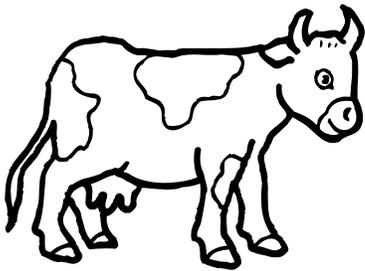


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CREATION CORNER

Cannibals and Cows

Dr. Carleton Gajdusek landed in Papua New Guinea in the 1950s. A strange disease was killing the Fore people, a tribe that lived in the country's Eastern Highlands—especially the women and children.

The Fore called it “kuru,” People that got it would shake, and stagger around and finally would have a kind of laughing fits, until they went unconscious and died. It took about 18 months.

The people said it was a curse, but the doctor suspected it was an epidemic disease, somehow related to the tribe's eating habits. Fore men ate small animals they hunted, with their bean-and-sweet-potato diets, but women and children lacked protein. So the women had the cannibal habit of eating the dead. Instead of burying dead loved ones, they ate them. This Doctor was soon able to show that the deadly disease was caused and passed on by people eating other people.

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Quite a few years ago now, people who raised cows began to buy food for them that contained the ground-up bodies of other animals that had died, including other cows. As a result we now have a terrible disease called “Mad-Cow” and it came from animals that never should eat meat, being fed other animals, making them into cannibals.

People are now getting this disease from eating cows and other animals. It is very serious and the people who get it always die. This animal feed that contains the ground-up bodies of other animals is also fed to chickens, and other birds and animals man uses for food! The thing that causes the disease is called a ‘prion’, and cooking, or any other method can't stop it. Even in the ashes of burned up animals the ‘prions’ may still be dangerous.

Knowing about some of these things that are now happening in our sick old world can show us how wise God was, when He told us, though Ellen White, over 100 years ago that it wasn't safe for us to eat meat and animal products, any more. If we are wise, we will listen and obey! = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Little Girl Who Loved the Bible

In 1792 in a mountainous but beautiful part of the country of Wales in Briton, lived a little 8-year-old girl named Mary Jones. She was the only child of poor peasants who made a meagre living off the land and by weaving cloth on the handloom in their home.

They were members of the Methodist church and every week when the church held 'class meetings' Mary loved to go with her mother to attend them. Now Mary, as a child would not have been allowed to go to the meetings as they were only for the adults. But her mother found a wise way to get around this.

Because she had a long way to walk and Mr. Jones was often too ill with his asthma problem to go with her, she arranged to borrow a lantern from a kindly neighbour to light their path, as it was a rugged one. Mary was allowed to come and carry the lantern for her mother.

Mrs. Jones taught her eager daughter all the Bible texts that she had been able to learn. They had never owned a Bible as only the rich could afford such a thing, and these texts were passed down from parents to children like precious heirlooms. Mary was so eager to learn more from God's holy Word, she listened attentively and soaked up everything she could from the class meetings.

The one thing Mary wanted to have in life was to be able to read the Bible for herself. To do this she would somehow have to learn to read and secondly find a way to save up enough money, to be able to buy the treasured Bible. It would cost a lot of money and her parents barely made a living at their weaving work.

As her parents worked at the loom long hours, it fell upon little Mary to care for the hens and bees as well as to care for household duties.

One day a neighbour came to buy some eggs and as she was leaving she told Mary that if she could learn to read, she could come to her farm and read her Bible. What a glow of joy this brought to Mary's face, "But," said she, "Somehow I have to learn to read." It seemed almost impossible. Earnestly she prayed that God would not leave her to grow up in darkness.

One day, when she was ten, her father returned from the village to tell her that there was

to be a school opened "and if you think you can make the two miles there and then back each day, you shall go." Mary was eager and excited, but then she thought of the workload of her mother. "I shall get up an hour early each day", she promised, "and do all I can before I leave."

