traitor and held in disrepute among the Jews. A quotation from his *Antiquities of the Jews* is so favorable toward Christ that most scholars think that it has been revised by Christians. The quotation reads as follows (I have placed in italics those parts

that are thought to be later Christian additions):

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man; *if it be lawful to call him a man*; for he was a doer of wonderful works, and a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. *He was the Christ.* And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him: *for he appeared to them alive again, the third day: as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him.* And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, is not extinct at this day (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews* 18.3.3).

Even when the "edited" parts are removed, we are left with an important early reference to Jesus. Leaving out the disputed material, Josephus said this about Jesus:

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, and a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, is not extinct at this day (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews* 18.3.3).

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Fifty-one Years of Leading, Feeding, and Guarding the Flock

In 1961, Raymond Byers was appointed as one of the elders of Manslick Road church in Louisville, Kentucky. A month ago, he resigned from that work due to advancing age and declining health. Since 1970, I have had the good fortune to not only know this man well, but also to serve under him and have him watch for my soul. He has served with a number of other good men through the years, but through them all he has been a stabilizing influence on other elders and for the congregation as a whole.

During the years he has served, there has never been a division in the Manslick Road church. That is not to say there have not been anxious times. Early in the history of the congregation, a battle had to be fought over institutionalism. Raymond and others stood firm and the church remained intact. He helped guide the church from meeting in an elementary school building, to the erection of a basement where the church met until the upper portion could be added. A few years ago, a large, new auditorium was built and connected to the older structure which was converted into class rooms.

During the years we worshipped there, I always regarded Raymond as a “balance wheel” among the other elders. He had a firmness in conviction which would not be compromised, but also a calmness, reasonableness, and approachability which made members trust and respect him. He has a broad knowledge of the Bible and has kept abreast of issues and challenges which face the church. Through these fifty-one years several men have worked as preachers with this congregation. He has worked hard to help the church secure men who were sound in the faith. He has been a friend to all of us. He has made better men of each one of us.

Through the years he supported his family as a builder. His specialty was finish work and in that area he was a true craftsman. He, his brother, and nephew built our house at Brooks, Kentucky in 1973. I was scrambling to get a construction loan and applied at a bank in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. The bank president listened politely to my appeal and report of the new congregation we were beginning (Hebron Lane), and then told me they did not give construction loans because of some bad experiences they had suffered. As I was leaving, he asked, “By the way, who is your builder?” I said, “Laymond Byers.” He asked, “Is that Raymond Byers’ younger brother?” I said, “Yes.” He said, “Sit back down, Mr. Adams. I have known Raymond a long time. How much do you think you will need?” Because he had “a good report of them without” we were able to complete our plans. Some years later, the utility company sent a man out to inspect our house and tell us how we could save on fuel. When he finished his inspection, he asked, “Who built this house? Who did this finish work?” I told him and he said, “We don’t see many houses built like this any more.”

Fifty-one Years of Leading, Feeding, and Guarding the Flock

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Raymond was greatly helped in his work by his wife, Emogene. She quietly stood beside him in his work, kept the home fires burning, offered hospitality to countless people, and together they reared five children, all of whom are faithful Christians. One son serves as an elder; a daughter is married to an elder. Another son-in-law has served as an elder and preaches the gospel. That influence has spread to a third and fourth generation.

Even as age began to take its toll, on a snowy Sunday morning, you would find Raymond and Emogene at the building early and he would have shovel in hand being sure the walks were clear. Through all these years there were very few times when they were not present at Manslick Road. The work of that church was always uppermost in their mind.

I remember one occasion when one of the young men made an invitation talk and taught some error in the process. Raymond arose afterward and gently but plainly pointed out the error, lest anyone leave with a wrong impression. He was kind and complimented the effort of the young man, but firm in pointing out the truth. He, along with other elders, was consistent in practicing corrective discipline.

While being interested in the work throughout the Louisville area, he was content to “tend the flock which is among you” (1 Pet. 5:2). But that did not keep him from wanting to spread the gospel throughout the world. Many men have been supported throughout this country and the world to preach the saving gospel. After returning to Manslick Road in 1985 in an arrangement where I spent nine months in meetings each year and winter months teaching classes at Manslick Road, Raymond was always interested in that work and that arrangement continued for 22 years. During those years, Donnie Rader, Phillip Mullins, and Frank Himmel preached there in local work.

Brother Byers is a meek and quiet man and the thought of self-promotion or self-praise would be the last thing on his mind. He does not know I have written this and will only know when he reads it in this paper. But this milestone should not pass without some notice being made of a life truly dedicated to shepherding the flock. I have worked under the oversight of many good elders through the years but none better at the task than this short, quiet man from Butler County, Kentucky who devoted over half a century to leading, feeding, and guarding God’s flock at Manslick Road. Thank you, my dear brother, for a job well done.

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you: And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves” (1 Thess. 5:12-13).



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ETHAN R. LONGHENRY

“The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife”

Do Not Keep Silent!



JESSE FLOWERS

A fragment from an ancient text has been recently publicized, promoted, and sensationalized. Its researcher has named the text “The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife” since one of the legible lines reads, “And Jesus said to them, ‘My wife. . . .’” Other readable lines include, “she will be able to be my disciple” and, “I will dwell with her” (“The Inside Story of a Controversial New Text About Jesus,” Ariel Sabar, Smithsonian.com, September 18, 2012). If authentic, it would be the first ancient text discovered explicitly suggesting that Jesus had a wife. Many in the media have taken this story as an opportunity to suggest yet again that Jesus was married. Could it be true? Was Jesus married? Let us look beyond the hype and see what can be known about Jesus and this text.

It might be a forgery. “The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife” is written in Coptic (a form of Egyptian). Many learned Coptologists are convinced that the fragment is a modern forgery: the handwriting, the writing instrument and ink, and the substance of the text seem suspicious.

It provides insufficient context. Even if “The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife” is authentic, so little has been preserved that establishing proper context and meaning is impossible. We cannot know who wrote it and with which group the author was affiliated. For that matter, we cannot know for sure whether the “wife” should be understood in “reality” or in metaphorical terms; no evidence exists as to whom in particular the woman might be.

It is later than the Apostles. The Coptic fragment of “The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife” has been dated around 350-400 CE; it has been suggested that the original text might have been written as early as the late second century. This means that the text was written at least a hundred years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, and therefore cannot be considered apostolic.

It has no bearing on the presentation of Jesus in the New Testament Gospels. The New Testament tells us that Jesus’ brothers and

Peter were married (cf. 1 Cor. 9:3-5), but says nothing about Jesus being married or having in-laws or children or anything of the sort. Even the researcher publicizing the text does not believe it provides evidence that Jesus was married; she believes it suggests that some people at a later time thought He was married.

Who would believe it? Who would believe that Jesus was married? Early Christians believed Jesus was not married (Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* 3.6.49, Tertullian, *On Monogamy* 5). The other major group, the Gnostics, rejected the belief that Jesus came in the flesh and taught that He only seemed like He was human. Many such Gnostics renounced sex and marriage; why would they then suggest that Jesus was married? Such difficulties give credence to the judgment that the fragment is a modern forgery.

What would it change? The New Testament provides no reason to believe that Jesus was ever married. Yet nothing would change if He had been married! It was not sinful for Him to do so; no prophecy demanded His celibacy. We can imagine many reasons why it was more profitable for Jesus to remain celibate; yet, if we learn on the other side that Jesus actually was married, it does not change anything about redemption in His name and the Lordship which God granted Him (Rom. 5:6-11; Phil. 2:5-11).

