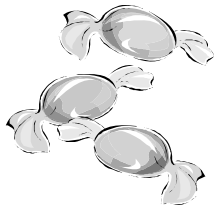


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CREATION CORNER

THE SWEET CHEAT

We learned that Water can make you Smarter! So can the other 'Laws of Health'. Today we shall look at something that can make you stupider. There are some things that people have learned to make out of plants that are not good for us to use.

They learned how to take the leaves of the coca plant and take out the juice and process it until it becomes a white powder; pure cocaine. This drug is very addictive and harmful. People use it because it makes them feel good, but it does great harm.

They learned how to take the seeds and juice of the opium poppy flower and process it until it becomes a white powder; pure opium. This drug is very addictive and harmful when people use it to make themselves feel good.

They also learned to take the juice of the sugar cane or the sugar beet and process it until it becomes a white powder; pure sucrose sugar. This also is addictive and harmful but people use it by the tons because it tastes sweet and makes them feel good.

It has no vitamins or minerals in it and so when we eat it, it steals vitamins and minerals out of our bodies. It has many other bad effects. It harms our bones, our teeth, our blood, our stomachs and especially our nervous systems.

It causes our Pancreas to make too much

insulin so we feel peppy, then about two hours after we eat sugar, we can feel shaky and hungry and want to eat more sweets. It affects our nerves and can make us grouchy.

How does it make us stupid? It causes our blood cells to get sticky and so they can't flow freely through our brains. So it makes us sleepy and stupid. I once watched a video of some small children who had just been given a big dish of cake and icecream. Within a short while they were hyperactive, very silly, and confused.

Then, when the body makes the extra insulin to deal with the sugar, they just get so keyed up they can't control themselves. They race around and yell and can't stay still at all. Their nerves are so irritated by the sugar. Then in about two hours they are crying and grouchy and wanting more sugar. What a sad way to be!

We naturally desire sweets because our diet was to be mostly fruit. The sweet in fruits, natural honey, and some vegetables is good because it has vitamins and minerals in it and does not harm the body, but refined sugar is terribly addictive and has another sad effect; when we eat things with refined sugar in them, we loose the taste to eat natural sweets that are good for us.

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If you want to be smarter and really enjoy natural sweets, then stop using sugar, the 'Sweet Cheat'. Remember, brown sugar is the same thing with a little molasses added back, so don't be fooled. Any kind of sugar, taken out of its natural source and concentrated is harmful. Next week we'll tell you how to make sweet treats that are good for you. = ^ .. ^ =



HISTORY

The Christian Church: part 2

Many things happened in those first centuries of the Christian church that still effect us today. One of those things is something that Constantine did. He ordered fifty Bibles to be written and he asked some of those former Pagan teachers to prepare them. Back then, all books were written by hand on papyrus or velum, specially prepared animal skins. They were in long rolls called scrolls.

These former Pagans were the ones who thought their pagan 'wisdom' should be added to Christianity to make it even better. so as they copied these Bibles, they added some of their false ideas to them. They took out words and sentences and even whole stories from the Bible that they didn't believe in.

Those who did this didn't care about the sacredness of God's Word. They thought their ideas were just as good. They were careless and as the Bibles were copied, they even made many mistakes as well. These corrupted Bibles became known as the Alexandrian manuscripts. These greatly helped in spreading the false ideas that came into the Roman Church.

The people who still loved God and the truth tried to stop the false practices and kept the true worship Jesus and the apostles had taught them. They would not worship idols of Mary and Jesus and pray to the saints. They would not break God's seventh-day Sabbath. They would not use the corrupt Bibles. They were persecuted and finally

had to leave the corrupt church and flee into the wilderness of the Alps in north Italy. (Revelation 12:6 And the woman (church) fled into the wilderness) Other churches far away from Rome in the east and the north still kept true to the faith. They also had true Bibles, carefully copied and this gave them God's true Word.

In the early church there were no Presidents or kings; all the churches were equal and all the people equal. Those, whom the people chose to be leaders, were to serve and help the people, just as Jesus had taught them. After a while this gradually changed. The leaders that came from the big churches in Rome and Alexandria thought they were more important than the others and gradually got more power until it came about that the Bishop of Rome was declared to be the Great Papa or Pope of all the other churches.

Finally in 330 AD Emperor Constantine moved his capitol to Constantinople and this allowed the development of the Papacy. In 533 AD Emperor Justinian gave authority in Rome over to the Bishop of Rome, later to be called the Pope or Papa of the church.

The Bible says it this way: Revelation 13:2 "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

There were three nations that prevented the Papacy from ruling the world, the last of them was destroyed in 538 AD and the terrible Dark-ages, the 1260 years of persecution against God's true people began.

