

Greetings friends!

Chodesh 10 is here! Seems to me that someone turned up the speed on the time machine and we're floating into another winter already!?! I wonder if all the universe has speeded up, or, maybe it's just our perceptions?

An interesting article in the magazine *Scientific American* [Sept. 2002 issue] titled "Real Time" by Gary Stix makes some harsh observations. The article brings to attention the advent of things like Federal Express, cell phones and computers [with which we may now multitask with many simultaneously] and how this has effected mankind as a whole. "*Time has, in essence, triumphed over space*", he states. The article is pre-concluded in the comment regarding the introduction of Federal Express and has only gotten faster since.



It states: *At first, FedEx gave its customers an edge. But soon the whole world expected goods to arrive next morning. "When everyone adopted overnight mail, equality was restored," Gleich writes, "and only the universally faster pace remained."*

So are we reeling into another winter season, as it seems, at a faster pace than before? Perhaps you recall the words of a kinder time that harbored thoughts to "keep things simple". Here are some quotes from some famous and some infamous personalities regarding "time":

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time."

- Vince Lombardi

Phil Rizzuto - "Hey Yogi I think we're lost." - Yogi Berra - "Ya, but we're making great time!"

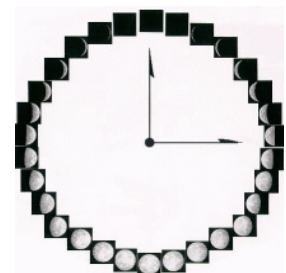
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Time wounds all heels. - Groucho Marx (1895-1977)

"I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it."

- Groucho Marx (1895-1977)

Well, enough said about time. We can rest easy knowing that the Biblical calendar times are still as sure as the signs in the heavens that God originally placed there for us to use, and at the same regular pace and relevance to our seasons as they were from the beginning - it is the Earth that now wobbles after all, not the universe - heh-heh!



Onward to **the data**.

The data:

On **December 5, 2002** at about 6:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see chodesh 10 [new moon 10]

with a 1% illumination. Around the globe that same day the new moon should appear at about 6:30 PM - Western USA time. The new moon will have about a 2% illumination by the time it becomes visible to the Western States. It will be visible just after sunset at most location throughout the USA the evening of **December 5**.

Note the date shown above in the right box of the banner. I've displayed the daytime date as opposed to the preceding days date for the new moon sighting. The first DAY is best represented by naming the daytime date which started [by biblical definition] at sunset the evening before. I'm just trying to be numerically correct as opposed to say, stating the year of "0". There really wasn't any year "0"; the year was either -1 or +1 at all times.

This chodesh 10 begins Biblical calendar month "ten". Why is it month 10 and not 9? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/sacal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](#) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](#) software for Windows operating systems. These are free software packages and are available free for download at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: [Calendar Info](http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html)<http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month **December -- the tenth month**

Middle English *decembre*

Old French *decembre*

Latin *december* "tenth month"

Latin *decem* "ten" + *-ber* (adj. suffix)

December had 30 days, until Numa when it had 29 days, until Julius when it became 31 days long.

When you look at September, October, November and December, it seems as if the Romans couldn't count! But their year used to start in March. When Julius Caesar reorganised the calendar and made it start in January, he kept the old names, apart from one month, which he called after himself. The Romans had special names for the first day in the month (the Kalends), the seventh day (the Nones) and the fifteenth (the Ides). The Kalends belonged to [Juno](#). The Ides belonged to [Jupiter](#).

A brief history of the Roman calendar months:

The original Roman year had 10 named months *Martius* "March", *Aprilis* "April", *Maius* "May", *Junius* "June", *Quintilis* "July", *Sextilis* "August", *September* "September", *October* "October", *November* "November", *December* "December", and probably two unnamed months in the dead of winter when not much happened in agriculture. The year began with *Martius* "March". Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome circa 700 BC, added the two months *Januarius* "January" and *Februarius* "February". He also moved the beginning of the year from



Marius to *Januarius* and changed the number of days in several months to be odd, a lucky number. After *Februarius* there was occasionally an additional month of *Intercalaris* "intercalendar". This is the origin of the leap-year day being in February. In 46 BC, Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar (hence the Julian calendar) changing the number of days in many months and removing *Intercalaris*.