Why does it matter? “The Gospel of Jesus’s Wife” leads to eye-catching headlines and media hype, yet tells us nothing about Jesus Himself. It is only a story because of sensationalism, profit, and the desire to advance a pluralistic agenda. Yet, despite “The Gospel of Jesus’ Wife,” *The da Vinci Code*, and other such works, the four New Testament Gospels remain the most authentic source of information about Jesus of Nazareth. Christians are not conspiring to hide the truth: they want everyone to come to the knowledge of Jesus as the truth and the life (John 14:6). Let us put our trust in the Gospel message, not in sensationalist modern hype, and live to glorify God in Christ!

In both the Old and New Testaments there are many admonitions given to people to keep silent. In fact, numerous proverbs speak of the wisdom of the individual who rarely talks, and the folly of the person who speaks often. Seldom will you find anyone in the Bible encouraged to speak up, to talk more, to **not** keep silent. However, there are a few exceptions to this.

At times the Scriptures will admonish a person to not remain silent. *“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for [such] a time as this?”* (Esth. 4:14). *“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent”* (Isa. 62:6). *“Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent”* (Acts 18:9).

Circumstances will arise in the Christian’s life where we would be wrong if we failed to speak up. Sinners all around us are in desperate need of the word of life (Phil. 2:16), and so we must tell them the good news of salvation. Co-workers or friends speak and do ungodly things in our presence, we must remain loyal to Christ and confess His teachings unto them (Matt. 10:32-33).

When a brother or sister in Christ is involved in sin and refuses to repent, they

need to be admonished and rebuked (Rev. 3:19; Gal. 6:1). When a gospel preacher begins to teach a false doctrine (Rom. 16:17), we cannot afford to remain silent (Titus 1:10-11). When those who are disorderly in the local church remain undisciplined (2 Thess. 3:6), we must be brave, faithful, and speak up!

Too many Christians today remain silent when their voice needs to be heard. It has been said, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” And we might add, “or for good men to **say nothing.**” May our God grant us the wisdom to discern those times when we should say nothing, and those times when we must refuse to keep silent!

“Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent” (Acts 18:9)





JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ AGUILAR

The Continuing History of Faithful Churches in Honduras

Since February, 1991, the history of the church in Honduras has had many changes. My wife, Reina, and I were converted in 1988. I started to preach in 1990, collaborating with the preachers who needed to travel to other places to preach in other churches. At that time, I was working in a secular job with an International Development Program for rural areas, Named Foster Parents Plan International. The Lord's work in Honduras, as was mentioned

in Paul Earnhart's articles (*Christianity Magazine*, February 1991, p. 10; March, 1991, p. 10), was disappearing, as was the case with these churches: San Luis, La Entrada, and Aramecina a few years later.

If I remember well, at the end of 1991 or starting 1992, Florentino Maldonado divided at least half of the congregation of the church of San Pedro Sula over the "one-cup" issue. The San Pedro Sula (SPS) church asked me if I might preach for them. I said yes, because Sergio Fernandez had moved to preach at the church of Tela, since Carlos Osorio (Tela preacher) had traveled to the USA. I was still working with Plan International. I asked the congregation to be patient for limited time to do a better work for the church. I was doing the two works about six years, and taking care of my family only with my salary from Plan International. In 1995 my boss wanted to move me to initiate another program at the west of the country, but my wife and I did not accept, because there was no other preacher for the SPS church. I quit my secular job to attend the church, and thanks to our loved brother, Craig Hearne, I could get support from some churches. I think brother Craig was encouraged to visit the church in Honduras when he read Paul Earnhart's articles. And thanks also to brother Wayne Partain for putting me in contact with other churches for support.

A couple of years later brother Maldonado came back to the faithful church to preach in Comayagua, at the center of the country, but he had not come back to San Pedro Sula to repent of his sin. During a visit of our brothers Craig Hearne (NC) and Raul Lopez (Houston), we visited the existing churches around the country. In our visit to Comayagua, brothers Sergio, Raul, and I went to visit our brother Florentino in his house to ask him to repent and travel to the San Pedro Sula congregation to repent before the church, which he did days later. We were happy for that. My wife and I often visited brethren who remained in the one-cup church and we

Julio and his wife Reina



were able to study at least with some of the 15 members lost, with the help of Wayne Partain's visit. We visited again brother Adolfo Brizo and his wife, and they were restored. This was a blessing for the future of the Church. At that time, there were only six faithful churches: San Pedro Sula Church, Hicaque, Tela, Comayagua, Catacamas, and Siguateque. In spite of my secular job, I continued visiting on weekends for about two years the La Entrada Church and La Esperanza Church, but no full time preacher could move to preach to those churches, so the churches without preachers disappeared.

Brother Craig Hearne, from New Bern, NC, continued visiting us each year until the present (about 20 years doing that) and has been a great blessing for the Honduran churches, visiting

churches, teaching, making contacts for support for preachers, etc. Many other churches have been established with his collaboration because of his contacts to locate support for preachers. Thirteen years ago, another great servant of God, Jeff Archer (from Huntsville, AL), traveled to Honduras with brother Craig, and in those years of visits, like brother Craig, he has collaborated with Honduran churches. For about eight or nine years we also have been visited by brother Ronald Drumm from Tampa, Florida, and his help is much appreciated. Obviously, they have been inviting brethren to travel with them each year and thanks to our Lord, and these brethren, we were able to meet many more each year.

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The San Pedro Sula church continues training men to preach. At this time, they are as follows: Adolfo Brizo, Jose Santos Pacheco, Oscar Rolando Cano, Manuel Arturo Pacheco (my son-in-law), Daniel Emilio Menjivar, Daniel Fernando Menjivar (Junior), Rosa Martir Burgos, and Reynaldo Portillo. Most of them started new churches: Adolfo Brizo, in the neighborhood of San Pedro Sula, La Rivera Hernandez church, five years ago, with 46 members at present; Jose Pacheco, in a neighborhood of SPS, the Chamelecon church, three years ago, 14 members at present; Oscar Rolando Cano, in a neighborhood of SPS, El Pedregal church, in a neighborhood of SPS, 9 members at present (two years ago); Rosa Martir Burgos, the Omoa church, 5 years ago (one hour from SPS), 12 members at present; Reynaldo Portillo, La Estancia church in Gracias Department (4 hours from SPS), three years ago, 27 members at present; Daniel Emilio Menjivar, Cedros Corquin (5 hours from SPS, he travel weekends to Corquin), 3 months ago, there are 13 members at present; and Adalid Humberto Guzman, who was a liberal preacher and was persuaded by us teaching him the truth when he was working six months as a mason in a house of sister Nora Calona in SPS. After he learned the truth, and came back to Marcala city, he started a church where there are 22 members presently. We did the same with Juan Antonio Melendez, and La Ceiba church (3 hours from SPS). There are at present 26 members.



The assembly of the La Rivera Hernandez church.

At the northwest of the country the churches have increased at least by nine more than in 1991, The list of former churches (1991) and new ones are:

1. San Pedro Sula church (downtown, 54 members)
2. La Rivera Hernandez Church, SPS
3. Chamelecon Church, SPS
4. El Pedregal Church, SPS
5. Omoa Church, Puerto Cortes
6. Tela Church
7. Hicaque church, Tela' village
8. Rio Platano Platano Church, Tela' village (It was a liberal church but brothers Sergio Fernandez and Carlos Osorio taught them the truth)
9. Ceiba Church
10. Catacamas Church
11. Marcala Church
12. La Estancia Church
13. Cedros Corquin church
14. Camayagua Church
15. Siguatepeque Church

Our sincere gratitude to all the brethren of the USA who visit us every year (Craig Hearne, Jeff Archer, and Ronald Drumm, and others who travel with them). Our great gratitude to our beloved brother, Wayne Partain, who with his books of Sermons, articles, etc., has been very useful in the preachers' training. Please pray for the Lord's work in Honduras, and also come work with us as much as possible.



