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I'LL HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Michael W. McLemore

Lee Strobel, award-winning legal editor of the Chicago Tribune and former atheist, is quoted as having explained, "To continue in atheism, I would need to believe that nothing produces everything, non-life produces life, randomness produces fine-tuning, chaos produces information, unconsciousness produces consciousness, and non-reason produces reason. I simply didn't have that much faith." Atheism is a fool's religion.

Is there any better example of a fool than the evolutionist? The idea that the universe made itself over billions of years is irrational, irresponsible and irreconcilable. Paul warned the unregenerate world of his generation that God's "invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature" have declared His existence ever since the creation of the world," *Romans 1:20*. Divine deniers are "without excuse... claiming to be wise, they became fools," *1:22*.

So closed is this fool's mind, in fact, that one verse summarizes him in total, "The fool says

in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good," *Psalms 14:1*. Even though all Creation proclaims not only God's existence, but also His sovereign power and even His glorious character and attributes, this depraved, obstinate fool shakes his defiant fist and says, "There is no God."

This fool neither honors God, nor gives thanks, *Romans 1:21*. The beginning words of the inspired story of God lays claim to the creation as His own. John's story of Jesus points to Him as Creator of all. The fool arrogantly says, "I chose rather to believe in fantasy."

What are the consequences of such obstinacy? Life becomes cheap. Holocaust in the form of shameless murder, abortion, school violence and the general disintegration of society are the result. What is the fool's end? Like Abner, his death is one of dishonor, discredit and debasement, *2 Samuel 3:33*. Let us proclaim at full volume, "Let God be true, but every man a liar," *Romans 3:4*. I'll have faith in God. ▢

God's Word Stands Forever

T. Doy Moyer

The Bible is unique. No other book has been attacked like it, scrutinized like it or criticized like it. Neither has there ever been another book that has stood its ground like the Bible. The critics have passed on through the centuries, but the Bible stands as strong today as ever. It is an amazing book.

Why is there so much hatred against the Bible? Perhaps we can see part of the reason in a statement Jesus made: "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Jesus was referring to Himself as the light coming into the world. The Bible represents the words of Christ. If people hated Him, they also hate His words. Why? Because His word exposes evil and shines light upon the sinful activities of mankind. People who love their sin will despise the Bible.

The Bible still stands. Regardless of all the hatred manifested toward it through the ages, it is still here to be reckoned with. This fact alone ought to make us think about the importance of the Bible.

If a book were to be given to us by God, then we should expect that it endures. This is exactly what God promised about His word: "A voice says, 'Call out.' Then he answered, 'What shall I call out?' All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah

40:6-8).

Peter repeated this over 700 years later (1 Peter 1:24-25). And today, nearly two thousand years after Peter wrote, the word of God still stands. It has not diminished in its power and authority at all. This at least makes the Bible worthy of our investigation.

The word of God has the power to change lives - no, not just like other "self-help" books. Other books might tell you how to treat others better, or feel better about yourself or how to lose weight. But the Bible gives us the way to forgiveness of sins and eternal life. The Bible not only tells us how to improve life on earth, it tells us how to go to heaven. It gives us what no other book gives.

When we obey God's word, we are "born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Peter 1:23). Being born again of the imperishable word, we are "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4). Because we are born of the word which is imperishable, we receive a reward which is also imperishable. This all comes from the God who will always remain.

Investigate the Bible. It is not a book that we can brush aside with a sweep of the hand. We must come to terms with it. It is the inspired word of God, and it will be with us on the Day of judgment (John 12:48). Don't trust your soul to anything less than God's holy word. ▢

Watch
LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Welcome Watson's

Mike & Susan Watson met with the elders last Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with us at Weatherly Heights. We are excited to welcome them to our family. Please make note of their address and contact information. The Watson's drive from Decatur every Lord's Day.

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Family Updates

Prayers:

Knox Ambrose had his long anticipated eye surgery. We are praying for a positive outcome. Please remember little Knox and family to the Lord.

Phil Furlough is scheduled to undergo surgery to break up a large kidney stone on Thursday of this week. Please pray that his discomfort would be minimal.

We were all thrilled to see **Caryl & Jim Ehl** at worship together. This was Caryl's first time with us since their move from Florida. It was a great day for all of us. We are thankful that Caryl is regaining strength. Say her name to the Lord as you pray daily.

We will continue to pray for **Betty Dubose's** brother-in-law and sister, **Leonard & DeeDee Downum**. Ask the Lord for Leonard's comfort.

Please pray for **Mike & Gwyn's** very dear

friend, **Melinda Morris**, who lives in Louisville, Kentucky. Her husband, **Mike**, died suddenly and was laid to rest on Friday. Mike was a faithful member of the Eastland church of Christ. His influence in the kingdom will be sorely missed. During COVID Mike regularly gathered with us online.

Wes Caudle's mother, **Louise Caudle**, continues her Chemo.

Remember to pray for **Ciera Elledge** as she continues her immunotherapy.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, remains in our daily prayers. Say her name to the Lord.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Marageme Harbin & Betty Dubose**.

Next Saturday, **March 18th at 4 pm**, we will gather at the Sandra Moon Community Center (old Grissom Hight School) to honor **Mike & Peggy Coward**. Everyone is invited to this covered dish dinner.

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study titled "Maxims for Living" from Proverbs.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will continue his series titled, **Firm Foundations**. Today's lesson is **The Authority of Jesus** taken from **Matthew 7:28-29**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in an informal devotional.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** is continuing his verse by verse study of the book of **Second Thessalonians**. ☐

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 12, 2023

3-12	Stevie Hagewood	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-28	Adrienne West		

Silence Pays!

Michael W. McLemore

"Silence," wrote G.K. Chesterton, "is the unbearable repartee." Publius, the Greek sage, sited the value of this precious commodity when he admitted, "I have often regretted my speech, never my silence."

Like many, I can relate to the problems I've created by speaking quickly. But, thinking back I cannot recall a single time keeping silent has gotten me into trouble.

James described the tongue as "little member," but went on in the text to speak of its destructive power with words and phrases like fire, restless evil, deadly poison, and world of iniquity. Scripture describes many kinds of tongues: sharp, lying, perverse, backbiting, deceitful, double, slanderous, flattering, gentle and soft. One can bridle his tongue. He can use it to confess sin. It can speak truth with power. With it the Christian can lift his heart in songs of praise to God. But, it remains an unruly member unless it is restrained. Restraint I what the formerly mention men has in mind. Silence is often best.

I heard once that Thomas Edison, while agonizing about how much he might ask for his newly invented telegraph. His wife a ridiculous sum: \$20,000. He hesitantly agreed, but asked, "What price have you decided on?" the words just stuck in the roof of his mouth. He stood speechless. Impatient the Western Union representative blurted out, "How about \$100,000?" Edison might agree — silence pays! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, March 12th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Bill Thompson**
Lord's Table Lead: **Steve Hagewood**

Matthew 7:28-29

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Authority of Jesus

Closing Prayer: **Jim Ehl**

Sunday, March 19th

Tommy Hill
Mel Ambrose
Collis Terry
Phil Shaver

John 16:13

Mike McLemore
Christ's Authority in His Word

Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz

Mike McLemore

Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

Mel Ambrose
Alex Thompson
Dwight Ivey

Wednesday, March 15th

Songs Leader: **Hill Roberts**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Wednesday, March 22nd

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Phil Shaver

Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Maxims for Living
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians
Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's
Table AM & PM
**** Overseer**

**** Ed Dill (3-5), Steve Hagewood (3-12),
Phil Shaver (3-19), Marty Hunt (3-26)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Mike McLemore

