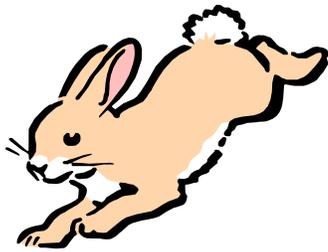


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CREATION CORNER JOY IN NATURE

CAN there be anything joyous about nature in January?

Among the most vivid recollections of my childhood in northern Illinois is the way the rabbits played on the snow on a full-moon lighted night. A little girl who enjoyed lying awake at night to listen to the waves talking on near-by Lake Michigan, or to watch the dance of leaf shadows cast on her wall by the street light, used also to be thrilled at what she saw on certain January nights.

It seems to her that she will never again see such VERY BRIGHT moonlight until that time when "the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun" in the new earth. (Isaiah 30:26.) The sparkling brilliance of a January full moon was enhanced, of course, by the snow it shone upon, and it was accented by the corresponding depth of the black tree silhouettes and shadows. Then it seemed to me at the window that all the rabbits in the world met on the field of black-hedged white that was last summer's garden.

Talk about ice frolics! No man-planned performances can equal for joy and grace the way those rabbits played. Such races! Such leapfrog!

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Such games of tag! Such pure joy put to motion! When gradually she would get cold and have to return to her cozy blankets, it would be with wondering if a scene so different from daytime was real or a dream. However a scrutiny of the snow the next day showed that the rabbits had been there, and they had played. Since then she has read of woods-men's observations of such playfulness written on the snow. It intrigues the imagination-not moon-light and roses, but moonlight and rabbits dancing for joy on the snow! -

Since then she has seen the wild rabbits playing in the daytime. Once, feeling the need of music and solitude to feed the soul, she spent along spring Sabbath afternoon in a little country church house, playing the organ, reading, praying, meditating, and watching. She watched the rabbits playing. In the yard, screened from the little-traveled lane by shrubs, perhaps a dozen Rabbits gathered. They seemed oblivious of the figure at the window or the sound of the organ. The same joyous games the rabbits of her childhood had played on the snow these Tennessee rabbits played on the grass. Their light-hearted delight did as much as her music to

heal her soul.

Those who are at peace and in harmony with their Creator are happy; January or June. Nature, even in this age, demonstrates that. Fun, is a fat puppy. Spontaneous Joy, is in a flock of lambs. Ecstasy? See a colt demonstrate it. A Kipling writes of the elephant dance, and a Rutledge of the antics of deer on a South Carolina beach.

All wild creatures play, except when murderous man injects fear into the atmosphere. All Bible references to nature and wild creatures in the future age, when Jesus has returned and created a new heaven and a new earth, are to their joy and their playing. The trees clap their hands when Jesus comes. (Isaiah 55:12.) The mountains and the hills break forth in song. (Same verse.) The skies rejoice, and there is no longer a minor chord in the ocean's song. (Psalms 96: 11-13; 98:4-9.) The forests sing. (Isaiah 14:5-8.)

The animals all play (Isaiah 11: 6-9), even the reptiles. Who would think that such lowly and hated creatures as snakes would play! But friends have reported watching their cat, in the moonlight out-side their door, playing with a snake. It was no such "playing" as cat with mouse, but a joyous gamboling, harmless and mutually agreeable. If such playfulness is experienced here, how much will it be increased when there is no more death, therefore no more fear! Mary Hunter Moore = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Christian Church: part 5: 400-500 AD

What happened to the people in the church who would not go along with the ones bringing in the wrong ideas and fighting to see who would be the boss of the church? Well, first they tried to tell those others that they were wrong in what they were doing. But they would not listen to them.

The true people would take the Bible and say, "See, this is not right. We should pay attention to the Bible!"

But the ones who liked there own ideas better than the Bible would just say, "WE are the leaders of the church and you are supposed to do what we tell you to do! Anyway, we are the

only ones who really understand the Bible and you should listen to us."

