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GREETINGS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Welcome to the newly redesigned newsletter. The newsletter is now in .PDF format. It will be easier to read and print. I hope you enjoy the new format of S.T.M. E-news.

This month I have chosen two great articles I read recently entitled “The Day the Sun Stood Still” by Dr. Harold Hill and “You Say There is no God” by Concordia Tract Mission. Both are an incredible reading and clearly prove the existence of God and the truth of His word. They make a great witnessing tool. I pray these will be a blessing and an encouragement to you and help you grow in your daily walk with the Lord.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD (*Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148*)

“The Day The Sun Stood Still”

(By: Harold Hill) (Reprinted from 8/09 M.B.C. Watchman)

I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened once to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Indiana. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so they don't send a satellite up and have it bump into something later on in its orbits. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down! They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and they said, "It's perfect." The IBM head of operations said, "What's wrong?" "Well, we have found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time." They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer!!

One religious fellow on the team said, "You know, one time I was in Sunday School and they talked about the sun standing still." They didn't believe him, but they didn't have any other answer so they said, "Show us." So he got a Bible and went back to the Book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for anybody who has common sense. There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, "**Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.**" (Joshua 10:8). Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell, they would overcome them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right!! "**And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed...So the sun stood still in the midst of the heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day**" (Joshua 10:13). The space men said, "There is the missing day!" Well, they checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough! The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes—not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it said, "**about a whole day.**"

These little words in the Bible are important. But they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you will be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits.

Well, this religious fellow also remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The space men told him he was out of his mind. But they got out the Book, and read these words in 2 King 20:1-11. Hezekiah, on his deathbed, was visited by the prophet, Isaiah, who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe him and asked for a sign as proof. "**And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees**" (2 Kings 20:9-10). Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD!! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in 2 Kings make the missing 24 hours the space travelers had to log in the logbook as being the missing day in the universe! **ISN'T THAT AMAZING?**

-From: Gospel Standard

"You Say There is No God?"

(Reprinted from 2/07 M.B.C. Watchman)

All the wonders around you are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand billion stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady courses. The earth magnetized itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The top few inches of our land just happened to have topsoil, without which we could have no vegetables to eat, no grass for the animals whose meat is our food. No one put oil just deep enough in the earth to keep until we need it. The wind which carries the delicate seedling to a fertile place was devised by us. The inexhaustible envelope of air—only 50 miles deep, and of exactly the right density to support human life—is just another law of physics.

But Who Invented Physics?

Who made the bank deposits of coal and zinc and iron and uranium inside the earth? Nobody. It was all just another priceless accident.

Water expands when it freezes, while other substances contract. This makes ice lighter than water and keeps it floating on the surface. Otherwise lakes would be solid ice down to the bottom all year, and no fish could survive. Who made this arrangement?

Why does the earth spin at a given speed without ever slowing up, so that we have day and night? Who tilts it so that we get seasons? No one really knows the why and how of the magnetic poles. But there they are. Who put them there?

How about the sugar thermostat below the human pancreas? It maintains a level of sugar in the human blood sufficient for energy, but without it all of us would fall into a coma and die. No one created it. The sun stokes a fire just warm enough to sustain us on earth, but not hot enough to fry us, or cold enough to kill us. Who keeps the fire constant? The special healing rays emitted by the sun—who knows?

What makes a light bulb light? Electricity? What is it? Who showed it how to travel at lightning speed, making right angle turns and twists on a piece of wire without flying off? By the way, what is light? Who invented eyes to see light?

A young bird will migrate from Canada to Argentina—who showed it what course, what speed, and why it must do this? Swallows return on a given day. What calendar do they use? Man has a conscience. No animal has. Who engineered this? And who put the medicines in herbs and weeds? Who put the healing power into penicillin?

Where did the seeds come from for the first tree so that we could have shelter? Did someone devise fire to keep us warm? For countless centuries in countless places the forest and the vegetation perpetuated themselves without man's help. Why did they not die of blight and flame and neglect?

Clouds bring rain and shade. Who taught them how to vaporize and to pick up fresh water and carry it to places which need it? Is snow just a winter decoration? Or does it sit on mountaintops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it into rains needed for the streams and farms below? A very lovely accident and why does it melt at just the right time for the young crops to drink?

A salmon will swim upstream to have its babies and die, and it will jump up fish ladders to do it. How does a salmon know that we need more salmon? Why do eels swim all the way from European rivers to Bermuda to breed? And how do the little eels find their way back to Europe all by themselves? Who teaches a house dog to tear up strips of paper in a fluffy pile for puppies about to be born?