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The Wise Men

The Wise Men are very popular this time of year with the celebration of Christmas and all. Yes, the Wise Men visited and witnessed the Christ child. However, the problem lies in the fact that God has never said one word in the Scriptures about celebrating the birth of Christ as a religious holy day. We do not find the early church celebrating such an event as the birth of Christ. Therefore, there should be no special Christmas service—just the normal

Lord's Day worship as God commanded every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have

seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw

the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being

warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him (Matt. 2:1-13).

Somehow, the wise men knew that by this star Christ was born. Hence, we see the wisdom of these men; they came to worship the King of kings. We can learn several things about the wise men and the events that surrounded their lives.

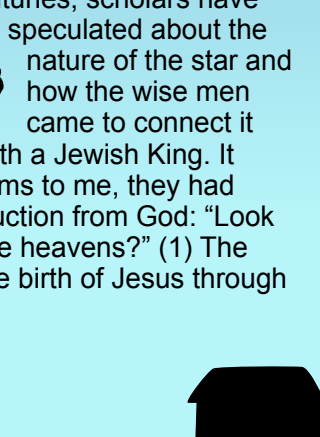
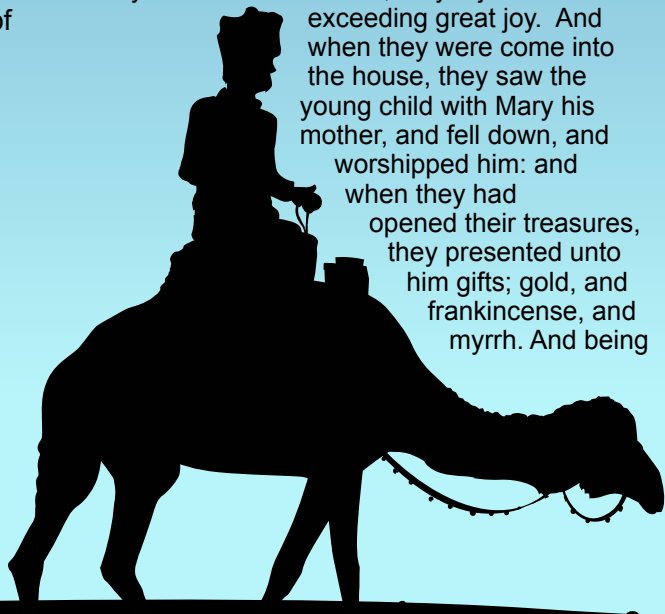
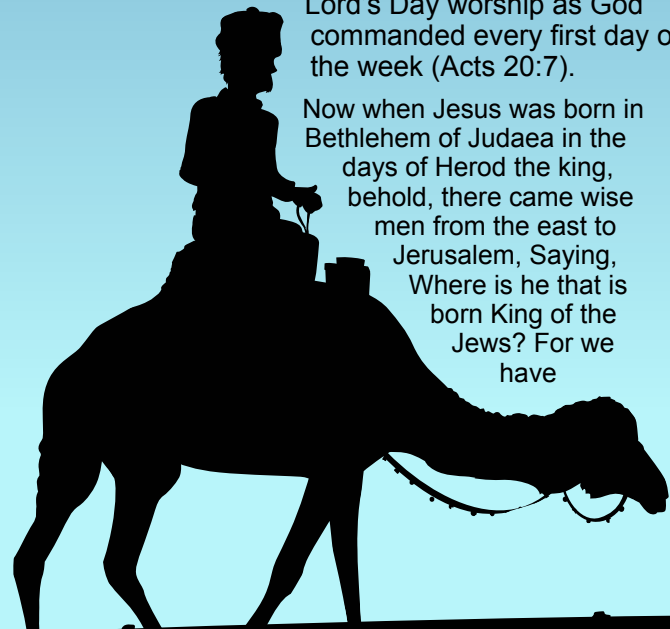
In verse 1, we learn that the wise men, or Magi, were a Persian priestly caste. Magic and magician are both derived from this word (*Magi*) (Acts 13:6, 8). The wise men of this chapter were obviously humble Gentiles who likely studied astronomy and/or astrology. Their appearance on the stage of history reemphasizes the universal meaning or blessing of Christ's mission (Gen. 12:3)

– “In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” God never forgot His promises to bless all nations through Abraham!

FACTS ABOUT THE WISE MEN

1. We don't know how many Wise Men there were!
2. The Wise Men were never at the manger. They came to the house (2:11). By this time, Christ was over forty days old. We know this because Mary had to fulfill the law of purification (Lev. 12; Luke 2:21-24) which, for a male child, was forty days. It was the shepherds who came to witness the birth of Christ at the manger (Luke 2:7-18). When they saw the baby Christ they went and told others about the Christ child (Luke 2:17-18).
3. The Bible says nothing of Wise Men traveling on camels. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, the wise men ask where they can find the newborn King of the Jews. They had seen the king's star and came to worship him.

In verse 2, the phrase “in the east” literally reads “in the rising” and means the Magi saw the star when it first appeared. How did they know the appearance of the star meant the birth of a king? For centuries, scholars have speculated about the nature of the star and how the wise men came to connect it with a Jewish King. It seems to me, they had direct instruction from God: “Look for a sign in the heavens?” (1) The shepherds learned of the birth of Jesus through



a direct revelation. (2) The wise men had direct instruction from God as to how they should return home (Matt. 2:12). (3) Therefore, it seems God revealed the birth of Christ to the wise men, which started them on their journey to seek him out.

Since Christ came to bless all nations, it should not surprise anyone that God, who already announced His birth to the Jews (Luke 2:8-16), would do the same for the Gentiles. After the establishment of the church on Pentecost, sometime later, the gospel of Christ came to the Gentiles (Acts 10-11). God taught Peter and those who went with him to Cornelius' house that the Gentiles are now clean, that there is to be no distinction between the Jew and Gentile, and that both are one in Christ through obedience to the Gospel. God apparently gave the wise men revelation about Christ's birth and His star.

Why did they have to seek the advice of the scribes in Jerusalem as to where the Christ should be born if they themselves were familiar with the Old Testament? This shows they were not familiar with Old Testament prophecy. When they arrived, they still did not know precisely where He was. For they went to Jerusalem, the Jewish capital, and asked where they can find the newborn King of the Jews. When they left for Bethlehem, the star led them to the house where He was (Matt. 2:7-11). Because of the earth's rotation, heavenly bodies appear to move from east to west, but this star moved from North to South until it "stood over where the young child was" (2:9).

The wise men said that they had "come to worship him." Worship is a human response to a divine revelation. How can one know how to worship God, unless He directs through divine revelation. God must tell man how, when, and where to worship Him (John 4:24). So we see that it was God Almighty behind the command to worship the newborn King of the Jews. Thus, Divine Revelation!

Verse 3 talks about Herod the king. Herod was given the title "King of the Jews" by the Roman senate at his appointment of governor of Galilee at age 25. This answers the question as

to why Herod was troubled (2:3). This baby who was born King of the Jews was a threat against his position and because of that he had all the children two years old and under put to death (2:16).

In verse 4, Herod calls for the Chief Priests. This would include the High Priest and any man who formerly held the office (Luke 3:2; Acts 4:6). He also called for the Scribes. The Scribes were scholars who studied the Law of Moses. They were sometimes called Lawyers (Matt. 22:35; Luke 7:30). The religious leaders were able to quote Scripture to answer Herod's question as to where Christ should be born.