The Jewish calendar month

Strong's Hebrew 2320 - chodesh kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain. The *biblical calendar* month is similar to the Jewish calendar moon [month] 10:

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	

The civil month 10 was also named in the scriptures as .

10	Tebeth	Esther 2:16	Winter/tenth
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Est 2:16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the [Holy Days](#).

For further reading see ["The Sacred Calendar Book"](#).

From Easton's Illustrated Bible Dictionary:

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Biblical events referencing the phrase "tenth month":

([Gen 8:5](#)) And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

([2Ki 25:1](#)) And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and

pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

(1Ch 27:13) The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

(Ezr 10:16) And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

(Est 2:16) So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

(Jer 39:1) In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

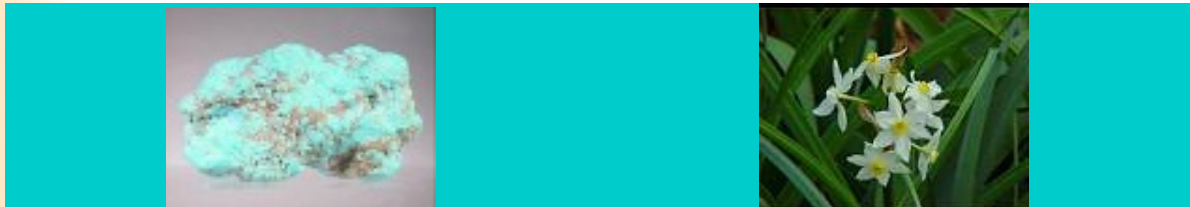
(Jer 52:4) And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

(Eze 24:1) Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

The birthstone for the month of **December** is the **turquoise**, the color is blue-medium, the flower is the **Narcissus** - meaning extreme confidence.

*The sun that brief December day
Rose cheerless over hills of gray,
And, darkly circled, gave a noon
A sadder light than waning moon.*

John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892

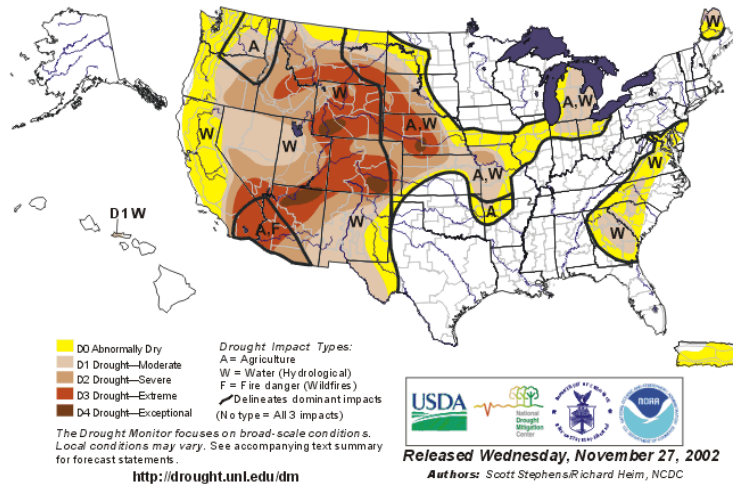


Drought Info:

Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

U.S. Drought Monitor

November 26, 2002
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Holidays **December 6**

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Bahrain : Ruler's Ascension Day

Ecuador : Day of Quito (1534)

Finland : Independence Day (1917)

Religious Observances **December 6**

Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran : Memorial of Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra patron of children

This Day in Christian History - **December 6**

1538 German Reformer Martin Luther stated: 'With all our thoughts we can't get beyond the visible and physical. No man's heart comprehends eternity.'

1769 During the illness of a close friend, English poet William Cowper, 38, penned the lines to the hymn, "Oh, For a Closer Walk with God."

1787 Cokesbury College, the first Methodist college in America, opened its doors in Abingdon, MD. The campus consisted of a three_story building 108 feet long and 40 feet wide.

