

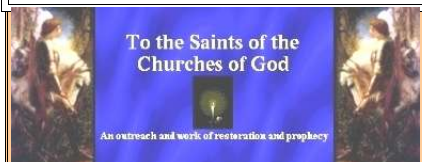
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Chodesh Newsletter

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Greetings friends!

It is now 1 past Chodesh **10**. Do you know what Biblical time of the year you are in?

Chodesh **11** is here, **b-r-r-r-r!** It was s-o-o-o cold, that ... I chipped a tooth on my soup! ...

Grandpa's teeth were chattering - in the glass! ... when we parked the sled, we either had to plug in the dogs - or keep them running in place!... the politicians had their hands in their OWN pockets!

Now that's cold! While this winter continues to demonstrate an extended period of deep cold in the Eastern USA according to NOAA and meteorological reports from around the world 2004 may be one of the warmest years ever on record. Unfortunately they, nor has anyone, determined if it will rain tomorrow. Yet they propose [intentionally?] alarming news such as this in the mainstream media. Well, I would ask of them to "riddle me this" [apologies to Samson] ...

What ensues that which in vanity we do greater than nature itself?

Psa 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and **vapour**; stormy wind fulfilling his word: [KJV]

Psa 148:8 - ^(f) Fire, and hail;

snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word

^(f) Which come not by chance or fortune, but by God's appointed ordinance.
[Geneva]



Psa 148:7-14 - Even in this world, dark and bad as it is, God is praised. The powers of nature, be they ever so strong, so stormy, do what God appoints them, and no more. Those that rebel against God's word, show themselves to be more violent than even the stormy winds, yet they fulfil it. [The Treasury of David by Charles Haddon Spurgeon]

Speaking of riddles, this month's report has several interesting puzzles and challenging points of interest for your perusal. But for now ... onward to **the data**.

The data:

On **January 22, 2004** at about

Scriptural Allusions

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

(See page 9 for a complimentary OT verse.)

5:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see chodesh **11** [new moon **11**] with a 1% illumination. Around the globe that same day the new moon should appear at about 7:00 PM - Western USA [MST] 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 **January 22, 2004**. Sighting will be **marginal** in Jerusalem due to the young age of the new moon [21h,01m]. **If viewing is not reported we may by default declare day 23 the day of sighting and day 24 the first daytime Roman date of the New moon.**

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 **11** begins Biblical calendar month "eleven". Why is it month **11** and not 10 or 12? 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/saccal/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://users.adelphia.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/>

Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month

February -- month of Februa
Middle English *Februarius*
Latin *Februarius* "of Februa"
Latin *Februa(s)* "Februa" +
-arius "ary (pertaining to)"
Latin *Februarius mensis* "month of Februa"
Latin *dies februatus* "day of purification"

Februarius had 28 days, until circa 450 BC when it had 23 or 24 days on some of every second year, until Julius when it had 29 days on every fourth year and 28 days otherwise.

Februa is the Roman festival of purification, held on February fifteenth. It is possibly of Sabine origin.

Intercalaris -- inter-calendar month

Latin *Intercalaris* "inter-calendar"
Latin *Mercedonius* (popular name) "?"

Intercalaris had 27 days until the month was abolished by Julius.

Other mythological holidays of Greco-Roman months of

January - February:

Valentine's Day

Historians believe that Valentine's Day

originated from an ancient Roman feast called Lupercalia. The Romans worshipped a god called Lupercus, a

protective deity who kept wild wolves from overrunning the city. The festival held to honor Lupercus was held on February 15, and was celebrated as a spring festival (the calendar was a bit different in those days).

From [Obsidian's Dictionary of Pantheons](#): God of wolves, significant to Romans in that the mythological founders of the Roman Nation (Romulus and Remus) were suckled by a she-wolf in infancy.

One of the customs associated with Lupercalia was the practice of name-drawing. On Lupercalia Eve the names of young girls were written down on pieces of paper and put in jars,



from which each young man would draw. The particular girl each young man drew would be his "girlfriend" for the

year. This was the origin of the romantic connotation observed in modern Valentine's Day.

