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Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 60% of the mailing list are college students, 20% middle and high school, and 10% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 10% since, well, they're old.. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified 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.

This letter and post cards are sent about twice a month. We're trying to say that <u>you</u> are <u>important enough</u> for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk.

A second part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for each person on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for <u>you</u>.

A college student reader chose the name Crimson and White Connection based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. 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. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) 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?

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.

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.

John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

April 10, 2006 Denial ... or Jesus Freak... or...

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 2005

In John, Chapters 18, 19, 20 and 21 is the Easter story. The tragedy. The pain. The rejection. ... And the glorious conclusion... Well, no, it isn't a conclusion. It's kind of like a book that ends with an unfinished sentence that continues in the sequel. Or a TV show that ends with a "To be continued" on the screen because it will pick up next week and go on.

The focus of the Easter story is not about crucifixion and the death of Jesus. The focus is on the <u>resurrection!</u> But even there that's not the <u>end</u> of the story. As the "Gospels" close, the book of Acts open with Jesus leaving. The disciples are standing there looking up at the sky and the angel says, 'Hey! What are you doing just staring at the sky. This same Jesus that left will come back!' (Acts 1:11, Rich's paraphrase). As Paul Harvey would say, "And now the rest of the story..." Well, the "rest of the story" includes 'What are you doing? Are you just standing there staring, or are you going to get on with DOing what Jesus said to do?'

In the Easter musical-drama at our church, I get to play Judas. - Hmm. I wonder why she picked me? ... Okay. Anyway... - We need to read scripture carefully and not just grabbing bits and pieces. The classic is the guy (it is told as a guy because... I don't think I want to go there) who decides to let God talk to him through the Bible. So he just lets it fall open to a page and points. His finger falls on Matthew 27:5 (This is where Judas repents of his betrayal, tries to return the 30 pieces of silver, and then ...) "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." (KJV) He closes his Bible and lets it fall open to another page and points his finger and it lands on Luke 10:37 - "Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise" (KJV) - See the danger of taking just little pieces out of context? - What if he had happened on Deuteronomy 15:17 as the second verse? ("And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.") God doesn't tell us to be mass murders. That conflicts with the rest of the book, the whole theme, the principles elsewhere. - We had a pastor who often said, A text out of context is a pretext." Don't interpret things out of their context. - Where was I? ...

The Easter story has all this gore and disappointments. Failures. Betrayals. - Judas thinks of his own pocket, - 'Hey, they'll pay me, they rough him up a bit, harass him, in a couple days he's okay, and I'm that much richer.' - Then when he sees the result, not what he expected, he repents, but he is now, he thinks, partly responsible for Jesus being condemned to be crucified. This is not pretty at all. And kind of like in Macbeth, he's trying to remove the blood from his hand by returning the cash. Doesn't work. Can't deal with the guilt. And he hangs himself. - Hey don't be too hard on him. He had a little "I" trouble, like we all do at some time or another. And it says he did repent (Matthew 27:3). The problem is that, then as now, we can't control what happens next once we do something. Things sometimes "get out of hand." "I didn't plan for that to happen." - Peter wants to see what is happening. He mingles in the crowd. Is identified as one of the "Jesus guys" (John 18) and adamantly denies it! Three times! Not what he planned and said he'd do. But the pressure!

And then is the crucifixion itself. I've read a little bit. I saw the Mel Gibson movie. A crucifixion is intended to be a publicly humiliating, brutal, very slow and painful death. The pictures... It's worse. It is awful. And Jesus did this for you (and me). He did this so that He wouldn't have to spend Eternity without YOU (and me). He paid a debt He didn't owe because we owed a debt we couldn't pay.

Know one of my favorite characters and short blips? It's Luke 23: 39-43. The one thief, all he does is acknowledge that Jesus doesn't deserve when he's getting and says, 'Remember me when you go to your kingdom.' Not some eloquent prayer. No good works. Wasn't baptized (I've had people want to argue about that sort of stuff). Probably wasn't a guy they saw regularly at synagogue. All he did was acknowledge that Jesus was perfect and wasn't being crucified for anything he had done. Jesus took him just as he was, a mess, and with what little he knew and with what little he could do he acknowledged Jesus. And that was enough. He didn't have to get a 2 year perfect attendance pin at Sunday School. No test. And Jesus says, ** Don't you hate having to find the rest of articles? Lucky for you it's just over on page 2**

From the mailbox (Letters may be slightly edited. We

also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too.