The Human Heart will beat for 70 or 80 years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other? Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all the animals?

Illnesses have specific symptoms. Why this warning? Why not many illnesses with identical symptoms? Or no symptoms? Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons, and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes, and hair in the right places come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life? Who?

It's all accidental? There is no God? That's what some people say.

Yet, with all of this abundant evidence of God, man cannot know God until by faith he comes to know God's son, the Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came to earth to show us what God is like. Because Jesus is God, His life was the life of God lived out among men. God is love. We know this because Jesus Christ loved us—so much that He died for our sins upon the cross. Because He is God, He arose from the grave. To those who believe in Him, He gives peace, forgiveness, and life—real life, eternal life.

Men will say there is no God. Still others will worship an unknown God based only on the evidence of perfection in nature. Christians know there is a God because they believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, the Savior. They know He is the revelation of God in human form. In Jesus Christ we know there is a God.

-Concordia Tract Mission

SONG OF THE MONTH

My God is Real

This song is a great hymn that is not often heard. It is called "My God is real". I quote the chorus, "My God is real...real in my soul! My God is real for He has washed and made me whole! His love for me is like pure gold! My God is real for I can feel Him in my soul!" Indeed, God is real for yes since that day, oh, yes since that hour, my God is real for I can feel His holy power! That is another verse from this great hymn regarding assurance of salvation because the Spirit of God indwells the believer the moment we trust Christ as Savior and guides and directs our lives in our daily walk with the Lord. My friend, God can only be real to you if you have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. The fool hath said in his heart there is no God. There is such a joy in knowing God is in control, knowing you can trust in Him alone, and that He makes no mistakes! He is the Great Creator who became our Savior! My God is real to me! Is he real to you?

"Let us praise our precious Savior in song all the day long."

"CHILDREN FOR CHRIST"

Memory Verse – Psalm 53:1 – The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

This month I encourage boys and girls to try to come up with someone or something from the Bible that starts with each letter of the alphabet.

Take a separate sheet of paper and write down the alphabet from A to Z with one letter per line. Then fill in a Bible character, event, word, verse, characteristic of God, etc. that corresponds to that letter. You will be amazed what you can come up with. Also, see if you can come up with more than one for each letter.

NEWS & UPDATES

Fall is approaching rapidly. I praise God for His goodness, grace, and mercy that He daily bestows upon His children. It is a privilege to serve the God who is the only Real God. I serve a risen, living Savior...not a dead God! Jesus Christ is not the "Great I was". He is the "Great I Am". Thank you again for reading this newsletter. I look forward to what God can and will do as He uses this for His honor and glory.

Also, please remember that the web site is closing this month on October 27th and all the materials will no longer be accessible on-line, but will still be available via mail or e-mail. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

PRAISES

I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending out STM E-news to people all across the land. As always, I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month.

I also want to thank each and every one of you who have sent e-mails about how the Lord has blessed you. The sole purpose of this newsletter is to honor and glorify the Lord and be a blessing and encouragement to others.

As always, I challenge and encourage both young and old to take time each week to take a stack of gospel tracts from your local church and get them out to the lost however the Lord leads. Make sure you do not have any left by the end of the month. Maybe, you will need more, praise God! I will be doing the same myself and praying for you all as you do this for the honor and glory of the Lord. Last month, I again was able to distribute many tracts at work and many other places! Praise God! If the Lord leads please let me know how this worked out for you.

I praise God that He enabled me to purchase a used laptop that will greatly benefit my ministry. It is my desire to use it for the honor and glory of the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salvation of my sister Wendy & her husband Mark
 - Salvation of my nephew Jacob
 - Wisdom regarding Saved Today Ministries and the e-newsletter
 - Souls who were witnessed to in August and September for salvation (*NEW*)
 - Unspoken request for the STM editor
 - Unspoken requests for several friends of the STM editor
 - Wisdom regarding FT Christian service for the Lord someday as the Lord leads
 - God's blessing upon and growth of Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblicist Baptist local churches all across the world and for more to be planted.
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IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE

You will find a sermon outline on Psalm 31 and an article or poem as well as another fun activity in the "Children for Christ" column. I am also planning other new columns in the future as the Lord leads.

Thank you so much for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,
Craig G.
Prov. 3:5-6

P.S. If you have any ideas on any improvements to the newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me and let me know. If you know somebody who would like to be added to the newsletter, please have them e-mail me and I will get it out to them as soon as possible. Also, just in case you do NOT wish to continue receiving this monthly newsletter, please e-mail me with "please remove" in the subject line.