Mary learned to read and then at times she made the long walk to the farm where the lady had promised her the privilege of actually reading a Bible- all herself! This was wonderful, but Mary still had another part to her dream, and for six long years any spare coin that she could earn went into a little saving box until one day! She told her mother that she now had enough to buy her very own BIBLE!

But alas! There were no Welsh Bibles to be found at any price. Finally it was told to her that the same man, that had arranged for the school to be opened for the poor in the village, was the only one who might be able to sell her a Bible. His name was Thomas Charles of Bala. There was a chance he might still have one Bible left in the last shipment he had received from London, but it was 25 miles to walk to find out!

Mary borrowed a leather bag from a neighbour to carry home the precious treasure and started early in the morning on her journey. Her only pair of shoes, two precious to be worn out on such a trip, she put into the bag intending to put them on when she reached the town where the man lived.

At noon she ate her bit of lunch, packed by her mother and bravely went on. Her feet were blistered and cut by rocks, her head ached and her body was so tired. But she kept on. Twice kind people gave her a drink or bit of food. She reached the town and followed the directions given her to find the man's house, only to learn that Mr Charles had retired for the night.

The minister, David Edwards, told her she could spend the night and first thing as soon as they saw light in Thomas Charles study, they would see him about her errand.

When she finally got to see the great man, she felt shy and frightened. But she mustered her courage and told him about her long years of saving for a Bible and her long journey to him, to purchase her hearts one desire. But, as she looked up at him, she saw his face solemn and dark. I have only a few copies left and all have been promised to people.

Mary couldn't help it! She drooped lower and lower and the tears rolled down her cheeks as she put her hands, roughened by hard work over her sad face. The man was overcome; "I see, child, that you MUST have a Bible. As hard as it is to give you one, it is impossible to refuse you!" And opening a cupboard, he drew out a Bible and placed it in her hands.

On her journey home the day was cloudy and the wind blew, but in the bag now clasped close to her heart was the thing that made her feet fly over the rough path all the twenty five miles back. And Mary used that Bible, chapter after chapter she memorized and treasured up in her heart.

The story of the girl that saved for six years and walked fifty miles to own a Bible was told and retold by Thomas Charles of Bala and soon people who loved God's Word formed the British and 'Foreign Bible Society', to make it possible that anybody who wanted a Bible should have one in their own language. Millions of people have been blessed because of the Love of one little girl for the Word of God! = ^ . ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

THE DYNAMITE KILLER

Harry Orchard carried the name "Dynamite-killer" for a good reason.

He had killed 21 men, 14 in one dynamite killing when he blew up a train, loaded with miners, just getting off the night shift. He was a "hired gun" - a "hit man" - a man with a gun, willing to kill anyone, any place, at any time, just so long as he was paid for the job. Corrupt labor leaders, who were determined to kill anyone, who blocked them from having their own way, hired him.

The biggest "hit" was former governor Frank Steunenberg, who had stood in their way when he was governor of the State of Idaho.

Orchard, playing cards in the Saratoga Hotel one night in December, saw his chance as Steunenberg, visiting with some friends in the lobby, was preparing to leave for home. Orchard hurried upstairs to his room, picked up the dynamite bomb, wrapped it in a newspaper, tucked it under his arm, and dashed outdoors.

At the Steunenberg home he wired the bomb to the gate and sneaked away in the gathering dark. Moments later there was a terrific explo-

sion. Frank Steunenberg's blood poured out on the snow as his wife and children, stunned, rushed out to find their husband and father dying.

Minutes later the fatal surprise rocked Caldwell, Idaho: Frank Steunenberg, known to all and loved by most, was assassinated! Orchard was caught, admitted the crime, tried, convicted and sentenced to die for his heinous deed.

Mrs. Steunenberg had every reason to hate this man that had destroyed her husband so cruelly. But she was a Christian.

She sent him a message expressing forgiveness and with it a little book titled, "Steps to Christ." The guard told Harry, "Here is a package from the wife of the man you murdered." Frightened, thinking it might be a bomb to get revenge; he didn't want to open it.