1930 Missionary linguist Frank Laubach wrote in a letter: 'Sometimes one feels that there is a discord between the cross and beauty. But...a man has not found his highest beauty until his brow is tinged with care for some cause he loves more than himself. The beauty of sacrifice is the final word in beauty.'

1955 English apologist C.S. Lewis wrote in a letter: 'It is a dreadful truth that the state of having to depend solely on God is what we all dread most... It is good of Him to force us; but dear me, how hard to feel that it is good at the time.'

Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

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From the **Old Farmers Almanac**

Question: With the holidays here and pounds gained, how many calories do you have to burn to lose a pound of fat?

Answer: It takes about 3,500 calories to gain or lose a pound of fat. To give you an idea of how much energy it takes to "burn" a calorie, here are a few activities with the number of calories they burn per minute, per pound of body weight: fast ax chopping (or cross-country skiing uphill), 0.135; forking straw bales (or playing basketball), 0.063; window cleaning (or playing croquet), 0.026. So a 150-pound person forking straw bales burns 9.45 calories per minute, which means he or she must fork bales for six hours to lose one pound. (Though not listed, the one exercise guaranteed to burn calories is pushing one's chair away from the table!)



That Explains It!

How much sleep do we need?



The amount of sleep an individual requires varies from person to person, but most adults average eight hours of sleep.

Sleep plays a vital role in our daily regimen, as during this dormant period, it recharges and rejuvenates weary body organs and tissues, and restores the body to an alert state. A person's lifestyle is another variable in the amount of time he needs to achieve this healthy balance, and to feel well rested upon awakening.

The quality of a person's sleep also factors into the sleep equation. When we drift off to sleep, we either fall into a deep, restful sleep, or into a shallow, light sleep. One who normally requires eight hours of sleep, but sleeps shallowly, will most likely awaken feeling tired. In contrast, if the same individual sleeps fewer hours, but lapses into a state of deep sleep, he may well awaken refreshed and invigorated.

A lucky few can bypass shallow sleep altogether, and fall directly into deep sleep on an as needed basis. Alexander the Great's military prowess may have been due, in part, to his ability to take a "cat nap."

Yet one more variable factors into the amount of sleep we require: that of the brain and of the body sleeping simultaneously. Under normal circumstances, the brain's sleep center blocks off the nerves to the brain and to the body to make sleep possible. The brain has no interest in doing anything, and

could not even if it did, because the sleep center has shut down the internal organs, the arms, and the legs. Sometimes, however, the sleep center is unsuccessful in shutting down both the brain and the body at the same time. For example, in times of war, it is not unusual for soldiers suffering from sleep deprivation and from combat fatigue to continue to march, despite the fact that their brains have halted. Thankfully, such a situation is an anomaly, and does not occur with great frequency.

Fast Facts - and other useless information to confound your friends and relatives. Caution: these are conversation stoppers, so use with discretion!

In Chinese, the words 'crisis' and 'opportunity' are the same.

The infinity character on the keyboard is called a 'lemniscate.'

The pound sign is called a 'octothorp.'

Before jets, jet lag was called boat lag.

The words racecar and kayak are spelled same both ways.

The word 'monosyllable' actually has five syllables in it.

The saying 'once in a blue moon ' refers to the occurrence of two full moons during one calendar month. The last two occurred in January & March 1999. The next one isn't until the end of 2001.

The letter "I" is used exactly 109 times in Act IV of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.

'Naked' means to be unprotected. 'Nude' means unclothed.

Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower', because in the times when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the 'upper case' letters were stored in the case on top, and the smaller, 'lower case' letters on bottom.

Seoul, the South Korean capital, just means "the capital" in the Korean language.

The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.

The "You Are Here" arrow on maps is called an ideo locator.

The word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

In English, "four" is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.

Q is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any of the U.S. states..

The word "trivia" comes from the Latin "trivium" which is the place where three roads meet, a public square. People would gather and talk about all sorts of matters, most of which were trivial.

Typewriter, is the longest word that can be made using the letters in only one row of the keyboard.

