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I had a very interesting conversation this past week while getting my hair cut. As I sat in the chair the young lady cutting my hair started making pleasant conversation about the weather and how my week was going. As she continued to talk, I do not remember how, but she mentioned the war in the Middle East. Before I could answer she said "That is scary, 'cause you know that is biblical"! I told her, yes, I did know that. She then told me that was a sign of the end times. Before I could answer she proceeded to enlighten me further. "I do not trust the government" she continued "so I do not own a television or do not have any paper money that has the all seeing eye on it". She also told me that with all of the biblical end times, coming she wished she knew more. I smiled and thought a chance to witness is at hand. I told her that the bible had a few other things to say about that. She told me that she needed to know when Jesus was coming for sure. As I prepared my answer, she continued to tell me she needed to know now on whether she needed to save for her kids college or if she could party with her money. If Jesus was coming soon, then what was the point. I told her no one knows when Jesus was returning and she needed to save for her children. Faster than a bullet, the talk turned to aliens and continued from there with me getting about 2 words in the rest of the time.

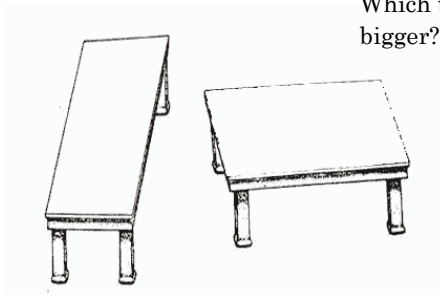


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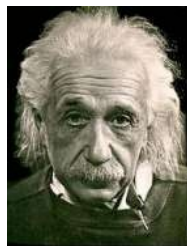
The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for



Blood plasma.



Which table is bigger?



Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

~Albert Einstein

Is that what people are thinking? OK, let me open a HUGE can of worms and ask the ultimate question, are you really worried about the government watching your life? I recently had a discussion about the red light cameras here in Albuquerque. The person I was talking to has a PhD and has a pretty important job. He said he hated the red light cameras, as do my wife and son and a lot of Albuquerque. I asked if you are not breaking the law, then what is the problem?

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Goode Thoughts



It was 9:30 AM Friday, September 10, 1909 that a vote was taken by approximately 20 messengers from ten churches to birth Central Baptist Association. The place of the vote was First Baptist Church, Estancia, New Mexico. First Baptist Estancia was “the big church” of the area: eighty two members, Sunday school attendance of 67 and property value of a whopping \$2,150. It pledged fifty dollars to the fledging association, twice as much as the next largest pledge.

The by-laws passed that day were a snapshot of the priorities of the churches. The by-laws created twelve committees. Among those committees were the Divine Service and Arrangements Committee (I have no idea what that was about), the Territorial Missions Committee, the Good Literature Committee, the Obituaries Committee, and the Temperance Committee, yes, the Temperance Committee.

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The Temperance Committee had a formable task. The minutes of the meeting records these words from the committee, “We call attention to the brethren of this Association to the fact that the saloon evil never tires, and never sleeps, and never dies except under the death dealing blows of the soldiers of Jesus Christ.” We know how well that battle ended. One hundred years later, the “saloon evil” still claims its victims.

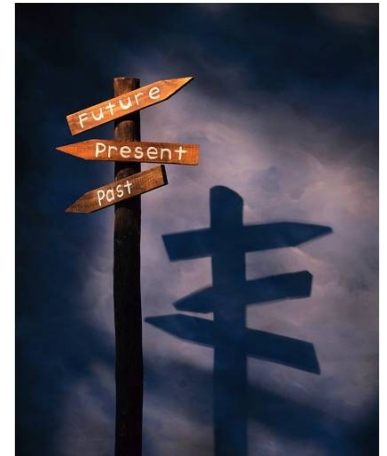
It is easy to find humor in reading the 100 year old minutes. We chuckle at having a Good Literature Committee or an Obituary Committee. However, we cannot lose sight of the fact that these committees reflected serious priorities for those early churches. In reading the minutes it is easy to feel the passion they had for the spread of the Gospel. They were burdened by the realization that, in their day, “there are (were) many communities where the pure Gospel is seldom preached and in some it is never heard.” They knew that statehood was not far off and they had an opportunity to influence the process for Constitutional Prohibition. Consequently they passed a

Goode Thoughts cont...

resolution in favor of such action. They knew the power of literature on young minds so suggested that, “the very best literature should be introduced into our Baptist homes so that the youth of our churches may store their mind with such knowledge as shall tend to elevate them mentally and spiritually.”