Around the 3rd century A.D. (when Roman Christianity was still a new religion in the Empire) there lived a priest named Valentine. Claudius II was the Emperor of Rome at this time, and in the interest of keeping his army strong, he issued an order prohibiting soldiers from getting married. Claudius believed that his soldiers would be more effective as single men, without having families to worry about.

Needless to say, this wasn't a terribly popular decision among the military men, particularly those who

were already engaged to be married. In defiance of the Emperor, the priest Valentine agreed to secretly marry the soldiers and their beloved.

Unfortunately, Rome was a much smaller town in those days, and word travelled fast. When Claudius got wind of what was happening, he ordered Valentine arrested and imprisoned. He was sentenced to death and beheaded.

The Lupercalia celebration went on as before for many years following the death of Valentine. As time passed Christianity became more and more firmly established, and at some point the Romans renamed the pagan feast of Lupercalia for Valentine, who by that point had been canonized to become St. Valentine.

Valentine greetings continue to be exchanged today by friends and lovers - a tradition that will,



THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL (JACOB) Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33

Asher	agate	Sebat (Jan/Feb)	Pale blue; watery	Shevo	Scots/Germans (orig)	Cup	8 Zilpah	Gen 30:13
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Gen 30:11 And Leah said, A troop cometh; and she called his name Gad. **Gen 49:19** Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

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no doubt, be around for some centuries yet to come!

... and from a Biblical perspective:

Lupercus (From Forerunner Commentary)

Lupercus was a hunter of wolves (Latin *lupus* is "wolf"), associated with the Roman god Faunus, god of agriculture and fertility. Since Rome took its gods from those it conquered, we can trace Faunus to its Greek equivalent, Pan, god of woods, fields, and flocks. The ancients pictured both of these mythological beings as having a human torso, but legs, horns, and ears of goats. This fits nicely with the fact that they sacrificed goats and used thongs from their skin to whip women during this "feast." The Bible often compares God's people to sheep while frequently linking Satan with goats.

Pan can be traced to the Phoenician sun god Baal (also a god of fertility and nature). We can make a strong case that Baal is none other than Nimrod. In [Genesis 10:9](#), Moses describes Nimrod as a "mighty hunter." In the days after the Flood, animals multiplied rapidly and caused fear among the people. Nimrod grew powerful because of his ability to fight the wild animals. Tradition says that he roamed as far as Italy to hunt wolves.

Valentine comes into play here. The word derives from the Latin *valens*, meaning "strong, powerful, mighty." Our word *valiant*, "courageous, heroic," also comes from this root. These are apt descriptions of Nimrod. In a sense, he was the peoples' valentine! **Mike Ford - Be My Valentine?**



The Jewish calendar month Sebat The eleventh month of the Hebrew year, extending from the new moon of February to that of March ([Zec 1:7](#)). Assyrian sabatu, "storm." (See MONTH.)

[Note: Roman month references are NOT to correct per biblical calendar seasons -see [tefukah](#)].

The Biblical Calendar Month [KJV]

[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]:

H7627 sh^ebat\fo' *sheb-awt'* Of foreign origin; *Shebat*, a Jewish month: - Sebat.

From [Easton's Dictionary](#) **Sebat**--the eleventh month of the Jewish year, from the new moon in February to the new moon in March. The term is Chaldee, meaning a "shoot," namely, the month when **trees** begin to shoot or bud.

Note from the author: The differences of the **Roman**, the **traditional Hebrew** and the **Biblical** calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective origins. Today we 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](#).

The **birthstone*** for the month of **January** is the **garnet**,



the color is **dark red**, the flower is the carnation - meaning **whimsical / fanciful**.

The **birthstone*** for the month of **February** is the



amethyst, the color is purple, the flower is the **Violet**- meaning **Faithfulness**.