But the true people knew that Jesus had said, "You are all brothers, nobody it to be the boss over you and tell you how to worship Me. You must study the Bible and learn for your self how to obey God." So they would not obey these false leaders.

They also knew that the Sabbath was the seventh day, not Sunday, the first day. So they kept the Sabbath the same as Jesus did. They also would not worship images and pray to dead people. This made these false leaders angry and they began to try and force the true people to obey them.

Sadly, some of the true people decided to obey the leaders- they decided that those leader were so educated, that they must be right. But it is what the Bible says that is true, not man's ideas no matter how smart they think they are!

Persecution broke out in the church and the true believers fled into the mountain areas where they were so far away from the cities and they could worship God in the right way.

One of the things they took with them was the True Bible. Remember I told you that very early these pagan teachers that came into the church and brought their ideas had made a false copy of the Bible? Well the true Christians did not accept these false Bibles - they hung on the real Bible from the Apostles. They took it wherever they went and they studied it and obeyed it. They loved it and cherished it. They memorized it and wrote it carefully out and made copies of it and whenever they could, they taught other people about the truth.

This time when the true church had to hide away we call the time of the 'Church in the Wilderness'. The Bible says it like this:

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

We will learn more about this 'Wilderness Church' because it was God's true people. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

I had another story planned for this week but when I received this recent report from Vanuatu, I just had to share it.

On Friday 1st June, 2001 pastor J.G. received a call, from laymen Jackie and Ohlsen from the northern part of Ambrym, to visit them and help continue with the series of meetings which they are already conducting.

Realizing he has no money to travel to the area, he asked his daughter to accompany him. The place they had to travel takes 4 to 5 hours to go by a 25HP Outboard motor - and they were going to go by a canoe.

From the beach, they could see big swells and it was also very windy. The pastor told his daughter, "We have always heard that Jesus looks after his people from the Bible and he could do the same to His people today. If we are drowned in the ocean today, it will be His problem to save us, because we are on His errand." His daughter agreed.

They hopped into the canoe, and before they could even go one meter the canoe got drowned. They pulled the canoe ashore and the pastor asked his daughter to drained the water off the canoe while he arranged their bags of clothes and books which would now be all soaked up. To his amazement the bags, although very wet outside, were very dried inside. Not a drop of water was inside! Feeling encouraged, he asked his daughter to report on how the swells were developing. She said she could only see 7 huge swells coming in to crash on the beach. After the last of the 7 swells swept in and out of the beach, pastor John George and his daughter offered a short prayer.

His prayer was something like this: "Our father in heaven. You are the father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You commanded the sun to stand still when Joshua was fighting. You commanded the sea and the wind to be still and they obeyed you.

Today we are going on your mission, and we now ask your protection from the wind and from the sea. Please keep them still as we travel through."

They hoped on the canoe and the sea was as calm as the river - there was now no wind. The time was 5:30pm and the sun was hanging just above the horizon. They should be at their des-

tinuation around 12 midnight or 1 in the morning.

The pastor began to paddle his way out toward the first point, out into the open sea. Unprepared for, unexpectedly, unknowingly and without notice the surprised daughter who was sitting at the front of the canoe informed her father, pastor John George, "We have reached our destination." There were no exclamation remarks between the two. They knew God had answered their prayer. It was now exactly 5:35pm and they had reached north Ambrym!!

They pulled the canoe ashore and quickly went and told the story to the few believers. The pastor excitedly said in his lifetime ministry, from the time he was working for the conference until now, he has never been through such experience. He thinks very soon some of us would walk across the ocean from island to islands preaching the gospel. He said he feels if we have enough faith in God, He will open up ways and money won't be heavily relied on. He said we rely too much on money for the completion of work when God wants us to rely on Him.

He said they asked God to calm the sea and the wind, and He added speed! We serve a mighty God don't we!! This makes us feel so small.
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ADVENT HISTORY

We are going to have a series of stories about the Great Advent movement out of which the people known as Seventh-day Adventists came. The time of the end in the Bible started in 1798 and around that time many prophecies from the Bible began to be fulfilled. We will learn about them.