** Jordana's blog is at www.JordanaHart.com **

Monica just started getting the daily e-devotional Subject: Re: 04/03/06 Mon - Peace Date: 4/7/2006 From: monika Hi Rich, Thanks for adding me! This very first mail is such blessing for me, as many others I tend to fix my eyes on the things falling around me instead for on Jesus.

Subject: Try the daily e-mail please. **Date**: 4/6/2006 From: __@aol.com

Try the daily e-mail please.

-monika. in Sweden

God Bless you and your family!

Thank you.

Subject: Stand To Reason Date: 4/3/2006

From: tim @hotmail.com

Here's the website I was telling you about.

www.str.org Strong logical thinking and arguments about most topics

you can think of.

Enjoy. Tim

Subject: Re: 04/1/06 Sat - To Be or Not To Be -Happy Atheist's Day! **Date**: 4/1/2006 **From**: j @gmail.com

hi rich! loved the new C&WC..... i have a friend who'd like to be added

to the list for daily devotions....

thanks and hope you're having a beautiful day!!

You can get an encouraging word (almost) every morning. I select from several daily devotionals, I usually add a comment of my own and email it out. To try our daily morning thoughts, just drop me an email at RDymmel@AOL.com and write "try the daily email please" and we'll send it for two weeks and then ask you if you want to continue or not.



"Don't worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise." (Luke 23:43 The Message). - There is hope for me. Oh oh. Since I know more, there might be more expected of me. Since I have more opportunity, I have more expected of me. Guess I can't be just standing around gazing up at the sky; I need to get to work.

I've read a couple of the "Jesus Freak..." books lately. These are stories of people through the centuries that took this Jesus stuff seriously. Seriously enough to die for what they believed. Recently there has been a man that they were to put on trial in Afghanistan for having changed religion from Islam to Christian. The penalty? Death if convicted. Through pressures, he was released (3/26/06) and was given asylum in Italy. Abdul Rahman, prior to his case being overturned in a statement to reporters said, "I am serene. I have full

awareness of what I have chosen. If I

must die, I will die." Man, this is putting your life on the line. This guy is serious about Jesus! But this is Afghanistan, the other side of the Earth. Doesn't happen here in the U.S., or does it. I am reminded of Cassie Bernall in Columbine High School in Colorado; with a shotgun placed to her head she was asked, "Do you believe in God?" She said, "Yes," and he pulled the trigger. - What would you do? Can you "take the heat" for being a Christian?

If you would like a copy of "How to Live Like a Jesus Freak" or Jesus Freak II Revolutionaries," or a book on... We'd love to give you a copy as long as I have supplies. If your soul and life is thirsty, I have a few copies of Max Lucado's "Come Thirsty" that may help you find Jesus, the water for your soul. - Contact me at rdymmel@aol.com.

Have you ever dreded being identified as a Jesus freak? Be proud if someone calls you a Jesus freak." Say "Thank you. I'm so glad it shows."

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. -

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



CSI EMPTY TOMB - Grave Robbery or Risen Savior. Fact: Stone rolled away from entrance. Fact: Grave site guards missing. Fact: Burial clothes folded neatly Fact: No signs of tampering. Fact: Jesus body is missing.

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

I am part of the "Fellowship of the unashamed." The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the face of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heaven returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes.

And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear.

1 am not ashamed of the gospel.... Romans 1:16

Author unknown.

Words

Have you ever wondered what some of the "Bible words" mean? Lets face it, English is bad enough with words derived from lots of other languages with lots of exceptions to rules.

Like I tell my Math classes, and they resist, if you don't understand the words and what they mean, you don't know what is being said. You have to properly use and understand words.

I first really started to be interested when I was to read the scripture in church one Sunday and there was a footnote in my Bible, can't find it right now, but it went something like this: 'Hallelu was Hebrew for praise and Yah is a shortened form of Yahweh.' They weren't allowed to even say the name of God. It was felt that if you said the name of God, then, like the heathen gods, you could tell the god what to do. For the Jews, their God told them what to do, not the other way around.

So this Easter, I got interested in another word, Hosanna. Is this a name or what? So in my computer I have a plethora (there's a word some of you may know and others need to look up) of books and translations as part of a software package called QuickVerse (I recommend it). Here's what I found for Hosanna and Hallelujah... and then El Shaddai, too.

