Subject: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by grandom on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 12:17:23 GMT
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Good Morning Brothers and Sisters

Awake and again I say awake. Come on in the coffee is brewing.

Isn`t God and His word absolutely amazing. I awoke this morning with scripture ratteling around in my brain and I thought what

A blessing. I had a dream and two people one very close to me was testifying in a church about how powerfull the devil is.I think

That`s what woke me up. I said NO,No, that`s not true. Greater is he that is in us then he that is in the world 1Jn 4:4. That brought up

This thought in my mind. Isn`t interesting the Bible tells us to flee temptations 1 cor 6:18 flee fornication, 1cor10:14 flee from idolatry.

2titus 2:22 flee youthful lusts but praise God in James 3:7 it says resist the devil and he will flee from you. Isnt that just the greatest. Resist

and he will flee us. I`ll grant you that resisting is a war, 2cor 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnel, but mighty through God

To the pulling down of strong holds. We win Brothers and sisters. The victory is ours. Oh praise His Holy name. Bless you Jesus.

Wasn't that a great first cup of coffee.

There is still plenty left to drink yet. I`m here in the coffee shop keeping the pot warm.

Blessings to all.

Dick

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 12:31:38 GMT

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Morning Bro,

Yep, that's much better than some sweet roll full of unhealthy ingredients. He has no power over us unless we allow it, and when we resist him, he must flee. That is a powerful position for a christian to be in, but it only works because of JESUS and what HE did at THE CROSS through the shedding of HIS BLOOD.

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(course, I'm still a kid.....)

james

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fellar, Gary, how to brew it.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 12:42:32 GMT
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fellar, Gary, how to brew it.

Oh I think that young man brews a pretty good cup of coffee also.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by JWBTI on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 13:02:19 GMT
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Good morning Brother,

Thanks for the coffee and for the words of wisdom.

James,I mostly have dreams but still see myself as a child!

When ya book with the Gather Band, see if they have need of a

Tuba player....Thanks

Blessings

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 18:17:15 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Sun, 14 December 2008 11:57The Lord has been impressing me lately to shout out that:

' I AM COMING QUICKLY, BEHOLD THE TIME, I AM EVEN AT THE DOOR, PREPARE YOURSELF, MAKE YOURSELF READY FOR THE HOUR IS NOW AT HAND'

THUS SAITH THE LORD.

I say that by the unction of the Holy Spirit, it is not of my spirit.

I think that we are all of us experiencing this unction and unique calling that He is bringing forth to our hearts as of late, I do not know where we are headed, but I do know that there is an urgency that I have never felt before.

May God be with each of us, and direct us into His perfect will for our lives and the glory of His Kingdom.

...even so be it.

Amen Brother Hombre.

The Lord has been doing a work in my life the likes of which I

Have never experienced before. Thank you for being faithful to

bring forth what the Lord has shown you.That puts into

perspective what is going on.He will full fill the work He started in us.
Praise the Lord and come quickly.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sun, 14 Dec 2008 18:38:33 GMT
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AMEN....

COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS...

I know I've sensed an urgency within my spirit to seek to walk in that which He's shown me as never before. I'm feeling a burden for others that hasn't always been present in my life as it should be. I have witnessed a change in our interacts with each other that I know is the workings of The Holy Spirit. He wants His bride to be spotless at His return, and it will, reguardless of what it now

apears to be.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 15:35:54 GMT
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As I set here in the coffee shop this morning enjoying the aroma of fresh coffee, I guess by my solitary self because you all are out

Earning money to pay for my social security. Bless you. I was reflecting on the hymn Joy to The World.

Joy to the world, The Lord is come. Sadly there is not much joy in the world except to His children. There could be joy for the whole world.

How many will sing this song this season and it really means nothing to them other then a catchy tune that`s synonymous to the

Holiday.Sorta like here comes Santa Claus.

The Lord has indeed come but He is not there Lord. They are quite happy with the baby in the manger but don't make him Lord of there life.

It`s Been said that people are very happy with the Lord being in heaven blessing them like a celestial Santa Claus but they don't want to see

Him on His throne. Let every heart prepare Him room. Wouldn`t that be great. And heaven and nature sing. Probably the only two places

Where true worship is done.Ever listen to the birds in the morning. I love to hear them because in my mind they are praising their heavenly

Father in worship and thanksgiving.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy. Is it any wonder the creation groans for His return?

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

SO as I set here contemplating what could be, reality sets in and I say Joy to the world, The King has come and He is coming again this

Time not as a little baby by a mighty King. Hallelujah.

Come quickly Lord Jesus

Blessings to all.

Dick

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 17:17:08 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Thu, 18 December 2008 10:50

That isn't the way it was intended to work....but since the Fed has filled the safety deposit boxes of the Social Security Administration with worthless IOUs, that is how it is.

...don't get me started on politics Grandom.....LOL

That`s not the way anything that government gets involved with is supposed to work. Take our great state of Indiana. Lets build a bunch of ethanol plants. It will be great. Corn farmers will reap the benefits, we`ll cut our dependance on foreign oil and every thing will be hunky dorey. Oh Oh there was a side effect. Corn farmers did indeed benefit but then the producers of beef had to pay more for the corn to feed the animals and of course that raised the price of beef to consumers. The cost of ethanol was not that significant and didnt even offset the lower mpg. Only newer vehicles made for it could use it.Scared the heck out of oil companies didnt it. (NOT) So as usual when the government sets out to benefit one sector of society, hang onto your wallet because it will cost someone else to pay for it. Sorry Hombre. I couldnt resist. Like Flip Wilson used to say. The Devil made me do it.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Thu, 18 Dec 2008 21:03:57 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Thu, 18 December 2008 12:51
..Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?....Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, ...Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? ...' ~ Job 38:16-23

'

....but what think you?

....does man have the upper hand on all this?

.....the humanists seem to think so.

I love the book of Job, Not so much for God testing Job but when God asserted who He is. That testing part never

Appealed to me that much, especially losing his whole family. I admire Job for hanging in as long and as best he

Could.I love chapters 38- 40 when the Lord speaks. He pretty much showed what He thinks of us squirmy little worms

When we dare to question God.

You know one thing that insurance companies have always had right. We don't pay for acts of God. At least they know that

God controls the winds, the waves, lightning etc.I detest the term mother nature. Shows the ignorance of man. As you so aptly asked.

Does man have the upper hand. I also think not.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Fri, 19 Dec 2008 10:28:53 GMT
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Ah finally you have provided an opportunity to challenge the grey matter under the grey hair (what remains) thereof.

I did not have the opportunity to study biblical theology under HEF. I came in after a lot of the heavy teachings if you will.

You said "In Biblical Theology, we were taught that God cannot do 'evil' nor can He be tempted with it, but He uses various methods with which to perform His judgments, mostly involving things related to 'mother nature' or to be more accurate ' the natural order of creation'. In doing so, He may also employ the services of 'the destroyer' to do such, as he is only all too happy to destroy that which God has created."

I don't see that God using nature as you stated as being works of evil. Evil to me is sin and should be be a no brainer that God cant sin nor can He tolerate it. So thus the teaching in biblical theology is correct that God cannot do evil.Let me ask you this. Going way back to Noah, God instructed him to build an ark and that it was going to rain, Was God using the Devil or was it not God Himself who sent the rain that destroyed all the men, women,and children that were not in the ark? Gen 6:17Behold, I even I, do bring a flood to destroy all flesh. I suppose that man in his puny understanding of God would come to the conclusion that was evil.God is a God of severe punishment to those who do not follow Him. It can happen in this lifetime and cerntainly in eternity. Hell is full of nonbelievers, sinners if you will who did do evil. That does not make God evil. If fact it makes Him just.
I wonder if Hef ever taught on Amos 3:6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city and theLord has not done it?
Digressing just a moment from acts of nature when God had the Israelites totally wipe out all the ites and mites and icks and ticks of the people who inhabited the land right down to women and children I suppose that some would consider Him evil. "My ways are not your ways nor my thoughts your thoughts" the word has said.

Back to nature ? No I say the works of almighty God. Jer 10:12 He hath made the earth by His power,He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion.V13When He uttereth His voice there is a multitude of waters in the heavens,
And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth, He maketh lightning's with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures.

Nah 1:3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked.The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.
Most do not want to hear of the wrath of God and yet a cursory study of the word quickly displays His wrath.As I said in a previous post, "Most don't have a problem with God being in His work shop maybe holding the earth together and dispensing blessings here and there but don't let Him be on his throne ruling with absolute sovereignty and Power doing as He wills when He wills. IMO to many people don't really know who God is and therefore ascribe works to the Devil without realizing that God is in absolute control. Does He use Satan? Sure He does. The book of Job tells us that. Does he protect His children? Sure as you stated Ps 91 tells us that IF we meet the conditions.

So Hombre I`m not sure if you were disagreeing with my previous post that God is in control so hopefully I have clarified my previous position.

Blessings to all

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sat, 20 Dec 2008 01:28:11 GMT
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Well I see yoz guys done covered bout everything pertaining to pagamas, from cards to trees, from gifts to drunkeness, from surfeiting to seasonal songs,
btw: I thought 'joy to the world' was lyrics from a 'Three Dog Night' song where Jeremiah was a bullfrog...but then again...it's been a while.
And since I done come in on the backend of the conversations, I'll just add the real reason for the season, IMO, and get back in my cage.
The REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON IS RETAIL SALES...

So get on out there and support your local merchants...

And don't worry about those increasing credit card interest rates, if anyone gets in a tight,
Ole Grandom will give ya a loan outta his SS retirement, after all, he says ya'll are paying for it...

Oh! I guess ya'll are giving new meaning to...
"Dashing Throught the Snow"...

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sat, 20 Dec 2008 13:09:24 GMT
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Gary,

Speaking of coffee, I ran in to an upscale market(grocery store that caters to the wealthy) Thursday and they were giving out samples of various foods and drink. I tried some fancy bean named decaf coffee with a natural sweetner and a flavored creamer; gotta admit, it was good, especially for a non coffee drinker. I can see how so many people drink coffee, but what I tried was something like $16.00 per lb. I don't know how much coffee that will yeild after the beans are ground, but it seems a bit more than Dunkin Donuts or Micky D's....course, it's probably better

tasting too. It crossed my mind to just buy some of the beans, for the aroma.
Dick and Ron both sent pictures of the snow yesterday, I think they're trying to influence me to want to move up there... It's beautiful to look at, but I like a warmer climate.

BTW: What's an organic farmers cookie? Are they good?
Could you send me a dozen?

james

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 20 Dec 2008 13:55:41 GMT
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Gary wrote:

Does anybody know if theres a cult out there that practices Christianity, I think I'm ready to join. I'm tired of boring churchianity and would like some excitement

Gary you are in luck,

There is a group of people out there that worship this man dressed in red.
This cult, is really not that old.
They use a tree as part of there ritual of worship and affection.
Unlike Christianity, the man in red, Always says YES to what ever you ask.
He is multi-culture, anyone can partake in this worship, good or bad.
This man in red, appears to have super natural powers, he sees and hears everything !
I have heard, that some have even prayed to him for front teeth.
This group only masses once a year for an all out ritual.
This group claims, that the ritual, is part of a celebration of the birth of some one named Jesusâ€¦..tho that name is rarely used amidst it followers and there children, very little is know about this Jesus.

Please use caution if you join this cult:
If you try to leave or deny the power of this man In red, you will be put out of your Church, you could even lose your job. People will persecute you, they will call you Names.

Thatâ€™s really not a problem, most people that have entered this cult never come out. Tho there has been a few that have escaped.

I hope this helps.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sat, 20 Dec 2008 16:32:08 GMT
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Ron,

That's good....and TRUE...

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sat, 20 Dec 2008 16:56:41 GMT
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Hombre wrote:

" I would LOVE to move south."

Come on down, it's easy to find, just get on I-65 and point'er downhill til ya start seeing folks in shorts and tee shirts. (it's in the 70's this morning...don't ask what's predicted for tomorrow) I remember the seminar at the Adam's Mark there in Indy, in 84-85, and all the snow. It was the most I had ever seen. But in '93 we got the perfect storm here in Alabama and it snowed between 12" and 14" in just a few hours. It was beautiful at first, til the power went out and I had to resort to using a propane fish cooker to heat the house.(sounded like a jet engine blowing blue flame everywhere, kinda dangerous)

Opps, am I scaring you off? You might what to keep driving til you hit the Gulf of Mexico, that way, William, Dick, Ron, Gary, and I could come visit ya and go deep sea fishing. So when you're picking out the boat, be sure to get one big enough for all of us...

Hey, is cow pies any kin to buffalo chips?
He wouldn't try pulling my leg would he?

Yeah, if I was gonna be a coffee drinker, I'd have to do the whole ritual, grind the beans and

everything...I love the aroma, I coulda spent the day in the coffee section; they had oak barrels filled with all the different type beans, a roaster, and grinders; it was neat.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 01:34:21 GMT
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Gary, I agree with you about sugar, I've not bought any in 8-9 years. At first I used Xylitol as a substitute for a couple of years, then went to Stevia. The last 4-5 years I've not used anything but a little honey(when I have hot green tea). We get natural sugars from most fruits (which I eat daily)and that gives our bodies all we need. Of course, I get sugar from ice cream, my one 'bad' eating habit; but I limit myself to a small amount a couple times per week. There's a small mom and pop bakery here that specializes in natural whole wheat baked breads and they also have granola and a small selection of healthy cookies with all good stuff and Stevia or honey or molasses for sweetners. They're expensive, but I decided years ago that this body was the only one I was gonna have til I saw Jesus; so I'd rather spend extra for fresh and healthy foods. And we know that eating healthy and exercise is only part of our responsibilities, we must feed daily on The Word and exercise (or put it to use in our lives) our faith to receive of the promise of Ps. 91....long life.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by JWBTI on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 12:34:59 GMT
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Bro Dick,

Iâ€™ll take 2 lumps and a little honey. Have ya got any of that non pasteurized milk?
Wow, Iâ€™ll take the deep fried bacon, 2 eggs over easy and fried taters.
Have ya got any grits or liver mush ? If not, Iâ€™ll just have the pancakes on the side
With butter milk to wash it all down.
Thanks Bro Dick,

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by grandom on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 12:47:24 GMT
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JWBTI wrote on Sun, 21 December 2008 06:34Bro Dick,

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With butter milk to wash it all down.
Thanks Bro Dick,

Man it almost makes you want to have an unfiltered Pall Mall afterwards, doesnt it

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Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by JWBTI on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 13:25:38 GMT
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James,

Iâ€™ll see what I can do after I finish eatingâ€¦â€¦Itâ€™s the dog, I canâ€™t get close
To Dick when the dog is awake! I need to be very quietâ€¦..Shhhhhhh !

Bro Dick,

Iâ€™d rather have a dip of snuf and a little redman chew, with some ice tea to wash it down.
Then we could head down to the Waffle House or White Castle for lunch.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 11:44:41 GMT
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I have to agree. I was getting over a serious illness and was weak. I had not eaten properly for a couple of years. I followed a healthy lifesyle for about a year. People commented on how healthy my skin, weight, etc. looked. It was expensive and work to cook the right way. I also walked faithfully and felt great!

At this time, I have fallen off of the wagon due to being so busy in my life. I know that is no

excuse, but it is hard to try to keep it all going at once.

Your post makes me want to, as Lois says, give it a go again!

My husband and I drink healthy shakes from ReLiv. I am not that impressed with the company yet. I just buy it for us. It has brought his numbers down; blood pressure, sugar, and all of the fat counts. They also have a neat energy shake. He drinks it all day at work and loves it.

Just some "food" for thought.

Blessings, GWB

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 03:02:24 GMT
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Well, I can sure tell you this about the country music of today; it sure isn't what I used to hear blaring from the huge floor radio as a little girl in Lewisburg, Kentucky!

Blessings, GWB

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 03:21:21 GMT
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GWB,

When I think of country music and Kentucky, I think of Bill Monroe, the father of bluegrass music. But there's a guy named John Conlee who had a song about 'Rose Colored Glasses' with some lyrics that have stuck in my memory. Something about these rose color glasses that I'm looking through, show only the beauty, but hide all the truth. I don't know if that song triggered the phrase,'viewing things through rose colored glasses' or if the saying inspired the song, but there's truth in it.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 03:37:15 GMT

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Hombre, you sure know how to keep things real!

Blessings, GWB

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 04:18:16 GMT
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I think you guys need to pray and fast for your carnal behavior!

This is for Santa's head when I have to explain to my grandson that he is a joke!

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 04:20:45 GMT
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I tried to steal Hombre's hammer over the head face and it did not work! Oh well, it would have been funny! You guys are a stitch.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 13:08:25 GMT
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Gary wrote:

"I can see James is not a country music buff. Bill Monroe is from Nashville, Indiana. "

Really? I thought, Bluegrass is synonymous with Kentucky and Bill Monroe is the father of Bluegrass,
so Bill Monroe must be from Kentucky. Sounded logical to me....Nashville, Indiana, eh?
You wouldn't be pulling my leg again would you?

Nah, I'm definitely not a country music buff, my music roots are in rock and roll...60's, 70's.

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Wed, 24 Dec 2008 16:42:16 GMT
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Hombre,

I agree concerning what a 'party' for Jesus would be like. I'm believing for the brethern gathering in Knoxville this weekend, to experience the presence of The Holy Spirit there, in both the worship and teachings. You're right, once a person taste of the 'REAL' presence of God, there's no settling for the imitation.

To quote the 'theologian' you quoted, "the only problem with that, is that you can't exorcize truth." another thing I heard him say was..."to attempt to exorcise from one, the truth, is an exercise in futility." Or in Jesus' words, "My sheep hear My voice..." or " I am the way, the truth, and the life..." or as Gal.4:9 says,"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Thu, 25 Dec 2008 17:42:04 GMT
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It's OK James. This thread is all about fun anyway.

Besides, I have certainly made my share of blunders!

Have a nice and simple day today. It is so nice not to be caught up in all of the confusion of Dec. 25th; physically and spiritually!

Blessings, GWB

"Be still and know that I am God"

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Thu, 25 Dec 2008 17:49:48 GMT
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Thanks Gillyann,

That's what I'm having, a nice simple day, gonna watch some basketball on the tube and chill.

Hope you have a stress free, relaxing day too.

james

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Sat, 27 Dec 2008 04:05:36 GMT
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Hombre wrote:

....besides, it's not like a different one is not gonna walk around behind ya, nagging, chiding and humiliating you any less.....

GWB writes:

Hombre, let me first say you are no match for me when it comes to the Word. You can filet the Word like a Master Chef. However, I have to let you know that "good luck" is occult.

Did you think I was going to let that one drop? Now I hope I have made you laugh for once.

Blessings, Gillyann

Moving day is tomorrow...be back in a few days so you can have a good comeback; you always do!

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by william on Mon, 29 Dec 2008 20:18:12 GMT
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Well, now you've got me confused... it isn't supposed to work on any of the other sections, so I must have something out of whack!!!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Mon, 29 Dec 2008 20:27:03 GMT
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Confused yet?