The wise men asked about the King of the Jews but Herod asks about the Christ (2:4). Herod's assumption that they were looking for the Messiah probably reflects the expectation in Palestine that the Messiah-King would soon appear to throw off the Roman yoke. (Messiah means Anointed One, Savior of the World, Great Deliverer.)

In verses 5 and 6, the chief priests and scribes answer the demand of Herod as to where Christ should be born. They tell him that, according to the prophets, He is to be born in Bethlehem of Judah, which was six miles southwest of Jerusalem. Verse 6 is an interpretation of Micah 5:2.

What stands out here is the wisdom of the wise men in contrast to the Jewish leaders. The Wise Men (Gentiles) came to worship the King. The Jewish leaders, who had been summoned by Herod, quoted Scripture to answer his questions. They knew where the Messiah was to be born. Nevertheless, not even the visit of these foreign dignitaries arouses their curiosity enough to travel six miles to Bethlehem to find out if there is any truth in the report.

In verses 7 and 8, we now find Herod calling a private meeting with the wise men. He asked them when the star appeared. Evidently, he was trying to establish a time frame so that he

could take care of any potential threat to his throne (2:16). In verse 8 we find Herod using the Wise Men as detectives who were to report the location of the child.

We learn from verses 9 and 10 that prophecy directed the Wise Men to Bethlehem, but the star leads them directly to Jesus. Prior to this, there is *no indication the star actually moved*. But now it moves south toward Bethlehem. This star seems to have been created for a special purpose. The Wise Men knew about the motion of stars and the movement of this star indicated some kind of supernatural guidance. Realizing this, the sight filled them with great joy (2:10). They realized this movement of the star as the work of Almighty God, for they rejoiced.

Verses 11 through 13 reveal that, upon entering the house, the Wise Men fell before the Child and worshiped Him as King. In keeping with the Eastern practice of honoring a ruler by bringing him gifts (Gen. 43:11; Ps. 72:10-11), they offer treasures fit for a King: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We should do the same thing the Wise Men did. Give precious gifts, that is, give our lives to the King as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2). Worship the King in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). And give Christ our heart. Love Him more than anything on this earth (1 John 2:15-17; John 14:15).

WHAT WAS BENEATH THE STAR?

In Matthew 2:9 we read, "And, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." Have you ever considered what was represented by the star that led the Wise Men to Christ?

A TOKEN OF GOD'S LOVE

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us we will obey Him (Rom. 5:8-10; John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; Heb. 5:8-9).


HOPE FOR A LOST WORLD

Christ brought hope for the whole world and without Christ there is no hope whatsoever (Eph. 2:12). The babe of the Nile was the hope of Israel—the babe of Bethlehem is the hope of the world (1 Thess. 4:13; 1 Pet. 1:3).

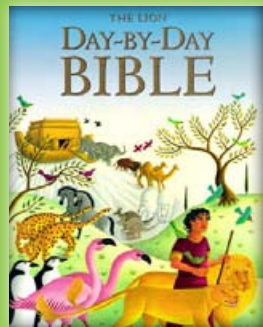
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Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). We must follow Christ, not men or their creeds, to have the light of life! The Jewish leaders thought they possessed the light of life, but Jesus said, not so! What about you?

THE WORLD'S REDEEMER

Isaiah said, "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord" (Isa. 59:20). Man was in bondage to sin and Christ came and *redeemed* man, or rescued him from the bondage of sin. Christ *paid His life* as a ransom for sin and its penalty and thereby released man from sin and its consequences (Matt. 20:28; Col. 1:14). 





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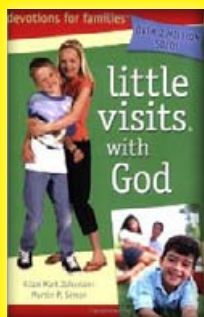
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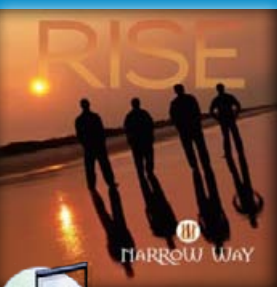
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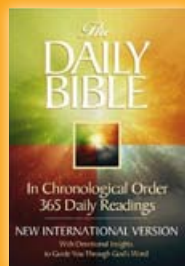
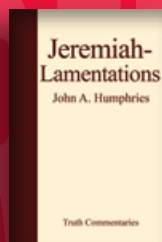
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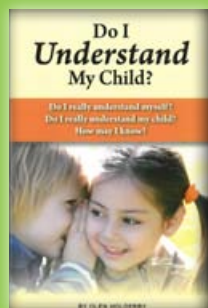
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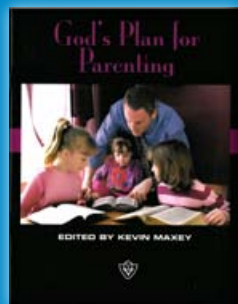
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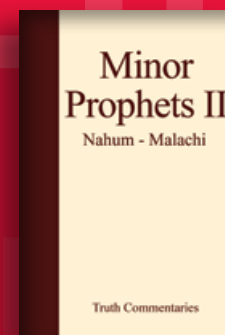


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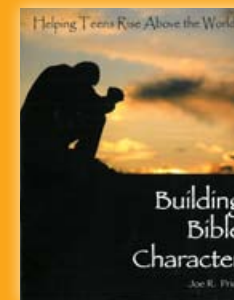
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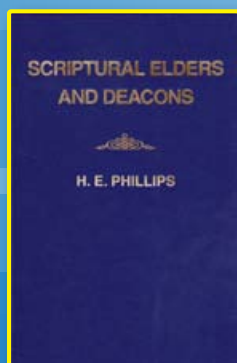
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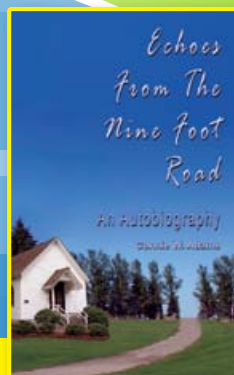
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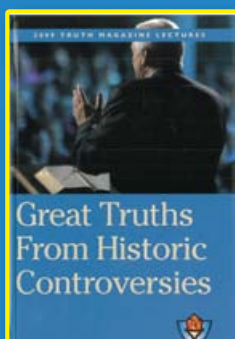
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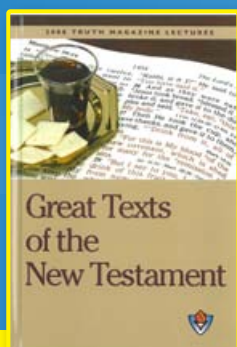
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NBA Fine, A Sign of the Times

During the 2011 season, professional basketball star Kobe Bryant was fined \$100,000 for using a “gay slur” during an emotional outburst. The National Basketball Association’s commissioner, David Stern, explained “such a distasteful term should never be tolerated . . . insensitive or derogatory comments are not acceptable and have no place in our game or society.” Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese added his two cents, “We hope such swift and decisive action will send a strong and universal message that this kind of hateful outburst is simply inexcusable no matter what the context” (Greg Beacham, Associated Press Thursday, April 14, 2011). In the NBA playoffs, another NBA player is reportedly in hot water for allegedly using a gay slur during an angry exchange with a fan.

Is the NBA really concerned that their players and organization avoid all insensitive and distasteful words and deeds? Are players fined for offending Christians when they use God’s name during angry, hateful outbursts? Are teams dismissing their cheerleading squads whose thigh and breast-exposing uniforms offend families and all right-thinking Christians? Of course not, because American society has long tolerated and generally accepted such language and dress. The NBA will “come out strong” against anything that they perceive their

audience believes is distasteful and offensive because they are selling a product. They have few, if any, moral principles. The fine for Kobe’s gay slur says more about our society than the NBA.