In many ways their concerns are our concerns. We battle the negative influence that popular media has on our youth; we wrestle with the substance abuse that shatters families and individuals. And we know that there are still places where the Gospel has not yet rooted.

Our strategies for addressing these concerns differ from those of our early brothers and sisters. Churches act different, look different. There is no value in trying to replicate the past whether the past is a hundred years ago, fifty years ago, or twenty years ago. But we can replicate the passion of our pioneer brothers and sister who sacrificed much more than we do to make their churches a necessary part of their community and who understood that it was necessary that we have a “more perfect union of the churches, a more systematic and harmonious concert of action among them... [for] the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world.”

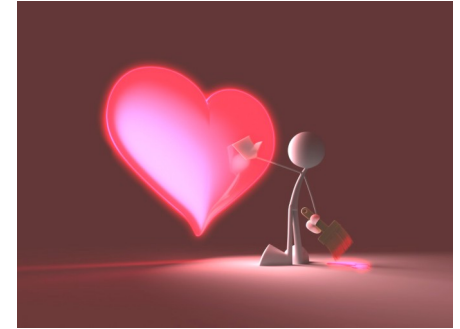


Happy anniversary Central Baptist Association and I pray for the same passion, resilience and unity that guided our founders.

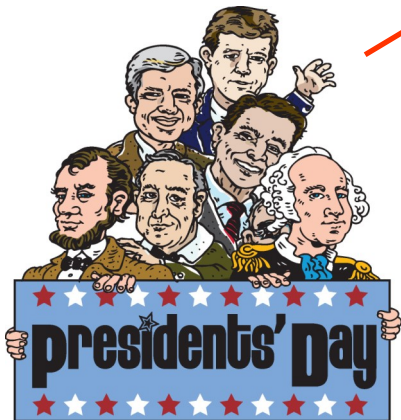
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Tennessee Ten Commandments

- (1) Just one God
- (2) Put nothin' before God
- (3) Watch yer mouth
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
- (6) No killin'
- (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
- (8) Don't take what ain't yers
- (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple.
Y'all have a nice day!



Biblical Treasure Answer

January

I know you will all find this hard to believe, but the editor has made a mistake. I must have been having a bad day. I made the wrong riddle so it is a different verse.

I am finally able to vote (new) ~ Should have been 21 = 1 Peter

A wave of a hand = 5

I am 3 times less than the first = 21 divided by 3 is 7.

1 Peter 5:7 ~ Cast all of your anxiety on him because he cares for you.



Jan. Riddle Answer

How did the big mountain know that the little mountain was fibbing?

Because it was only a bluff!!!



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He said that speeding or running a red light is not the problem, it is the invasion of privacy. I asked what privacy do you have on a public street? He answered "look at London, England; they have a camera on every corner. Everywhere you walk you are under the camera and on film". What is interesting about this thinking, is the person I was talking to does government work and is under constant checks and surveillance, yet is worried about a red light camera invading his "privacy".



As I sit back today and think about that, I wonder about Christians and their way of living. Are you living your life as a Christian or as someone trying to avoid God's Life Camera? If you are trying to live as the bible tells you to, then what is the problem with someone looking at your life? It would seem that we would want non-Christians to take a good look at our life and see the example. I think that the choices are becoming harder and harder in today's fast paced world. It is a hard choice not to go down the easy path and fit into the way of the world. Christians are not perfect and yes you will be caught in the camera, but it is how you live after the ticket. All fall short of the glory of

God, but thankfully, we believe in a forgiving Savior.

Smile, you are on God's Camera...



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Biblical Treasure

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A book of many axioms

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