*traditional stones and colors:

The Modern Birthstone list contains the official birthstone list from the American National Association of Jewelers, [Jewelers of America](#). These gemstones were officially adopted in 1912. In the US, this is the accepted list.

The Traditional Birthstone list contains older birthstones and is sometimes combined with the modern birthstone list. These stones reflect societal birthstone traditions, heralding back to the 15th century. (Many jewelers have differing lists of traditional birthstones.)

The Mystical Birthstone list is of Tibetan origin from over a thousand years ago.

The Ayurvedic Birthstone list is from Ayurvedic Indian Medicine - a type of medicine used for over a thousand years.

Stones listed in the "other" column were correlated by Dave Thompson and others participating on the usenet newsgroup [rec.crafts.jewelry](#) as alternative birthstones for each month. [The Curious Lore of Precious Stones](#) by George Frederick Kunz has a wonderful list of birthstones from different cultures.

For the Biblical student the only source for true and accurate information regarding birth stones

THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL (JACOB) Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33

Issachar	amethyst	Adar (Feb/Mar)	Wine like purple	Achlamh	Swiss/Dutch/Fins	Laden Ass	9 Leah	Gen 30:18
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Gen 30:18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. **Gen 49:14** Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:



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and colors based upon heraldry comes from the [KJV] Bible under the list of the names of the **The Tribes of Israel (Jacob)** **Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33** [See above for this months featured tribe].

Drought Info:

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

Holidays January 24

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

- Aymara Indians, Bolivia** : Alacitis Fair
- China** : Chinese New Year- The Year of the Rooster (1993/4691)
- China** : Chinese New Year- The Year of the Snake (2001/4699)

Religious Observances January 24

- old Roman Catholic** : Commemoration of St. Timothy, bishop/martyr (now 1/26)
- Roman Catholic** : Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop/doctor

This Day in Christian History January 24

- 1722** In Cambridge, Mass., Edward Wigglesworth was named to fill the newly created Thomas Hollis chair at Harvard College. Mr. Wigglesworth thereby became the first divinity professor commissioned in the American colonies.
- 1738** Four months before his celebrated Christian conversion, Anglican missionary John Wesley wrote in his journal: 'I went to

America to convert the Indians. But oh! who shall convert me? I have a fair summer religion... But let death look me in the face, and my spirit is troubled.'

1818 Birth of Anglican clergyman John Mason Neale, who was one of the first to translate ancient Greek and Latin hymns into English. Neale thus rendered the

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From the **Old Farmers Almanac**

Advice of the Day- Fog in January makes a wet spring

Question: What is the beginning of all eternity's, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, and the end of every race?

Answer: The letter E. A bonus **Q&A** ...

Question: Do you have a good window-washing recipe to use on large windows? I have a soap/squeegee on a long handle and would like to find a good recipe to go with this tool.

Answer: Our favorite method of cleaning windows is to use a mixture of one part white vinegar and to ten parts warm water.

That Explains It!

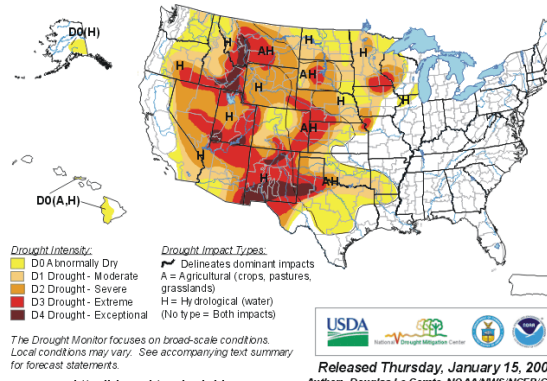
How old is Grandma?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the Pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens.

Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry

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hymns known today as "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

1975 Rev. F. Donald Coggan, 66, was consecrated the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury (primate of Anglicanism). In the audience was Johannes Cardinal Willebrands A the first Vatican representative to attend this Anglican ceremony since the time of the Reformation.