I haven't the foggest idea of what to tell ya, cept maybe, there's a kink or two still in it. But hey, santa will be back in 361 days...maybe he'll bring you an update...

I've replied to 3 messages, including this one...hadn't seen one posted yet?????

Ok, NOW I see it...good job...

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by william on Mon, 29 Dec 2008 20:34:04 GMT
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Yep, I'm confused... but hey, I was up till 3AM this morning... I've got an excuse!

It is that durn Procmail setting... that stuff must have been written by a ~nix~head!

I wrote this earlier... about the email clients... since you use gmail you might find it interesting:

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If you like 'old-school' stuff, you've got to try out Alpine (formerly
Pine). It is really the best client for power users.

I've got ten or eleven email addresses that must be monitored and Alpine
does it better than anything else I've found. It is a text-based program
(so much for the pretty and nice!) that allows you quickly do almost
anything that needs to be done via email. (They even have a MAC version
Hombre!)

All of my email addresses are set up using IMAP (but it will work with POP as well), which allows me to constantly be 'logged in' to the mail box and receive instant notifications about incoming mail. I've spent the last few days converting my POP accounts to IMAP which seems to be the best thing going.

If you use Gmail you can actually set it up to gather up to five accounts and then use Alpine to access Gmail without going to the trouble of converting the accounts individually. Imagine being able to instantly get all of your email without ever logging into Gmail! No mouse clicks, no hindrances, just fast keystroke commands that keep you productive.

Alpine works great from the start right out of the box, but if you are a power-user, it has some awesome features!

I've been away from MS Outlook for some time now (because of the constant stream of hacker-attacks) and used Opera as both a web browser and email client, but now, with the new PC Alpine, I don't see myself ever going back! I quit using Pine (Alpine's predecessor) a few years back but I wish I had never left.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by william on Mon, 29 Dec 2008 22:31:16 GMT
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What can anyone say to a person who uses Adobe Illustrator/Freehand/Photoshop as his word processor? <sigh>

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Fri, 02 Jan 2009 00:33:27 GMT
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Well, I guess I can pour out the coffee and clean out the pot. I hung around all day, kept the coffee fresh and hot, but looks like everyone was watching football. Maybe I'll catch up with somebody in

the morning, first one in can make the coffee...

I hope the additions to the forum by William hasn't frightened off everyone. Nothing has changed unless you subscribed to the new e-mail feature.

Hope everyone has a blessed and prosperous new year...

james

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Wed, 14 Jan 2009 05:41:00 GMT
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I am back after a huge move into another house.

Hombre, I was not flattering you. I was building you up in the faith.

The "luck" issue would be an awesome new thread on predestination, etc. We know nothing is by good luck or "chance." One can get gun shy when they have Santanists in their family relying on "chance." My God is faithful to save them.

Blessings, GWB

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by GWB on Thu, 15 Jan 2009 01:18:08 GMT
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Hombre wrote:

Please therefore now agree with me in prayer (Matt 18:19, '...Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven....') that I will win Powerball today. I will be counting on you, as I am out to buy a ticket post-haste. Surely God will bless this as I will use the majority of it to bless other people with.

GWB writes:

I can do that....I get half if you win!

Blessings, GWB

Subject: Re: PURPOSE OF COFFEE BREAK
Posted by james on Tue, 20 Jan 2009 17:48:57 GMT
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What's the deal with state lotteries, do people vote to have them in each individual state or is it something the state legislature controls? In Alabama you can't even play Texas Hold'em or Bingo, yet we have dog racing tracks that broadcast horse racing from all over. Georgia has a lottery, Florida has a lottery and horse racing, Tennessee has a lottery, and Mississippi has casino's and riverboat gambling. So the people in Alabama go to church and get on charter buses and head over to the casino's in Mississippi and give them their money. Yet when it comes time for a vote, it always gets defeated.

I'm not for gambling, lotto's, dog tracks, slot machines, or what have ya; and since I don't vote I guess I shouldn't have an opinion. But it seems to me that the hypocrisy I see all around is worse than in the places where it's legal. Many people I encounter in my profession are 'church members' yet have gambling earnings. But when it's time to vote, they wear the "vote NO" stickers...???? I just don't get it...

In trying to find something positive about Obama, I think I have...he's in favor of a national playoff for college football...

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by David Coleman on Mon, 08 Feb 2010 19:33:56 GMT
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That was a good cup of coffee. I may add that when the tempter comes he has to contend with the Holy Spirit in us. If we stay in God's presence and please him, we are sure to have that shield of faith protecting us.

What a blessing we have when we can say I have no sin. To be helpful the scripture that says he that says he has no sin is a liar. That scripture is not talking about saints. A Christian has no sin. That is how we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

We can commit sin, but then we ask forgiveness and get it under the blood. amen??? We make mistakes and sometimes miss the mark but so did Peter and James and John. Our attitude should

be resisting sin. It doesn't hurt God but it does us. We don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit. If we do we will be down on our face repenting after trials and troubles come to put our self life to death. Our cross.

It feels good to know if we are asked about sins in our life we can say I don't have any. We can know this when we sense God's presence in our lives. We have a inner witness all is okay. hold on to that it's okay statement--that is true joy. come quickly Lord Jesus hallelujah.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by grandom on Mon, 01 Mar 2010 10:21:58 GMT
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Good Morning Brothers and sisters.

What a Glorious day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Is there any carrying a burden of resentment or unforgiveness?

Give that stinking mess back to the devil.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit and rejoice in the shekinah Glory of His presence.

Praise His Holy name for ever more.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by grandom on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 13:02:47 GMT
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ALWAYS LOOK ON THE INSIDE

I remember reading a story once about a man who was exploring some caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled up some clay and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man so he took the bag out of the cave with him.

As he strolled along the beach, to pass the time, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could throw.

He thought little about it until he dropped one of the balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside

was a beautiful, precious stone. Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left, then it struck him.

He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have had tens of thousands, but he just threw it all away.

You know sometimes, it's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it; we see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy.

But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person. There is a treasure hidden in every one of us. We are wonderfully made. Not just our physical bodies, our spiritual selves, which are sometimes hidden from others by the *earthen vessel*

But if you take the time to get to know that person, and if you ask the Spirit to show you that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship.

-- Author Unknown

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 16:47:12 GMT
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I'm thinking in light of the 'new revelation' that the caffeine in coffee is a drug we might ought to consider renaming this "The Happy Hour" room...No wait, alcohol is also a drug.

Maybe just 'The Break Room'...only kidding.

I'm not making fun of anyone, just thought I'd share my "LOL" moment. While I personally don't 'ingest' caffeine or alcohol, I believe there is a big difference between having a coke/pepsi/soft drink/pop containing caffeine with a slice of pizza or a cup of coffee and sweet roll, versus taking a Valium to relieve anxiety.(or name the ailment and the drug of choice that's recommended to 'fix'

it; and don't forget to read the 3 page warning about the side effects.) It's the intent of the heart that The Lord is watching, does the person regard their body as The Temple of The living God where The Holy Spirit resides? (I Corinthians 3:16-17) Remember what Jesus said of the Pharisees and hypocrites concerning cleaning the 'outside' of the cup when the inside remainded dirty.

And we can't take Matthew 15:11 out of context to justify not taking care of our bodies, eating and drinking whatever without repercussion. The law of sowing and reaping is both a spiritual as well as physical truth. Once again, it's our hearts that Jesus is concerned with, are we trusting in Him and proving it by our actions (obedience), or have we bought into the "everything in moderation" mindset?

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 18:03:24 GMT
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Funny...

Or you could just 're-interpret' the Coffee Break area as clean break from coffee!

Seriously though, I think that a case can be made that the usage defines whether or not something is 'occult'. Diviner's read tea-leaves; that doesn't make tea-leaves occult. But when used by an occultic practitioner... that's a different story. I think the same thing would apply to the discussion in Bible Issues.

Chemical concoctions aren't necessarily evil per se, but when they are used by occultic practitioners to effect some magical result they cease to be merely a natural substance and take on the character of those who are practicing the divination.

We aren't after a 'new-doctrine' but we are attempting to better understand whether or not the 'doctrine' we've embraced is one that can stand up to the Berean-like scrutiny of those who want to present absolute truth when representing the Gospel of Truth to others.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 18:30:27 GMT
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james wrote on Sat, 15 October 2011 11:47...I believe there is a big difference between having a coke/pepsi/soft drink/pop containing caffeine with a slice of pizza or a cup of coffee and sweet roll, versus taking a Valium to relieve anxiety.

Not being a coffee drinker, you may not realize that people who drink coffee are doing so not because it is good drink to have with donuts but they do it for the 'pick-me-up-effect'. (Those who drink it because of its taste drink decaf.)

This is not unlike the examples in the Bible where wine and strong drink are consumed for various reasons other than taste. <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 19:54:43 GMT
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Believe me, I don't need a 'pick-me-up' of a morning, I'm up around 4:30-5:00am and out walking a 3 mile trek by 6-7 ish, then go to the fitness center and work out for 45 minutes, also play tennis every other day. Can you imagine what a jolt of caffeine would do for me?

I've been called 'hyper' more than once in my life, though I do see a bit of winding down now that I'm officially a senior citizen.

What's sad is, if I liked coffee, I could now get it free at most fast food restaurants...Yep, truely sad.

I do love the aroma of the grinding of the whole roasted beans and the brewing of the coffee.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by william on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 20:02:52 GMT
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My coffee is more of a 'pick-me-up' of the morning and evening. I can redeem more of the time that way. My bedtime is around 2am and then another pick-me up at 6am and I'm good for the day! (Well, at least until around 4pm when another cup will work its magic all over again!<grin>)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 15 Oct 2011 21:50:43 GMT
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Since wine is mentioned in The Bible, and Jesus seemed to have no problem with providing more once they had depleted their supply at the wedding, maybe we could name this the "Wine Cellar". We could keep a few bottles around for 'communion', or in case anyone got a 'tummy ache'.

Only problem for me is, I never tasted a wine that I liked... Maybe if I spent more than $1.49 (Boone's Farm, 1970) or $1.99 (Thunderbird, 1972) my palate might learn to appreciate the 'good stuff'. Anybody want to spring for a bottle of 1964 Rothchild? Shouldn't run more than a few hundred thousand dollars.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by GWB on Sat, 22 Oct 2011 16:27:19 GMT
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"Remember what Jesus said of the Pharisees and hypocrites concerning cleaning the 'outside' of the cup when the inside remainded dirty."

Hey James, was that a coffee cup?

What kind of pizza do you like? Whoops, too junk foody? I will be throwing it at you anyway!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 14:22:58 GMT

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Confession time:

I've developed a taste for coffee... I felt so out of place hanging around here in the Coffee Break with you guys enjoying your morning java that I decided to give it another chance.(I always have loved the aroma of fresh brewing coffee)

I bought a 3 lb. can of decaffeinated at Costco's (Kirkland brand) at the beginning of tax season and it's almost gone. A nice mug of steaming hot coffee and a healthy energy bar(granola) for a midmorning break has turned into something I look forward to on cold mornings.

So any of you guys passing through Clanton, Al. during tax season (Jan.-April) stop by and have a cup with me. If that's not possible then I guess I'll see ya here in the Coffee Break room on OO.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 14:54:29 GMT
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Morning James,
I must agree with you on how nice a cup(or a couple cups) of coffee is in the morning. If you want to try a really good cup, buy some Kona Coffee. It is quite expensive, about $40 a pound, but the taste is outstanding. I haven't had it for a while, but I sure do remember the taste. It would be a blessing to stop by sometime and visit.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 16:00:17 GMT
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no-can-do, James... not unless you ditch the de-caf and get some real coffee... and if you buy some of that stuff Sue mentioned I'll need to wait until *after* tax season to be able to afford it!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Mark L on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 16:58:02 GMT
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I have to agree with William. Ditch the decaf. My wife started buying coffee called Kicking Horse coffee. It is quite good. I'm going to look for some of that stuff Sage mentioned.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by GWB on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 20:24:15 GMT
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I like tea.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by JWBTI on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 23:06:35 GMT
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Hey James, I'll drink the De-caf.....

Free coffee, is Free coffee

Just put a little honey in it to make it healthy !

Tho I normally drink the caffein type.

and

Thanks for the offer !

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Mark L on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 04:48:56 GMT
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I like tea.

Shakes his head sadly.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by GWB on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 04:52:07 GMT
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I know. It would be so much easier if I liked the stuff. I even hate the smell! Lol

You all enjoy!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 29 Mar 2013 14:19:51 GMT
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Ha! Ha!...

"Just put a little honey in it to make it healthy."

O.K. I got that covered, honey is my sweetner of choice.

"no-can-do, not unless you ditch the de-caf and get some real coffee."

Alright, what brand you like?

"I like tea"

So do I; the green organic decaf, fresh brewed, flavored with lemon and honey.

"Ditch the decaf..."

Why don't we just keep some of both on hand? You wouldn't be able to stay around me if I got a caffeine buzz going.

"If you want to try a really good cup, buy some Kona Coffee. It's quite expensive, about $40 a pound."

I'll start saving up for it, maybe I can write it off as a business expense.

"Free coffee, is free coffee."

Dick, Gary, Tom, and Jman...ya'll are welcome to stop in as well...or anyone for that matter.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 30 Mar 2013 01:37:24 GMT
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To be honest with you I also just developed a taste for coffee. It happened over the last few years. I only drink real cream in mine though.

I only drink it in the morning, if I drink it late at night it keeps me awake all night.

My wife has ordered coffee from overseas for years, a brand called Gevalia which you can now buy local in the stores. We still get the whole beans through the mail.

Good news is; if your over 55 you can get the senior coffee at McDonalds for fifty cents a cup. Bad news is; its pretty nasty tasting.

Starbucks is okay but I think its to strong. We probably have eight or nine starbucks in our small college town over here.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 10 Nov 2013 18:20:02 GMT
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On a non spiritual note. The world Chess championship is now taking place in India.

http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/11/10/chess-world-championship-starts-with-quick-draw/?intcmp=trending

I don't know if anyone plays Chess here, but I have always enjoyed this game.

Anyway for all its worth I thought I'd throw this out there.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 14 Nov 2013 08:34:54 GMT
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Even though I have not had a cup of coffee yet.

I wanted to say the Lord helped me tremendously yesterday. I Praise Him for that. It's awesome to "know" when the Lord is doing something for you personally in your life.

Just giving God the Glory here, He is worthy.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 14 Nov 2013 15:27:58 GMT
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Gary wrote on Thu, 14 November 2013 02:34
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Just giving God the Glory here, He is worthy.

Gary

He IS worthy! Amen. It is awesome to "know" when God is doing things in our lives. It is also awesome to know that He is doing it out of His great Mercy/Love/Grace for us, because we don't 'deserve' anything from Him, yet ..."for God SO LOVED the world..."

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 17 Nov 2013 11:39:45 GMT
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I just don't understand why the big push for everyone to rush out and get a "flu" shot.

I feel like they are forcing this on society. My neighbor always gets her flu shot and then later always gets the flu. Her husband never gets the flu shot and he has never had the flu.

My wife and I have never had the flu shot but I think they try to intimidate with peer pressure, for everyone to get this shot.

I'm not trying to start an anti-flu shot agenda for anyone else but was wondering about all the pressure and intimidation.

Its like Obamacare, force everyone to get insurance whether you want it or not.

Well just wanted to spend a few moments this morning, ranting and raving about flu shots.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 09:00:43 GMT
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What's with all the ads?

I tried to open some posts and was taken to other web sites that McAfee warned me were dangerous sites.

Just wondering!

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 18 Nov 2013 11:54:29 GMT
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Gary wrote on Mon, 18 November 2013 03:00
What's with all the ads?

I tried to open some posts and was taken to other web sites that McAfee warned me were dangerous sites.

Just wondering!

Gary

False Alarm.

It was my computer a program was trying to slap ads on everything I opened.

I got it fixed.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 13 Dec 2013 21:33:33 GMT
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I did not know where to put general chat so I thought I would come to Grandom's coffee post.

In a normal winter in Indiana we don't get snow until January at least for a number of years its been that way. Last week we got close to ten inches. Tonight their saying we will get 6 inches plus an additional 3 to 4 inches tomorrow morning.

It sure is pretty here. My wife and I always liked getting snowed in so she would have a good excuse to bake cookies. LOL If its a wet snow were planning on building a snowman out front.

Hope everyone is staying warm this winter.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 13 Dec 2013 22:05:54 GMT
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Sounds like a SNOW job to me.....

We've had mid 20's at night lately, seems colder this year much sooner. While others are counting the shopping days left til Xmass, I'm counting the days til spring.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 13 Dec 2013 23:14:54 GMT
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You probably donâ€™t enjoy the cold as much as you could because you donâ€™t live in an area where there is snow. We have about a foot of snow and another 4-6â€• coming tomorrow. Too bad, I wish it would be more like 6-9â€• coming, but maybe next time. It is really enjoyable to go out and shovel the driveway while it snows, or after dark when it is real quiet outside. There is just something peaceful and refreshing being outside in the cold and snow. Usually about the end of August I start counting the weeks to winter and snow. As soon as the last pretty, fall leaf is off the tree I say: Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! My dog loves the snow also. He runs and puts his whole head in the snow, kinda like a snow plow. It could snow everyday in the winter as far as I am concerned, but I guess a few sunny days scattered in helps keep some peopleâ€™s spirits up.
I thought about a couple verses in the Bible that speaks of snow, which lead me to read the whole chapter of: Psalm 51:1-19
Thanks Gary for bringing up how nice snow is.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 Dec 2013 12:02:54 GMT
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My brother-in-law was an "Upper". He was born and raised in the far northern part of the state up there. They had unbelievable amounts of snow, twenty foot high in places etc. He told me when they were kids, they would go inside and run water on their hair and then run outside and go ice skating. Their hair would then freeze and be full of icicles. He was a really good ice skater.

Its early morning here and it looks like they missed the forecast, because it is raining with a little snow mixed in. The ground is still covered from the last snow still.

Very good scripture there. Its all about the inward man, our thoughts, etc., "thou desirest truth in

the inward parts", who is now made clean by His Blood and can stand before God cleaned from sin as white as Snow.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 14 Dec 2013 14:36:33 GMT
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Hey, I LOVE seeing the snow, it's beautiful. I just don't like cold...it hurts me body<grin>

But the comparison of our cleansing by The Blood of Jesus, removing our sins, making us white as snow...that's awesome to think upon...Thanks, Sue.

We've had steady rain since midnight, but at least it's supposed to return to 'seasonal temps' after the rain passes.

Hey Gary! I like the idea of baking cookies, I just might do that today and share with my neighbors...Sounds like a plan.<grin> Too bad ya'll live so far away. LOL

BTW: Do people still make 'snow ice cream'? I remember making it as a kid, it seemed SOOOO good.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 Dec 2013 15:00:53 GMT
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James,

This is the first time I ever heard of making snow ice cream. My wife is going to make Russian Tea cookies. Its similar to Mexican wedding ring cookies only different batter.