But, what can we do about it? I know of nothing we can do about the NBA, and even the masses in our society are too large to be instantly influenced. What we can do is open God’s word and use these events to better understand how to recognize sin and avoid its influence.

1. America’s transition from tolerance to acceptance of homosexuality. America’s general attitude toward homosexuality has gone from “Don’t ask, don’t tell” (toleration) to “Don’t tell me it is wrong” (acceptance). This is no surprise coming from parts of our society who long ago abandoned the Bible. For example, some mainstream denominations for decades have refused to preach repentance to the practicing homosexual. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is paving the way for homosexual leaders, while the Episcopal Church (USA) has already done so. Without an objective moral-measuring stick, few Americans know how to identify sin and view those who do as being guilty of hate. Do not doubt that this leaven is spreading, even in conservative areas like ours.

2. We must not be conformed to this world. “*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*” (Rom. 12:2). Some in our society are using their influence to move you away from opposing sin. They do not care that you choose not to practice it as long as you are silent when you see it. The Garden City (Georgia) church of Christ caused a stir in their community by citing portions of 1 Corinthians 6:9 on their sign, warning homosexuals, drunkards, and adulterers alike. Whether on our sign, bulletin, newspaper articles, or public/private teaching, our job is to convince, rebuke, and

exhort with all longsuffering and teaching (2 Tim. 4:2).

When we gain understanding, we hate every false way and are not numb to its presence (Ps. 119:104). How do you respond to cursing in your entertainment? Do you barely notice when your favorite TV shows send a barrage of barely-dressed men and women across the screen? When this happens, fathers, do you warn your family of sin? Do you lead by turning off the TV or, if the occurrence was brief and uncommon, talking to your family about it later? These are ways to respond to Satan’s influence. If he can numb your mind to these sins, just a little at a time, he is influencing you. Notice sin, remember its consequences, and guard your heart from its influence (Prov. 4:23). This is one way we are watchful and sober (1 Pet. 5:8).

3. Words have meaning. Kobe Bryant defended himself by saying, “What I said last night should not be taken literally. My actions were out of frustration during the heat of the game, period. . . .The words expressed do *not* reflect my feelings towards the gay and lesbian communities and were *not* meant to offend anyone.” Yet even this explanation did not silence his critics because words have meaning.

Have you heard sayings like, “Lordy” or “Oh, my God”? What do they mean? Sometimes people use these words as thoughtless expressions of surprise or frustration. Despite God’s expectation that His name be holy, they defend their continued practice by thinking, “It’s just an expression; I don’t mean it that way.” Would we thus defend ourselves to God Himself? “God, I do reverence You. I know your name is holy, so when I use your name in a thoughtless way, I mean no harm.”

Other expressions may be less obvious but often have the same meaning. Do you know what “Gosh,” “Gee,” “Golly,” and “Darn” literally mean? Find their definitions and see if they fit the category of corrupt or sound words (Eph. 4:29). And in the ever increasing use of abbreviations, “OMG” has gained some popularity as an

expression of surprise, but can you imagine Jesus using that expression in reference to the centurion’s unique faith (Matt. 8:10)? Guard your tongue knowing that God and man hear, and judge us, based on our words (Matt. 12:37). Words have meaning.



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A failure to observe some basic “Bible Study Principles” has caused many to wrongly divide the Word of God! Yet, we are commanded to: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). It is the design of this study to help us have some basic principles of Bible study that will assist us in our understanding of the Bible:

1. Establishing a Rule. When a truth has been established on a given subject, that truth is implied when that subject is mentioned elsewhere. For an example: When the Bible once teaches that water baptism in Jesus’ covenant is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38), every other time that baptism is mentioned, it is understood that the purpose of baptism is for the remission of sins, whether it is stated or not. On this same basis, when it is once established that the Holy Spirit influences us through the medium of the Word of God, that medium is implied wherever the Spirit’s influence upon a Christian is mentioned, whether that medium is mentioned or not. When the design of the Lord’s Supper has been established that it is in memory of Christ (1 Cor. 11:24), that purpose is understood whenever the communion is mentioned.

2. Have a Desire to Obey. You may never come to a knowledge of the truth unless you have a desire to obey when you learn it. Jesus said, “If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself” (John 7:17). Not everyone studies the Bible to obey it. How about you?


3. Realize the Bible Can Be Understood. Some are being told that they cannot understand the Bible but that the experts, whoever they are, must tell them what it means! This is simply not so. Do you think God would give us a book to read, believe, and obey and then make it so difficult that we could not understand it? Paul commanded, “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:17). He further penned, “Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ (Eph. 5:4). Much misunderstanding comes from a lack of reading and studying.

4. Know Who Is Being Spoken To. Sometimes the Bible speaks to the Israelites when they were under the law. “And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them” (Deut. 5:1). This covenant of the Law was “not made with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day” (Deut. 5:2-3). If one tries to apply the law of Moses to others than these folks, he is misapplying it. Often the Bible addresses a married man: “husbands love your wives. . .” (Eph. 5:25) or the “wife see that she reverence her husband” (Eph. 5:33). Children might be taught some lessons (Eph. 6:1-3). It might sometimes be addressed to a “father” (Eph. 6:4). The Lord might give some instructions to a man who is an elder in the local church (1 Pet. 5:1-3). An individual Christian might be taught to take care of a widow, so “the church will not be charged” (1 Tim. 5:16) or to an apostle (Luke 24:46-53) and on it goes.

5. Be Familiar with the Context. A context is “the part of a text or statement that surrounds a particular word or passage and determines its meaning” (*The American Heritage College Dictionary*). Reading the verses before and after a verse is often necessary to learn what is being taught. Let’s take a look at a passage that is often mis-used: “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:17). There is no telling the number of folks who have been told that all they need to do, to be saved, is just say, “Lord, Lord, save me.” Read the context and it is apparent that calling on the name of the Lord involves “hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel” (Rom. 10:14-17). The failure to observe this principle may be the major cause of Bible misunderstandings. So, apply this rule every time you read.

6. Read and Study the Sum on a Given Subject. Often, not all the truth on a subject is taught in one verse of Scripture. The Psalmist wrote, “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever” (Ps. 119:160). Later it is said, “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them” (Ps. 139:17). It takes the sum, or all that the Bible says to have the truth on a subject. I like to read everything that has been said on a subject; then I have the truth on that subject in a nutshell!

7. Respect the Silence of the Scriptures. Sometimes the Bible teaches a thing by just not saying anything. If the Bible is silent on a subject, we must be silent on that subject. We must realize that where there is “no such commandment,” we have no authority to teach or act (Acts 15:24). Peter said it well, “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. . .” (1 Pet. 4:11). This principle of Bible study will settle a multitude of problems!

8. Know the Purpose of a Statement. Paul said he was thankful “that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius” (1 Cor. 1:14). Why did Paul say that? “Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name” (1 Cor. 1:15). 

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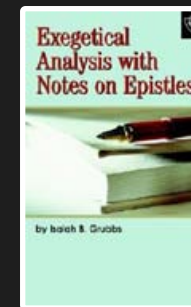


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QUESTION: Who was Melchizedek?



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ANSWER: To show the scarcity of information and to educate us about this man, I submit all that the Bible tells us about Melchizedek in the following passages:

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High (Gen. 14:18).

The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek" (Psa. 110:4).

As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 5:6).

... called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 5:10).

... where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 6:20).

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him (Heb. 7:1).

... for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him (Heb. 7:10).

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? (Heb. 7:11).

And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest (Heb. 7:15).

For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 7:17) ... (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The LORD has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek'" (Heb. 7:21).