1989 The Rev. Barbara C. Harris, 55, of Boston, was confirmed as the first female bishop in the 450-year history of the Anglican Church.

Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987. Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: William D. Blake.

in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, 'Sir,' and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." This was before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and we never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. Long hair meant classical music.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our

radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5&10-cent stores where you could

actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in, and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby.

"Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store, and "software" wasn't even a word. And we were the last generation to actually believe that a woman needed a husband to have a baby. *

No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap .. and how old do you think I am ???

I bet you have this old lady in mind ... you are in for a shock! Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

This Woman would be **only 58 years old!**

[A contribution by - Jim Bircher]

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/sbs77/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.

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**

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/June)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs
Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
Elul (Aug/Sep)		Date harvest / summer figs

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 treading 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

[a mini study]

Does the word **Easter** really belong in the **KJV** Bible? There is an answer for the observant Bible student. Let's see why the word **Easter** IS correctly written in the Bible as were the editors and translators of the authorized **KJV** Bible inspired to preserve in a more pure language for us today.

Depending upon ones pre-disposition when reading the Bible it is often easy to read over, or past a significant detail. Sometimes this detail is a key to greater understanding and their affects ones faith to a deeper appreciation. The use of the word **Easter** in Acts is such a one.

Herod observed Easter

Herod DID observe Easter as did the Romans observe many pagan festivals. It was then called Ishtar among other similar names in ancient times and Venus by the Romans. This festival was celebrated as far back as it's origin under Nimrod and his mother at Babel. It was not until the Nicene Council in 325 CE that a fixed date was established for Easter as after the vernal equinox, Christmas as we know it was then called Saturnalia and so on. So, yes, Herod did [in his unique way no doubt] observe the pagan gods and their rituals as did most of civilization then as now.

Back to Acts 12:1-4

The **Textus Receptus** shows the word "passover" and not as Easter as does the KJV bible, and this as derived from the [same] Greek "pascha". Within it's context [idiom as used then - not the way we would now] this is however referenced to the Hebrew "pecach" which infers "**prepermission or an exemption**". Since Herod knew only of the traditional Jewish days of Passover [8 day festival] he could not be aware of the calendar as we have only come to understand today - of which Christ and the disciples also knew only by His example then.

It is further noted that pascha is translated as *passover* in the WEB, NASB, Darby YLT and as "the pasha" in the DRB Bibles. So why is it translated as Easter in the **KJV**?

Some calendar issues:

Do we understand today that there were different calendars in use during this time [approx. 44 AD]? The Jews, although it was not the same as today's Jewish calendar with Hillel's intercalation's, supported a calculated calendar, Rome supported a Julian calendar and of course the new Nazarene faith observed [under Jesus' leadership] His Fathers sacred calendar. Now which calendar would Herod refer to? The Nazarene's calendar? the Jews' calendar of the day or Rome's civil calendar. Now would he understand Easter or Passover? Would the Jews understand [or accept] anything other than their traditional beliefs?

Read and notice the chronology of **Acts 12:1-4**. Did you notice that Peter was apprehended "**during**" the "**days of unleavened bread**"? This is **AFTER PASSOVER** as we understand it **and it was during passover as the Jews accepted it**. So how could Herod be further waiting for Easter/Passover since **it had passed already**? Certainly not by our reckoning, possibly by the Jews reckoning but most assuredly as by Herod's pagan worship reckoning.

Act 12:1 Now about that time

Herod the kin stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church **Act 12:2** And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. **Act 12:3** And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

Act 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter **3957** to bring him forth to the people.

Definitions

Strong's Greek 3957 pascha pas'-khah of Chaldee origin (compare **6453**); the Passover (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it):--Easter, Passover.

Strong's Hebrew 6453 pecach peh'-sakh from 6452; a prepermission, i.e. exemption; used only technically of the Jewish Passover (the festival or the victim):--passover (offering).

Defer - to conform to the will or judgment of another, especially out of respect or courtesy.