My Mother-in-Law lives north of here two hours away in Illinois they have ten inches already and its still snowing heavy right now.

I'm going to curl up with a good book today and enjoy the rain.

Everybody have a Blessed day in the Lord, Snow, Rain, or just plain old cold out.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 21 Dec 2013 00:00:36 GMT
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Well all the snow has finally melted off and now we have several days of rain coming in. It is now 61 degrees here, nice enough to go outside in a t-shirt.

I have been reading some articles on this Duck Dynasty. These southern boys look like they just got back from Woodstock. LOL
Never watched the show but it seems to have a following of over 11 million people. These men are very vocal about their Christianity which is a good thing.

I read a bunch of comments where people who said they were Christians were attacking these guys. But on the other hand there has been a lot of support agreeing with what happened.

While reading the comments I thought of John the Baptist who did not hesitate to tell Herod about his adulteress affair. Jesus never condemned John's actions but commended him before others.

I find it refreshing when Brothers in Christ speak out and do not buckle before the media pressure, sodomites accusations, or anything the world throws at them.

I don't plan on rushing out and buying any of their t-shirts or caps, but I am blessed to see

someone rattle the worlds cage.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 21 Dec 2013 14:47:33 GMT
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With all the recent problems with credit card theft through the department stores they are now looking for solutions. MPR radio is now saying they (the credit card companies), may go to having a micro chip put on credit cards by the year 2015.

I have a friend who is a Christian in the military. They now have a micro chip on a plastic card that has all of their information on it.

He showed me the card the chip is around one quarter by one quarter inch square.

Its just a matter of time before they require this chip to be put on everyone's hand. Don't know if this could be considered the mark of the beast. But if, as Marilyn shared about the economic situation in the world tied into the Antichrist, I can see were this could be the mark mentioned in scripture.

We always thought of it as being a literal number (666) but a micro chip in the forehead or hand would definitely leave a mark. It could be the numbers 666 would signify that the mark was for a man, incorporated into the chip.

They now have micro chips they put in animals with their owners name and address on them. If that seems to work successfully why not put them in humans?

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 21 Dec 2013 20:28:29 GMT
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Someone sent us an email today stating they heard recently; that there are now some preachers telling people to go ahead and get the mark of the beast. This way you'll be able to provide for your family, is what they are telling them. Also its only matters what you believe in your heart some mark will not affect your salvation.

I guess some of these guys have never read the Bible.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 27 Dec 2013 12:12:40 GMT
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Join me here for a minute for a hot cup of coffee. I read a quote in a book recently that said; "Instant Coffee is of the devil", LOL, well I got a chuckle out of that one.

I was reading in John and ran across several scriptures that were interesting. In John 5: we read:

Quote:John 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

I find it fascinating that there existed a pool that an Angel would come down and stir the water and when someone entered it they were healed.

I don't know if this pool is mentioned in the OT, How did this all come about would be interesting

to know the history of how it got started.

Secondly:
Quote:5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, â€œDo you want to be made well?â€•

7 The sick man answered Him, â€œSir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.â€•

8 Jesus said to him, â€œRise, take up your bed and walk.â€• 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath.

Jesus asked this man a simple question; Do you want to be made well?

The man answers him with why he was not able to get to the pool when the water was troubled. You would of thought he would of said, yes, to the question.

In spite of his answer, Jesus says, rise, take up your bed and walk.

The Bible goes on to say, the man was "immediately" healed then he got up and took up his bed and walked. He was just healed, by the spoken word of Jesus.

Think about that for a moment.

Thirdly, I noticed a lot of major healing took place on the Sabbath (not all of course), which always infuriated the Pharisees. They were obsessed with how and when someone was to be healed. It just seems strange that they were not rejoicing with everyone else. Of course we know they were blinded with their rules.

I did not want to take away from the first fact though, that, there was a pool which an angel would "stir the waters" and people were healed of all kinds of diseases. Still I find it puzzling how that practice got started.

Hope you enjoyed this as much as me. The Bible is the revealed Will of God how awesome is that.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 27 Dec 2013 14:38:51 GMT
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I might have a cup of coffee this morning when the office opens...

I find it fascinating how The Holy Spirit times things in our lives. I too was reading in John 5 earlier this morning and was thinking about the whole encounter. The instruct by Jesus to..." sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" was what I was pondering. I take from that statement that his sickness was the results of sin? Or, did He mean sin would cause a loss of his healing? I just went to a couple commentaries about the pool, but decided they weren't that informative.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 28 Dec 2013 14:12:03 GMT
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Gary wrote on Fri, 27 December 2013 06:12I find it fascinating that there existed a pool that an Angel would come down and stir the water and when someone entered it they were healed.
Gary

I picked up a copy of "The Revell Concise Bible Dictionary" at the local Christian thrift store yesterday and while reading in it this morning I found a reference to the 'pool of Bethesda'. This book says that some of the manuscripts didn't have what is known as verse 4 about the 'troubling of the water or the angel tradition'. Acording to one account, in the 19th century, archaeologist discovered the remains of a pool fitting the discription in John's Gospel. I don't know which modern translations doesn't include v4.

I do see from your post in the 'angel' thread that it's got you thinking...lol

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Gary on Sun, 29 Dec 2013 11:58:33 GMT
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james wrote on Sat, 28 December 2013 09:12Gary wrote on Fri, 27 December 2013 06:12I find it fascinating that there existed a pool that an Angel would come down and stir the water and when someone entered it they were healed.
Gary

I picked up a copy of "The Revell Concise Bible Dictionary" at the local Christian thrift store yesterday and while reading in it this morning I found a reference to the 'pool of Bethesda'. This book says that some of the manuscripts didn't have what is known as verse 4 about the 'troubling of the water or the angel tradition'. Acording to one account, in the 19th century, archaeologist discovered the remains of a pool fitting the discription in John's Gospel. I don't know which modern translations doesn't include v4.

I do see from your post in the 'angel' thread that it's got you thinking...lol

I looked over at Wikipedia after reading your post, and come to the conclusion no one knows.

They said:

Quote:The Pool of Bethesda has been an area of controversy for Christian historians and archaeologists alike. According to the Gospel of John, Bethesda was a swimming bath (Greek: ÎºÎ¿Î»Ï…Î¼Î²Î®Î¸Î¡Ï•Î± kolumbethra) with five porticos (translated as porches by older English Bible translations).

Here's their conclusion:

Quote: This archaeological discovery proved beyond a doubt that the description of this pool in the Gospel of John was not the creation of the Evangelist. It reflected an accurate and detailed knowledge of the site. The Gospel speaks of (a) the name of the pool as Bethesda; (b) its location near the Sheep Gate; (c) the fact that it has five porticos; with rushing water. All these details are corroborated through literary and archaeological evidence affirming the historical accuracy of the Johannine account.

I do think its interesting that it is mentioned in scripture. Presently its in the muslim quarter of the Old City in Jerusalem (The pool), remember the city is divided up into four quarters, I think one is Jewish, one Muslim, one Christian, and I don't remember who is in the last quarter or section of this city. We went all through the Old City when my wife and I went to Jerusalem. I wished I would of paid attention more at the time but it was all new to us. If I ever go back to Israel I am going to look at the Bible and see what it says about every area I am at. The professor who led our group

would constantly remind us to look around remember where your at this is where Jesus walked and lived. There was so much going on at the time, trying to take it all in was a task.

Visitors can go into any quarter as there are a lot of gift shops with hand made goods, food, etc.

The pool of Bethesda is a now empty fairly deep hole with stone walls on the sides. I also read what you stated about some manuscripts leave out that portion of scripture. I think the KJV includes those scriptures.

I don't know if you read the "Out of Zion" series by Bodie Thoene, but she did a lot of research and incorporated a lot of history of the old city in Jerusalem in those fiction books. I did enjoy her books once you start them you want to read all night.

Hey I might go over and reread that world government post by Marilyn, I'm not entirely convinced on this Assyrian world leader. I want to look at the scriptures she gave on this.

There was some articles going around that said; the Antichrist might be gay. What next huh? They said, Because of the scripture that says he has no desire for women, they came to this conclusion. I don't know if we'll have every detail on him but it won't take a rocket scientist to figure out who he is once he comes on the world scene.

I don't know for sure about him being Assyrian, though. I think Jeanne Dixon predicted he would come from an Egyptian (Arab) background, and for some reason a lot of Christian books were quoting this false prophetess. I have been thinking about this and looking at the world scene a little differently.

I guess we won't be getting anymore goodies from Australia to chew on, so I'm going to check out the old posts. LOLOL

In other news, LOL, have you noticed in scripture every time they mention tax collectors, it's along with the word sinners as if it was a different class or something.

For instance it says He was with tax collectors and sinners. I'm a little puzzled about the wording here, why not say he was with sinners. But they always throw in tax collectors like it was something different. Was it because they worked for the Roman government?

I keep running across this in scripture and wondered why bring out this one profession above all others.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 00:42:00 GMT
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BRRR! Very Cold here, the temperature is -9 with a wind chill of -33 degrees. They declared a state emergency and no one is allowed out on the road or they will give you a ticket.

Who would want to be out anyway.

Hope every bodies keeping warm.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by sparkles on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 01:17:16 GMT
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Hello Gary,
I was wondering how you were doing down in Indiana. Here in Michigan we also have about -3 for low and -25+ wind chill.
So much has been cancelled here: all the schools(today and tomorrow), the US Bankruptcy Court, US Federal Court, colleges,
Social Security Office, and a whole lot more. I think there were over 800 closures in the West Michigan area. We got about
13 inches of snow in the last couple days, and now we have the arctic blast for a few days. I must admit, I am really enjoying the snow. I love winter, but unfortunately in a few days we are going to start having days in the mid to high 30's, which will melt a lot of the snow.

Being in this weather makes me so thankful for a warm home, a snowblower, a car, good health so I can shovel and snowblow the snow, safety walking and driving, my dog being warm amd safe, as well as family members that live elsewere around here being warm and safe.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 02:15:58 GMT
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Hi Sage,

We got about 6 or 7 inches of snow and it has been drifting. I would of thought it would of been colder up there.

I have thought I always wanted to get a snow blower but we don't get enough snow here during the year to justify getting one. Some winters we hardly get any snow.

There is a young couple who live a block away and they have a four wheeler with a blade and he only charges 15.00 a drive. It only takes him about 7 to 10 minutes to remove the snow but its worth it. When Teresa and me take turns shoveling it takes all day to remove the snow from our drive.

Yes we do have a lot to be thankful for, I don't know how people managed years ago when they did not have all the conveniences we have today.

God is taking care of us and I am thankful He predestinated me to be part of His Kingdom. I cannot imaging going through life and getting older without having the Lord to lean on.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 05:43:32 GMT
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Hi Gary & Sage,

I was looking on the map to where you both live - Michigan & Indiana & it is in similar latitudes to us here in Victoria, 40 - 45 degrees. However we never get that sort of weather except up in the mountains. How do you keep warm, & not have frozen water pipes? Do you store food & what do you use for cooking? Sounds to me, who is enjoying 30 - 40 degrees plus (very hot) that you are in that movie where they were hold up in the National Library & had to burn the library books & furniture to keep warm as everything was frozen over. Yes I do exaggerate. It wasn`t global warming, (in the movie) but northern freezing. Trev has just come in & says that movie is `Independence Day.` Have you seen it?

I have been snow skiing so have seen & enjoyed snow but it is not usual for here.

All the best, Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 16:08:29 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

I don't think its as bad as it sounds. Were not smashing our furniture and burning our Strongs concordances yet. LOLOL

I don't know if your looking at the map correctly. I think your below the Equator and were above it. I looked on google world map with a street view and noticed a lot of palm trees and desert like conditions, there was hardly any grass on the lawns there, I think it was at Port Augusta.

Your weather is probably more like the Southern states in America, I would at least guess that it was.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 07 Jan 2014 21:52:09 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Yes I was only joking. (Lol) And I meant the latitude `upside down,` as it were from you in the Southern Hemisphere. We are about the same, but even in our winter we never get that cold. So how do you keep warm & not have frozen water pipes?

We have a fire box at our place, Trevor chops the wood which we have plenty of on the farm. And we can use the fire box for warmth & for cooking on top & in the stove underneath, so if our electricity goes off we are fine. The wood fire keeps the whole house warm & toastie all day & all night. It is so relaxing to look at the fire burning instead of the TV blaring, if you know what I mean.

Rug up, Marilyn.

PS. Port Augusta is more Sydney way while we are near the Murray River, Echuca, Victoria.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 08 Jan 2014 00:39:51 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

We have a Trane gas furnace that we heat the house with, it is run on natural gas and electricity. Very energy efficient. If the power goes off we have a gas log fire place that we can run without electricity and it would keep the plumbing warm as well.

Teresa and me both want to get back more in the country where we can heat with a wood stove for back up. We would only use the furnace at night while sleeping. But we would probably use the wood stove most of the time as we like the smell of the wood and to be able to watch the fire. The wood stoves or inserts in fireplaces have glass doors and you can leave the doors open if you want. We have had wood stoves in the past and we would heat all night as well with them. Wood is expensive here to buy so I have a place where I can cut it for free.

You must call your wood stoves, "fire boxes", that's a new term for me.

Recently I played a clip on the laptop of a fireplace burning logs with a nice fire. We enjoyed that

as temporary till we get the real thing. LOL

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 08 Jan 2014 04:03:18 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Yes we do use the term `wood stove,` but this new term `fire box,` refers to having the fire, the heating in the box at the top, & then underneath is another box, the oven, which you can regulate the heat by opening or closing vents. It is also very handy to have the top part suitable for cooking & that is where I cook our big pots of soup while the bread is cooking in the oven. I can see Therese would love that as you said one time she was cooking biscuits.

Glad you are all warm & can operate without electricity if you have too. I think as time moves on we have to be more self sufficient & not rely on man`s system as much as we can as these things are going to get very expensive.

I wonder if James is as cold in his part of the country. Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Wed, 08 Jan 2014 15:51:59 GMT
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YEP! he is. LOL

It set new records, yesterday it was 8 here in Birmingham, AL. today it think a heat wave has arrived, it was 15 this morning...

We are SO unprepared for bitter cold, I don't even have any heavy clothing, so I just layered-up(Imean a bunch of layers). A electric heat-pump doesn't begin to do the job in this weather...but, thanks be to Jesus, it does keep it semi-comfortable. I trust William is doing well, it's colder there than here. I know Sue is always telling me how she likes the cold and snow...guess

she's happy bout now.<grin> Gary, if the TV is correct, yous guys are having some serious weather, I'm praying for you, Ron, and Dick there in Hoosierville.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by GWB on Wed, 08 Jan 2014 18:41:59 GMT
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Yes, James, the freeze out has been very bad. Thank God He provides warm places and people to help during these times.

I have really enjoyed hearing about you sharing on loving the brethren. It is very important to encourage one another. We never know what others are experiencing and going through. That is why it is important to give many the benefit of the doubt. Thank God we have each other on OO!!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 08 Jan 2014 23:58:00 GMT
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Hi James,

It sounds like you guys got quite a chill. We broke several records up here on recorded weather temperature. Today it got up to 23 degrees and did not feel to bad out, compared to the minus degrees we had.

Everybody try and keep warm!

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 09 Jan 2014 01:14:23 GMT
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Hi James,
And you would be correct, I am loving this! The snow is so beautiful, and I don't mind the cold at all. I am glad the real bitter cold is done(at least for now) because there have been water mains breaking, fire hydrants that were frozen at a couple fires around town and pipes in peoples home frozen. When it is so cold like it has been the snow sparkles when the sun or street light shines on it, and the snow crunches under foot. It is really quite a refreshing experience(for those of us who enjoy winter.) And here in Michigan the freezing weather and snow will help replenish the ground water and also helps with our fruit crops later this year. Although I don't think the hard freeze that the southern United States has been having is too good for their fruit crops.
It is just a good day to be alive and enjoying the various seasons we have here. It won't be long and spring will be here
again, and then another season to enjoy.
As Psalm 118:24 says: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 13 Jan 2014 20:39:06 GMT
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It's 55 degrees and sunny here in Indiana! What a contrast from just last week.

Hope everybody is enjoying this weather as well.

BTW They're having a record breaking heat wave in Australia, at least that is what some of the newspapers are printing.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 14 Jan 2014 13:35:07 GMT

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I was just wondering, Why are we giving over a billion dollars to Egypt?

Quote: Congressional negotiators unveiled a bipartisan, $1.1 trillion spending bill Monday night that will reverse a 1 percent cut to cost-of-living increases for disabled veterans and provide $1.525 billion in aid to Egypt, among other provisions.

Aren't they an oil producing Nation?

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 23 Jan 2014 13:18:58 GMT
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Well its 0 degrees here this morning, and their saying it will get up to 5 degrees today. Very Brutal winter going on here. We have not had a winter like this for years.

Not much snow just cold!

I heard a report the other day that the reason its so cold is because of the effects of Global Warming. They don't know when to quit on that subject.

Hope everyone is staying warm.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 23 Jan 2014 14:28:39 GMT
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We had 15 yesterday and tonight it's suppose to be around 10-12. What's with these "Polar Vortexes"?

Looking on the 'bright side' the farmers here in central Alabama raise a lot of peaches and they require X number of freezing hours to make a good crop; shouldn't be a problem this year.

On the other side of the coin (so to speak) heating cost are through the roof and it's so cold very few people are getting out to file their taxes...Meanwhile I give praise to God for His great Love and eternal plan...and I look forward to eternity with Him, worshipping and praising Jesus.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 23 Jan 2014 17:50:25 GMT
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I love peach cobbler. Many people around here travel down south and bring back peaches by the bushels, they sell them in the Spring.

Don't know if anybodies interested but Andrew has another site:

http://truelightministries.org/blog1/?cat=16

I think you have to log in and become a member to be able to comment. Some sites will not let you post unless your a member.

Their running out of propane up here, I heard they are shipping it in from the South. There's not much carpentry going on up here either. Some guy the other day wanted me to go three miles into the woods and put windows in his turkey blind. I can just see packing tools and windows back into the deep woods. I had to pass on that one.

I was just thinking last night about the scripture, "who is worthy to open and read the scroll".

Quote: 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, â€œWho is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?â€• 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, â€œDo not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.â€•

I then started thinking how the Lord came to the earth conquered the devil, the flesh, and anything else thrown in His path.

Yes He alone is Worthy, He paid the price for us.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 18:26:08 GMT
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Weather update from the frozen tundra of Alabama...

We had a major mess here in central Alabama, snow and ice and total gridlock of traffic in the Birmingham area. Thousands of people caught out overnight in their cars with single digit temps after icing and snow hit with a vengeance yesterday. The hwy dept wasn't prepared due to weather forecast predicting the snow/ice line to be 75-100 miles to the 'south'. No one was expecting this, people abandoned cars on interstates and major highways and just started walking...I had several friends who were caught out in traffic jams for up to 10-12 hrs and a couple of friends had to stay overnight at their places of business and just make do.

