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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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'God's Instrument': The Story of Squanto

Most of us know the story of the first Thanksgiving -- at least, we know the Pilgrim version. But how many of us know the Indian viewpoint?

No, I'm not talking about some revisionist, politically correct version of history. I'm talking about the amazing story of the way God used an Indian named Squanto as a special instrument of His providence.

Historical accounts of Squanto's life vary, but historians believe that around 1608 -- more than a decade before the Pilgrims arrived -- a group of English traders sailed to what is today Plymouth, Massachusetts. When the trusting Wampanoag Indians came out to trade, the traders took them prisoner, transported them to Spain, and sold them into slavery. It was an unimaginable horror.

But God had an amazing plan for one of the captured Indians -- a boy named Squanto.

Squanto was bought by a well-meaning Spanish monk, who treated him well and taught him the Christian faith. Squanto eventually made his way to England and worked in the stables of a man named John Slaney. Slaney sympathized with Squanto's desire to return home, and he promised to put the Indian on the first vessel bound for America.

It wasn't until 1618 -- ten years after Squanto was first kidnapped -- that a ship was found. Finally, after a decade of exile and heartbreak, Squanto was on his way home.

But when he arrived in Massachusetts, more heartbreak awaited him. An epidemic had wiped out Squanto's entire village.

We can only imagine what must have gone through Squanto's mind: Why had God allowed him to return home, against all odds, only to find his loved ones dead?

A year later, the answer came. A shipload of English families arrived and settled on the very land once occupied by Squanto's people. Squanto went to meet them, greeting the startled Pilgrims in English.

According to the diary of Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, Squanto "became a special instrument sent of God for [our] good . . . He showed [us] how to plant [our] corn, where to take fish and to procure other commodities . . . and was also [our] pilot to bring [us] to unknown places for [our] profit, and never left [us] till he died."

When Squanto lay dying of a fever, Bradford wrote that their Indian friend "desir[ed] the Governor to pray for him, that he might go to the Englishmen's God in heaven." Squanto bequeathed his possessions to the Pilgrims "as remembrances of his love."

Who but God could so miraculously convert a lonely Indian and then use him to save a struggling band of Englishmen? It is reminiscent of the biblical story of Joseph, who was also sold into slavery -- and whom God, likewise, used as a special instrument for good.

Squanto's life story is remarkable, and we ought to make sure our children and grandchildren learn about it. Sadly, most books about Squanto omit references to his Christian faith. But I'm delighted to say that Eric Metaxas has written a wonderful children's book called Squanto And The Miracle Of Thanksgiving. I highly recommend it. It will teach your kids about the "special instrument sent of God" who changed the course of American history.

Another thought...

Time4

4-16-99 – RRD – Today on the news they announced that 44 light years ($44 \times 186,000 \times 60 \times 60 \times 24 \times 365\frac{1}{4}$ miles) away around Upsilon Andromedae, a star like the Sun, is another solar system. There are only three planets. The first is about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of Jupiter (238 times the size of Earth) and is so close that it “skims” the surface and makes a full revolution around the star (one year) in only 4.6 days (and some people say that I drive fast). Just like a ice skater spinning, as they pull their arms in they spin faster, or a ball on a rope around a Tetherball pole, or a pendulum on a clock, or if you ride one of those push ‘merry-go-rounds’ at a park, as the mass is closer to the center of rotation it rotates faster. The second planet is twice Jupiter’s mass (636 times the size of Earth) and orbits the star every 242 days. The third is four times the mass of Jupiter (1,272 times that of Earth) and orbits every $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 years.

If a year is defined as a cycle, a complete orbit, how long is a year? Is a year $365\frac{1}{4}$ Earth days, like on Earth? Or is a year 4.6 Earth days or 1,300 Earth days? Relatively speaking, on Planet A, our year is just over 79 years long, whereas a year there is as 4.6 days to us.

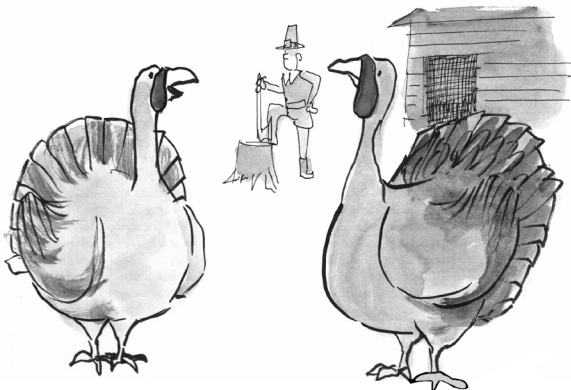
A lifetime, maybe 80 Earth years, is as a microsecond and a microsecond is as a thousand years. Or as David wrote in Psalm 90:4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Or as Peter wrote in his second letter (2Peter 3:8) - With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Wait a minute – David related it one way. Then Peter related it both ways. Confusing?!

Time is irrelevant and meaningless to an infinite God. How long is a lifetime? Your life?

If we measure in our time, how much time do you have? Will it be 80 earth years? or 6,300 Planet A years? Is it measured in days? Is it a millisecond relative to Eternity? When will you graduate from this life and start the next life. You will live forever. Death is not the end. It is an event that will come and pass, and you will continue into the next realm. And Eternity is timeless. Like the line from “Amazing Grace,” “When we’ve been there ten thousand years ... we’ve no less time than when we first begun.”