Summary

So as not to second guess such a host of renowned and unchallenged scholars as King James was inspired to collect and as the world has never known nor shall ever know again among men [today's knowledge of translation is but microscopic in comparison] I defer to the greater skill and word knowledge of the translators of the **authorized KJV Bible**. Nor should we as Christians tempt God by questioning His choices of method - I would accept the translation just as it is and that which it states: that Herod was "**intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people**" - waiting until after [his] Easter and after [the Jews'] passover [pascha] - 8 days festival definition - to have Peter killed so as to please the Jews and for his own political agenda and entertainment.

And **finally**, a few puzzling riddles and images ...

How do you first view the images above? If your eyes seem to play tricks on you you're not

alone.

According to many studies our intellect CAN render false results. The New Advent has this to offer:

Whether the intellect can be false?

Objection 1. It would seem that the intellect can be false; for the [Philosopher](#) says (Metaph. vi, Did. v, 4) that "truth and falsehood are in the mind." But the mind and intellect are the same, as is shown above (79, 1). Therefore falsehood may be in the mind.

Objection 2. Further, opinion and reasoning belong to the intellect. But falsehood exists in both. Therefore falsehood can be in the intellect.

Objection 3. Further, sin is in the intellectual faculty. But sin involves falsehood: for "those err that work evil" (Prov. 14:22). Therefore falsehood can be in the intellect.

On the contrary, [Augustine](#) says (QQ. 83, qu. 32), that

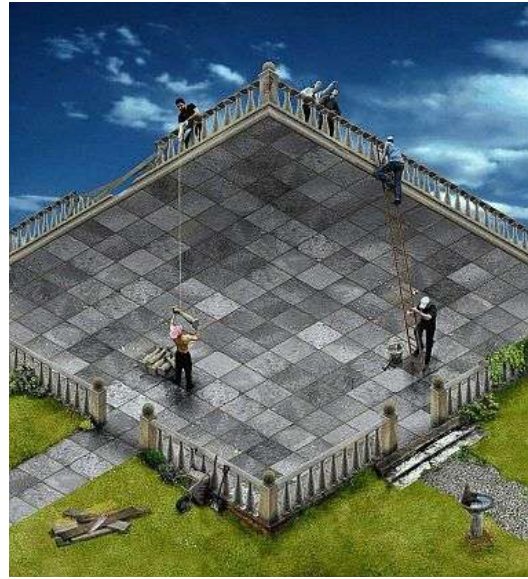


"everyone who is deceived, does not rightly understand that wherein he is deceived." And the [Philosopher](#) says (De Anima iii, 10), that "the intellect is always true."

I answer that, The [Philosopher](#) (De Anima iii, 6) compares intellect with sense on this point. For sense is not deceived in its proper object, as sight in regard to color; has accidentally through some hindrance occurring to the sensile organ--for example, the taste of a fever-stricken person judges a sweet thing to be bitter, through his tongue being vitiated by ill humors. Sense, however, may be deceived as regards common sensible objects, as size or figure; when, for example, it

judges the sun to be only a foot in diameter, whereas in reality it exceeds the earth in size. Much more is sense deceived concerning accidental sensible objects, as when it judges that vinegar is honey by reason of the color being the same. The reason of this is evident; for every faculty, as such, is "per se" directed to its proper object; and things of this kind are always the same. Hence, as long as the faculty exists, its judgment concerning its own proper object does not fail. Now the proper object of the intellect is the "quiddity" of a material thing; and hence, properly speaking, the intellect is not at fault concerning this quiddity; whereas it may go astray as regards the surroundings of the thing in its essence or quiddity, in referring one thing to another, as regards composition or division, or also in the process of reasoning. Therefore, also in regard to those propositions, which are understood, the intellect cannot err, as in the case of first principles from which arises infallible truth in the certitude of scientific conclusions.

