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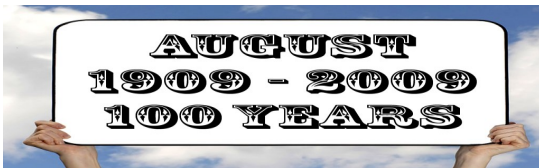
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INDEPENDENCE DAY!

July 1776, the Declaration of Independence was sent to England informing the king that we were becoming a free nation. No longer would the injustices be tolerated. So began the birth of a new nation. When you think of what that piece of paper started over 200 years ago, it boggles the mind. Imagine a group of people united in their thinking and acting as one accord. It is awe inspiring. As the people saw that we were to be a new nation, they acknowledged the fact that they also needed a set

of rules to prevent the same thing from happening again. As a group they had stood together and against, at that time, the most powerful nation in the world. So in 1789, the Constitution was fully ratified.

Wait, 1789? You mean to tell me the same group of people who had fought against Britain in 1776, now could not agree on a governing document for 13 years! Didn't they have the same goal in mind?

It seems that the once united people had a little trouble agreeing on what they wanted. Everyone had their own ideas of how it should be. Isn't that how the United States still acts today? We are 54 states and territories that are united under one flag. As part of our freedoms we have the right to have our own opinions, but when does your right infringe on my right? We have the right to protest, but does that right include disrupting a meeting? What about your right to express yourself, let's say in music? Does that go even if the music in your car is louder than I can talk in mine? I am not trying to debate or talk about politics, just making

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When it came time to build the Capitol building, a contest was held to see who the designer would be. The winner was William Thornton, a doctor and amateur architect, who received \$500 and a city lot as his prize.

- A covey of partridges
- A muster or ostentation of peacocks
- A nest, nide (nye), or bouquet of pheasants
- A string of ponies
- A pod of porpoises
- A covey or bevy of quail
- A nest of rabbits
- An unkindness of ravens



A society without religion is like a vessel without compass.

~ Napoleon



Goode Thoughts



Driving down the palm tree and flower lined entrance to the resort, our seven year old granddaughter read aloud the sign at the entrance, "Paradise Point." "Is this really what paradise looks like?" she asked with great wonder. Our daughter, with the wisdom of a mother, answered, "This is what this paradise looks like." That little discussion launched us on a verbal sightseeing trip as we pointed out to each other the manicured lawns, the manmade waterfalls and water lily blanketed ponds, the luxurious swimming pools, the lapping waters of Mission Bay and the little bungalows that would be our home for the next four nights.

As we checked in at the reception desk and moved our things into our rooms, I wondered about the young ladies at the reception area, the two men trimming shrubs outside our door, and the women we passed cleaning rooms, do they think this is what paradise looks like? They are daily surrounded with beauty that folks like us planned long in advance to enjoy and paid well to experience. When they drive down that vegetation lined



entrance every work day, do they ask our granddaughter's question, "Is this really what paradise looks like?" I would wager to say they do not. After all, routine beauty has a way of losing its shine.

So what does paradise look like? Eileen and I have been blessed with a fair amount of travel domestically and internationally. We have seen some fabulous sights. Instantly coming to mind are the rugged ocean swept cliffs of the Irish coast, the deep blue waters of the Hawaiian Islands, the thick green forests of the Smokey Mountains, and, among my favorites, the wildflower graced Pendaries Valley tucked into the Sangro de Christo Mountains of our own state.

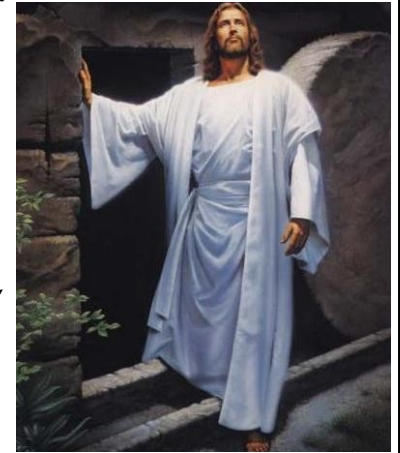
Is paradise defined by this beauty? We know better. We know

Goode Thoughts *cont...*

that in these post card places of the world lives ugliness as deep as the beauty, evil that hounds its full time inhabitants and sorrow that fills the quiet places.

What is paradise? Jesus told the repentant criminal that shared his death, "today you shall be with me in paradise (NASB Luke23:43)."

Jesus' words prompt me to believe that paradise is not where we are but who we are with. The ugliest places in the world can be paradise when in the company of people who make us feel good, who care for us, who build us up, who challenge us. It was true for that criminal on that darkest day in human history when he found himself, after the cross, in the arms of the Messiah.



Churches should be places of paradise for our battered world. Sure, there is fussing and fighting, jockeying for position, arrogance, inept leadership, plain idiocy in our churches but at their core they should be places of nurturing relationships where members find love and support and where strangers find love and acceptance. When that is not the case, our churches are not paradise and I am not sure they are even churches.