When he finally did and saw the title, "Steps to Christ," he threw it down with a curse. He hadn't heard or used that name except in swearing for years.

But the thought of Mrs. Steunenberg's forgiveness was at last too much for even this hardened murderer. He picked up the book and began to read. It was a message of God's love and forgiveness. This hardened man's heart was strangely warmed.

Soon he began to read the Bible that a man had sent him. As Orchard read the Bible and thought about the spirit of forgiveness that the widow of the victim had shown, his heart was softened. Harry discovered in a book that he had ridiculed for years, the Bible; that there was good news.

He found as he read the Bible that there was hope and forgiveness for him, and for every other sinner on earth! Romans 6: 23 caught his attention: "...For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus the Lord."

He knew that he deserved death.

Now he learned that God wanted to give him eternal life, in spite of the sins that he had done.

Harry, on death row, made an amazing discovery: every person in the world is on death row! The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

"...There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ...There is none who does

good, no, not one.” Romans 3: 10-12.

That was bad news, but it gets worse: “For the wages of sin is death.” Romans 6: 23. Harry knew well enough why he had to die for his crime. It made perfect sense, but it was so frightening to face eternity with this judgment of condemnation hanging over him because of his sins. It was enough to make a person despair!

And then he read the rest of the passage: “But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Could it be true? A glimmer of hope began to break through.

The further he searched in the Bible the better it got: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2: 8, 9. The bad news was turning into good news!

Don’t think that when a person begins to turn to Christ that it gets easy! Harry Orchard was tortured with the thought that he had gone too far to be forgiven.

“Surely,” he thought, “I am beyond God’s forgiveness.” Fearing that there was no hope for him, he was almost ready to give up any thought of forgiveness.

Yet something kept him hanging on, reading about God’s great love for His wayward children. What joy was his to learn that Jesus had taken the penalty for sin for him and for everyone who had ever lived or ever would live.

Can you imagine what Harry thought when Mrs. Steunenburg herself visited him in the prison. She personally told him that she forgave him and asked him to give his heart to Christ. Incredible, forgiving love from a heart, broken family to a cold-blooded murderer of a husband and father!

He came to the conclusion that all he could do was cast himself at the feet of Jesus and ask for forgiveness and eternal life. By faith he accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Orchard’s conversion was genuine and deep. He was baptized into Jesus Christ and joined Mrs. Steunenbergs church family. Because he turned State’s Witness his sentence was changed from death to life in prison.

He became a positive witness for his faith leading several to accept Jesus as their Savior, too. Many a man waiting on death’s row refused the visit of a chaplain but asked for Harry Orchard to come pray for him.

After more than fifty years in prison he said, “Iron bars and prison walls have kept my body captive, but my soul has long been free!”
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ADVENT HISTORY

ELLEN WHITE’S VISIONS & DREAMS: 7

Weighing Our Hearts

“I have seen an angel standing with scales in his hands weighing the thoughts and interest of the people of God, especially the young. In one scale were the thoughts and interest tending heavenward; in the other were the thoughts and interest tending to earth. And in this scale were thrown all the reading of storybooks, thoughts of dress and show, vanity, pride, et cetera. (TV, Movies, Games and Sports as well)

Oh, what a solemn moment! The angels of God standing with scales, weighing the thoughts of His professed children—those who claim to be dead to the world and alive to God. The scale filled with thoughts of earth, vanity, and pride quickly went down...

The one with the thoughts and interest tending to heaven went quickly up as the other went down, and oh, how light it was! I can relate this as I saw it; but never can I give the solemn and vivid impression stamped upon my mind, as I saw the angel with the scales weighing the thoughts and interest of the people of God.