"Speak of the Devil" is short for "Speak of the Devil and he shall come". It was believed that if you spoke about the Devil it would attract his attention. That's why when you're talking about someone and they show up people say "Speak of the Devil."

The word "checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means, "The King Is Dead."

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." uses every letter in the English language.

The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village."

Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

Further reading of "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)" can also be seen at:
<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

What are the harvest times in Israel?

[From SBS "[Calendar Book](#)" question 4.]

Answer

The agricultural year in Israel begins in the autumn (after the harvest festival of Tabernacles) with ploughing and sowing. Harvests in Israel begin in spring in the month of Adar (February/March). The following harvest times in ancient Israel are obtained from the Readers Digest book entitled **Jesus and His Times**, pages 100-101.

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/Jun)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs
Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer	Vintage (grape harvest) begins

heat

Elul (Aug/Sep)

Date harvest / summer figs

From the above, one can see that the harvest season in ancient Israel began in Adar (Feb/March) and continued by stages into autumn. The barley harvest began in March-April: the first sheaf being cut and waived in the middle of Abib, which could be any time between 21st March and the middle of April. It is the same in modern Israel. Concerning the wheat and grape harvests, the **Westminster Dictionary of the Bible** says this:

"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time." (page 635)

"The vintage began in the middle of September and continued into October. It was a season of festivity. In the vineyards there were singing and joyful noise, and the treaders in the press kept time by shouting as they trod the grapes." (page 629)

These details concerning harvest times in Israel are vital when determining the start of a year in the sacred calendar and the sacred Festivals in it.

Scriptural Reading

Study Notes [a mini study]

From the **JFB Commentary**:

Joh 10:22-23 - DISCOURSE AT THE FEAST OF DEDICATION--FROM THE FURY OF HIS ENEMIES JESUS ESCAPES BEYOND JORDAN, WHERE MANY BELIEVE ON HIM. (**John 10:22-42**)

it was . . . the feast of the dedication--celebrated rather more than two months after the feast of tabernacles, during which intermediate period our Lord seems to have remained in the neighborhood of Jerusalem. It was instituted by Jude Maccabeus, to commemorate the purification of the temple from the profanations to which it had been subjected by Antiochus Epiphanes 165 B.C., and kept for eight days, from the twenty-fifth Chisleu (December), the day on which Judas began the first joyous celebration of it (I Maccabees 4:52, 56, 59; and JOSEPHUS, Antiquities, 7.7.7).

it was winter--implying some inclemency. Therefore,

It is noted that Christ did stay near Jerusalem and appeared at the Feast of Dedications only to be confronted by the "Jews" of that Temple to which He stated to them **[KJV]**,

John 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

To this He was confronted by those Jews,

Joh 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus was there but did not remain by reason of persecution by the Jews. No doubt, Himself being of the blood of the tribe of Judah - descendant of David, He was taught about the custom of this commemoration. It is my opinion that He was there to acknowledge the commemoration of the *feast of dedication* as He was taught by His mother and father, as was the custom of the people of Judah to teach their children of these matters.

However, it is also plain that the commemoration itself was not either an holy day or a sabbath. The *feast of dedications* seems to be most similar to the custom of Thanksgiving Day created in 1621 by the Pilgrims of the then future Republic of the United States. There are other national feast days of types in other nations upon the Earth also, during which they too give thanks to their gods for blessings and other things. I do not say this to make similar the feast of dedications to the latter, but to demonstrate that people too can create a commemoration among themselves - as in the Annual Fire Fighters Memorial meeting in Colorado Springs, CO which commemorates the fallen among them and honors those who perished while in their duty of service.

So, while it is well documented that Christ was at the Temple during the time of the *feast of dedications*, it would still seem only a conjecture on my part or anyone else's to state that this was the **only** purpose that He attended the Temple during that time. The scripture does not directly indicate that Christ did in fact observe the *feast of dedication* for the full eight days as did the Maccabees in their re-dedication. No, He went off to beyond the Jordan River and abode for a time ... including during the time of the event itself [**John 10:40**].

But what do the scriptures really say regarding this or any of the commemorations, memorials and Holy Days mentioned in the Bible? Which days are Christians to keep and observe? Let's read on for a moment longer.