The intellect, however, may be accidentally deceived in the quiddity of composite things, not by the defect of its organ, for the intellect is a faculty that is independent of an organ; but on the part of the composition affecting the definition, when, for instance, the definition of a thing is false in relation to something else, as the definition of a circle applied to a triangle; or when a definition is false in itself as involving the composition of things incompatible; as, for instance, to describe anything as "a rational winged animal." Hence as regards simple objects not subject to composite definitions we cannot be deceived unless, indeed, we understand nothing whatever about them, as is said Metaph. ix, Did. viii, 10.



Reply to Objection 1. The [Philosopher](#) says that falsehood is in the intellect in regard to composition and division. The same answer applies to the Second Objection concerning opinion and reasoning, and to the Third Objection, concerning the error of the sinner, who errs in the practical judgment of the appetible object. But in the absolute consideration of the quiddity of a thing, and of those things which are known thereby, the intellect is never deceived. In this sense are to be understood the authorities quoted in proof of the opposite conclusion.



Old Woman...Or Young Girl?
hint: The old woman's nose is the young girl's chin.

Another of the finest of the **Irish theological axioms** [witticisms of the Irish]:

o be sure, if you think you are smarter than your wife, you are married to a very clever lass.	If good looks were money - it's sure a fortune in taxes you'd pay.	Remember - the greater the truth the greater the libel!
Never promise a fish until it is caught.	May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.	Better the good that is than the double good that was.

Irish Quote of the Day

You might have to push me into heaven, but you won't tow me into hell. - author unknown -

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A Biblical perspective of

Philo-sophy:

Act 17:21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

1Pe 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

This **just in** from some of our greatest thinkers:

The fruitcake: Holiday indulgence or launchable leftover?

By TOM ROEDER - THE GAZETTE
 It took more than a team of aerospace engineers to win the Manitou Springs Fruitcake Toss on Saturday as Mother Nature put a damper on physics.

In temperatures that never topped 25 degrees and in a driving snow that made it seem colder, 400 people turned out for the ninth rendition of a quirky local ritual that includes medieval siege warfare devices.

Instead of staying home and watching television, I come out and throw fruitcake, said Mike Pitt, 22, who heaved a 2-pound piece of the heavy holiday treat about 175 feet.

Pitt's throw had nothing on the brigade of machines designed to launch the cake across Memorial Park in downtown Manitou Springs.

A team of engineers from Boeing and another group of engineers from companies including Raytheon and ITT built machines to send their fruitcakes flying.

The machines, which can usually launch bakery items nearly 200 yards, were foiled by wind and snow.

Members of the Boeing team, all from Colorado Springs, spent several weekends tinkering and calculating to perfect their device, The Evil Snowflake.

You have to optimize the trajectory, said Joe Carberry, one of four team members, all of whom work with the Air Force on the satellite-based global positioning system.

The team mapped out the park using satellite data and generated computer models to predict how far their machine could toss a fruitcake. They didn't calculate for the freezing weather, which turned the rubber medical tubing on their launcher into so many useless noodles.

The weather did it, said team member Jack Taylor after The Evil Snowflake weakly lobbed its fruitcake about 10 yards.

The other engineers, using a 4-year-old catapult propelled by the weight of a concrete-filled truck tire, fared better.

Their lower-tech rig, dubbed The Dead Kennedy, shot a 2-pound cake about 60 yards.

We think the heavy fruitcakes work better, said Mark McKeown, a member of the cake-launching team.

All that heavy hardware didn't win the day.

Instead, 16-year-old Stephen Byvoet won out with the simplest of tools, an English longbow and an arrow tipped with fruitcake.

They got catapults and everything else out here, why not this, he said before shooting the small piece of cake the length of a football field.

Leslie Lewis, director of the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, said the city has big plans for next year's event, always held just after the holiday season to dispose of uneaten fruitcake.

We're going all-out for the 10th anniversary, she said, avoiding details of the next fruitcake event.