How do Constantine's false Bibles still affect us today? Well, parts of two of them were kept by Rome, one in the Vatican, another in a monastery. Later a Latin Bible was made from these false scrolls and declared by the Catholic Church to be their official Bible, the Latin Vulgate.

In the 1800s Those olds scrolls were 'rediscovered' and now ALL of our modern English Bibles like the NIV, NAS and so on are made from those old corrupted Bibles instead of the true Bibles of the Church in the Wilderness. The old King James Version, that so many people now make fun of, is from the true Bibles. Wherever it is loved and studied, the people grow strong in the faith. That is why false teachers hate it so much. To be continued. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME



THE ANT

A true story by Josh and Karen Zarandona
Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the climbing gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather.

As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, sad, with the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom.

At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it!

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this

thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will."
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ADVENT HISTORY

Part 11: SAFE IN A STORM ON THE OCEAN

Elder and Mrs. White worked hard to give the message to the people. They had to travel many miles. They went from church to church. Many times they traveled by horse and buggy, for there were no automobiles then. Often they took long rides on the train. Sometimes they traveled in a boat on the ocean.

One time when they were on a boat a great storm arose. The wind blew hard and waves dashed high. The terrible storm rolled the boat from side to side. Many of the people were greatly frightened and prayed for God to save them.

The boat rolled from side to side. The waves dashed into the windows of the boat. The people were in great danger.

They said: "The boat is going to sink. We shall never reach the land again." Some began to cry. One lady cried out, "O God, if you will save us from death, I will serve you forever!"

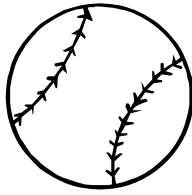
Others fell on their knees and prayed. They prayed that God would save them. As the boat was rocking, a lady turned to Mrs. White and said: "Are you not afraid? Do you not know that we may never reach land?"

"I am not afraid," she answered. "God knows about the storm. He knows what is best. He can bring us safely to land." She tried to comfort the other ladies on the boat.

God did bring the boat safely to land. How thankful the people were. How thankful the captain was. Elder and Mrs. White thanked God.

As they stepped off, Mrs. White heard a woman exclaim mockingly, "Glory to God! I'm glad to step on land again!"

It was the lady who had made the promise. Mrs. White said earnestly to her, "Remember your vows!" But the woman turned away with a sneer. How sad. I am sure Jesus would have really blessed her if she did give her heart to Him and serve Him as she had promised. = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

“A young fellow, whose name was Charlie Mann, smashed a large front window in a drugstore, and ran away at first; but he quickly thought: ‘What am I running for? It was an accident; why not turn and tell the truth?’

“No sooner thought than done. Charlie was a brave boy. He told the whole truth—how the ball with which he was playing slipped out of his hand; how frightened he was, how sorry, too, at the mischief done, and willing to pay if he had the money.

“Charlie did not have the money, but he could work, and to work he went at once, in the very shop where he broke the glass. It took him a long time to pay for the large and expensive pane he had shattered, but when he was done, he had endeared himself so much to the shopkeeper by his fidelity and truthfulness, that he could not hear of his going away, and Charlie became his clerk.

“Ah, what a blessing it was the day when I broke that window,” he used to say.

“Charlie,’ his mother would respond, ‘what a blessed day it was when you were not afraid to tell the truth.’”

“Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.” Proverbs 12:22
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WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 11:

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

“COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM”

MEMORY VERSE: “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” 2 Corinthians 6:17

Read Genesis 12

Sunday

Text: Genesis 12:1 “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred , and from thy father’s house , unto a land that I will shew thee:”

After the tower of Babel was stopped and the people scattered, families settled in various parts of the land. Some of the descendents of Shem settled in a place called Ur of the Chaldees. Now I must tell you who these ‘Chaldees’ were; they were religious priests of the ‘Mystery’ religion started by Nimrod, his wife, and those who rejected God. They were considered magicians or wizards.

Since most of the people refused to follow God, He left them to go their own way and looked for someone who wanted to follow Him.

A young man named Abram was growing up in that country but he was different from most of his family and friends. He started early in his life to try to learn about the real God and did not worship

the idols like everybody else. When God saw that Abram wanted to follow Him he began to help him and guide him. But God knew that if Abram stayed there with his family, the temptation to worship idols would be too great and he could never get to really know God as much as he wanted to.

God told Abram when he was a young man and had married Sarai, to move out away from Ur and go towards the land of Canaan. When Abram first told his family he was going, his father and many relatives came with him. They traveled to Haran, where they stopped for a while as Terah, Abram's father was too old to keep traveling. Soon Terah died, and then Abram and his own family and Lot, his nephew went on towards Canaan and the others stayed at Haran.