For the purposes of the New Testament's use of Melchizedek in teaching us about Christ, I think the following points are quite relevant:

1. Jesus is high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
2. Melchizedek was both king and priest at the same time; so is Jesus.
3. Melchizedek had neither father nor mother (in the priesthood). (I really don't think the Bible means that he had no actual father or mother, but that he had no predecessor as priest.) Jesus also had none in the priesthood. His priesthood then depended not on any line of succession or lineage, but on His direct appointment from God to the office of priesthood.
4. Melchizedek had neither beginning nor end of days. He appeared on the scene as priest, completely filling his earthly time in this office with no predecessor or successor in the office. In this respect he was type of Jesus' eternal priesthood.
5. Jesus' priesthood is an eternal priesthood, not temporal like that of the OT priests..
6. Since Melchizedek received tithes from Abraham and Hebrews says that Levi was in Abraham's loins and Jesus was of Melchizedek's order, then Jesus' priesthood necessarily is greater than Levi's (the OT priesthood).

More than this we do not know about this enigmatic figure in the Old Testament, and more than this we need not to know. The Bible's primary purpose in the comparison of Melchizedek and Jesus seems to present the former as typical and the latter as the antitypical in relation to the perfection of God's scheme of redemption. We certainly can be assured that in Jesus Christ God provided the fulness that humanity needs!



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Three-In-One: Answering Arguments Against Baptism, Calvinism Exposed, and A Study of Mid-Acts Dispensationalism. Aaron Erhardt. Erhardt Publications, 2011. 95 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-9800915-5-7

A recent publication by a member of the church combines three short booklets into one book. The third part of this book covers the subject of "Mid-Acts Dispensationalism" (hereafter, MAD) and contains material that may be new to many of our readers. MAD is gaining popularity today because of the teaching of men like Bob Hill and such groups as the Grace Bible Church. This teaching says the gospel of Paul was different from and superior to the gospel of Peter. Allegedly, there was a change in gospels that came midway through the book of Acts, hence the name "Mid-Acts Dispensationalism." (Adherents to MAD twist Galatians 2:7 to fit their beliefs.) It is further claimed that since the gospel of Paul is superior to that of Peter, the only gospel we are to follow today is that of the Apostle Paul. The other New Testament books (Hebrews through Revelation) have little or no doctrinal application for us today. Does this all sound new and strange to your ears as it did mine? Do you want help learning more about this teaching? Brother Erhardt's book will provide you with sufficient quotes from MAD advocates so you can learn from their own writings what they believe. You will also be guided through a basic refutation of their doctrine. Erhardt's latest *Three-In-One* book is recommended to help you study some old and new errors that are taught by denominational church leaders and sometimes by our own brethren.

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Many couples today would rather co-habit and "live together" than marry each other according to God's plan. They want to enjoy the passing pleasures of sex without the commitment and covenant of a life-long relationship. They simply want to "test drive" marriage before saying "I do." While this may be the fastest growing arrangement in the U.S., there are in fact many hidden and dangerous consequences of cohabitation. Both adults and children are hurt significantly by cohabitation. In *The Ring Makes All the Difference*, Glenn T. Stanton outlines these dangerous consequences and contrasts man's idea of cohabitation with God's wisdom in marriage. Stanton appeals to God's word and current scientific research to demonstrate that there are indeed harmful effects of cohabitation to one's health and happiness (not the least of which is eternal damnation if they don't repent, Heb. 13:4 and Rev. 21:8). Stanton concludes that not all living arrangements are equal and that the biblical view of marriage is the only healthy relationship worth having between a man and woman. *The Ring Makes All the Difference* is highly recommended and would make a good gift for someone who is in a "live-in" relationship.

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STEVEN J. WALLACE

What Our Father In Heaven Cannot Do

“...that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us” (Heb. 6:18).

Our Great God and Father in heaven has provided for all men a living hope and place for reconciliation in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ and in the subsequent founding of the church of Christ. He is a loving all-knowing and omnipotent God. While we ought to appreciate these positive qualities, there are also some negative ones that deserve our consideration.

The Father cannot lie. “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Num. 23:19). Men are adept at lying, deceiving and leading others to reach false or wrong conclusions. People often lie about others; they lie about where they were, what they have done, and sometimes they even lie about lies they told! Deceit is contradictory to the character of God but is the *consistent* and principle fabric of the Devil’s work (Deut. 32:4; John 8:44). The Holy Spirit revealed, “that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us” (Heb. 6:18). God’s word is as true as God Himself is. For Him to abandon truth He would have to

abandon being God (Ps. 33:4; Rom. 3:4; Titus 1:2). He cannot lie and, because of that, we can run to Him as our refuge. The hope that is set before us is not some wishful thinking, but rock solid hope based on God’s work and consistent word. Ethan contemplated Jehovah’s nature of keeping His word, “I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations” (Ps. 89:1). It is because of this quality that the Bible stands out from and above the works of men. It is because of this quality that we find God keeping His word to Abraham in bringing his children into the Promised Land (Deut. 9:5). With that we could consider the promise given to David of having an enduring kingdom (2 Sam. 7:11-16; Lk. 1:32). Later, Solomon stated that not one word failed from that which God promised through Moses (1 Kings 8:56). David said, “Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds” (Ps. 36:5). Of whom among men can it be said that he is true to his word and that his faithfulness reaches into the heavens? Men often fail their words miserably, they often say and do not, and they often violate their covenants which they vowed to keep. But God is altogether different. He says what He means and means what He says. He keeps His word. By this quality, the Bible as the word of God, is filled with unbroken promises and prophecies. When the Father promised to send His Son, born of a virgin, who would grow up as a tender plant, teach in parables, live righteously, be put to death and yet rise again, He fulfilled it to the very word in Jesus of Nazareth (cf. Isa. 7:14; 9:6, 7; 53; Pss. 2; 16:10; 78:2; John 10:15-18; etc.).

The Father cannot hear your prayer when you do not heed His word. God’s movement is measured by ours. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded” (Jas. 4:8). If we “draw near” or seek to approach Him, then He draws nearer to us. He has already displayed His love to us by

sending forth His Son (Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4, 5; 1 John 3:1; 4:9, 10, 19). It is our responsibility to reciprocate that love to Him. The blind man who was made to see correctly observed, “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him” (John 9:31). This correlates well with James 4:8 of drawing nearer to God. Those who open their heart and ears to hear and do the will of God will actually open God’s ears to their cries. Peter agrees when He penned, “For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.” Where do the eyes of the Lord go? They love to behold the righteous. “For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright” (Ps. 11:7). To be righteous is to love to do what pleases the Lord. His ears are delightfully open to such a one. “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:22).

The Father cannot tempt or be tempted with evil. “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone” (Jas. 1:13). This passage is not teaching that God cannot “tempt,” that is “test” or put the faith of one under trial (cf. Jas. 1:2, 3; Gen. 22:1; etc.). Rather, James eliminates two wrong conclusions that some may assume to be valid. One, God may be tempted with evil as man is. Two, God may tempt man with evil. But God cannot be tempted *by evil!* That is, He has no attraction, no craving, no lust for what would be wicked. There is nothing in sin that allures Him (see. 1 John 1:5). It is similar to when Jesus stated, “. . .for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30). There is no fellowship, concord or hold between Christ and Satan. Likewise, God cannot tempt with evil. Such is the clear implication of James 1:13. The

idea centers upon the concept of “evil.” God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone *by evil*. The design of a trial from God is to make our faith better, stronger and more suitable. However, the temptations of Satan are to collapse and break down our faith. Satan’s desire is to lead us away from holiness and into darkness. The Father’s desire is to lead us into things approved, not into things condemned. “For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died

“. . .for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30)

for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him” (1 Thess. 5:9, 10).