The Great Advent Movement: Part 2:

Revelation 6:12,13 "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

"Did you notice, Revelation 6:12 actually puts it in the order it happened. It says that "there was a great earthquake" and then John writes "the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;"

This is just what happened:

1-Great Earthquake- November 1, 1755

2-Dark Day-19th of May, 1780

3-Falling Stars-13th November, 1833

There was a great earthquake! How great? Greater than San Francisco? Greater than Mexico City? And it did come before the strange Dark Day of May 19, 1780.

25 years BEFORE "the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;" There was the biggest earthquake ever recorded in history!

Says Sir Charles Lyell, "A violent shock threw down the greater part of the city. In the course of about six minutes, 60,000 persons perished. The sea first retired and laid the bar dry; it then rolled in, rising 50 feet or more above its ordinary level... The area over which this convulsion extended is very remarkable." -Principles of Geology (11th ed., 1872), vol. 2, pp. 147, 148.

Encyclopedia Britannica (1945) estimates the deaths at a lower figure, but says the effects of the quake were felt from Scotland to Asia Minor and the distinctive feature of the Lisbon Earthquake was the agitation of inland lakes and streams far beyond the disturbed area -For instance, Italy, Switzerland, Great Britain, Sweden, and Norway felt the effects. (Articles "Lisbon" and "Earthquakes".) from 'People Get Ready'- Nicholas

Revelation 6, says this is under the '6th seal'; under the '5th seal' there is an interesting scene in verses 9-11, where we see the blood of martyrs crying out to God and next we see this terrible earthquake whose center is in Lisbon Portugal, and it hits on a 'Holy Day'!

"The earthquake happened on a holy day, when the churches and convents were full of people, very few of whom escaped."— Encyclopedia Americana, art. "Lisbon," note (ed. 1831). . . It has been estimated that ninety thousand persons lost their lives on that fatal day." Maranatha -PG- 149

"At Lisbon "a sound of thunder was heard underground, and immediately afterward a violent shock threw down the greater part of that city. In the course of about six minutes sixty thousand persons perished. The sea first retired, and laid the bar dry, it then rolled in, rising fifty feet above its ordinary level." "The most extraordinary circumstance which occurred at Lisbon during the catastrophe, was the subsidence of the new quay, built entirely of marble,

at an immense expense. A great concourse of people had collected there for safety, as a spot where they might be beyond the reach of falling ruins; but suddenly the quay sunk down with all the people on it, and not one of the dead bodies ever floated to the surface."

The shock of the earthquake "was instantly followed by the fall of every church and convent, almost all the large and public buildings, and one-fourth of the houses. In about two hours afterward, fires broke out in different quarters, and raged with such violence for the space of nearly three days that the city was completely desolated. The earthquake happened on a holy day, when the churches and convents were full of people, very few of whom escaped."

"The terror of the people was beyond description. Nobody wept; it was beyond tears. They ran hither and thither, delirious with horror and astonishment, beating their faces and breasts, crying, 'Misericordia! The world's at an end!' Mothers forgot their children, and ran loaded with crucifixes. Unfortunately, many ran to the churches for protection; but in vain was the sacrament exposed; in vain did the poor creatures embrace the altars; images, priests, and people were buried in one common ruin." "Ninety thousand persons are supposed to have been lost on that fatal day." The Great Controversy [1888 edition] -PG- 305

You see- it does no good to pray to idols and images.

Now it is an interesting fact, and I really can't believe it is an accident, that it was in Lisbon that there was started the terrible persecution of God's people called the 'inquisition' and from there it went all over the world! Millions of faithful Christians died. The true faith was almost wiped out from the earth. Does God care about His dear children who are persecuted for Him? Yes, He does care! = ^.. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

Magic: Part 2

People today are really getting fooled by the tricks Satan does with our imagination. Even children are being taught to imagine they have a pretend helper that they can talk to in their minds. They are taught to think of something they like, maybe an animal or a movie or cartoon character and pretend it is their special friend. Then they are told that when they have a problem, they are to close their eyes and pretend that they see this imaginary friend and then they are to talk to it and listen to what it will tell them.