Thought - If you really try to get to know and understand God, He will help you also, just like He helped Abram.

Monday

Text: Genesis 12:7 "And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him."

Because of the increasing wickedness of the people, God chose to teach His truths to Abram and promised to bless him and his children and make of them a great nation and that the land of Canaan would someday be theirs. He was told that it would be in his family the Messiah would come.

Where ever Abraham went he built an altar to the God of Heaven and taught his family and servants to worship Him always. He knew that the offered lambs pointed to the Messiah whom God would send.

So Abram lived in tents and wandered about in the land of Canaan, but he did not own that land. He believed God, that one day, his children would have that land, and he also looked to the promise of the New Earth and the City of God.

Thought - It took faith and courage for Abram to leave all his friends and family and go to a strange land and live as a stranger there.

Tuesday

Text: Genesis 12:10 "And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land."

The Bible is true, and when it tells us about people, it tells us the mistakes they made as well as the good things. It shows us how everybody learns lessons in their lives. There came a famine in the land of Canaan and Abram took his family into the land of Egypt for a while, so they could have food for their animals and themselves.

While there he said to Sarai his wife, "You are very beautiful; and I am afraid that one of these Egyptians will want to take you as his wife. So tell people you are my sister so they won't kill me to get you."

This was partly true as Sarai was Abram's half sister, but she was also his wife, so it was a lie. Abram wasn't trusting fully in God, when he did that. He also wasn't being very kind to Sarai.

Sure enough, the people saw Sarai was lovely and the Pharaoh found out and took her to be with his women. But God caused bad things to happen to Pharaoh and his house and then God showed him that Sarai was Abram's wife. He called Abram and said "Why did you tell me she was your sister?" And he told them to take her and go their way.

Thought - All of us have to learn lessons as we follow God and learn more about him.

Wednesday

Text: Genesis 13:9 "Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left."

After Lot's father had died, Abram had taken care of the boy and he had grown up with him. Now he had many animals as well as Abram and there wasn't room enough for them all to live together. Their servants began to fight over the pastures so Abram said that Lot could choose where he wanted to go and Abram would go the other way. Abram was the older and it should have been his choice, but he was unselfish and let Lot choose. Abram had given Lot everything but Lot was not grateful to Abram.

Lot saw the rich plains of Sodom and he chose to go there. Abram kept his promise and went the other way. Now Sodom was a wicked city and it was not a smart thing for Lot to go close to it, but he did, and before long he moved right into that wicked city! Some say that the wife he married was from that city.

Soon after this, God spoke to Abram and promised him that his children would be like the dust, there would be so many, and the land of Canaan was to belong to them.

Thought - It was selfish of Lot to choose the best for himself; being selfish leads to sadness.

Thursday

Text: Genesis 14:12 “And they took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.”

There came the day when some armies attacked Sodom and Gomorrah and killed some of the kings and took all the people away for slaves, Lot and his wife also. Someone escaped and came and told Abram and after praying for guidance and blessing, he took his trained servants and went to rescue Lot. He attacked the army and defeated them and brought back Lot and his family as well as the other people and much goods.

The king of Sodom came out to honor Abram when he returned and said he should have all the riches. Abram would not accept anything for himself even though by rights he could. He said he didn’t want the heathen to say that they had made Abram rich. He wanted only God to be honored.

One thing he did was to give tithes of all to Melchizedek, who was a priest of God, and he blessed Abram; the rest went back to the owners. Abram was glad to get back to his peaceful life.

Thought - Lot should have learned a lesson from that and left Sodom.

Friday

Text: Genesis 15:5 “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”

God spoke again to Abram shortly after this, as he was thinking about that horrible war and wondering how God could give the country to his children when he had none. But God told him to look at the stars and count them if he could. “Your children will be like that”, God told him.

God also showed him that his children would be slaves in a foreign land for 400 years but that they would be brought out and come back to Canaan to live there. Abram believed the promise

but he couldn’t understand how it could happen because Sarai his wife was old now, and so was he. How could they ever have a baby?

Thought - God sometimes asks us to believe Him even though we can’t understand how His promises can happen. = ^ .. ^ =



**Jesus has a garden,
Fill’d with children sweet;
We would be among them,
Bowing at His feet,
Drinking in life’s waters,
Growing by His grace,
Like the flowers looking
Up into His face.**

Love at Home

**There is beauty all around,
When there’s love at home!
There is Joy in every sound,
When there’s love at home!
Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling fair on every side;
Time doth softly, sweetly glide,
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