The Father cannot give you eternal

life except through His Son. “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:11, 12). Jesus came that we might have an understanding of God and be saved (1 John 5:20). Rejecting Jesus is rejecting the Father’s choice. Jesus likewise made it very clear when He replied to Thomas who inquired about the way, saying, “. . .I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). The Son stands as the doorway to the Father and giver of truth and life. The veil that concealed the entrance into the Most Holy Place was torn from top to bottom when He died and now, Heaven’s Holy place is open to those who enter through that death (Mark 15:38; Heb. 9:3-14; 10:19, 20). We can therefore enter with boldness by the blood of Jesus. By repentance and baptism we are granted to receive those many spiritual blessing that flow from the death of the Son of God (Rom. 5:9, 10; 6:3, 4; Eph. 1:3).

While we ought to be impressed with all that the Father (and the Godhead in general) can do, we should equally be impressed with what our great God *cannot do*.





DAVID FLATT

Unfolding God's Redemptive Purposes


Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God" (Psa. 78:1-8).

David's understanding of God's redemptive plan was the result of the teaching he received from his father and his father's generation. David knew of a testimony which God had established in Jacob and a law appointed in Israel. He knew of a hope provided to Israel through the covenant that God made with Jacob. Essentially, David recounts the historic relationship between God and Israel. David viewed God through this long, storied past. Not only did he understand God through God's past redemptive actions, he hoped for the fulfillment of redemption: *"Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the*

earth which he hath established for ever. He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands" (Psa. 78:67-72). There was much to be done in the future relating to God's redemptive purposes. Nevertheless, had David been uneducated concerning God's eternal plan of redemption, he would not have developed the relationship he enjoyed with His maker.

Also, without going into great detail, the apostle Peter came to understand the Messiah similarly to how David came to understand Jehovah. Peter expressed his unshakeable faith in Jesus after having been an eye witness of Him: *"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount" (2 Pet. 1:16-18).* He continued to express his certainty of messianic prophecy having been divinely revealed by God because of Jesus: *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:20-21).* Had Peter not been familiar with Old Testament Messianic prophecy, he would not have understood Jesus as he did. Peter understood Jesus in the broader context of God's redemptive plan.

In conclusion, we must be diligent in working towards unfolding God's eternal plan of redemption. When studying the Bible we must be acutely aware of how what we are

studying relates to the broader actions of God's redemptive intentions. In so doing, our knowledge of the Bible will broaden, our faith in God's ability to redeem us will increase, and our relationship with God will improve. 

Redemption is the single thread that ties the entire message of the Bible together. All the information contained in the whole of the Bible directly relates to the redemptive purposes of God. While redemption is the single theme of the Bible, it has been too often overlooked. This has resulted in how we frequently study and teach the Bible. Generally, we have taken a topical approach to studying and teaching the Bible. We study historical periods of time: the divided kingdom. We study books of the Bible: Jude. We study events: creation. We study characters: Job. We study concepts such as grace, love, and faith. While these studies are beneficial, necessary, and well intentioned, we fail to understand how everything we study in isolated segments connects together.

God always intended His redemptive plan to be understood in its entirety. For example, consider the acknowledgments of David in the seventy-eighth Psalm: *"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in*



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This paragraph confirms that Jesus lived, He was a well-known teacher, He was a doer of wonderful works, He attracted both Jews and Gentiles to His doctrine, Pilate condemned Him to the death of crucifixion at the suggestion of the leaders among the Jews, His disciples did not forsake Him because of His death, but became known as Christians, a religious group that continued to exist in Josephus' day, even though Jesus had been dead since A.D. 29/30.

Not only does he refer to Jesus here, he also mentions the death of Jesus' brother:

And so he [Ananus the high priest] convened the judges of the Sanhedrin and brought before them a man called James, the brother of Jesus who was called the Christ, and certain others. He accused them of having transgressed the law and delivered them up to be stoned (*Antiquities of the Jews* 20.9.1).

Josephus tells us that Jesus was identified as Christ, at least by some, and that He had a brother named James. The Scriptures also mention James as one of Jesus' brothers (Matt. 13:55; Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Gal. 1:19; 2:9). On October 12, 2002, an announcement was made that an ossuary had been found bearing an inscription that stated it was the ossuary of James, the brother of Jesus. Some archaeologists acknowledged the antiquity of the ossuary but thought the inscription was forged for financial reasons. After a five year trial, the judge in Jerusalem declared that the archaeologists had not been able to prove that forgery had occurred. The actual ossuary of the brother of the historical Jesus may have been found.

7. Lucian of Samosata (125-180). This Greek author wrote a satire entitled *The Death of Peregrinus* which was a satire against Christians, showing how Christians were viewed by their contemporaries. He wrote, "The Christians, you know, worship a *man* to this day,— the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account" (*The Death of Peregrinus*, 11-13). This document mentions Jesus' crucifixion and that He was worshiped.

8. Claudius Caesar's (41-54) Edict Against Grave Robbery. In 1878 a marble slab was

found in Nazareth that may represent a clumsy attempt by Claudius to suppress rumors of Jesus' resurrection. Here is the inscription, translated as follows:

EDICT OF CAESAR

It is my decision [concerning] graves and tombs – whoever has made them for the religious observances of parents, or children, or household members – that these remain undisturbed forever. But if anyone legally charges that another person has destroyed, or has in any manner extracted those who have been buried, or has moved with wicked intent those who have been buried to other places, committing a crime against them, or has moved sepulcher-sealing stones, against such a person, I order that a judicial tribunal be created, just as [is done] concerning the gods in human religious observances, even more so will it be obligatory to treat with honor those who have been entombed. You are absolutely not to allow anyone to move [those who have been entombed]. But if [someone does], I wish that [violation] to suffer capital punishment under the title of tomb-breaker.

One can see how the emperor might have issued this edict because of Jesus' missing body, although there may be other explanations that caused the edict to be issued.

9. The Alexamenos Graffito. Also known as the *graffito blasfemo*, this inscription was found on the Palatine Hill in Rome and is now in the Palatine Antiquarium Museum. The image depicts a human-like figure attached to a cross and possessing the head of a donkey. To the left of the donkey-headed crucified victim is a man raising his hand in a gesture that suggests worship. Underneath the image is an inscription, "Alexamenos worships [his] God." One has little trouble understanding the belittling message of the graffito. Jesus is compared to the donkey-headed man who was crucified – the god of Alexamenos.

THE NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE

To quote the New Testament as evidence for the historical Jesus may appear to be circular reasoning to unbelievers, but it is not. Whether or not one believes that Jesus is the Son of God and whether or not one believes the Bible is a revelation of God to mankind, the fact is that the New Testament documents exist, they were written in the first century, and they are historical evidence of what early Christians believed and taught.