The Home Forum - from the December 22, 2003 edition

A harvest of homonyms

By Nancy M. Kendall

Can you correctly guess the

(1) wry, nye; (2) leek, leak; (3) berry, bury; (4) carrot, caret, carrot (again), carat; (5) squash; (6) maize, maze; (7) cole, coal; (8) plum, plumb; (9) par, pare, pear; (10) beat, beet.

vegetable, fruit, or grain (and its homonym)? Riddle your way through this crop of verses.

1. A smile that's crooked; naughty, not nice. A hardy bread grain; to soil, some spice.
2. The emblem of Wales, with an oniony nip. A hole or a crack; the source of a drip.
3. It may be straw, or goose, or blue. To cover up in earth - sea, too.
4. Beloved by bunnies, parsley's its 'fam.' An editor's mark; a reward or a gram.
5. Pies may be, this gourd's best show. A courtly game; a crushing blow.
6. An Indian corn; the color of same. A winding excursion; a labyrinth's name.
7. Cabbage and kale, from this mustard 'pack'; a source of heat, it's dark, with 'black.'
8. A cherry's cousin, in the family of rose. The name of a pudding; a vertical pose.
9. A twosome in socks, gloves, and shoes. To cut or trim; a 'prickly' you'd choose?
10. To kick or strike; to win a game. A rooty plant, of sugary fame.

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Classified Ads

Announcements

October 1, 2003 Michael and Jenetta Robertson had a son - Ethan David 8# 19.75 in. Grandparents Norman and Yvonne Rowe were present for the birth. Contact at: mail@roweboat.com

Classified Ads

Seeking real estate information in Western Missouri, USA. Small acreage farms 40-75 acres desirable. #1-719-633-2514 David.

Help Want Ads

None to report.

Obituaries

The following is an E-mail forwarded to me by [TOTW](#), originally from Sam & Faye Stamper: Tonight [Jan. 2, 2004 at 1:10 am our brother in Christ, **Charles Sisk**, died. Charles has suffered for several years with pulmonary hypertension. Charles was a long time member in the

Church of God. Cards may be sent to: Mrs Shirley Sisk, 6620 Lothrop Road, Imlay City, MI. 48444-8936

SHINGLETOWN, Calif.--**David Jon Hill**, 71, a longtime Church of God member and former Worldwide Church of God evangelist-ranked minister, died Nov. 23 at the home of his son. Jonathan and Bonnie Hill receive mail at P.O. Box 319, Shingletown, Calif. 96088, U.S.A.

TYLER, Texas--**E.B. Vance**, 81, an area coordinator for the Intercontinental Church of God, based near here, died unexpectedly of asbestosis, a lung disease, Nov. 15. Mrs. Vance receives mail at 1407 Rodessa Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701, U.S.A.

GLADEWATER, Texas--**Buck Hammer**, who in 1953 donated the original 20-25 acres of property that became the core of the Ambassador College campus near Big Sandy, died in a Longview, Texas, hospital early Saturday, Nov. 15, after a heart attack. The Hammer family receives mail at P.O. Box 401, Big Sandy, Texas 75755, U.S.A.

Colorado Springs, CO **Ora Ambrose** died January 4, 2004. Survivors are his three children Kelley Fenner - australia, Wess Ambrose - colo. Spgs., Bee Digby - UT. Donations are being accepted at: Pikes Peak Hospice Fdn. 825 E Pikes Peak, Suite 600, Colo. Spgs, CO 80903-3400. Family may be contacted at: Tel. #1-719-683-5676



"STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING"

*Whose woods these are I think I know,
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

by Robert Frost

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*Night is a good shepherd...it
brings home man and beast.*
~ olde Irish proverb ~
~!~

Scriptural Allusions

Psa 42:4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

Psa 42:4 - The verbs are properly rendered as futures, "I will remember," &c.,--that is, the recollection of this season of distress will give greater zest to the privileges of God's worship, when obtained.

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The **Stewarton Bible School** web page is at: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/>

A Voice in the Wilderness web page is at: <http://www.avoicethewilderness.org/>

MatanYah Learning Centre, South Africa: <http://mercury.spaceports.com/~matanyah/index>