I had things I felt needed checked on here at the office (like water pipes) and so I was one of the very few cars to venture out today, so obviously there won't be any clients stopping in for tax preparation. LOL

the good news is, only 50 more days til spring...

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by sparkles on Wed, 29 Jan 2014 19:57:53 GMT
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Glad to hear you are doing fine. I can't imagine how horrible it is down there, but reading some of the stories shows how there are a lot of good people who will lend a hand in desperate situations.

Looks like people opened up their homes to strangers, others were taken care of at various business'. I just heard a story on the radio where someone offered $100 to someone so they could drive them a mile and a half to an airport.
Of course the person drove them to the airport without taking the money.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 01:51:31 GMT
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I just heard on the news tonight what happened down there.

I had to smile some though they said in Alanta they got 2 and 1/2 inches of snow and it brought everything to a standstill.

It looked like Alabama got a little more. Up here we get ten inches of snow and ice and everyone goes on to work. LOL I think were better prepared then you southerners.

I did think about you when I seen hundreds of cars stranded on the interstate. Were just getting cold air up here right now.

Praise God, Did you say just fifty days. I'm glad.

God said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Praise His Holy Name.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 30 Jan 2014 15:08:44 GMT
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Sage wrote on Wed, 29 January 2014 13:57 but reading some of the stories shows how there are a lot of good people who will lend a hand in desperate situations. Looks like people opened up their homes to strangers, others were taken care of at various business'. I just heard a story on the radio where someone offered $100 to someone so they could drive them a mile and a half to an airport.
Of course the person drove them to the airport without taking the money.

Brother Dick sent me this link to a story of a business being generous to strangers. It just so happens that this particular Chick-Fil-A restaurant is only a mile from where I live in Birmingham. Not to 'toot our horn' but southerners are, as a general rule, very friendly and generous to anyone in need. When the tornadoes hit every few years and bring extreme damage and death, people respond with awesome testimonies of people helping others.(of course there's always stories of people taking advantage of others but there's more stories of good deeds than bad.

http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2014/01/29/chick-fil-gives-free-food-to-motorists-stranded-in-southern-snowstorm/

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 05 Feb 2014 00:35:50 GMT
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I got home at around ten till four and it was clear outside and no snow on the ground. I set down for a few minutes and then got up to answer the phone, when I looked out the window everything was covered with snow and it looked like a blizzard.

We have maybe four or five inches and it is coming down heavy now. They say it will snow all night here. There is another front coming in after this one.

This has been a cold winter up here, one positive note, their saying it will kill off a large number of insects in our area.

Those who believe in groundhog forecasting are saying it will last for another six weeks here.

Hope every bodies staying warm.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 13 Mar 2014 00:05:31 GMT
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Just to let everyone know we just heard Steve Hill passed away last Sunday. This is not the Steve Hill we know from FA, but the one who resided down in Florida.

Someone called our house and thought it was Steve Hill from FA but I did a quick google and it was the other one.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 13 Mar 2014 14:03:08 GMT
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Somehow in doing a Google search on Steve Hill (one of the Brownsville Revival preachers) I came across a story on an Amish lady who became wealthy making pretzels. Anne Beiler only had an eighth grade education yet started a company selling her 'Aunt Anne's Pretzels' that grew to sales of 250 million dollars annually. She has became a motivational speaker and has written a book about her faith, work ethic, and lessons learned. Here's a quote I found interesting and since several of us are or have been 'self-employed'/entrepreneurs through the years I thought others might 'get it'.

"An entrepreneur is someone who's willing to work 16 ours a day for themselves in order to avoid working 8 hours a day for someone else."

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Gary on Thu, 13 Mar 2014 23:56:56 GMT
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I liked this quote, its true of most out there.

Steve Hill was only 60 years old, I hate to see anyone die early. Time is so short on this earth.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 20 Mar 2014 11:50:52 GMT
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Not again, "same old story"!

I hope your setting there with a nice hot steaming cup of coffee as I wanted to share something that has been a little annoying over the years.

Did you ever go around someone who is an acquaintance, relative or friend and they precede to tell you a story that you have heard over a hundred times? In fact you've heard the story so many times that you could quote every detail and probably tell it better then them.

Sometimes I have tried to be nice and and throw out, I remember you telling me this, to let them know I have heard it, but sometimes I let them rattle on and endure knowing what will happen next.

I have found this to be an annoying trait of humanity. Oh I know its probably some highlight in their lives that they enjoy reliving a memory from bygone days or some accomplishment that they think others will enjoy hearing what took place in their lives. Maybe everybody is guilty of this at one time or another in our lives.

Now that I'm a little older and I hope a little wiser, I have tried to make it a practice that when I proceed to tell someone a story that I remembered and I notice a gleam in their eyes or a smile on their faces; to ask them the question, Have I told you this story before? Rather then bore them with the same old details, that are only important to me.

Its probably just part of life we have to live with, I mean in just eighty short years on the earth only

so much can happen. I don't know if other people recognize this taking place as no one ever mentions it, but I think at least its worthy to know about as we go about our daily lives. Just thought I would share that with everyone this morning.

BTW while I'm thinking about it, Did I ever tell you guys about my trip to Israel, where I went on an archeological dig?

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 29 Mar 2014 11:22:04 GMT
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Bots or Web robots can roam the web and attach themselves to any board on the internet.

Quote:More malicious use of bots is the coordination and operation of an automated attack on networked computers, such as a denial-of-service attack by a botnet. Internet bots can also be used to commit click fraud and more recently have seen usage around MMORPG games as computer game bots. A spambot is an internet bot that attempts to spam large amounts of content on the Internet, usually adding advertising links.

Just beware of the bots.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 14 Apr 2014 23:05:16 GMT
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Its time when the Blood Moon appears, its raining here, possible snow, and cloudy so we won't be able to see it. I thought the news commentator said it was tonight but I think its on the 15th tomorrow night. Anyway it should take place in the next few days.

I think their predicting some major world event will take place.

It will be interesting to see if anything happens. No matter what the Lord is in control.

Passover starts at sundown.

Here's the information, I know its already been shared by Gillyan in the eschatology section.

http://www.pray4zion.org/TheComingBloodMoons.html

At this point I don't know what to make of all this.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 15 Apr 2014 11:25:54 GMT
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Quote:Joel 2: 28 â€œAnd it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.
29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

30 â€œAnd I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.
32 And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Shall be saved.
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,
As the Lord has said,
Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

Reading the article on these Blood moons it says;
that these "Triads" will not occur for another 100 years after this time. We will see two Blood moons in 2014 and two in 2015, all will fall on a Jewish holiday.

If nothing else, the history of these Blood moons appearing is very interesting.

The situation is we see no mention of a Triad falling on a certain date for scripture to be fulfilled, at least looking at these verses in Joel. The scriptures show the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord.

God can allow this event to occur anytime He chooses.

Like William mentioned in the other post, the more we learn about God we find the less we really know about the Lord. This is very true, the Lord is a lot bigger then our finite minds will ever be able to comprehend.

Just knowing He has called us into His marvelous light is beyond words. Its easy to understand why, the elders fell down and cast their crowns before the throne.

Quote: Revelation 4:9-11

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 â€œYou are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.â€•

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 17 Apr 2014 11:08:28 GMT
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You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe -

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 22 Apr 2014 21:56:30 GMT
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Hi James,

You once said that you found it hard to keep up with me.....I think you need those running shoes now for Apostle.

Hope the weather is improving for you all.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 22 Apr 2014 23:42:05 GMT
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Weather in Alabama is nice, ater a few showers today... coming up on some days of upper 70's...beautiful shades of green (and yellow, if you like pollen)

You know Marilyn, it doesn't do any good to have running 'shoes' if your running days are past.LOL But I can walk briskly...

Maybe the newest posts will interest jman, he always lamented the lack of apostles.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 23 Apr 2014 00:23:53 GMT
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I wonder if you would need to learn that test at Moderator school?

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
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Hi Marilyn,

Don't let that Southerner fool ya, he's in the gym all the time and is in top shape, at least that is

how I picture him.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 07:31:22 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Yes it is interesting how we perceive each other. So here goes, I picture James as a type of `spy,` who goes through life on one level, mister nice guy, but he has layers, and is very God focussed. `On a mission from God.` I think that is a line from a movie.

Now you Gary, well, you are mister friendly to all. And I have appreciated you inviting me here & talking on various topics of interest. I see you by the fire with Therese sharing & caring.

William? Well when we can get him from his ivory tower of deeeeep study he has thoughtful things to say.

Love to hear your funnies of me. eeer perhaps!!!!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 12:24:45 GMT
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LOL,LOL,LOL

'Mister in shape guy' just spent several days working around my mothers' house (trimming shrubs, removing shrubs, cleaning up winter limbs, cutting grass, weed-eating, blowing off the roof,ect) and came to realise, there's gym shape and then there's 'working shape' (and sitting at a computer preparing income taxes for 3 months doesn't compare to physical work). I'd work a while and rest a while. lol Now to get rid of the poison oak or ivy.

I think it's human nature to draw a mental picture of people we've not met, but my experience is that it's hardly EVER correct.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sat, 03 May 2014 20:09:53 GMT
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morning James,

How are those eaglets doing?

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 03 May 2014 20:24:17 GMT
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Hi Marilyn,

I guess it is morning down under, it's mid-afternoon here. The eagles are growing like crazy, it's amazing just how fast their metabolism is; they'll be flying before ya know it. Today I discovered our resident Mallard duck has 10-12 newly hatched ducklings, so cute following her around the lake.

Hope you and Trevor are doing well and blessed in Jesus.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sat, 03 May 2014 21:08:53 GMT
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Hi James,

Thanks for the update. Yes they would be very cute.

Trevor & his brothers are busy with ploughing, harrowing, fertilising, direct seeding, etc as well as looking after the cows & calves. I`ve gone visiting again for a few days & appreciate `girl time,` with my friends.

Are you still doing tax work?

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 03 May 2014 23:40:37 GMT
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No, that ends on April 15, unless a client gets one of those 'letters' from Uncle Sam or they've filed for an extension.

Trevor sounds like a busy guy...

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sun, 04 May 2014 01:39:51 GMT
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Hi James,

Yes Trev is a busy guy & he is `semi-retired`???? But one of his brothers has a back injury & is waiting for an op & another is on holidays so Trev is `feeding out,` the hay to the cows & calves. One is on the way today.

Trevor has 5 brothers & he is the 2nd eldest. It is his 60th soon & I am planning a gathering at our place. Many of my friends will help as they know I have limited strength.

Are you semi-retired? Do you have another paid job? Don`t mean to be nosey but it helps to know people that have been chatting for a while. Makes it a bit more relational & not so `cut & thrust,` if you know what I mean.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 11 May 2014 08:21:13 GMT
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It appears the "world" with their media are waving flags and saying we accept certain sins and see nothing wrong with them. Any time you hear or read the news, we find that sin is being magnified as a normal part of life.

Anyone who speaks out against certain sins are being viewed as trouble makers having no love for their fellow man.

No matter what the world will say or think about us, our God is in sovereign control. The promise in Habakkuk is for us today:

18
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19
The Lord God is my strength;
He will make my feet like deerâ€™s feet,
And He will make me walk on my high hills.

Praise His Holy Name!!!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 02 Jun 2014 12:21:54 GMT
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Hope everyone is doing fine!

We have been taking advantage of this nice weather and have been spending all our spare time camping. (In an RV.) It won't be long and it will be up in the nineties and humid here.

I woke up one night and the whole woods was alive with a very loud shrilling type noise. I think it was some type of tree frogs. It sounded like they were all harmonizing. This went on for a while and then it was like someone flipped a switch and the whole woods was dead silent.

Its amazing how when we live in town and our unaware of all the activity that is taking place on this earth.

James, everything is great, I don't have access to a laptop and the cell has no wifi. LOL

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 04 Jun 2014 07:51:34 GMT
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Hi Gary,

I thought it was rather quiet round here. But hope you both had a good break away. Sounds like you enjoyed God`s creation. I`m going up the river with some ladies to have fellowship & sharing, soon. It`s winter here but not too cold yet. And you are about to have the 90`s, well that`s quite hot & humid as you said.

All the best, Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 07 Jun 2014 09:25:47 GMT
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Marilyn Crow wrote on Wed, 04 June 2014 02:51Hi Gary,

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All the best, Marilyn.

Hi Marilyn,

It's winter there that's a surprise. I pictured your weather being more like the tropics. I've thought of some good blogs but have not been motivated of late. LOL

With summer arriving we have a garden to tend, yard work and the list goes on. The internet has taken a back seat for a while here, I don't log on much so I missed your reply, thanks for writing it.

I made a career change and have more exposure to the public. Don't know yet what all the Lord has for me here, but I know I'm in His Will at this time.

Thanks again for writing tell Trev Hi. I met a guy today from England I thought he was Australian by his accent, but he told me he lives in America now, its too expensive in England to make a living he told me.

In Him,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sat, 07 Jun 2014 23:22:37 GMT
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Hi Gary,

I think you are thinking of northern Australia which is constantly warm to hot & very hot. We live in southern Australia where the 4 seasons are quite distinct & I do enjoy them all. Trevor has cut a lot of wood & we now have a cheery fire going constantly which warms the house, night & day, & has also a place to cook on top & in the oven below.

I know what you mean about a break from too much chatting. Yes especially in your season there is so much to do. But I`m glad you can all get outside more as I remember when you were all talking about the pile up of snow & roads closed & you were all indoors for many days. We never have that here. (brrrrrr)

So when God brings up some more topics then we will be motivated to chat more. God bless & enjoy the sun, even if you are tidying up the garden. (I think those are sunglasses?)

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 08 Jun 2014 10:53:18 GMT
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Hi Sister Marilyn,

Still in shock that its winter there. Teresa and me love to set around a wood fire. We use to cook off the stove some, especially if we had a power outage.

So much has changed for me presently I decided to switch jobs, no more building or climbing 70 feet in the air to build something. LOL

I have been at this job a month, and recently got a very good pay raise and promoted to another position. I have a lot to learn as we use a computer, and learning someones software is always exciting.

Believing God is going to help me.

Well enjoy that fire, Teresa and me always baked a big batch of cookies when we got snowed in, its become a tradition.

In Him,
Gary

P.S. DSCott if your reading this board I recently met one of your brothers, had a good conversation with him. I enjoyed talking to him.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Sun, 08 Jun 2014 23:05:35 GMT
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Hi Gary,

This new job sounds just right for you with different challenges, meeting people & not swinging from the rafters. What was that 70 feet up in the air bit? Sounds dangerous to me.

All the best, Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 09 Jun 2014 01:45:13 GMT
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All the best, Marilyn.

Hi Marilyn,

A lot of the homes now have very steep roof pitches, if you factor in the high ceilings and sometimes a second story it is easy to find yourself higher then 70 feet.

This includes installing plywood, felt paper, shingles, and ridge vents. I have worked in some homes that we had five scaffolds in one room and could not reach the very high ceilings, we were up there hanging trim. Its not that dangerous if everything is secure but its a lot of climbing up and down the scaffold to measure and cut trim boards.

Hey thanks for the reply maybe will check back in next weekend.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 15 Jun 2014 21:30:51 GMT
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I finally broke down and got a "smart phone". Well it was only a $1.00 for a droid razor and they lowered my bill by 50.00 a month,so who could resist.

Now I can join the millions of Americans standing around and sliding the icons back and forth wondering what to do next. LOLOL

They sure are handy though, especially when you get a phone call.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 27 Jul 2014 11:52:43 GMT
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"Love your neighbor as yourself."

The little community where I live is in an uproar over the neighbor who lives about a block away. The guy doesn't mow his grass, has high weeds everywhere, with old cars and parts of everything he's collected over the years laying in the yard. Along with this he has gangs of ducks and chickens that roam the streets. The neighbors are seriously talking about getting an attorney in on this.

I mean what is he going to do, start an anti duck and chicken committee? or maybe have someone monitor the weed growth?

Anyway I was thinking about this and remembered Jesus said to love your neighbor but the Lord did not add: only if he keeps his grass mowed. Of course the gossip has been flying with all kinds of strange accusations. They have called the police several times but what can the police do?

One evening when I came home from work the neighbor on the other side of me calls up to let me know I had ducks on the side of my house hanging out. It was the same ones who roam the streets.

It did not matter to me they were not vandalizing anything, but I went down and was able to meet this old gentlemen. I found he is not the dark lord Sauron growing orcs in his back yard like everyone is painting him to be.

Well to make a long story short I kind of like the guy and plan on visiting him again as he sits in his yard reading books by his campfire. I'll be moving in about a month and I was wondering what does everyone have against a few weeds anyway.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 30 Jul 2014 07:51:25 GMT
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Updated report on the Robin.

It's very hard to believe any bird can survive and will one day fly, when they spend so much time on the ground, when their young. This little Robin in our back yard cannot fly yet and hops around the yard. I saw the mother pulling worms out of the ground a couple of feet from the baby bird, as it watched how it was done.

We have a privacy fence so there is no threat from danger on the outside. But if the fence was not there I was thinking how can any bird make it in this world?

Its amazing to see this whole event take place. I'd love to see it fly, I'm tired of hearing the cat whining to go out, for one thing.

It makes you wonder though, what does God see when He looks upon the earth. With having to deal with all of humanity, and the creation as a whole. If it was not for God's hedge surrounding us could we survive as well?

How awesome is God? Lets take a billion people and think that if God knows the numbers of hair on every person's head, this is fantastic and its only a drop in a bucket concerning the vastness of God. Its beyond our comprehension to understand how big God really is. Does anybody else ever consider all the different things taking place on the earth within the created order? The very complex arena of the whole creation surviving each day. There is constant death and destruction, but life goes on.

Its only through Jesus that we can see the Father and know Him.

How important is reading His Word? It gives us a clear picture of how we can understand God by His Spirit.

It's interesting when we become Christians we find we don't fit in with the worldly crowd anymore. What they like, we disdain. We can all take courage that we serve the Living God and He is there to help us each step of the way. Even if "were" still hopping around on the earth like the little Robin and we like this one "Robin", have yet taken off in flight.

In Him, and I'm thankful for that,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 01 Aug 2014 12:08:40 GMT
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Great thoughts to think upon; I try (and it's not that hard) to daily observe life around me and see the glory of God in His creation. No, I don't think we could survive without God's hedge around us...for it's in Him we live and move and have our being.

Speaking of wildlife, Wed. morning just before dawn I had my windows open enjoying the cool night air and I heard something outside in the wooded area. I walked out on my balcony and there was a coyote sniffing around 15 ft below me; amazing how animals can adjust and survive with the ever expanding population of people, yet they do.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 01 Aug 2014 23:18:40 GMT
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Hi Gary & James,

I have been enjoying your thoughts on the wild life around. My story is while I was at my computer the other day I looked out the window & right there in front of me, only a few feet away was a red fox with a nice bushy tail. He walked past on his way to a group of trees.