Said the angel: “Can such enter heaven? No, no, never. Tell them the hope they now possess is vain, and unless they speedily repent, and obtain salvation, they must perish.” . . . those who give up the mind to be diverted with foolish stories and idle tales, have the imagination fed, but the brilliancy of God’s word is eclipsed (dark) to them. The mind is led directly from God. The interest in His precious word is destroyed.” 1-T. -124 = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

Little Flower

He stood only five-feet-four inches tall, and always wore a carnation in his lapel. He was the Mayor of New York City during the Great Depression and during the worst days of World War II. The people of New York city adored him and affectionately called him "The Little flower."

The Little flower's real name was Fiorello LaGuardia. The people in New York City loved him because of his compassion, and caring for people.

He often rode with the firemen as they raced to fires, went with the police as they raided the nightclubs where booze and drugs were sold. He loved kids and even took whole orphanages to the ball games.

One night he showed up at a night court in one of the poorest wards of New York. LaGuardia dismissed the judge for that night and took over.

Within minutes a tattered old lady was brought before him to answer charges that she had stolen a loaf of bread.

She told LaGuardia that she stole the bread because her daughter, whose husband had deserted her with two children, was sick and the children had no food. She herself had no money.

In her desperation she had taken the bread to feed the starving children.

Mayor LaGuardia sighed and said, "I have to punish you. The law makes no exception. The fine is ten dollars or ten days in jail."

But as he spoke he reached into his pocket, pulled out ten dollars, "Here is the ten dollars for the fine," he said, "and furthermore, I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grand-children can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The following day the newspaper reported that a total of \$47.50 was turned over to the grandmother to help her with her problem. Fifty

cents of that amount was given by the redfaced bakery owner who had brought the charge against her in the first place! The mayor was given a standing ovation.

How wonderful that this little old grandmother had such a kind, gracious, and wise judge. Isn't that the kind of judge you would like to have, as you stand before God in the final judgment? The Bible tells you how you can. And that is good news! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 3rd Quarter:

"DANIEL, THE PROPHET"

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3: "THE FIERY FURNACE"

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: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

Isaiah 43:2

Read the story in Daniel 3.

Sunday

Text: Daniel 3:1 "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the

province of Babylon.”

Even though Daniel being able to tell the King what he wanted to know had spared their lives, the wise men of Babylon hated Daniel and his friends. They were idol worshippers, and as such, they really worshipped Satan, and he guided them to try and get rid of the true worshippers of God. He has always done this and always will, until he is finally destroyed.

We are told that for a while the King turned to the worship of the true God, but it didn't last long; soon he was back worshipping idols and more into his heathen worship than ever before. Now the heathen priests could influence him, and they suggested that he make an image, like the one in his dream, but ALL of gold, to show that his kingdom would last forever!

This was really telling God He was a liar, but Nebuchadnezzar liked the idea and so he made a huge, tall, golden image on the plains of Dura. It must have been an awesome sight!

Now, it took a lot of work for this image to be made, and so for a long time furnaces blazed and men laboured on the building of the huge image. This gave warning to the people of God that they were soon going to have a terrible trial come upon them. The wise ones prayed and asked God for courage and strength to always obey Him. The foolish just pretended it wasn't happening.

Thought - We know that trials are ahead of us today, and so we need to seek to know God's will and ask for boldness always to obey Him.

Monday

Text: Daniel 3:2 “Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.”

Now in this story for some reason Daniel was not there when the King had all the rulers gather to worship his image. Maybe the King arranged for him to be elsewhere, we are not told. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, Daniel's three friends were there though and they stood on the plain of Dura with all the other people who had come from all over the world to dedi-

cate the king's great image.

This statue was about ninety feet in height and nine in breadth, and really looked awesome to those people who worshipped idols! And the King had arranged for all kinds of music to be played at the event to have an effect on the people to make them feel even more like worshipping this great idol. Satan also uses music today to get our minds thinking in wrong ways. We must be careful what kind of music we listen to!