From Holman's Bible Dictionary

HALLELUJAH (*Hal lih lew jah*) Exclamation of praise that recurs frequently in the Book of Psalms meaning, "Praise Yahweh!" In particular, Psalms 146-150 sometimes are designated the Hallelujah Psalms. In the Psalms God is praised for His power, His wisdom, His blessings, and the liberation of His people.

HOSANNA (Hoh san' nuh) Cry with which Jesus was greeted on the occasion of His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem (Mark 11:9). The words with which the Savior was welcomed by the multitude are drawn from Psalm 118:25-26. "Hosanna" is a Hebrew or Aramaic word that is best translated as a prayer: "Save now," or "Save, we beseech Thee." When the residents of Jerusalem, carrying palm branches, met Jesus and hailed Him as the One who comes in the name of the Lord, they included in their acclamation a plea for salvation.

NAMES OF GOD The name of God holds an important key to understanding the doctrine of God and the doctrine of revelation. The name of God is a personal disclosure and reveals His relationship with His people. His name is known only because He chooses to make it known. To the Hebrew mind, God was both hidden and revealed, transcendent and immanent. Even though he was mysterious, lofty, and unapproachable, He bridged the gap with humankind by revealing His name.

SHADDAI (*sha' di*) Transliteration of Hebrew name for <u>God</u>, often translated, "Almighty" following the earliest Greek translation. ... **ALMIGHTY** Title of God, translating Hebrew *El Shaddai*.

From Parsons Bible Dictionary

HALLELUJAH Praise ye Jehovah, frequently rendered "Praise ye the Lord," stands at the beginning of ten of the Psalms (Ps. 106, 111-113, 135, 146—150), hence called "hallelujah psalms." From its frequent occurrence it grew into a formula of praise. The Greek form of the word (*Hallelujah*) is found in Rev. 19:1, 3, 4, 6.

HOSANNA Save now! or Save, we beseech, (Matt. 21:9). This was a customary form of acclamation at the feast of Tabernacles. (Compare Ps. 118:25.)

SHADDAI The Omnipotent, the name of god in frequent use in the Hebrew scriptures, generally translated "The Almighty."



04/7/06 From Sea to Sea Joe Boot

Many Christians do not really understand the Christian worldview. Many do not know the historic biblical plotline and how it all relates. While recognizing they have a relationship with God through Christ, many are unsure as to why this salvation is a universal truth and necessity for all. Many are even unsure as to how their present relationship with Christ relates to history and the future. All this leads to a profound doubt and lack of confidence with respect to the evangelistic task. Why would we share the good news if we cannot fully articulate why it is good?

The plotline and great story of Scripture places the gospel of Christ in its overall context, making it intelligible, meaningful, and compelling. The biblical view of history is paradise lost to paradise regained in the eternal plan of God. The good news of salvation is necessary for all because there is, indeed, bad news. Something is very wrong! We need Christ and his sacrificial death to redeem us from the curse and restore humanity to himself. It is a story worth telling.

As we recover biblical literacy in the church and the consequent appreciation of the Christian worldview Christians themselves will have a coherent and compelling comprehension of the message they will want to share. And when our message is both coherent and compelling, non-believers who find Christianity something of a mystery will begin to grasp what it is these "proclaimers of strange divinities" (Acts 17) are talking about.

True evangelism is a comprehensible communication and announcement of the dramatic action and rule of God in history culminating in the advent of Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. This does not mean that friendship, social action, literature, and the arts do not greatly contribute to people's receptivity to the gospel—they do. Our call is to be living letters devoted to an evangelistic lifestyle. But without this clear explanation and declaration, our task is incomplete. This is why I believe that apologetics—giving a reasoned defense and justification for belief—is inseparable from evangelism itself.

Of course, to share the faith can be intimidating at times, especially with friends and family. But there is perhaps nothing more wonderful or joyous in the Christian life than having the opportunity to lead someone to faith in Christ as we are co-workers with the Holy Spirit in his miraculous activity. Just to be a link in the chain of a person's journey to faith is one of the greatest privileges afforded to us.

People need meaningful friendship, but above all they need Christ. Why not begin praying for two or three people, that God would bring them to faith and use you in the process? Why not take the opportunity this year to begin to step out in a new God-given confidence in sharing your faith? If you have no sphere of influence, pray that God will bring you one. Last year I joined a local soccer league and invested in relationships with my neighbors in order to build more relationships with those lost and without Christ in this world. I am constantly amazed by the work God is doing in every heart to draw people to himself, and how open people can be to hearing about the hope that is in us.