I heard a piece on the radio that went something like



“My investment adviser told me to go for short term capital gains.”

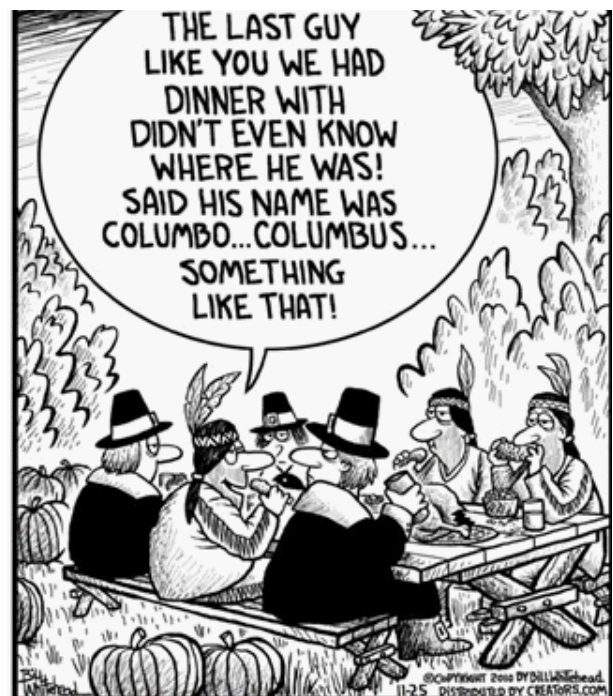
this:

One person was trying to sell disclaimers to a person trying to explain salvation. He tried to add “Only if you attend church.” “Only available through this church.” “Restricted to certain groups of people.” “Only available on Sunday.” “You must do ____.” All of which were rejected by the other person. Finally accepting Jesus as Lord and God is a decision that could be made by anyone, anytime before they die.

“Ah hah!. Only available to those currently alive!” Yes. Salvation is available only while you are alive, breathing, and able to make a decision. But for those who haven’t decided to accept Jesus and His gift, the question becomes, “When will you have no more time to say ‘Yes’ to Jesus and God, have no more chances to do anything for Him, have no more opportunities to say ‘I love you’ to those important to you and to say it to Him?” Will that be when you are 15, or 18 as the recent death of a local H.S. student reminds us, or 35, or 60, ... or 85 like my Mom? We don’t know if you or I will see the sunset this evening or the sunrise in the morning. Will you have warning like an illness? Or will it an instantaneous surprise, without warning, a drunk driver crossing the line, a race car wheel flying into the spectators hitting you from behind. The only time we can be sure of is this very instant – and it just past and is already gone. You may not even finish reading this article before you die and are confronted by God asking, “Why should I let you into my Heaven?” According to the Bible, “I didn’t do anything too terrible.” “I was pretty good.” “I went to church (for a while).” “I went to church regularly and even joined.” are all the wrong answers.

Have you neglected or put off till later, which may never come, to deal with God; to tell someone you care; ... ? What if you run out of time before you decide to deal with God? **Rich**

A lost ounce of gold may be found,
a lost moment of time never.



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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C

A – Admit that you’re a sinner. You just can’t meet God’s standard. The Bible says, “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

B – Believe that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, “For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that’s Jesus) that whosoever (that’s you again) believes in Him should not perish (that’s saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that’s “salvation” or to “be saved”).” John 3:16

C – Confess your sin to God. – The Bible says, “If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us...” 1John 1:9.

Want Jesus in your life? Pray this prayer: *“Lord Jesus, I confess to You my sin and need to be saved. I turn away from my old sin and place my trust and faith in You as the only way to be saved.”* Now contact your pastor, or contact us at 1-336-674-7564 or RDymmel@AOL.com, and say, *“I just asked Jesus to be my Lord.”*

“... with one extra year to repent”

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From: heartwarmers.com, 8/11/99: "Your morning Irish blessing: May you live 100 years, with one extra year to repent."

Someone once said, 'I'm planning on living forever. And so far, I'm right on schedule.'

The fallacy is that they are planning on something that is totally out of their control. We can't plan on "living like there is no God" for ___ years, and then repenting. First, if you "live like there is no God," in knowing, open defiance, it will be harder, and harder for you to submit to His authority later. Chances are you never will. And you will pay the consequences, if not in this life, certainly in the next.

Second, we don't know the day or hour death will come. Ask a nurse that works in an ER or ICU or an EMS worker about their experiences - an 8 year old with a brain aneurysm; a 21 year old "seriously Christian" girl who suddenly dies of a brain aneurysm while sitting on the sofa watching TV; and teenagers killed by a drunk driver; and 40 year old apparently healthy people with heart attacks; and people who die or almost die from a bee sting; ... Life is uncertain. It is but a vapor. - But live like we're immortal and will never face consequences, judgement, death, passage into the next life. - "Today is the day of your salvation."

Psalm 39:5 You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath. Selah 6 Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. 7 "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

Our only security and hope and expectation for life and lasting joy can only be in Him.

James 4:14-15 Eng Std Ver: yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

Or KJV: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live. and do this, or that.

NCV: But you do not know what will happen tomorrow! Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away. So you should say, “If the Lord wants, we will live and do this or that.”

NIV: Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Psalm 103: 15-17a NIV As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes
over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. But
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

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