Shadrach; Meshach; and Abednego, (their Babylon names) obeyed the King as much as they could without disobeying God. They were there with the rest of the people from all over the world. Now with all these rulers from other countries gazing at the amazing image, the scene was set and the universe watched to see if the people of God would honour God or man.

Thought - If these three young people had not stood for God in the matter of their diet, they would not have been able to stand for Him now!

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 3:6 “And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

We can imagine that there were some huge furnaces right handy there, where the metal to make the great idol had been melted, and the King had arranged to have one of them burning red hot, just to impress people that he meant what he said.

The moment of crisis came! The music sounded and everybody fell down and worshipped that great image. Yes, everybody— except three young men, Hebrew slaves; there they stood as tall as ever! They didn't even pretend to bend over and tie their sandals! No! They had decided no matter what happened; they would honour their God.

Now just think about that scene; the huge image towering above the plain; the music playing; hundreds and thousands of great men all worshipping with their faces to the ground. All except two groups; the three Hebrews and the wicked Priests who had plotted to get them killed. They were worshipping, yes; but also watching the young men so they could tell on them. After all, with so many people there, the king might not notice. As soon as they could they ran up to

the king to snitch on the young Hebrews.

Thought - Are we ready to stand tall for God and honour Him in all we do?

Wednesday

Text: Daniel 3:12 “There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

The King angrily ordered that such bold breakers of his law be brought before him so he could look at them. When he saw that it was the young Hebrews that had helped him before, he decided to give them a second chance.

“Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Daniel 3:14,15

But the three young men didn't need a second chance, courteously but plainly they told the King that they would not worship his image, no matter what he did. “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.” They said, “But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

Now the king was so angry his face was red and all twisted out of shape! He ordered the furnace be made as hot as it possibly could be, and then he ordered these young men tied up, and his strongest soldiers to throw them into the raging fire.

Thought - All those great men from all over the world were watching to see what was going to happen!

Thursday

Text: Daniel 3:24,25 “Then

Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

The fire was so hot, that the men who were ordered to throw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego into the fire, were killed by the heat! Nebuchadnezzar watched to see those who had dared to disobey him go up in smoke. But suddenly his mouth dropped open in amazement as he saw people walking around in the raging flames. And not just three, but FOUR people loose and walking around unhurt.

He knew about the Creator God, as Daniel had taught him at the time when he had interpreted the King's dream. He knew also, because of seeing the difference in the lives of the true followers of God, compared to the Idol worshippers. And he recognized that this fourth Person— was none other than the Son of God!

Now all his plans to exalt himself, and have people worship the way he told them to, had come to nothing. He was standing in awe at the display of the power from the great God of Heaven! Going as close to the fire as he dares, he calls to them, “Come out, O, ye servants of the most high God”, and they come out of the fire and stand before the King.

They are examined and there is not even the smell of fire on their clothes! Only the cords that they had been tied up with, were burned off.

Thought - God honours those who honour Him! If obeying Him gets us in trouble, we can know He will be with us, even if we don't always see Him.

Friday

Text: Daniel 3:28,29 “Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own

God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

Remember that all the great men from all over the world-wide Empire of Babylon were there on the plain, and they were very impressed with what had happened. God had changed what Satan and his wicked followers had meant to be a blow against the True people of God, into a victory for Truth! As they all later returned to their various countries, they carried the decree and the story they had seen with their own eyes, all over the world.

Even as far away as in China, people worshipped the true God and kept the seventh-day Sabbath in honour of Him.

Nebuchadnezzar had been taught a great lesson, but he still had lots to learn about God's ways. We see here that he was still ready to use

force to make people worship God. It is not the way of God that anybody be made to worship Him. Whenever we see force being used to make people worship or go to church, we know that Satan is having his way there, not Jesus.

Thought - "Important are the lessons to be learned from the experience of the Hebrew youth on the plain of Dura. In this our day, many of God's servants, though innocent of wrongdoing, will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and at last a universal decree will denounce these as deserving of death. The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship." Prophets & Kings, pages 512. = ^..^ =