From Stewarton Bible School, [The Feast Days of the God of Israel](http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/festbook/intro.html)

Booklet Index, Part 1

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Introduction

By far the best way to determine the real interests of a person is to note the festivals that he/she attends. Festivals are generally happy events, when people with similar interests assemble to celebrate something.

At a festival all the age-old barriers of race, colour and class are usually swept aside as people give themselves over to the "spirit of the occasion". And so we have music festivals, sports festivals, film festivals, wine festivals, carnivals, fetes, fairs, religious festivals and Feasts of various kinds. Indeed there is a festival to suit almost every taste and they are all normally well attended.

Festivals are often held to commemorate some important event, and in this connection they may be referred to as memorial festivals. Many religious festivals fall into this category; they are 'memorial festivals' held to commemorate the actions of the various Gods people worship.

This study is of the Feast Days of Yahweh the Holy One of Israel, the Creator of the mighty universe, the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the One who is intensely interested in the welfare of every soul on earth. Yes, **the Almighty has certain memorials. He calls them 'My Feasts;'** for they are the Sacred Memorial Banquets of His greatest acts in the Programme of Salvation; banquets to which all His subjects are invited.

Leviticus 23:1-4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying. "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the the Feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are MY FEASTS! ... These are the Feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons."

Note the Almighty's words "These are My Feasts" and "These are the Feasts of the LORD."

Undoubtedly Yahweh's festivals were initially given to the people of Israel, for it was His plan that through them salvation was to be proclaimed to the world. But **the feasts themselves are the**

LORD'S, not Israel's or Judah's, but Yahweh's. Remember this vital fact.

Unlike the popular festivals of Ash Wednesday, Easter, Hallowe'en and Christmas, whose observance is nowhere commanded in the Scriptures, the Feast Days of Yahweh are described in the Bible in considerable detail. They are to be proclaimed to and observed by all true believers in the LORD God of Israel. **Read about these sacred memorials in [Leviticus 23](#), [Numbers 28 & 29](#) and [Zechariah 14](#).** There you will see overwhelming evidence of their divine origin and everlasting nature.

Stewarton Bible School's [and To the Saints of the Churches of God] aim is to draw the church's attention to these appointed feasts of the Most High; to proclaim them to all the world in accordance with this divine direction:

Leviticus 23:4 "These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons."

A holy convocation is a commanded assembly. In other words, you are commanded to attend and join with fellow worshippers of the God of Israel. This publication is part of that proclamation. It outlines the reasons why you should attend the Feasts of the Holy One of Israel.

What do these sacred feasts commemorate?

The answer is: They are the spiritual anniversaries of Yahweh's mightiest deeds; each and every one of them being an eternal memorial of some distinct, divine accomplishment in the great Programme of Salvation. If you read this booklet to the end you will see that statement proved over and over again.

Author's Conclusion

It is with exceeding gratitude to know that God has given to His chosen the knowledge of and the ability to keep "His Feasts" at their proper appointed times, times which He established. Therefore, I proclaim as the scriptures support: "... hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." [[Rev 3:11](#)]. Indeed, no one can because your God is a jealous God [[2Co 11:2](#), [Eze 36:27](#)]! The Word of God clearly tells us in the scriptures about "His Feasts". Any other would be just among so many attempts by the adversary to steel away from the body of Christ - the Church.

For a complete explanation of these special days of "Feasts" that God has proclaimed for His set aside people [[Heb 12:1](#)] please see the free booklet [The Feast Days of the God of Israel](#).

And finally, timeless pictures ...



designs of pure gold inlay.
Approx. 100 BC.

A seder clear glass plate with



"Jehovah our God."
Tetragrammaton - Los Lunas, NM.
Approx. 1000 BC.



Ancient denarius coin displaying harp of David. 132-135 CE
"For the freedom of Israel"

Things I've learned by **Andy Rooney**, a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words.
Enjoy.

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are

only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned.... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned.... That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned ... That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things


I get done.

[Special thanks to Laura, my niece for contributing this]


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A friend in Christ,
David W. Lacey

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