As we find our identity and confidence in Christ, put our faith in the truth of his Word, grow in our knowledge, and depend on the Holy Spirit for his enabling, we can be confident that God will grant us success. Let us remember that God is love and He sent his Son into the world to seek and save the lost. He has a vested interest. And let us look to God that He would move again from sea to sea.

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Indescribable

from Angela Calhoun; printed with permission; 4/8/2006 From: hyn_angel@yahoo.com

April 7, 2006

Aloha family and friends-

Wow, time flies when you're having fun (or so they say!). It is Friday night. I have been home one week from New Zealand and what a week it has been. On the 9 hour plane flight from Auckland, I started a letter to email while I was stuck in my seat but I really have not had the chance to type it up and send it. So I will attempt to rewrite and send this again.

After a nine hour flight and a 22 hour time difference, my friend, Julie, and I arrived in Auckland, New Zealand to stay with some of my friends that I met while I lived in NC- the Frinks. God had some spectacular things for us to learn while we were visiting New Zealand. We spent the first 4 days in the Auckland area then we flew down to Queenstown on the South Island for 4 days. While Julie and I were cruising around Queenstown, we were listening to Chris Tomlin's song "Indescribable". That became the song for this trip because it so described what our hearts were saying. The words are...

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea Creation's revealing Your majesty From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring Every creature unique in the song that it sings All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.

You are amazing God

All powerful, untameable,

Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom

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Indescribable, uncontainable,

You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by

You are amazing God

Incomparable, unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same You are amazing God

You are amazing God

Even as I reread the lyrics of the song, my heart and mind are flooded with wonderful memories of this trip and how amazing our God is!!! Every part of creation screams of God's amazing hand. My heart cannot fathom all that God has done.

As we were driving from Queenstown down to Milford Sound, the views were majestic. On one side of the road, we had the Remarkables mountain range and on the other side there were the depths of the crystal clear waters of Lake Wakatipu. It gives a whole new meaning to "From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea Creation's revealing Your majesty".

Since New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere, they are headed into fall. The colors on the south island were absolutely breathtaking. "From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring every creature unique in the song that it sings, All exclaiming Indescribable, uncontainable,"

The weather was much cooler than Hawaii and the sunsets were magnificent. There were moments that I so wanted to take a picture and did, but looking back at the photo it just doesn't do the actual image justice. We serve a Holy God that made all of this to reflect His glory!! Do we give Him the glory He deserves or do we dismiss it as "Oh that's nice"???

The most humbling part of all this is the last line of the song that says- Incomparable, unchangeable You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same, You are amazing God!

The same God that created everything also created you and me. He sees the depths of our wretched hearts and HE LOVES US THE SAME!!! That is amazing to me! Even in our sin, God loves us. He loved us enough to send his only son, Jesus, to die on the cross to be the sacrifice for that sin. That is our only way to heaven. We must accept that sacrifice in order to go to heaven. Jesus conquered death and the grave for you and for me! I pray that if you do not know this amazing God, that you will call me or email me to find out more information.

I had a three year old in my class accept God's forgiveness for her sins today! What a day of rejoicing it was to see her name written in the Lamb's book of life. Oh how my heart desires to see each one of you in heaven one day!!! God has given each one of us the choice- accept Him and live eternally in Heaven with Him or deny Him and live eternally condemned to Hell. It is your choice!!

Again, if you need to talk, call me (808-553-8124) or email me!! I would love to talk with you!

[Or call Rich at 336-674-7564 or write Rich at rdymmel@aol.com] Much love and God's blessings,

Angela Dawn Calhoun PO Box 9 Hoolehua, HI 96729
PS - Check out a few NZ picts at http://www.myspace.com/hyn_angel
I'd rather be ridin' a mule on Molokai!!!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?" -Psalm 27:1

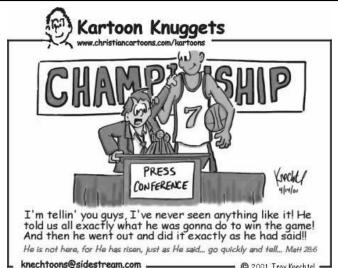


'He must increase and I must decrease.' This was John the Baptist speaking of Jesus. The same applies to us. I am not what is important, to be seen. I prepare the way so Jesus can be seen. (John 3:29-30) **NIV**: He must become greater; I must become less.