All of us at sometime have wished we had some special friend that we could have to take care of us. But the sad thing is that the ways these people are doing this, they are wide open for Satan's tricks. When we believe in something that is not true, that is a lie and then Satan can trick us. When his nasty angels see somebody pretending in this way, they come right along and put their bad ideas right into our minds! We sure don't want that!

The same thing happens with what they call 'meditation'; where the person sits still and tries to make his mind as empty as he can. Then those nasty angels can jump right in with their wicked thoughts and trick these people. This is happening all over now. Both yoga and martial arts teach these kind of things and so are very dangerous for us to learn.

Children I want to tell you- you don't need an imaginary friend, you have a real Friend! Jesus is the friend of every boy or girl and His ear is always ready to hear their call for help. He sends the mighty angels to care for us and especially for children! Each one of you has a bright angel to help you learn about God and truth and to give you strength to do right. He is always there day or night and anytime you feel afraid just talk to Jesus about it. His angels will always help you.

When Satan's nasty angels are getting you to be mean and selfish- then say a little prayer and ask Jesus to send help- He will always do it. You don't have to kneel down and pray for Him to hear you- any time you need His help you can talk to Him even if it is not out loud.

We sure don't need Satan's tricks when we have the real thing! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 2nd Quarter:

“MESSIAH OUR PRINCE”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1: “JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT”

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.

MEMORY VERSE: “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew. 1:23

(Notice this from the Old Testament: “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14)

Sunday

Text: Revelation 12:7 “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.”

You have probably heard many times the stories of Jesus when He came to this earth, but many people are not aware that Jesus is our Creator and has been always, always with God.

Jesus has many other names in the Old Testament. One of them is 'Michael'. This name means 'equal with God'. No other being is equal with God except God, the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They have always been together. They are equal and always agree, but they have chosen to

have slightly different jobs.

God the Son was the one who actually did all the creating, although God the Father and the Holy Spirit were also there agreeing and helping. It makes a lot of difference to our understanding when we know that the very one that made us—is the same one who loved us enough to suffer and die for us!

Jesus, under the name Michael, was the one who cast Satan out of heaven when he rebelled. This was only done when everything had been tried to help Lucifer, but he would not be helped. He decided to fight the first war, and he lost.

Thought - God is not just a power, or a far off ruler - He is really our Heavenly Father who cares about each one of us!

Monday

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:16 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:”

“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”
Jude 1:9

These are the only two places where ‘Archangel’ is mentioned. It means leader or ruler of the angels or the highest angel. Now Jesus is God—and not an angel, but because He likes to be close to the beings He created, He appeared like one of them, like an angel, so they could get to know Him.

When He came here as a man, it was so we could get to know Him, and so to really love Him, as we learned to understand how much He really loves us.

Now some people have got hold of that name ‘archangel’ and made up many silly stories about it. They have said there are seven archangels, and they are the bosses of the angels. They think Michael is the head angel and do not know that He is really Jesus. We know this from the texts above – only God can raise the dead - angels do not have power to raise the dead. Jesus does have that power because He is God.

The other verse shows us that Michael is the archangel, who is Jesus. The verse tells us that when Jesus went down to raise Moses from the dead and take him home to heaven, Satan tried

to stop Him. Jesus had beat Satan in heaven and he beat him there also, and raised Moses and took him home with Him.

Thought - Every time Satan tries to beat Jesus, he looses, and if Jesus is in your heart, Satan can't get you to do bad things!

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 10:21 “But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.”

Daniel 12:1 “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:”

Here are two other texts about Michael in the book of Daniel. Daniel is a book of prophecy and helps us to understand what is happening now—and what is going to happen soon.

