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Crimson & White? What's this?

It started with 37 college students. in 1998. Now, in the 25th year of issues, less than 10% of the mailing list are "students" ages 14 to 24. About 40% are ... we'll just say "over 30" in the database, including several 80+ers. About 1/3 of our over ~900 print copies go into prisons in 24 states (9/1/21 count), a direction we never expected this to go. But "the spiritual life," and values are not age or marital status or gender or life situational specific, they are universal. -- Topics are character, values, spiritual life - "walk the walk, not just talk the talk" - relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's only Son, eternal, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified, died, and risen, and is the only way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong. Jesus said it comes down to 'love God and love your neighbor' (Matthew 22:37-40).

If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way (John 14:6). If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and rebellion against Him and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. - - If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

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A Balance of Forces?

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 2022 (from C&WC Oct 11, 2006)

As we are hurtling along at 525 mph, (and a lot of people say that I drive fast)... I am looking out at the wing and in my math / engineering / overactive, hyperactive (ADHD?) mind is thinking ... A friend once said to Marie, "He's scary. He's *always* thinking. Does his brain *ever* shut off?" ... Anyway, I was looking out the window watching the wing, thinking, "There are laws at work." -- Have you ever watched the wing as a big plane takes off? I like to watch the leading and trailing edges of the wing extend and retract, changing the shape and dimensions of the wing. Do you know why? It goes back to Leonardo DiVinci. He discovered it. It is in his sketches 500 years before the Wright brothers did their thing out there on the North Carolina beach at Kitty Hawk with the plane they designed and built in Ohio. If the distance over the wing, from the leading edge dividing the air back to where the airflow rejoins, is longer than the distance under the wing, you will get a lifting effect from the difference in wind speeds over the top and bottom surfaces. It's a law of aerodynamics.

I asked my friend Bill, a commercial pilot for one of the major airlines, retired now - he used to fly 737s - a simple question, 'How fast is a plane going when it takes off and lands?' He gave me this double answer: 'About 170 to take off and about 160 to land.' Huh? Slower so it can 'fall' to the ground? No. It's not the getting up or down. In both cases the speed is the speed at which the plane is in an equilibrium of forces, and the pilot can fly it up or set it down. -- Why the speed difference then between take-off and landing? Hmmm.

I want to talk about laws. For a plane to fly, it has to balance forces. Lift must equal the weight. If weight is greater than lift, it falls or doesn't fly and get off the ground. If thrust is greater than drag, it will move forward, even accelerate. Think of the force from the jet thrust to get that many, many TONS of weight to just move and roll down the taxi-way even before taking 20 seconds to get from 0 to 170 mph! Those are laws of inertia and motion and balanced forces. (Oh, the answer is the plane is lighter when landing because it has burned up tons of fuel getting to its destination.)

Similar laws apply to life. Burdens hold you down. Jesus offers to take your burdens and give you lift (Matthew 11:30 KJV For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light. Ps 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; 1Peter 5:7 KJV Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you) so you can soar like an eagle (Isaiah 40:31 NIV: but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;) But it's not exactly the same. With a plane, it is a balance. With God, some people want to "balance" the spiritual life with the "world." They want the world but they want heaven, too. They want temptation to leave, but they want it to stay in touch. They try to live with one foot in each. Go to church on Sunday, "put in their time," so to speak, and jump in that pool and swim, actually more like splashing in the knee-deep kiddie pool with Jesus on Sunday, and then jump in another pool and swim neck deep in the world Monday through Saturday. I don't think it is supposed to work that way.

It would be like standing with one foot on the dock and one foot on a boat. The boat is going to leave the dock and you will have to make a decision, a choice. --

You're **A Balance of Forces!** - either going to get in the boat or you're not. I like the way *The Message* words Matthew 6:24&25: "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both. If you decide for God, living a life

of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body." - - The point is, you can't love two things. You can't "balance" these. If you really want to serve God, it can't be a "just on Sunday" thing. That's about as stupid an idea as me saying "I'll love Marie on Sunday, and on Monday through Saturday I love some other woman. - Get real! - That just doesn't work. If I really love Marie, it can't be just on Sunday and then do what would make her unhappy the rest of the week. In fact, I can't love Marie on Monday through Saturday and then someone else on Sunday. It has got to be a 24/7 thing!

You have to choose.

In Christ, Rich

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? A relationship like with a loving father? If not, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. - With God, you have never gone too far to return. -

Just an "October Nature Note" to see the beauty God can create (if you get to see it).

Northern Lights

October 2006 - Look to the North at night. You may be lucky enough to see a phenomena called the Aurora Borealis or the Northern Lights. I remember seeing it several times when we lived in Michigan. The article said that they have been seen as far south as Arizona and Florida. It is most common in late Summer and early Fall.

They are caused by "solar winds" striking the Earth. Really. There is particulate matter flying off the Sun at ten of thousands of miles per hour. It's "space dust." Which actually partly explains the dust on your TV and dresser top. I read where one of the deep space probes a couple months ago reached the "edge of the Solar System, defined as the edge of the influence of the Sun, because it sent data that the solar wind had decreased by a hundred thousand mph (or some huge significant number like that, I didn't feel like digging in my files this morning to find the actual article again).

Get away from "city" (or campus) lights and look North. - If you don't get to see them, or even if you do, there are some spectacular photos at this web site: <https://search.yahoo.com/search?fr=mcafee&type=E211US565G0&p=auroras+boreales>

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Whatever your lot in life... build something on it.

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What's this, Lord? Walk? Can't I just wait here?

Eph 2:10

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KARTOON KNUGGETS

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Well... now you know why it's best to stay on the path

Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them John 13:17

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In the preview trailer for the movie "Flicka" about a girl and a horse - - She holds out her hand toward the horse with an

apple in it and says, **"If you want it, you have to come get it. But you have to trust me to do that."**

Hmmm. God can be like that. You have to trust Him. Then you have to come to Him. Then you get the good stuff from Him.

For her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.
Assault charges are pending.