NCV: The bride belongs only to the bridegroom. But the friend who helps the bridegroom stands by and listens to him. He is thrilled that he gets to hear the bridegroom's voice. In the same way, I am really happy. He must become greater, and I must become less important.

KJV: He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

ModernSpeechNewTestament: He must grow greater, but I must grow less.



THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



The First Annual Empty Tomb Dash!! John 2011-4 John defeats Peter



Mostly just for fun...

Last week I purchased a drink at Burger King for \$1.58. The counter girl took my \$2 and I was digging for my change when I pulled 8 cents from my pocket and gave it to her. She stood there, holding the nickel and 3 pennies, while looking at the screen on her register. I sensed her discomfort and tried to tell her to just give me two quarters, but she hailed the manager for help. While he tried to explain the transaction to her, she stood there and cried.

Why do I tell you this? Because of the evolution in teaching math since the 1950s:

1. Teaching Math In 1950

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

2. Teaching Math In 1960

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

3. Teaching Math In 1970

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80. Did he make a profit?

4. Teaching Math In 1980

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20.

Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

5. Teaching Math In 1990

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers.)

6. Teaching Math in 2000: A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$120. How does Arthur Andersen determine that his profit margin is \$60?

7. Teaching Math In 2005

Un hachero vende una carretada de maderapara \$100. El costo de la producciones es \$80 ...

"In the school I went to, they asked a kid to prove the law of gravity and he threw the teacher out of the window." —Rodney Dangerfield in Back to School.

When I was 28, I was teaching English in a high school where occasionally the faculty and staff were allowed to dress down. One of those days I donned a sweatshirt and slacks. A student came in, and his eyes widened. "Wow!" he exclaimed. "You should wear clothes like that every day. You look, like, twenty years younger.

Have you checked out the resources at www.CrimsonWhite.org?

NEW ...email delivery

"You've got mail." - I like that movie... - A couple people have suggested that some college students do EVERY-THING by email and can't even remember their campus mailbox number. Our experience for some time now was that a physical piece of mail was preferred by everyone we talked to. So. We'll ask again, and now make that an option. If you would PREFER to get the C&WC by email please let us know. We will deliver by either method. - We've added that line on the form --> for new folks. Or you can just email us with that request for change of delivery method.

"Electricity can be dangerous. My nephew tried to stick a penny into a plug. Whoever said a penny doesn't go far didn't see him shoot across that floor. I told him he was grounded." — Tim Allen

*————Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes ————

I was scheduled to fly from North Carolina to Germany, where my husband was stationed in the military. As I checked in at the airport, the ticket agent asked me some standard security questions. "Has anyone given you any packages that you didn't pack yourself?" he asked.

I told him that my mother-in-law had given me a parcel to take to her son.

He looked at me very carefully and asked: "Does she like you?"

One night Mike's parents overheard this prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

Off-the-church-walls - Bible Reading - March15, 2006 Bible Interpretation — Read but don't assume.

A young missionary on his first term in Africa is out away from camp having devotions in a quiet clearing, as was his custom. This one particular day, while reading his Bible, a lion comes and lays down right beside him, so close that the hot warm smell of his breath is wafting over him. He is, as you would suppose, exceedingly uneasy. He closes his eyes, praying ... but when he opens them he sees another approach from the brush, which proceeds to lie down on the other side of him.

Convinced as he is that this is a test of his faith, he determines to return to his Bible reading. As soon as he does so, the two lions pounce upon and devour him.

Moral of the story: Don't read between the lions. ;-)

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

"Always do right; this will gratify some and astonish the rest."

— Mark Twain

Driving along I-90, just west of Chicago, I passed a sign posted by the police department: "Report drivers using a cell phone. Call *99."

"Let it not be imagined that the life of a good Christian must be a life of melancholy and gloominess; for he only resigns some pleasures to enjoy others infinitely better."

Blaise Pascal, Mathematician

Share with someone

Giving a friend a copy of this letter and asking them if they would like to get it too, is an easy way of witnessing and starting a conversation about God.

If you'd like to be on our mail/prayer list, and have the Crimson & White Connection mailed free to you, fill this out and mail it to:

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☐ Please send ONE SAMPLE ISSUE to evaluate
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