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Thinking of you & Terese, Gary, as you go about the huge job of moving. May it be a new season in God`s care for you both.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 02 Aug 2014 09:54:42 GMT
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Thanks Marilyn,

I did not realize how much of a pack rat I had become. I'm trying to pitch and give away a ton of stuff to other pack rats. There are so many things that we accumulate in life and you don't want to throw it away because you might use it someday is the thinking, which generally never comes around.

Concerning coyotes and foxes, the coyotes around here are more like large or sometimes skinny german shepherds with a brown coat. Foxes are much smaller with a red coat. We have coyotes here that run in packs and sometimes kill farmers animals for food so their considered a nuisance and are hunted down.

About a year ago someone took pictures with a game cam showing a mountain lion living not to far from here. I was going to town awhile back and there was a mountain lion or a bobcat that crossed the road and jumped across the railing. Its rare anyone sees the big cats they are very elusive, I was blessed I got to see it but it happened so fast I could not tell what type exactly it was.

James I could just picture you setting on that big balcony enjoying some coffee, while enjoying nature.

I read a scripture awhile back that said, God will destroy those who destroyed the earth. It kind of leaped out at me while reading it.

Anyway have a blessed week, I won't be shutting down until about three weeks from now we have

a lot of packing still to do and we use the computer for online banking and all that stuff.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Mon, 04 Aug 2014 12:22:10 GMT
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An Attitude of Gratitude...

I saw on the morning news a story titled, "An Attitude of Gratitude", where in North Carolina a independantly owned resturant was giving a 15% discount to customers who prayed before their meals. The owner said it wasn't a 'religious thing' but that she just want to show her appreciation for people who were gratiful for their food. Of course somebody will pitch a fit about it and boycott them or file a lawsuit against them.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 18 Aug 2014 08:43:39 GMT
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Good Morning Overcomers Online or should I say Off line.

Finishing up our packing and will be shutting down soon to move not that anyone may be interested.

Appreciate any prayers for strength and God's speed in this move.

One last thing: I have never seen a summer this nice in my life. The weather has been perfect, cool at night and not to hot in the daytime. We have had some polar air sweep in a few times which has helped. I read the other day that farmers are going to have a bumper crop this year because of the weather.

It almost looks like fall here with things starting to turn colors in places and it feels like it as well.

Hope everyone is doing fine, if your still out there reading these rare and occasional posts.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 18 Aug 2014 22:46:21 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Yes some of us are still here. And I am interested in how you are getting on. Will pray for your big move & looking forward to hearing of your new (to you) home & area.

Glad to hear the farmers are having a good year. That helps all of us. Trevor & I have been farm sitting for friends on holiday. We are now back home & can`t wait to get over this cold weather. Looking forward to Spring.

Maybe when you are settled we can have another Bible discussion.

All the best, bro. Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2014 17:01:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 20 Aug 2014 08:27:53 GMT
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I thought the same thing. Its good to know there are Christians out there who are still wanting to go a little deeper then John 3:16. In reality there may be a bunch of them on this earth but sometimes it seems like a lonely journey. While Jesus did say strait is the gate and narrow is the way and few there be who find it.

I partially lost interest but on the other hand I like the idea of having contact with like minded believers. I say that thinking we all want to understand and know the Lord to our fullest potential even though we see some things different, in the final analysis the only thing that matters is what God wants for us.

Maybe the Lord is giving us all time to reflect. I don't know if the older you get you become a little bit wiser in the things of God because were all getting closer to crossing over the river to the other side, or God is wanting to draw us closer to Him.

I feel like I understand somethings better then what I use to think about spiritual things. I was driving to work recently and realized what a struggle sometimes it is to walk in Christianity in this world and not end up conforming. Then I thought about the Lord. In heaven they sing how worthy He is because He came here and conquered the flesh and let cruel men crucify Him. That was no easy thing to do especially when you have the power to stop it at any time.

That is true "love" in action, and one day we will cast our crowns at His feet because He made the way for us to go there and be with Him.

Forsaking all is what is expected and He is worthy to require this of men. The reality is seeing they see but cannot see and hearing they hear and cannot hear. We have to desire to want to see and hear and then pursue the things of God and He will help us with this on our journey.

If you think about it Heaven is the final reality while this life will one day be like a dream. Hey I apologize if some of this sounds new agey but its the best way I can explain it for now.

I'm still going through just the gospels, I just feel like that is what I should do. I want to really understand what Jesus is saying to us. This is the portion of scripture where God is speaking His mind to His people in person, while He is here on the earth in the flesh. In a sense were getting the strait scoop from the Living God, not that the other parts of scripture are as important but I hope you understand what I am trying to convey. Eventually I'll move on but for now this is where the Lord has me. It has been quite rewarding I must say.

Well I woke up early this morning, I only need five or six hours sleep anymore and felt like writing and was glad you had a note here James. Now that I wrote something I don't know where to stop and can't shut up. LOL

I better start getting ready for work you have a good week in the Lord. Its going to get crazy for me here soon for a few weeks and I'm trying not to think about it just taking a day at a time. I had not realized how much of a pack rat I have become until now. I keep thinking of that old song by Michael Card, where he sings: "Its hard to imagine the freedom we see when we leave our things behind". So much truth there in that song. I'm learning some lessons in this move I hope they stick with me and I don't fall back into the same rut if you know what I mean.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Wed, 20 Aug 2014 17:08:46 GMT
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Gary,

Moving isn't any fun (imho) but getting anxious and stressing doesn't help either. Just take it a day at a time, box up what you want to keep and call a charity thrift store to come get the rest. When I went from a three bedroom house to 850 sq. ft. apartment 10 years ago I gave away several truck loads of stuff(or threw away); and have made it just as well on far less. It is amazing how much 'stuff' we can pack away over time. The work you and your wife are having to do now will probably serve as a reminder in the future when the temptation to 'keep' something nonessential comes up. lol

Have you found a new house or a new city to live in?

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 22 Aug 2014 10:40:15 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 20 August 2014 12:08Gary,

Have you found a new house or a new city to live in?

Yes we will move to a smaller home closer to work its on the outskirts of town about 45 minutes from here, its in a wooded area but close to work and town. Bloomington is a fairly large town but not big like Indy. There's two universitys there and I think that is what drives the economy in that area. Today we will go to the closing. Being a former carpenter I like the idea of owning versus renting. But I can see where renting frees up even more time which can be a good thing. We have been spending around 500.00 a month on gas to drive to work where we presently live and it was like another bill every month. Now were minutes from work. I have the minimum coverage on my truck and it will go lower in price if I'm driving under 7500 miles a year. Anyway our cost of living will go way down.

Speaking of charity thrift stores. I tried to give them a complete encyclopedia set recently. They refused to take it because no one uses them anymore. Even the local library would not take them. I had to take them to be recycled but it was hard to see them destroyed they had a room there that you could put things in and people could pick through it and take home anything they wanted. I hope someone got the set it was a nice one. Everyone uses the internet now to get information. Books may one day be obsolete. I know people who don't have Bibles but they use an ipad to read the Bible. Seems strange. I remember reading a fiction once I think it was called fahrenheit 451, not for sure on that but I think there was something in there about destroying books. Can't remember the details either, I could be wrong. Just googled it, it was about burning all the books.

Well they probably won't burn them they'll just become obsolete with ipads as the new wave.

I've not listened to much news but what little I have heard makes me wonder about this Isis group that William wrote about a while back. How can people be so brutal concerning other human beings?

If anything it shows the depravity of man at his worst. I know these journalists are taking a risk going to these places. I think it would be better to report on something else in a safer area. They must get huge sums of money to even want to go where these masked hoodlums live.

The worlds a very dangerous place these days. Thankfully we have the Lord who is our shield. James I don't know if we fully realize how blessed we are in knowing the Lord chose us before the foundation of the world.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Fri, 22 Aug 2014 21:43:39 GMT
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Yep, I think we all have been on an extended 'coffee break'!

On the books, I must confess to getting on the kindle bandwagon. You can take it anywhere and not just one but thousands! I've got an older model that has 3g access so anywhere I can get a cell connection, I can get to my books.

The book of Job... now that's a good book to have on hand. It's said to be the oldest book in the world and even secular folks sing its praises.

I only mention it because that's where I've been living for the last month or so (not having a Job type trial, mind you, just studying the book!)

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 23 Aug 2014 08:19:11 GMT
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Blessings,
William

Hi William,

Remember as a kid they use to tell us, don't set to close to the TV it will ruin your eyes. I don't know if you guys heard that one down there. But I remember adults telling us that when we were younger. In today's world kids are looking at a screen 24/7.

I definitely can see the advantage of not having to store volumes of books, after a while you run out of book cases to store them all, if your an avid reader it becomes a problem. We have a book store in town that sells hardback books for a dollar each. Over the last several months I've read over a dozen books I got there and now I'm stuck with all these books and no where to put them. I'd send them to James but he's probably already read them.

I can see the advantage of switching to reading on one of these devices. My problem now is I'm "Ipad, Kindle", illiterate. I don't know which device is best to use.

Does the device connect to the internet through wifi* and which is better color or black and white? I hear some people don't care for color and others swear by it. Also are you flooded with advertisements while using the kindle? While I'm at it, what is the difference between a kindle and an ipad, can both be used for just reading?

As you can see I don't know anything about all this. I can get kindle books on my laptop and I read a portion of a freebie recently but they wanted hard earned cash to finish the book.

I never have looked into this because I thought it was probably just a small laptop which I already have.

I do like all the technology.

I had a situation recently where I ran into a older German couple who barely could speak English. I have an app on my smart phone which translates any language, it will even write it out while

speaking the language. Anyway I was able to talk to these people using the phone to translate and they could talk to me.

They got a kick out of it and was all smiles when they left. I have been impressed with what these phones are capable of doing on the other hand I think there deadly in a car because it becomes a distraction. Its very tempting to be playing with these while driving. I stand guilty on this.

Never got into Job much, the conversations with his friends always seemed very long and I would lose interest. It reminded me of the begats, who begat who.

Lord Bless,
Gary

*I know it connects to wifi but is there some separate fee you have to pay to use it?, is what I meant.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Sat, 23 Aug 2014 23:52:38 GMT
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I haven't ever used an ipad so I can't comment on whether or not it would be better than a kindle but from what I've heard the kindle is better if you are just going to be reading books.

Most of the family have kindle fires which allow you to do things on the internet (like post here, read email, etc.). The kindle fires have a bright colorful screen and are essentially small tablet internet notebooks. The're good for reading and surfing the internet.

However, what I have is an older kindle 3g model. It has a built in keyboard and you can go on the internet in a pinch (read email, surf, etc.) but it really isn't a great tool for that. It is great at one thing though, and that is reading books. It doesn't have a bright screen (it is black and white, just like paper) and at night you will need an external light (just like a book).

There are literally thousands of free books for the kindle and you can also buy almost anything from Amazon (although not all books have been converted to kindle as of yet!).

I have a program called Calibre that keeps track of all my books, not just the ones from Amazon, but all of the pdf-books that I've downloaded.

My kindle 3g will last approximately 40 hours on a charge if I'm using it... it doesn't use any of its battery power when not in use. (The kindle fires won't last nearly as long).

The 3g model that I have also has wifi that I can use when I'm in range of a wifi signal but the 3g kicks in when there is no signal to be found. If you have an Amazon account all of the books you have there can be transfered to your kindle (and still be available to be read via your pc).

Hope this inspires you to get one, you'll love it!

If you want to spend .99 cents, there is a great book on sale now from Amazon called: Jesus on Every Page. I highly recommend it... here is the link (if you are interested):

http://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Every-Page-Simple-Testament-eboo
k/dp/B00B7QRAMM/ref=sr_1_39?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&q id=1408824254&sr=1-39

Blessings
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Mark L on Sun, 24 Aug 2014 15:21:36 GMT
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I'm still here too. I read every day as I consider this place my home (and the regulars here my friends) but just haven't felt like posting anything.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 02 Oct 2014 08:48:05 GMT
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Well its beginning to look like fall around here. Trees are slowly turning into brilliant colors. We've had a super good summer, cool weather most of the time.

Of course the weather forecasters are predicting a brutal savage winter. Whatever that means.

Any rate thought I'd stop in for a moment, have been way to busy trying to get organized here.

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Well better go got to go to work soon.

Lord Bless,
Gary

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Posted by james on Thu, 02 Oct 2014 11:44:11 GMT
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Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Gary on Fri, 03 Oct 2014 10:16:03 GMT
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Its hard to put in words here. I mainly am talking about this scenario: I ran into some Christians the other day and they were going on and on about the stuff the government is planning on doing. For instance I don't know if you heard about this tell that the government is building large prisons (which now stand empty), all over the country and they the government are one day planning on filing it with Christians. That's just one example among many things I have been hearing, some are convinced of certain future events that they have no proof that it is going to happen.

Not to change the subject but I watched an open forum last night about a conversation of what happened in ferguson and that whites need to do more. While I realize there has been some problems I think the black population is making a bigger issue of what is taking place then what is there.

When a black cop shoots a white guy we don't go out and protest and start talking racism is going on. If the white guy is a thief or druggie he probably deserved it or provoked the cop to shoot him.

There is a problem in this country that unless people forgive what happened in the past it will always be a wound to some that will never heal.

Very surprised at the show I saw and I think the media tries to fuel all of this so they can have some juicy story to report each week. The media seems to love all of this finger pointing at white cops.

I just think some people are making an issue out of nothing.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 03 Oct 2014 11:47:19 GMT
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I guess there have always been people who through fear look at the world with distorted vision. Conspiracies are real (Satan is always conspiring to destroy Christians by whatever means available), but today we have these people who move to Montana and Idaho storing up guns and years of food supplies thinking they'll be survivalist when the 'government' starts collapsing. Actually they aren't all living in those states, many are living all around us, motivated and controlled by fear they constantly worry about the future.

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Posted by Gary on Tue, 07 Oct 2014 09:45:49 GMT
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A bunch of them are moving to Colorado as well for medicinal reasons.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 07 Oct 2014 11:57:29 GMT
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LOL...

Funny, in Alabama I grind flax seed and sprinkle in my yogurt, for health benefits...in Colorado they sprinkle pot in their brownies, for health benefits.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 08 Oct 2014 10:20:55 GMT
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james wrote on Tue, 07 October 2014 07:57LOL...

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David Wilkerson predicted in his vision from the Lord that this would one day take place in America. At the time he shared the vision it seemed far fetched. I'm talking about legalization.

I saw a picture a while back with a long line of people in Colorado lined up wanting to try pot, some for the first time, sad thing was it was all older gray haired people who were dressed very conservative looking.

Leaves are barely starting to turn colors here and we are getting a lot of fall rains with the temperature dropping in the sixties in the day time. There's a town a few miles from here which is a tourist trap they call it little Gatlinburg, but its real name is Nashville. They have thousands of people go through the town during the month of October because of all the shops and the fall colors. The State Park there is rated 2nd to Yellow Stone State Park because of all the colors in the fall.

We like going there at least one weekend the local fireman set up a fish tent and they have the best fish sandwiches.

I think its going to be a real colorful fall this year because of the mild cool summer we had this year.

P.S. I might try the flax seed deal in Yogurt, I like putting them in my oatmeal.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Wed, 08 Oct 2014 11:27:38 GMT
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You didn't ask, but I'll tell you anyway...the way I enjoy my healthy midmorning snack.

I take 1/2 cup plain yogurt and mix it with 1/2 cup kefir (strawberry or blueberry), add a banana and some blueberries, and sprinkle with fresh ground flax seed
(I enjoy grinding them in an old granite mortar and pestle daily because they dry out and lose their omega-3 potency quickly when store bought already ground.)

When Alabama legalizes marijuana maybe I'll add a little kick to it by incorporating some

'herbs'...lol

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 Oct 2014 23:17:57 GMT
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Kefir?

That's a new one on me. Never heard of that before. Sounds like something from a health food store.

I went to a Chinese restaurant recently and noticed something that was thin black and the size of a half dollar all through my food. It was real thin and had a jelly like texture almost like it was alive. I called the waitress over and asked her; What is that?

She smiled and said: Why are you scared? I told her just a little. It turns out it was some type of mushroom. I had never seen it before.

I ate it but reluctantly.

I don't mind trying new foods but some I abstain from especially when it comes to raw fish or meat.

Since you didn't ask I thought I'd throw that out to ya. LOL

Well I better get going, cannot sit very long, going through a little back trial. I lifted something I should not have, got in to big of a hurry I guess.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 10 Oct 2014 11:55:23 GMT
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Kefir is somewhat like yogurt, in that it has live bacteria that is good for the digestive tract, But it

has many, many times more probiotics (or so 'they' say...lol) It has been around for thousands of years and tastes a bit tart and sweet at the same time (some compare the taste to buttermilk). I have been drinking it for about a year (but eating yogurt for 30+ yrs) I like the fruit flavored, strawberry, blueberry, raspberry, or peach. It usually can be found at Walmart and any grocery store from $2.50 a 32 oz. bottle, I can get about 6 servings from a bottle by mixing it with yogurt, or 3-4 when I just drink it by itself. It's good just as a refreshing drink or with fruits and granola. I think maybe I'm hooked on it as some people are on coffee.

Google it and check it out if you enjoy yogurt...Lifeway makes the kind I always get, but I'm sure there are other companies making and marketing it.

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Posted by Gary on Sat, 11 Oct 2014 14:10:55 GMT
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Hi James,

I googled it and it sounds like interesting stuff. It said it was made from goat, cow, or "camel's" milk. I thought when I first seen this word it sounded a bit Arabic.

My wife said she had tried it but did not like the taste. A lot of stuff she does not like I like. So I might give it a try. I told her you used the flavored ones and they might taste better.

Lifeway was one of the main ones that popped up when I googled this stuff.

It amazes me the information you can get on the internet. I had problems with a ball joint on my truck they wanted 250.00 to fix it but when I googled it I could not believe how simple it was to change so I got the part for 50.00 and bought a torx wrench for 10.00 and fixed it myself. Its ran

great ever since. Sometimes its a matter of having the right tool for the job.

We've got probably ten or more health food stores in town. That's a big thing in this area. I'll check and see if they carry Kefir which I'm sure they do. We only have one mega Walmart here in town and its a hassle fighting the crowds to get in.

It's hard to believe its October already. It seemed like the summer flew by. At our new place we have deer in the yard everyday, I saw a red fox cross the road the other morning and everyone says the coyote are thick around here. One guy said they spotted a bob cat as well. I love this wooded area its a nice change from were we lived. We have large hundred year Oaks in our yard. The woods around here has not been cut or harvested for lumber. Were a mile from town so its kind of neat. I'm not much of a city boy, I love the countryside a lot better.