Given below is a chart for the dates when the various New Testament books are thought to have been written. I have purposely chosen a book that comes from a liberal perspective to date the various books of the New Testament so that the dating does not represent a conservative perspective. The presuppositions of this perspective are as follows: (a) The Pauline Epistles include some books written by Paul, but other books that were imitating Paul, but actually were written after his death; (b) Mark was the first gospel and was used as a source by Matthew and Luke; (c) the Johannine corpus of literature was written after the death of John. In more recent years, New Testament scholars have moved toward dating the books of the New Testament to earlier dates than cited below. Here is a list of dates for the New Testament arranged in chronological order:

Dates Assigned to the Books of the New Testament Arranged in Chronological Order from *Understanding the New Testament*, Howard Clark Kee, Franklin W. Young, and Karlfried Froehlich, 1965 (not an Evangelical sourcebook)

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| 1 Thessalonians _____ | A.D. 50-52 |
| 2 Thessalonians _____ | A.D. 50-52 |
| 1 Corinthians _____ | A.D. 54-55 |
| Galatians _____ | A.D. 53-54 |
| 2 Corinthians _____ | A.D. 55-56 |
| Romans _____ | A.D. 56-57 |
| Philippians _____ | A.D. 58-60 |
| Colossians _____ | A.D. 58-60 |
| Philemon _____ | A.D. 58-60 |
| Mark _____ | A.D. 70 |
| Ephesians _____ | A.D. 75-100 |
| James _____ | A.D. 75-100 |
| Matthew _____ | A.D. 85-100 |

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| Luke _____ | A.D. 85-100 |
| Acts _____ | A.D. 85-100 |
| John _____ | A.D. 90-110 |
| 1 John _____ | A.D. 90-110 |
| 2 John _____ | A.D. 90-110 |
| 3 John _____ | A.D. 90-110 |
| Hebrews _____ | A.D. 90-95 |
| 1 Peter _____ | A.D. 90-95 |
| Revelation _____ | A.D. 90-95 |
| 1 Timothy _____ | A.D. 100-130 |
| 2 Timothy _____ | A.D. 100-130 |
| Titus _____ | A.D. 100-130 |
| Jude _____ | A.D. 110-130 |
| 2 Peter _____ | A.D. 130-150 |

The first thing that we notice is that the Pauline epistles are the earliest material in the New Testament and that they were written within thirty years of the death of Jesus. We cannot examine every book of the New Testament in intricate detail, but let us look at the two earliest books, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and see what Christians believed about Jesus at this early date, within thirty years of Jesus' death. Here are some things gleaned:

- Jesus is Lord and Christ (1 Thess. 1:1, 3, 6; 3:11; 5:9, 23, 28; 2 Thess. 1:1, 2; etc.)
- He had apostles (1 Thess. 2:6)
- Jesus died (1 Thess. 4:14) for "us" (1 Thess. 5:10)
- The Jews had killed Jesus (1 Thess. 2:15)
- Jesus was raised from the dead (1 Thess. 1:10; 4:14)
- The Christians expected Jesus to come again (1 Thess. 2:19; 3:13; 4:16-18; 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2) at which time He will raise the dead and take the living saints with Him into heaven (1 Thess. 4:16; 5:10; 2 Thess. 2:1) and render vengeance to the wicked (2 Thess. 1:7-9; 2:8). The day of His coming is not imminent (2 Thess. 2:3ff.)
- Salvation comes through the Lord Jesus (1 Thess. 5:9)
- Commandments were given by Paul from the Lord Jesus (1 Thess. 4:2; 2 Thess. 3:6)
- The readers had turned to God from idols (1 Thess. 1:9)

- The readers had entered God's kingdom (1 Thess. 2:12)
- The word that Paul preached was not the word of men, but of God (1 Thess. 2:13)
- There were churches of God in Judea in Christ (1 Thess. 2:14)
- These churches had suffered at the hands of the Jews as also had those in Thessalonica (1 Thess. 2:14)
- The Jews had persecuted "us" (1 Thess. 2:15)
- The Jews had forbidden Christians to preach to Gentiles (1 Thess. 2:16)

Though the life of Jesus is related in much greater detail in the four gospels, one is forced to explain how these basic facts about Jesus were already in existence and being preached from Judea to Thessalonica within thirty years of Jesus' death. Thirty years is not enough time for the development of legend, folklore, and myth. And, why couldn't the "superstition" be exposed as a fraud simply by displaying the rotted body of Jesus?

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians in A.D. 54-55, he said,

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time (1 Cor. 15:1-8).

From this citation, we learn that Paul preached the atoning death of Jesus, His burial, and His resurrection as the core facts of the gospel. To prove the resurrection, he cited witnesses: Cephas, the Twelve, and over 500 brethren who saw the risen Jesus at one time, most of whom

were still living when he wrote. He also referred to the Lord's brother, James, and himself as additional witnesses. One cannot question these facts, regardless of what he believes about the resurrection of Jesus or the inspiration of the Bible. The fact remains that within thirty years of the death of Jesus, these beliefs about Jesus were being publicly proclaimed with appeals to eyewitnesses to support the truthfulness of what was being preached.

One can work his way through every book of the New Testament in the same manner as has been done with reference to the books of 1-2 Thessalonians and this one brief citation from 1 Corinthians. These historical documents tell us what the first century disciples believed to have occurred with reference to Jesus of Nazareth.

CONCLUSION

However much animus one may have toward Christianity and Jesus, he cannot deny what is attested by non-Christian sources:

- A man name Jesus lived at the time assigned to Him in the New Testament
- He was a popular teacher who attracted both Jews and Gentiles
- He did "wonderful works"
- He had a brother named James
- He died by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman government under the rule of Tiberius Caesar while Pontius Pilate was procurator in Judea, at the instigation of the Jewish people.
- Three hours of darkness over the Mediterranean world was experienced on the day of the Jewish Passover (attested by both Thallus and Phlegon; cf. Matt. 27:45)
- His death did not destroy the influence of His disciples inasmuch as a resurgence of life occurred shortly after Jesus' death
- Claudius' edict against tampering with a grave may be an allusion to the empty tomb, but we cannot be sure
- Jesus gave a "new law" for His people

The Christian movement spread throughout the known world, reaching

Rome no later than the reign of Nero, at which time controversy over Christ so disturbed the Jews in the city that Nero expelled them from Rome. Subsequently, Nero persecuted Christians.

By the beginning of the second century, Christians were being subjected to sentences of death throughout the empire, because they confessed Jesus as God.

The custom of Christians was to assemble on a fixed day for worship and sing praises to Jesus as God and bind themselves under oaths to live righteously.

The non-Christian sources correspond remarkably well with what the New Testament documents assert about Jesus.

Now let us add what we know from Christian sources. Whether or not one believes in the inspiration of Scripture and whether or not he believes that Jesus is the Christ, one must also face the fact that the New Testament documents are first-century documents. Even the liberal dating of the New Testament documents assigns the earliest of them to within thirty years of the time of Jesus, though they date some of them in the second century and deny that some of them are written by the one whose name is stated to be its author. From the earliest two letters, 1-2 Thessalonians, one finds that Christians believed these things about Jesus:

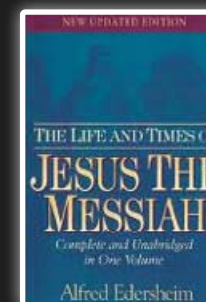
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- Salvation comes through the Lord Jesus (1 Thess. 5:9)

CONCLUSION

The facts gleaned from non-Christian sources and the earliest New Testament documents give reasons for believing in the historical Jesus. We close with this observation by F. F. Bruce (1910-1990), Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis, who wrote,

Some writers may toy with the fancy of a 'Christ-myth', but they do not do so on the ground of historical evidence. The historicity of Christ is as axiomatic for an unbiased historian as the historicity of Julius Caesar (*The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* 119).



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| <p>ORANGEBURG, SC Southside Church of Christ 1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd. (Grange Building - Hwy 70) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Fred England (803) 939-0672 www.southside-church.org</p> | <p>JACKSON, TN Sunset View Church of Christ 3618 Hwy 70 East (Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson (731) 967-0590 or 968-8851</p> | <p>NASHVILLE, TN Bell Road Church of Christ 1608 Bell Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Chris Pace (615) 833-4444</p> | <p>ALVARADO, TX I-35 Church of Christ (E. Service Rd. of I-35, N. of Alvarado) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (817) 295-7277 or 790-7253</p> | <p>CLUTE, TX Church of Christ 343 S. Main Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (979) 265-5283 or 265-2933</p> | <p>FORT WORTH, TX West Side Church of Christ 6110 White Settlement Rd. 76114 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (817) 738-7269</p> |
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