Here we see the angel telling Daniel that Michael is ‘your prince’ in other words, He is the one taking special care of us. In the 1st verse in Daniel 12, we see Him standing up for us. Did you ever have a friend that would always ‘stick up for you’? Well, when the wicked people who have rejected Jesus, persecute God’s faithful people in the end times, Jesus will be right there to help them.

Finally just like it happened in heaven with Lucifer, everything will have been done to try and help the people of the world to give their hearts to Jesus, but they will refuse to be helped. They will try to kill all God’s people. Then Michael stands up! Jesus, our Great Prince will stand up and come to rescue His people and take them home to heaven.

Thought - God’s people who give all their heart to Him do not need to be afraid, because Jesus will always be with them. Even in a dungeon you can be happy, when Jesus is close to you.

Wednesday

Text: Revelation 13:8 “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Back in Eden, when Adam and Eve first sinned, they would have died right away. God said they would die; why didn’t they die right then? Because Jesus stepped in and took their

place. Although He did not come to earth as a man until many years later, He had already agreed to pay the terrible price for sin, and so give man a second chance.

With Lucifer, there was no hope that he or his angels would ever change, but with man, God knew that if He gave a most wonderful example of His great love, a few people would believe Him and decide to obey Him. God is so kind that even if only two people believed and were saved; Jesus would have gone through all that just for so few.

Some people think Jesus died to change the Law of God, so people don't have to obey it any more. This is not true at all. Jesus died so we could be forgiven for having broken God's Law and be given power through Him to obey the Law. Those who go to heaven will have chosen to believe God and obey Him forever. Jesus' life and death for us makes this possible. When we ask Him to, Jesus puts His obedient life in us and we live His obedient life, instead of our rebellious life.

Thought - Remember that every person you meet is someone that Jesus died for!

Thursday

Text: Daniel 9:25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

This is one of the two places that the word 'Messiah' is used in the Bible. It means 'anointed one'. Down through the years the promise of the coming Redeemer was cherished. Eve may have thought her first baby was the One, but she had been very disappointed.

Finally when Israel was in captivity in Babylon because of refusing to obey God, the exact time when the Messiah would come was given to Daniel.

This is the biggest proof that Jesus was the Saviour, the Seed of the woman, and sadly most people do not even know about it! Some religions teach that any good person is just the same as Jesus, but this prophecy shows that there was only one Jesus, and He had to be

anointed in that very year; and He was!

In Bible prophecy a day means a year; so a week means seven years.

Once you know when the decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given, 457 BC, then you figure out 69 weeks of years, 7x69, it brings you to 27 AD. What happened that year? Well, that was the very time Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit came on Him as a signal. By this He was anointed as our Saviour, our Messiah.

Thought - Bible prophecy is the proof that God is real.

Friday

Text: Daniel 9:27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease"

The prophecy goes on to tell us that God would still work especially for the Jews for one more week, which is seven years. In the middle of the week He would cause the sacrifice to cease. Now how did He do that? By dying on the cross exactly 3 ½ years after AD 27! The lambs and sacrifices all pointed to Jesus who would die for our sins. So once He had died on the cross there was no more need for sacrifices.

On the day that Jesus died, the Passover lamb was about to be killed when a mighty angel ripped the curtain in the temple from the top to the bottom, the priest dropped the knife and the lamb ran away. That was the signal that the sacrifice had been made and no more lambs were to be offered. The Jews kept on offering them until the temple was destroyed, but they didn't mean anything any more. God had provided Himself a Lamb, just like Abraham had said.

There were still 3 ½ years left after Jesus died, during which God still had the Gospel preached especially to the Jews. But at the end of the week of years in AD 34, they killed Stephen, and after that the Gospel went to the entire world.

After waiting all those years for their Messiah to come and even when they had the very time He would come shown to them, they didn't know Him when He did come.

Thought - The Bible prophecies show the truth. We must be sure to study our Bible so we will not be fooled. = ^ .. ^ =