I started to read a book about Saint Francis of Asissi. I guess that's spelled right. He was quite a character. I had heard a quote by him something to the effect that: "the way a man treats an animal is how he will treat his fellow man." I had always thought this as well. So I thought I might look into this guys history and see what took place.

Anyway talk to you later.

Trying to keep the board alive,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 13 Oct 2014 10:16:00 GMT
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Thought I'd stop into OvercomersOffline.com

Marilyn if your still out there send me a pm or email, I cannot find the Christian sight you mentioned to me. I have been to some sights but do not know if its the right one.

Thanks,
Gary

P.S. I hope winter has ended for you guys over there in Australia I know winters can be brutal.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 15 Oct 2014 07:16:50 GMT
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Hi Gary,

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Anyway, I am enjoying your chat with James & all the yummy food you are talking about. We grow our own vegies so that helps to keep us healthy. Sorry to hear you hurt your back, will pray for you.

I am preparing some notes to post & will be interested in what you & James & others discuss about it.

Blessings, Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 15 Oct 2014 22:45:14 GMT
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Blessings, Marilyn.

Hi Marilyn,

James is probably the chef in this conversation I'm not the best cook out there. Teresa and me grow a lot of our own vegetables as well, and she is getting into culinary herbs for flavoring the food.

Are you guys done with winter?

Were having our fall rains move in and its starting to get chilly. Everyone is predicting a harsh winter here but I hope their wrong.

Thanks for the prayers, I lifted something light weight and was not careful while I lifted it, almost manifested, still its work trying to get around.

Will be waiting on your post, have you been keeping up on this Isis deal? They sound like blood thirsty individuals, or as the British would say "savages".

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Thu, 16 Oct 2014 07:21:30 GMT
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Hi Gary,

Yes I have been keeping up with the Islamic State, & that will be the post I will be writing. Should be an interesting discussion. Hope to finish it this week-end.

By the way, the West does also have `savage` aspects to their past. They try to say `civilized,` but there are horrendous happenings through out history from all mankind as well as courageous deeds from others. Have just read another book on the Burma railway (WW2) from a doctor, & the inhumanity to man as we well know, is shocking. And it is only going to get worse.

`Come Lord Jesus, come, quickly.`

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 16 Oct 2014 10:25:58 GMT
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Marilyn,

I guess its just the shock of hearing about it taking place on the world news, beheading people sounds a bit barbaric.

But on the other hand, I am reminded that Christianity was involved in the Crusades. They even had a children's crusade which many of the kids lost their lives while traveling to Jerusalem.

Maybe this is why the Bible reads there is none righteous no not one. Also strive to enter in the narrow gate because few their be that enter. If we knew all of the facts, Christian history has a violent past as well. America is suppose to be a Christian nation but we're the ones making all the sophisticated weapons and then selling them to the world.

Just some random thoughts about all of this.

Gary

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Posted by james on Thu, 16 Oct 2014 13:29:11 GMT
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I do a lot of cooking but I don't think I'd be considered a chef. I grew my veggies for years when I lived in a house with backyard, nothing better for you than fresh organic food. And that The Lord allows us to witness the maturation from seed to harvest and then to enjoy the fruits of that is a special blessing. Using fresh herbs can really add flavor to a dish, plus there are plenty of health benefits in spices and herbs. I like to go to Whole Foods and buy spices in bulk (much cheaper and their products are fresher and usually organic).

It's cooled off here this week, it was 40 last Sunday morning. Fall is a beautiful time of year with the leaves changing and cool crisp mornings with the smell of oak wood burning in fireplaces drifting about. Throw in some SEC football and barbeque and there ya go.

Trivia question: Mississippi State is currently ranked #1 in college football, when was the last time that has happened?

Answer: Never!

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 05 Nov 2014 11:22:00 GMT
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Good Morning if anyone is still out there.

Not much happening here, winter is slowly approaching. I think were past the peak period when all the leaves change color and fall off the trees. Instead of raking leaves this year I decided I was going to mulch them up with a mower. My thinking is that this will break down the leaves quicker and become a fertilizer for the yard. I hope it works that way.

I keep hearing the media state that Americans are in a panic over the Ebola virus, but I have yet to meet anyone who is fearful and stressed out over this disease. In fact most people aren't even concerned. So who are they referring to that is in a state of Panic?

I heard one commentator state: "this is why it is so important to get your flu shot this year" with ebola being a threat.

He obviously lives in a cave, a flu shot would not stop ebola. They say this disease came from eating bats.

Anyway not much happening here in indiana.

Well better get ready for work. Hope everybodies doing fine we have another round of holidays

getting ready to take place. How exciting.

Gary

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Posted by james on Wed, 05 Nov 2014 13:10:44 GMT
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That's our competitor! Yes I'm still working on blueprints or more like sketches trying to figure materials for customers. Its a real eye opener, working with the public and seeing the dollars being spent daily.

Its a total different environment to what I was use to. A number of people I work with are church goers, one guy in my area has a fancy tattoo of Jesus. Like I said its an eye opener. LOL

I think a lot of people have lost confidence in the government. You don't know who to believe and what is their motive. We can't get any advertisements on our tv so I missed all the ads. We can only get four stations that are mainly public tv, cooking shows, documentaries, etc. I get tired of seeing all the cooking going on though it makes you want to go in and eat something all night long. I'm down to 174 and trying to get to 165.

I'm glad your still writing here and keeping in touch with the old gang. I thought Marilyn was going to write something about Isis, but at this rate they'll be dead and gone before we know it.

You know we do have much to be thankful for, just by finding ourselves in this country where we don't see the constant wars going on. That must be horrible for many people to have to live through all that. I can't help to think its because of the influence of Christianity that we have enjoyed all of this. Slowly darkness is taking a seat though and I don't know if we'll see it all taken away in our lifetime or if God will give us one last great revival.

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Gary

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Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 07 Nov 2014 11:26:46 GMT
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They keep saying they want to change the tax laws to a different system then what we have. I think whatever takes place its to their advantage.

Just thinkin you must make a killin if you can live off of a few months of work. All kiddin aside taxes always seemed too complicated with all the rules and regulations. My wife loves working in that field but she's a wiz with math.

Well its back to the daily grind was going to comment on your other post but I am running out of time here. I got behind a school bus yesterday and ended up a few minutes late.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 07 Nov 2014 12:54:38 GMT
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Gary wrote on Fri, 07 November 2014 05:26

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NASCAR driver, has won several championships...he drives a car sponsored by Lowes.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 07 Nov 2014 21:10:00 GMT
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james wrote on Fri, 07 November 2014 07:54Gary wrote on Fri, 07 November 2014 05:26

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NASCAR driver, has won several championships...he drives a car sponsored by Lowes.

LOL Well now you know my vast knowledge of Nascar.

It was funny we had a company meeting this morning and there's a competition between stores, they announced to us the prize which is: The hood of Jimmie Johnson's Car will be brought to the store.

I had to smile when I realized this is who you mentioned.

Now if we win what are we to do with his hood, (sell it for scrap). LOL

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 15 Nov 2014 11:19:39 GMT

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" The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night."

Well we know how the sun can smite a man with its intense heat, but what about the "moon"?

Someone told me recently that when there is a full moon people don't sleep very good at night. It sounded like an old wives fable. I did a small straw poll asking people if they slept good during the last recent full moon and sure enough many said they did not sleep at all.

I became more curious about this phenomena and wondered if this had anything to do with this portion of scripture cited above. Can the moon affect men on the earth? We know for sure that the moon can affect the oceans tides, coming in and going out, but what about people?

My wife was standing near a lady and a nurse came us and the conversation was about the nurse looked exhausted and the lady asked if she had been sleeping well. The nurse went on to say, she worked at a nursing home on the night shift, and that, every time there was a full moon the elderly people in the nursing home would be up all night and would be roaming the halls, hanging out in the recreation room. The nurse stated this happened every time there was a full moon.

There is an event coming up in 2015 when we will have two full moons in the same month. This is where they come up with the phrase "once in a blue moon". When two full moons appear in the same month its called the blue moon phase.

I don't know if there is anything to all of this but I still wonder how can the moon smite a man by night?

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 16 Nov 2014 12:34:51 GMT
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No responses to the moon theory,huh?

Well next time we have a full moon just do some checking and see if everyone around you is sleeping ok. LOL

I am surprised at how many people I run into, "believe" that all this talk about global warming is bogus.

Scientists (not all), and politicians are convinced without a shadow of doubt that its true. The enviromentalists are behind much of this thinking. Someone told me that they are saying in the next 30 years the earth is going to heat up 1 degree.

Let's see we had the y2k scenario, next it was all the planets in our solar system was going to line up and cause calamity, now its global warming. The first two events and dates that came and went, with global warming there is no dates being set so it can be viewed as an on going problem that needs dealt with.

While the president seems to have his own personal agenda taking place, the country is slowly eroding away.

But as the scriptures declare: that those who thought they were wise became as fools.

God is in control let us never forget this and all events are because He and He alone willed them to be as they are.

Gary

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Posted by james on Sun, 16 Nov 2014 19:23:28 GMT
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Don't know if that's true or not.

Were finally getting our first real snow. Its snowing outside and they are saying we will get two to four inches before morning, in our area. Its been a long time since we have got snow this early in the year, it has started in January for the last eight or so years.

Last year was our longest winter ever or at least it seemed that way. Their now saying this winter will be even colder then last years. We kept getting polar vortexes from up North.

Its hard to believe its already the middle of the month.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 11:20:46 GMT
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Its surprising in a society that has everything that so many young people will start shooting people. Some say its because of all the violent video games and others might blame guns, etc..

The problem is sin, there is a price to pay when people give themselves over to the flesh and sin.

Its always sad to hear that so many young students that have their whole lives before them resort to murder and the shedding of blood.

Everyone always makes the same statement when this takes place, "We didn't think it would happen here."

Its as in the days of "Noah", when violence fills the earth and every man does what is right in his own eyes, his thoughts are evil continually, as the Bible explains it.

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Posted by james on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 21:28:25 GMT
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I don't know what it is that is so fascinating about having a gun to shoot. I can say that with tongue in cheek because I enjoy it as well, but I have gotten rid of all my guns except I have a 4-10 that belongs to my brother in law. He needed the money so I bought it but he said he might buy it back some day.

They did a survey recently, they said: years ago they asked people why do you have a gun?, most replied: we use it for hunting and target practicing, they asked this same question again recently and almost everyone stated: I have it for protection.

I didn't know you guys had earthquakes. We have them occasionally they say were setting on a major fault line.

Yeah I'm glad were not up in all that snow either we got about 1 inch but its been very cold here.

I drank some coffee recently from starbucks from Jamaica it was so nasty I almost poured it out but I did not want to waste money so I drank it then I was buzzing around all day at work. LOL

My wife told me next time to ask for the blonde roast its not as strong as the dark roast. I was happy to see you crossed over to the real McCoy, and was trying something flavorful.

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Posted by james on Fri, 21 Nov 2014 15:01:36 GMT
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Posted by Gary on Sat, 22 Nov 2014 10:56:06 GMT
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James,

Just writing this to say how things have changed over the years, I realize your not implying anything here.

Anyway, I find it interesting its now called a "coffee bar", a good while back my wife and I wanted to get a coffee table for our living room, I did not know that now their called; "cocktail tables".

Every things geared towards a partying attitude in this country and they have to make it part of their sales I guess.

Where we live at, I.U. football is a big deal, when they have a game everyone floods the parking lot including the church lawn across the street with "tailgate parties". At a tailgate party everyone

brings a RV or truck with camper shell, tons of junk food, a TV, and of course plenty of booze. The church has around a thousand cars parked in their lawn and parking lot and it only costs $10.00 (parking fee)to set up a party.

Things sure have changed since we were kids.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 22 Nov 2014 13:35:14 GMT
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'Tailgating' is a huge part of southern college football tradition, and if I may 'correct' you...down here they grill up some mighty fine foods...pork, beef, chicken, deer... and gator and frog legs at the LSU home games. But your right as rain about the booze, it flows freely.

Word meanings certainly have changed through the years (just think of the word 'gay') and many words have more than one meaning. But what really annoys me is the using letters as abbrevations for words (I guess the internet and texting has helped with this latest fad, but seems like every sickness or disease has a shortened version...Lou Gehrig disease...ALS) Only problem for those of us who don't get into all that is we don't understand a lot of conversations...Oh well! I guess I can't say too much, in my younger days I was part of a generation with brilliant sayings like..."cool", "far out", "keep on trucking", "groovy", and slang words for drugs like, pot, refer, mary jane, grass.....guess the kettle and black pot story applies here, huh?

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Posted by Gary on Sun, 23 Nov 2014 13:55:55 GMT
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James Wrote: But what really annoys me is the using letters as abbrevations for words

I know what you mean. You'd get a good laugh at where I work. We have morning company meetings and I don't even know what they are talking about.

For instance: FYI we need to be working on our PBM's, and if you need help one of the ASM's can show you on the computer. Well we didn't get our ssi this time. It goes on and on like this and I literally don't know what they mean. Sometimes I ask other employees who have been there for years about certain letters and what it means and I get; well I "think" it means.....

I don't know why everyone has to communicate through "Acronyms". It may be the new wave of communication but I fill left out of the loop. It makes me wonder WWJD.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 27 Nov 2014 13:41:48 GMT
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The break down of society.

The newest generation now arising on the scene has been called: Generation "Like". This is kids that spend most of their time involved in the social media through facebook, twitter, etc.

It's important to many kids now to see how many people they can get to sign on to their facebook and then have them click on the Like button. Many big name advertisers have picked up on this and many will send gifts to these children to try and get them to promote their companies through this system of "Like" button pushing.

The problem here is that many of these kids see it as a way to become famous and be recognized. No matter how vulgar the content, it seems to not matter to anyone as long as someone will say they like their facebook page.

Its strange how many kids don't see education or hard work as important but what is the easiest

way to obtain wealth and become someone famous through the social media.

This generation is totally lawless and despise any type of law official telling them what to do.

Secondly there is a gap between white and black Americans that is slowly widening. The black race seems to think law officials have it out for them, the white race does not see it that way with the exception of many of the generation "Like" kids joining in with the so called victims.

Could a land of freedom without Christianity slowly destroy itself?

Many today reject Christianity and they are being taught to look down at religion in many of our higher learning institutions in this land. Along with this, hinduism is being glorified as meditative and good for a man's well being.

If God does not give us a revival in this land we can all look forward to America as we know it eroding completely.

I would not want to be a police officer in this day and age. The Media fuels a lot of what is going on so they can have a racy story that will sell news. While appearing to portray the truth they end up making criminals look like victims.

We tend to think its fairly bad out there from the time we were children, but I think its going to get really bad or should I say "totally wicked" in this country before the time of the end. We all know its coming, Jesus said, "it will be as in the days of Noah".

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Gary on Sun, 30 Nov 2014 14:14:42 GMT
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I was surprised to hear there was a huge cover up concerning Elvis Presley.

http://video.foxnews.com/v/3914839106001/geraldo-rivera-reports-elvis-at-80/?intcmp=features#sp=show-clips

Rex Humbard once reported that months before his death, he set down with Elvis and they had a long discussion concerning the Lord. He said Elvis was weeping and crying at that time and said he wanted to be ready for the Lord's return.

I knew he did some drugs but did not know he was heavily addicted. Elvis would of turned 80 according to this news clip.

It's surprising how that man still has a huge following of people in this country.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 09 Dec 2014 11:07:36 GMT
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Crime appears to be on the increase around the country but I don't know if its because we have a greater access to what is going on everywhere because of the media and internet. Maybe there was always been this much crime and it was kept localized.

Either way I find it easier to just read headlines because you can almost imagine the scenario that is included in the article.

Talk about being in the Lord is a "rest" is a great comfort these days. Promises like being under the shadow of His wings has a greater meaning as we see the world crumbling around us.

While the world is destroying itself I find the system of men following in the same path. During a recent documentary it was implied by Christian scholars the importance of our Jewish roots. They implied that Jews know the Lord God and that passover is a time of repentance and asking God to

forgive them for their sins.

The problem is what Jesus said directly from His teaching contradicts what many are saying today. For instance, Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father except by me.

Jesus Christ is the doorway into God's Presence no matter what biblical scholars are telling everyone while they contradict what Jesus said plainly.

While Love and Mercy are important it does not give everyone the right to explain away clear teachings in the Bible. The Old Testament points to Calvary, while the New Testament looks back at Calvary and what took place.

Jesus is God and His Words are what He is wanting those who can hear and see to listen to. While all the Bible is important the Words of Jesus Christ is God speaking directly to His people in this hour.

If anyone rejects the teachings of Jesus Christ there is no salvation as there is no other name under heaven whereby men can be saved. I know that's not politically correct but its what God's Word plainly teaches.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 09 Dec 2014 12:56:24 GMT
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Amen.
Crime is increasing, the population is increasing, and wickedness is increasing; but "they that put their trust in The Lord..."

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Posted by Gary on Wed, 10 Dec 2014 10:58:45 GMT
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We have an area around here where supposedly mary or somebody appeared to someone. Now they built this large motel outside of town so pilgrims can come and climb the hill to see the statue that is placed up there, in hopes of having another visitation. I think its some kind of shrine never seen it personally.

I did go to a catholic wedding years ago and the bride and bridegroom had to go around and kneel down and kiss the concrete statues toes. What was that all about?

Politically correct?

I just read where some woman made the statement that "all lives matter". She had to apologize to

everyone because they said she was attacking the ferguson slogan, "black lives matter".

Its gotten totally out of hand lately.

Not to change the subject but its interesting that Greece is constantly making the news concerning economic problems. Greece is one of the countries mentioned in the Bible during the time of the Antichrist.

Why is everyone concerned about such a small country on an island? You never hear of Haiti's economic problems but it seems like everyone is always bailing out Greece.

The Bible does show that Greece will make war with the Antichrist. Anyway I just find it interesting concerning this small country being mentioned so much.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Wed, 10 Dec 2014 14:21:08 GMT
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Speaking of small countries being mentioned? How about Israel? The rest of the world and nonbelievers can't 'get it' as to the importance of Israel and why so much attention is given them.

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Posted by Gary on Fri, 12 Dec 2014 11:27:13 GMT
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I was thinking about this and I can imagine it would take months for a massive army build up when the kings of the north move against Israel. I can imagine all the media playing this up, while the Jewish people would feel terrible with everything taking place.

Russia moving against the Ukraine is just a small foretaste of this future event concerning Israel.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Marilyn Crow on Mon, 15 Dec 2014 23:44:14 GMT
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Hi Gary,

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Marilyn.

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Posted by Gary on Thu, 18 Dec 2014 11:25:09 GMT
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Hi Marilyn

I am mainly referring to the event where it says Greece will make war with the Antichrist. I assume this is talking of the country and not the Empire of Greece. But will look this over to see what it says. Will get back later on this thought.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 08 Jan 2015 10:35:11 GMT
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"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes"

This promise is spoken by Jesus Himself. God is not a man that He should lie.

All things are possible to a believer.

Let's take God at His Words, and not let "others thoughts or opinions" tell us any different.

As we all grow a little older we can rest in the fact that God is well able to take care of us in any situation we find ourselves in.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 31 Jan 2015 17:30:22 GMT
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Its to easy to lose a post while trying to type it out I wish we would have a feature that would save the post as you type. I just typed out a bunch of information and all I did was raise my keyboard in the air while my wife dusted under it and the post was erased.

Anyway back to my note, I just wanted to say I have been reading CS Lewis's book called a "Space Trilogy". Very far fetched but I have enjoyed it for casual reading.

I thought about reading his book on "The problem with Pain", but I have been going through a trial with my sciatic nerve and reading about pain just did not sound too appealing. When you get a little older you have to be more careful on what you lift or even how you lift it.

I heard a lot of pediatricians are telling people to take their business elsewhere if you refuse to get your kids vaccinated. More and more we see medical science being forced on people. I don't know how far they'll take it, but I eventually can see where the mark of the beast will be rejected by many and then it will be forced on people or guess what, you can't buy sell or trade. They will pass a law to force you to get it.

Anyway I'm just trying to see a comparison here of what is going on in the world and what will take place in the future. I could be wrong but its just the fact that laws are being passed to force people to do something they cannot afford.

I have heard of a number of people forced to get health care they cannot afford and because of the high deductible they in reality don't have any health care at all.

I saw a picture of a man with his head down in his hands looking frustrated. The caption read:

Before this man could not afford health care, after Obama care, now this man must buy health care he cannot afford or be fined.

It just don't seem right for the government to force this on people but that's just one opinion here. What will they force on everybody next?

Gary

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Posted by james on Sat, 31 Jan 2015 18:01:21 GMT
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Posted by Gary on Mon, 02 Feb 2015 11:06:57 GMT

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To be truthful with you I think their exaggerating this thing concerning measles. It started in california and now we have 100 cases over the united states. Not many compared to the millions that live here.

The media loves some juicy story that they can keep rehashing till they beat it into the ground. You would think they would be more concerned that some rich guy can rape 30 women and nothing is being done about it if you know what I mean. There's too many inconsistancies with the media their very deceptive and they stir up a lot of trouble to get a good supposedly story.

cut/paste/copy I should go that route if I wrote a giant post but its somewhat of a hassle. One quicker way but still extra time is type it out in word then use control c come over to the board and then use control v after you put your cursor in the box, thanks for reminding me about this. For now Ill take the easy route then gripe when I lose a post. LOL

Hope your doing good buddy, I'll be glad when winter passes this year looking forward to Spring. Too tired this morning to worry about all the typos here, but got to go to work. Have a great day.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 05 Feb 2015 11:20:45 GMT
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Well we woke up this morning buried in 1 inch of snow. I hope this is all we get this year. My wife noticed some trees are starting to bud already. So hopefully its going to be an early spring.

They showed a clip of the annual ground hog ceremony, the mayor was holding the ground hog and it bit his ear. The little ground hog probably thinks all this ground hog day stuff is ridiculous.

Anyway it has been a fairly mild winter in this part of the country. Their getting all the big snows up north, where all those Northerners live.

Hope every bodies staying warm.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 05 Feb 2015 14:35:58 GMT
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This has been a mild winter so far, except for a couple of days with single digits...supposed to be around mid twenties tonight, but we're getting into the fifties during the day. Still February and March can pack a punch. One whole inch, huh? Better dig out the snow blower and salt...lol

Opening time, I'd better get some coffee going and buckle up for a big day...

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 07 Feb 2015 13:17:07 GMT
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James

Were going to be in the fifties today which is quite unusual for this time of the year. Everyone thinks were going to have an early Spring but no one knows for sure on this.

I thought about you crunching all those numbers, your probably in the peak of the season there. I must admit I always wait till the last day to do any tax work. I always wonder whats the hurry. I guess a lot of people get big checks back and look forward to that.

Talk about secular books, I always enjoyed the book, To Kill a Mockingbird. I heard recently the lady who wrote it had another book that goes along with this one and they are finally publishing it after all these years. I did not realize or pay attention, but they said the story was originally set in Alabama back in the day.

I love the characters as well as the children that are portrayed in the story. But I hate the thought of buying a book with no where to put it since my book cases are maxed out. We can buy about any used book here for a dollar now at the half priced book store, books lose their value the minute you buy one new at a regular bookstore. I'm still thinking about getting a kindle which William talked about, but don't know if I want one that has color or one that is black and white. I like the idea of storing hundreds of books without a bookcase. I keep thinking the black and white one will become obsolete soon and they will have some new, latest and the greatest device that is better. You know how electronic devices are, here today and gone tomorrow.

On some books I'll always keep, we have friends who read the Bible on a kindle, I guess I'm old school on that one I like the big o leather Bible when it comes to reading the Word.

Won't keep you any longer you probably have a long line backed up wanting service and here you are reading a blog. LOL

Take care and may the Lord bless your work.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 08 Feb 2015 13:28:12 GMT
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Well if you haven't heard the President was in Indianapolis a few days ago. I was surprised at his recent comment, but I guess I shouldn't be surprised. That is when he compared the recent event where the pilot was burned alive by Isis. He tried to compare this to the inquisitions that took place in the middle ages.

Whatever happened in the past is done and over and now we live in so called modern times. While some people look to the past to slam Christianity, the fact is sin is still sin. The only thing we see by this recent event is that men are still as sinful and evil as in the beginning. Before the time of Noah when evil and wickedness ruled the earth it is no different today. Sin and wickedness is ever present and will be here until Jesus returns and sets things strait.

Burning someone alive is horrible, but is all the fleshly sin in America any different? Sin is sin no matter what color it is, whether it be cruel or fleshly let's face the facts, men are sinful and need a Savior to set them free.

Jesus said do you think those Galileans were more sinful, but except you repent you will all likewise perish or what of the tower of Siloam that fell on those 18 men, were they more sinful except you repent you will likewise perish.

In these days when men are so busy too busy for family because mammon is so important in every ones life, its important to always remember this life is only a puff of smoke long, compared to eternity.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 09 Feb 2015 11:13:02 GMT
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I appreciate any prayers you can send my way. God may be opening some doors here soon. Don't know exactly which way to go and a lot of thoughts are crossing my mind. May quit my job and then maybe not. I think there's a lot of opportunities for ministry to out of churchers who know the Lord and maybe to some who don't know Him. When God opens the door you know your in His perfect Will.

Anyway could use all the prayers or intercessions I can get. I don't want to step out in the flesh but want the Lord to direct my steps. Jesus said, without me you can do nothing and I'm a firm believer in this. Sorry can't go into a lot of details at this time.

Otherwise not much going on, the temperature has dropped again but at least its in the 30's. This has been a mild winter and I'm glad for that, not much snow nor ice at this point.

Better get ready for work. May God Bless every ones week.

One more thing I do appreciate what everyone shares here you always feel like there's someone out there striving to understand the way of the Lord and then doing it. Its quite refreshing believe me.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 10 Feb 2015 11:25:12 GMT
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Its look like Old Alabama is hitting the nightly news. Sounds like Sodom and Gomorroh is moving into the Bible belt. Its funny how the media has turned this into a civil rights movement, well it shouldn't seem too odd since the liberal media is behind all manner of wickedness.

We can definitely look at the world and see the signs of the times. Putin just takes what he wants, while the rest of the world can do nothing about it. More Sanctions is just a joke.

Don't know if everyone has heard but Anti-Semitism is on the rise in this country. Of course it rarely makes the news. This country is going more and more to legalizing a mind altering drug. Everybody keeps talking about the medical value, but lets face the facts its a "mind altering drug" that affects the way a person thinks while drugging them up in a sort of stupor.

Oh BTW lets force everyone to get medical insurance and while were at it force them to get a vaccination. What about forcing them to get a flu shot is that next? Hey might as well force them to take a mark it will stop crime. Sure it will.

Just wondering here how far will it go, it may go no were but its obvious the broad path is getting

wider full of the party goers who reject God.

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Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 10 Feb 2015 15:00:59 GMT
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It will become more and more acceptable as 'society' changes...due to influence of t.v., movies, and media. Just as people living together without being married has become common place over the last 50 years.

But what sayeth The Lord?

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Romans 13:14

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 11 Feb 2015 11:42:13 GMT
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I think sodomites are actually a very small minority but the media is brainwashing everyone to think its some large group of people. Most of the TVs so called stars are sodomites.
The liberal media is totally antichrist and they support anything that is wicked.

Christians are so divided over doctrines its hard to rally the troops where they have a greater influence in society.

Thankfully God is still showing mercy to this country or it would totally fall.

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, â€œThe Lord rebuke you!â€• 10 But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, â€œBehold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.â€•

Amen, and So be it.

Gary

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Posted by william on Thu, 12 Feb 2015 16:05:29 GMT
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Blessings,
William

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Posted by Marilyn Crow on Fri, 13 Feb 2015 05:52:47 GMT
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I always think the enemy tries to control us by pressuring us whereas the Lord just gradually unfolds the way ahead a step at a time.

Bless you bro, Marilyn.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 13 Feb 2015 14:47:05 GMT
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Well speaking of only having bits and pieces of info, I'm not glued to the news either. Plus I think it's an day to day situation (I think hip people refer to it as "what's trending...") with some judges complying with the feds and some going with Alabama Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore. I think I heard this morning that Tuscaloosa was going to start obeying the ruling today and there was something about Mobile as well.
As to the ceremony, it's been my observation that many practicing homosexuals like to flaunt themselves at the 'straight' community(example, gay pride parades).

William I am continuing to pray for your ds as well as you and your dw, do you have any additional testimony you can share?

You can know it's cold when you run out of 'layers' to wear...

You can know it's cold when you go outside with a cup of hot chocolate and it becomes a popsicle in three minutes...

It was 24 this morning when I went for my morning walk, but with a 10-15 mph north wind it was

cold. But now I 'think' I'm beginning to feel my fingers as I hit the keys...lol

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Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 Feb 2015 10:30:23 GMT
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Blessings,
William

William

I think there is a bit of satire on the whole world situation and that is the strait community does not want to get married but are all what we use to call "shacking up", while the gay community is all wanting to be married. Human folly is anything against what God has established if you know what I mean.

Also thanks for any prayers or advice, not made any major decisions here, still letting God be God. Will share more later as doors open.

Gary

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Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 Feb 2015 10:54:39 GMT

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Marilyn,

Glad to hear your still on the fringes here.LOL I do enjoy knowing what the Aussies think and their whole prospective concerning all we are going through in this journey called life. God is working in every country with so many different people and were learning that Americans don't have the market on wisdom and knowledge.

Thanks for any prayers before the Lord for me. I'm a little hard headed sometimes on this end of things but the Lord is still having me (what you guys call) a work in progress.

That's a very good thought that the enemy tries to control us by pressuring us. I think its part of the wiles of the wicked one to deter us from the path set before us. Plus I think its a natural for humans to be obstinate, something we all have to overcome.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 14 Feb 2015 19:56:38 GMT
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Quote: William wrote: If this is the case, what more does a person need if they have the licence? Is it mandatory that there be a ceremony?

William,

One last thing, I was thinking about what you said here, and I thought, even though they have a license, its only a paper maybe that will give them tax breaks. Whether its a ceremony or license in the final analysis its not recognized by God.

I know you understand this. But for some strange reason those on the outside have something to prove to society. I still think its strange that the strait community refuses to get married while the gay community its become an obsession to be married. There's something deeper here going on in the overall picture. Maybe its just plain old rebellion by society.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Sat, 14 Feb 2015 20:25:24 GMT
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Okay, I've just thought better of my post and removed it since it contained private details... BUT if anyone wants a copy and a link to the mp3, just send me a private note and I'll send it!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 15 Feb 2015 14:19:02 GMT
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William,

I read your post when you first put it on here and nothing seemed out of place. But I know how

you feel somewhat as I have wrote posts in the past and pulled them because it just seemed right at the time, later I thought if nothing else it was good to just write it out.

Could you please send me your mp link through my email. I was wanting to hear your voice while ministering.

Lord Bless,
Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 08 Mar 2015 10:39:59 GMT
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Looks like the President wasn't to far from you all yesterday. I googled Selma, it seemed like such a small town to make national news.

A good while back I read the Rev Martin Luthers biography it was very interesting to say the least.

I don't no if you seen the recent video where 12 cops were dealing with a homeless man and they ended up shooting him. You would think twelve men could handle one homeless person without shooting him. Makes you wonder where this is all headed.

BTW we just switched our clocks ahead one hour last night, it won't be long till Spring arrives their saying it will be in the fifties and the sixties next week here.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 09 Mar 2015 09:56:07 GMT

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Thinking about all the racism that took place in the past, that must of been horrible to have gone through. It could even be seen as worse then the holocaust that took place on the earth during Nazi Germany.

Human beings being treated worse then animals. Hitler has always been seen as some sadistic human being that had no regard for humanity. But are these grand dragons of the KKK or slave owners who abused people any different?

The fact is that all human beings came from Adam and Eve and we are all related in the human race. Why would one race think they are more superior because of some advantage that they find themselves in life.

I am glad that some effort has been made to help the children whose grandparents were treated so horribly. There is still a long way to go but racism still exists in America, and needs to be totally stamped out.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 10:05:34 GMT
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More on Racism

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I could never imagine the atrocities that took place just a few generations back. Many times elderly people were forced to work in the hot sun or they would be beaten or horse whipped. Children were taken from their parents at the whim of some slave owner. People where sold and

treated worse then animals. What a horrible life some must of had to endure.

The problem still exists in this country and must be recognized for what it is. Only the devil could be behind this type of hatred, which divides humanity.

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Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Tue, 10 Mar 2015 13:48:15 GMT
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History reveals that racism has always existed in the hearts and minds of fallen mankind. We see it in reading The Bible (Jews/Samaritans), we see it all around the world today. I don't think it will

be eradicated in America; while there have been improvements in society and 'rights' given through the legal system, it's still the hearts of people that need changing...Only Jesus can bring that about effectively.

Pride, ignorance, hatred, are all involved...and I agree, Satan is behind it.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 25 Apr 2015 10:22:52 GMT
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After five minutes of trying to remember what my password was to get on here I realized the caps lock key was on.

I find it annoying to have so many passwords to function in this world anymore. I started a page in excel that has maybe 87 lines of password information. And of course, its all protected with a password. I was told in the beginning its not good to use the same password on everything but does it really matter?

I once read an article that said to use the word "incorrect" as your password. Then when you go to a certain site and type in a wrong password the error message pops up: Your password is incorrect.

Maybe it wasn't such bad advice. LOL

Anyway why so many passwords? What am I thinking is someone planning to go on a site with my password and try and post something intelligent for a change. I probably have ten other sites I could add to my list, but I already forgot all the passwords that went with them.

I find it interesting that all this technology has led us down the road to many passwords. One lady told me she uses the same password over and over. I could tell right off that wasn't cool I guess she never listens to all the news.

How far do we end up carrying all this password protection and what is it that everyone finds they need to protect anyway?

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 25 Apr 2015 12:53:11 GMT
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Seriously though, I am aware that it is a big problem for many who have had it happen to them. You wouldn't believe the extent the government (IRS) requires me to go in protecting information of clients.

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Posted by Gary on Sun, 26 Apr 2015 10:54:10 GMT
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That statement almost sounds like get the "mark of the beast" statement. I know your not saying that but it very well could be that is what they will use to convince the masses. Saying this is a better way to protect your identity. Everyone is convinced its a micro chip but no one knows for sure. Tattoos are a big thing up here now, everybody younger is getting them.

Its that time of year when everyone goes to the woods to hunt morel mushrooms. I don't know if they grow down there. This is the first time I have had them in years. They happen to be growing in the flower beds outside the door. Were in a wooded area and I think the guy who lived here before use to throw the water away in the flower beds after he cleaned them, so it was kind of convenient to find them growing there. There must be spores on the mushrooms that wash off in the water I guess.

Anyway wanted to stop by and say Hi, I cannot believe how fast time flies anymore and it seems there's always something that needs to be done.

I ran across a scripture recently where Jesus tells His brothers, â€œMy time has not yet come, but your time is always ready."

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Mon, 27 Apr 2015 17:56:34 GMT
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I don't know of morels growing this far south, I've never seen any. Sue enjoys gathering them up in Michigan each season.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 03 May 2015 11:14:35 GMT
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God's creation is beyond mans ability to fully comprehend it.

A man can take a whole life time studying some area of this creation we live on and he will never fully understand everything there is to know about it. Then when he dies another man comes along and continues learning where the other man left off and even in his lifetime he cannot fully understand all there is to know.

Is there anything to hard for the Lord?

When God can take a pile of dirt and create a human being, if anything this shows that God is capable of anything.

God sustains this universe by His spoken word. All things were made by Him and for Him.

Man dreams of distant times when they will travel the universe exploring new worlds, but it will never happen. Space exploration is the modern day tower of Babel, while technology is the vehicle that drives it.

One would think that getting to know the Lord and walking with Him would be considered a goal worth achieving, no matter what the cost.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sun, 03 May 2015 12:00:47 GMT
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I picked up a book at a thrift store the other day by Josh McDowell titled: "New Evidence That Demands a Verdict". I think he quotes every Christian writer from NT times until today, plus some who weren't Christian. He goes through the evidence of the Bible being God's Word to Jesus being both God and man; the virgin birth, fulfillment of OT prophecies concerning Jesus, and a lot more.

Like it's written, apart from a God/Jesus centered life, mans existence is vanity and without true purpose or fulfillment.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 07 May 2015 09:58:42 GMT
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I'm reading a good book by Gordon Lindsey called "Out of the Dark Valley", its dealing with mental illness in peoples lives.
When a person snaps and loses their minds, it ends up affecting everyone in a family who try and cope with the situation.

I don't know if this little book is even still on the market.

People can open doors through many different avenues which allows demonic spirits to come and take over an individuals life.

Not every case is demonic in nature but many are. Prayer and fasting is the main key to help a person recover. He also stated drugs only compound the problem, and is more of a temporary band aid if anything. These days medical science relies on drugging a person as they don't understand the spiritual dimension and what is taking place.

I always liked Gordons Lindseys books, he has a very balanced view of things.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 16 May 2015 11:39:15 GMT
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I guess everyone realizes there's a behind the scene movement being carried out by the Sodomites to take control of the minds of young people in America. Liberals have taken the baton and are running swiftly in the race to indoctrinate children of all ages.

Now the Liberals want to teach the children that there is no such thing as boys and girls?

http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2015/05/15/call-it-gender-flu
idity-schools-to-teach-kids-there-s-no-such-thing-as-boys-or -girls.html?intcmp=latestnews

Does this affect all of us? Of course it does, grand children, nieces, nephews, children of friends are being bombarded by the devil and his demonic host, indoctrinating the minds of children with all manner of evil.

The government encourages evil and is antagonistic towards anything that speaks of morality.

I liked what David Wilkerson use to say: This makes my blood boil.

Don't ever let the devil make "you" think that you don't make a difference, because if your walking with the Lord you do make a difference and you do have an influence over society. Its the Spirit of God within you working to make this difference.

"He makes His ministers flames of fire"

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 29 Jun 2015 10:03:06 GMT
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As we all know "sin" is running rampant in the streets of America.

Everyone is asking Christians to be tolerant, but they are not tolerant of Christianity and the view of the Bible.

Our centers of higher learning have mass produced liberals with a hatred towards God.

Proverbs 28:5
Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the Lord understand all.

The Good News is God is still on His throne and He is still in control of His Universe.

Isaiah 29:15
Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, And their works are in the dark; They say, â€œWho sees us?â€• and, â€œWho knows us?â€•

Isaiah 55:6
Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Mon, 29 Jun 2015 11:39:36 GMT
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have the final say, and His Will will be done. If there's ever been a nation that needed God (and we know ALL have), it's America.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 30 Jun 2015 10:19:55 GMT
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They should of realized back in the day that letting a Supreme Court make the rules or change the rules was a bad idea. I guess they could not think of everything at the time. Just like letting Senators having a lucrative career where they vote themselves a pay raise anytime they feel like it.

Someone told me yesterday at work they were ready to move to another country, but I don't think it would be any better for them.

Running from the problem is not the answer.

At least that's my opinion.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 09 Jul 2015 10:25:54 GMT
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Quick note before I rush out the door.

I have never seen it rain this much in June and July like we are getting now. It has been raining for several days and their predicting rain in the forecast for the next several days.

California is drying up while were getting drenched.

One good thing is that it has brought in cooler weather.

Have a blessed day in the Lord.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Thu, 09 Jul 2015 16:01:25 GMT
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I saw on the early morning news that Indiana was really getting hammered, flooding in many places...We had a few days of cooler weather and afternoon showers last week but alas it's back to the upper 90's with dew points and humidity high...Normal summer weather in the south.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 20 Jul 2015 09:56:16 GMT
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Roughly 8000 abortions a year in the state of Indiana, not including chemical abortions. Most of the woman are in their twenties who have these abortions.

http://wthitv.com/2015/07/19/we-still-have-a-lot-of-work-to-do-abortion-rates-in-indiana-continue-to-decline/

This is just in the state of Indiana. Some other states may be more or some less. If it was 8000 a state it would be around 416000 babies put to death each year. What about other countries?

Either way one baby is one to many.

With this just being the tip of the ice berg, we still see God being merciful to this land. Allowing people to have food, health, and His hand is extended to forgive. This, if nothing else, shows the mercy of God in these end times.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Tue, 11 Aug 2015 09:39:07 GMT
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Some guy shoots a lion and the worlds in an uproar, someone kills million of unborn babies and the world is silent.

Not that I'm into big game hunting but it seems strange how things play out on the world stage. I did some carpentry work several years back for a man, who was a big game hunter. He had every animal you could think of mounted and in his trophy room. Cheetahs, zebras, a number of different types of monkey's, alligators, rhinos, and the list goes on. It seems sad that people would kill animals just for the pleasure of having some fancy trophy.

Secondly, the dentist profession must be doing quite well. I went recently to have my teeth cleaned and to check the fillings. They spent two hours measuring my teeth, and photoing every tooth with a fancy camera. Then they hand me a bill(estimate), for 5000.00 and tell me this is what it will cost. They wanted to put on crowns, do a deep cleaning, install a bridge, etc. etc.. I then realized as I was walking out the door the only thing that was getting cleaned was my wallet.

More and more young people coming out of dental school do not want to do any basic maintenance they want to sell the super dental package.

Well that explains where the dentist got 50,000.00 for his hunting trip.

Society now is out to make the big money so they can live the American dream.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 23 Aug 2015 11:30:30 GMT
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William,

Finally went out and got a Kindle Fire. It seems fairly easy to use.

I always thought it was strange that books are so expensive but when you try and resale them they become worthless. People refuse to pay anything for a used book.

I had to get rid of an encyclopedia set a while back, I had no room to store it anymore and I tried to donate it to a number of places and found no one was interested. The salvation army wouldn't even take it. Who would of ever thought encyclopedias would become worthless.

Who knows maybe one day we won't see library's anymore, except maybe the ones that house real old manuscripts.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Sun, 30 Aug 2015 02:56:03 GMT
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My wife and all of the kids have the Kindle Fire and use it all of the time. I'm still using my older version kindle because I just use it for reading (my real computer is always close by if I need internet access!)

There are a lot of books available that have been digitized for the kindle and for the most part they

are reasonably priced.

If you are ready for another technical challenge you might want to download a free program called Calibre. This program is a real workhorse when it comes to organizing your books. You install it on your regular computer and then when you hook up your kindle you can transfer books from your collection that you've organized.

Yes, I know what you mean, we've got two 8'x16' book cases that are filled with stuff we've collected over the years not to mention smaller book cases all over the house and it is a bit disconcerting to think that all of those volumes could reside completely on a hard-drive that measures about 2"x3"!!

Blessings,
William

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Posted by Gary on Mon, 31 Aug 2015 10:16:45 GMT
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Blessings,
William

Hi William,

Thanks for the tip concerning "Calibre", it looks like a good program to have.

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Posted by william on Fri, 04 Sep 2015 01:41:32 GMT
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Hi William,

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I'm going to sit down and try to make an effort to read this one this time.

I have this book but for some reason I have tried to read it maybe a half dozen times but for some reason I always lost interest and went to something else.

I've always heard many people rant and rave on how good a book it is, but was never able to see what they saw in it. Looking at the first few pages it looks like it is about the devil and demons working to deceive Christians. Maybe there is something good here I've overlooked.

Anyway will find time now and make an effort to read it.

Gary

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Posted by william on Tue, 08 Sep 2015 23:25:11 GMT
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William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...

Posted by Marilyn Crow on Wed, 09 Sep 2015 00:02:59 GMT
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Hi Gary & William,

I also appreciate the writings of Jessie Penn-Lewis. I was going to mention that I thought the part on passivity most enlightening. Have seen it working in people & they often say, " Don`t know what God is doing, but I just have to obey." And off they go on another `trip to save Israel or whatever.`

I think what you wrote William is very helpful.

God bless, Marilyn.

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Hi William and Marilyn,

William you have my curiosity up concerning this book now.

I know the buddahists and hindus practice blanking out the mind to arrive at a state of nirvanna.

I think sometimes in charismatic circles people are encouraged to blank out their minds to hear the Spirit of God or maybe even be sensitive to the gifts. On the other hand many in the system barely acknowledge the fact that there is a spiritual world with entities bent on doing Christians harm. Charismatics have one advantage with the Baptism because this is the threshold into the spirit realm. Learning to walk it is another story, I think it becomes more individualized in working out our own salvation with fear and trembling. You know we don't want to stray to the right or left but staying on God's strait and narrow and not mans.

Sometimes you can feel coerced into wanting to function in a gift because if I remember correctly only a small few actually functioned in the gifts, prophecy, tongues and interpretations. Paul said I wish you would all prophecy. In a large group many never functioned so I think sometimes ministers coerced people to try and make something happen. Maybe this is where the blanking out the mind came in.

I don't understand or have the answers why so many go to far in their thinking, maybe; I have thought it is because they are seeking some type of supernatural experience in seeking signs and wonders. Jesus said, an adulterous and perverse generation seeks after signs and wonders. Not that these are wrong when they happen but its not what were to seek after. I know you guys realize all this, just making some points here.

While reading the gospels I noticed when Jesus was betrayed that Satan just entered Judas at will, and then he went to the high priests. Total possession at that point in time for him. Here was a man who walked with Jesus and seen all the miracles, dead being raised, blind eyes open, etc., but he chose to betray the Lord.

This whole subject is interesting (deliverance or having an open door), because we even see Peter yielding to the devil, and Jesus rebuked him and said, get behind me Satan. Was he just speaking his mind? Later Peter yields to fear or what others would think and denied the Lord.

I don't believe that the devils can just enter at will but they can influence thoughts that could lead to an open door. Passivity can definitely open a door to deception, as well as the occult and its practices and sin of course is the main culprit to an open door to oppression.

Anyway I started reading this book and look forward to seeing what is being shared here by this sister in the Lord.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by william on Thu, 10 Sep 2015 23:24:57 GMT
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I know it's already late in the day but here are a couple more that I found... the first one looks especially interesting.

http://www.amazon.com/Experiencing-Leadership-Letting-Leade
rship-Heresies-ebook/dp/B005V220XW/?tag=dailycheaprea-20

http://www.amazon.com/Be-Free-Galatians-Spirituality-Comment
ary-ebook/dp/B005SZ0Z8Y/?tag=dailycheaprea-20

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William

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Fri, 09 Oct 2015 09:17:16 GMT
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Someone was saying that their church was given an ultimatum from their insurance company. The

insurance company is telling this church that they are going to drop their insurance unless they allow gay marriages, and that gays will have other rights in their church assembly.

Why would an insurance company be telling a church this? Its like they are saying; you have to allow sin to take place in your midst, or we won't insure you.

Right now they are trying to figure out what they need to do in this situation as they have to have insurance because they are in debt on the building they meet at.

There is a great increase of behind the scenes activity where churches are being told to bow the knee to the world's system and its ways, its called "Coex ist".

The scriptures say, a little leaven, leavens the whole lump, implying a little sin will affect the whole congregation.

Quote:
1 Corinthians 5:5-7

5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Those who continue in sin are to be delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Quote:

Galatians 5:8-10

8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

Sin does not have a place in the House of God.

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Those who have an ear to hear, will know what the Lord wants for all of us to heed, in this evil time we see all around us.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Fri, 09 Oct 2015 12:07:01 GMT
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A lot could be said negatively about insurance companies and I don't hold them in very high esteem, but I'm pretty sure that property owners in South Carolina are glad to be insured about now. Of course their rates will soon triple after this flood disaster.

As to telling churches who to allow in their congregations....I'm with you Gary, deliver them over.....not sure the context of scripture applies here, but anyhow...at least stone them.

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 15 Oct 2015 09:26:10 GMT
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We have really good weather this fall, cool temperatures, sunny, and the leaves have been brilliant in colors.

The small town near us which is a tourist trap generally has a million people go through it during the month of October. Its mainly because of the leaves changing colors and there is over 300 shops that people can look at stuff.

When I look out my back patio door, every day is a complete different change of scenery, as you watch the leaves change color during this time of the year. Its amazing how fast the colors change from day to day.

Their already telling us that its going to be a bad winter with lots of snow, and someone else said, its going to be a super cold winter with no snow. I always think they cannot even get it right from day to day so how do they think they will get it right months ahead in the future.

We'll only know when it gets here!

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Posted by Gary on Sat, 24 Oct 2015 10:50:29 GMT
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I hate it when I get trapped in some of these scenarios, you want to be polite and let them finish the story and then it drags on and on. Your brain tends to tune it out and wanders onto some other subject while the person is reciting what took place in their younger days.

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Then again I think maybe its better to be silent and let them tell some old memory while enjoying their moment in time. Try to take the time to understand what really happened and what they went through. After all we only have one life to live on this old earth, might as well enjoy someones moment with them. Maybe they'll cut it short, when they see your setting there grinning at what happened, and they'll remember they already told you this one.

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For some reason it appears dementia and alzheimers, (however its spelled), is increasing more and more. I sometimes wonder if its some of these deadly drugs that cause side affects causing some of this, we would never know if it was until its to late.

I'm not worried about all the food fears concerning gmo's versus organic. Somethings marked organic in the store is no more organic then the man in the moon.

Even herbal remedies sounds like a great idea but let's face it most herbal remedies contain certain chemicals that have a cause and effect on the human body, no one knows if their doing any long term damage.

Jesus said its not what goes in a mans mouth that defiles him, of course He was talking about being defiled in our spirit. What comes out of a mans heart and mouth is what defiles a person, because out of the heart of man proceeds evil thoughts, perversity, wickedness, adultery, etc., etc..

What does a man give himself over to?

Sin is the root cause of all the problems men face. God is willing to forgive men, but some refuse to hear what He wants for them. This is where Grace enters the picture, and God delivers some who will enter the Kingdom. But Grace is not a license to sin and live life the way we choose. It depends on what everyone makes a priority, God or this world.

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Before I forget, were using the new microchip in the credit cards now at where I work. It seems like a hassle sometimes but when something new is introduced to society it takes time for adjustment.

This chip would fit nicely into someones hand or forehead. Not for sure that this is the way it is going to happen but it sure seems logical that this is the route they will take for the mark of the beast.

This new chip records all transactions that take place. Businesses are being told if they don't switch to the chip, that if a transaction goes bad, that the business is responsible for the money lost in a transaction.

Everything is tied together involving technology through wifi, smart phones, laptops, desktops, so whose to say the chip cannot be intergrated somehow. Someone showed me their military id and they said it had all their medical and other information on that card, embedded in that chip. Its hard to believe all the information stored on something that small.

A society controlled by technology is just a step away from total government control. It takes time to get everyone convinced to accept something. Most young people today are totally sold out to technology, brainwashed by liberals concerning morality, and willing to accept anything that is told them concerning microchips and how it will make it easier on them. The mystery is they seemed not to even question what is taking place.

It will be interesting to see how it all plays out in the years ahead.

Gary

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This old world is getting crazier by the day, and its even crossing over into the church. I read an article where some tv commentator was ranting about people using the word: "hardworker". When talking about someone you can't say; He's a hardworker. The commentator lady said this is a racist term referring to slavery.

It's odd their trying to take away, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from gun ownership, etc. Next they'll be telling us the constitution is a racist document. They don't want Christians or what the Bible says to have any say in society.

Whatever happened to common sense?

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Posted by james on Fri, 30 Oct 2015 15:45:30 GMT
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Wait! How else will Donald Trump get elected president unless the Christian readers of Charisma magazine believe the 'prophecy' and vote him in as God's spokesman.

I just don't know what to think about anyone who would even suggest one shouldn't participate in

the political process.....LOL

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sun, 15 Nov 2015 12:34:57 GMT
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About 30 years ago or maybe more, there was a story circulating that the government was building high security prisons that were all standing empty and being guarded. No one knew what they were for but supposedly the rumor was that they were built to put Christians in.

I had heard someone at church who said they knew where one of these institutions was and they were convinced that this was what was taking place.

I was wondering what happen to all these places and did they even exist.

Evidently writing books concerning end time scenarios is very profitable but the problem is most of the books come and go and nothing ever happens.

Setting around and guessing at what may or may not happen in the future seems to be an endless past time for some groups. No one knows for sure what is going to happen in the future we only have a general idea from the Book of Revelations, there is so many different views, but only God knows for sure what is going to take place.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by james on Sat, 12 Dec 2015 16:26:26 GMT
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Speaking of conspiracies, I believe Al Gore was right about global warming, it's in the 70's and I'm wearing shorts on the 12th of December. But I notice that since it's 'fall/winter' most people are determined to wear fall 'fashions'...that'd be leather boots up to the knees for women and sweaters. I could smell oak wood burning somewhere in a fireplace. Hey! Why let the weather change plans, cut the AC on a build a fire, it's almost Christmas, gotta get in the 'spirit'. At least the leaves are falling...

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Sat, 26 Dec 2015 15:08:42 GMT
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A lot of new laws are on the books:

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/12/26/child-vaccine-man
date-minimum-wage-hikes-and-more-taking-effect-in-new-year.h tml?intcmp=hpbt2

In Texas their now allowed to carry guns out in the open. I don't see the logic in this. If a criminal is coming in to do harm their going to target the man with a weapon, one would think.

The problem with criminals wanting to do someone harm is they have the element of surprise. You just don't expect someone to start shooting innocent people for no reason. But it seems to be a frequent event these days.

BTW Indiana has allowed people to carry guns in the open for quite some time, if you have a permit. Its not common to see people carrying guns in the open but I have seen a few of these cowboys running around with their side iron.

Another new law is forcing children to get vaccines in some states. I don't know if this is good or bad, but if it does not harm the children what harm is being done in getting protected. Many think it causes Autism in some children, this is where it would be a bad situation if it does cause harm. I would almost wager the big drug companies are behind this law, did you ever calculate how much money comes in each year when people get vaccinated.

One last thing, this new sexual orientation that children must go through is part of the new progressive thinking. During these sessions they brain wash children into thinking that there is nothing wrong with sodomy. The homosexual community have been pushing for this law to happen for quite some time.

Remove morality from the schools, toss out prayer, and then teach children there is nothing wrong with sexual promiscuity. Innocent children will accept this type of thinking, especially at that age. Some who profess to be Christians are now behind this and don't have a problem with it being

taught to the children.

Jesus said:

13 â€œEnter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Some think Christians are picking on people or wanting something bad for anyone, when they hear the Bible quoted. Others will take it personal and will be offended because they don't want to hear what God wants for His people. If your concerned about the souls of men one would think you would be concerned about how people are being misguided by this world and its ways.

Quote:

18 â€œTherefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.â€•

This parable explains the way every individual hears and receives what God is saying.

Jesus ends the parable and says:

17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. 18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.â€•

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Wed, 03 Feb 2016 11:16:45 GMT
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The race is on for the new President!

Sounds like a lot of people are not as interested in what Trump is saying. He's not afraid to say what he thinks but as we all know that gets a lot of people into hot water.

I can't see some billionaire running the country, but who knows.

Gary

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Posted by james on Thu, 03 Mar 2016 18:32:29 GMT
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Posted by Gary on Fri, 04 Mar 2016 10:59:52 GMT
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I think some of these people are endorsing trump because he is saying what they want to hear. I noticed at work a lot of the young people do not like trump and are vocal about it, I think they are easily influenced by the Media propaganda machine.

Every politician has a religious side they like to show to the people who will listen. While reading your quote I could not help to think of the words of Jesus saying its easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle then for a rich man to enter heaven.

Its good to know were citizens of another Kingdom, looking for that heavenly country, were not looking for the next career politician telling us what we want to hear.

Quote:
16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Gary

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Posted by Gary on Mon, 07 Mar 2016 11:18:07 GMT
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I saw Ted Cruz on a talk show and he made some very interesting statements. Is this the man that was born in another country?

I thought they were not allowed to run if they were not born in America.

Anyway his thinking is that the media is giving Trump tons of free advertising with their constant reports about him He thinks if Trump runs against Hillary that the media will have a lot of ammo to attack Trump with and he thinks Trump will not win if he runs up against her.

I kind of think Cruz is right in his thinking, but who knows. A lot of people are fed up with the "Politically Corrupt" crowd.

Their a progressive socialist movement.

Gary

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Thu, 10 Mar 2016 11:04:19 GMT
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But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
1 Peter 3:15

Subject: Re: Taking a coffee break...
Posted by Gary on Mon, 14 Mar 2016 10:18:26 GMT
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But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Posted by james on Wed, 27 Apr 2016 12:58:29 GMT
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I'll have to look to see if I can find these books at the half price book store. I like their books concerning the "Zion Chronicles".

Gary