We believers are the tillers of those places of paradise. We are like those gentlemen at Paradise Point Resort who were trimming the shrubs or the housekeeping staff that was cleaning the rooms. We are responsible for the expression of paradise in our own local church. Take good care of your place of paradise. Others are counting on it and you need it.

Ken Hoode



July 2009						
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3rd ~ Office Closed

4th ~ Independence Day

18th ~ Sportsmen Banquet

22 - 24 ~ Spanish Convention

6 - 10 ~ Worship 4 Life Student Camp, Inlow

13 - 17 ~ Boy's Camp, Sivells

20 - 24 ~ Children's Musicamp

For information or registration go to
<https://bcnm.com/registration> or call 924 -
 2300



Youth
Camps

Sportsmen Outreach Banquet
 Saturday, July 18, 2009, Doors Open at 3pm
 Expo New Mexico, Manual Lujan Buildings

Speaker
Ronnie Hill

Musical Guests
Steve & Annie Chapman
 family-friendly
 country music artists

Adult tickets - \$30 each
 Kids 12 and under - \$15 each

For tickets contact Garland Peck at
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Country music by Steve and Annie Chapman
 Outdoor Sport Vendors and Demonstrations
 Activities for Kids
 Thousands of Dollars in Door Prizes
 Whole Hog Barbecue catered Dinner at 5pm

Limited Seating available - get tickets early!



Tickets are available at the CBA office. They must be paid for in person. If you would like more information or for on line tickets, go to www.bcnm.com



We had just finished reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he, Mr. Lasswell, the Principal of Vincennes High School, called us all together, and he says, "Uh, boys and girls, I have been listening to you recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems that it has become monotonous to you. Or, could it be, you do not understand the meaning of each word? If I may, I would like to recite the pledge, and give you a definition for each word:

I -- Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge -- Dedicate all of my worldly good to give without self-pity.

Allegiance -- My love and my devotion.

To the Flag -- Our standard. "Old Glory"; a symbol of courage. And wherever she waves, there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts "Freedom is everybody's job."

of the United -- That means we have all come together.

States -- Individual communities that have united into 48 great states; 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided by imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love of country, of America.

And to the Republic -- A Republic: a sovereign state in which power is invested into the representatives chosen by the people to govern; and the government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation -- Meaning "so blessed by God."

Indivisible -- Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty -- Which is freedom; the right of power for one to live his own life without fears, threats, or any sort of retaliation.

And Justice -- The principle and qualities of dealing fairly with others.

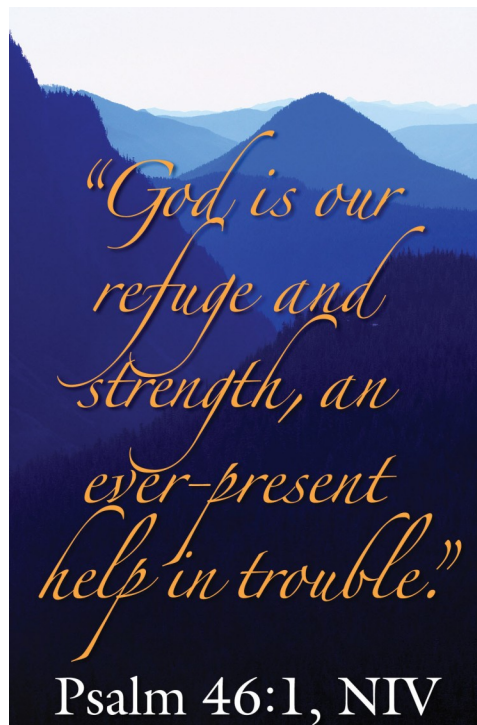
For All -- For All. Which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Now let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

*I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic, for which it stands;
one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer" -- and that be eliminated from our schools, too?

~ Red Skelton



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Jun. Riddle Answer

How many faces?

Depends, people see differently, also the print makes it hard to see, go to the website and see it more clearly.

Biblical Treasure Answer

June

150 Songs ~ Psalms

New Books ~ Books of the New Testament
~ 27

All major North / South I's end with me ~
I's = Interstates, all major N/S interstates
end with ~ 5

Psalms 27:5 ~ for in the day of trouble, He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me upon a rock.



INDEPENDENCE DAY! *cont. from page 2*

observations.

It seems like everyone wants their rights and that's all that matters. I will admit that is a hair thin line of separation of what is your right over mine. OK, I know this will kick open some worms, so I apologize now. What about churches? Shouldn't we be united when it comes to spreading the word of God? I am not saying that we should only have one church. Having churches in different locations with different people is how you grow and fellowship. I am talking about getting hung up on other things, besides putting the word of God first, being united as one in that cause. Imagine churches from a community, an association or state united to stand against a power like Satan!



If 13 colonies made a difference, what could Christians do?

As you celebrate this Independence Day, take a second to remember what it took to achieve that independence and what you can do with yours. As a free country we enjoy the best of everything and all this great country has to offer. Sure we are in some hard times, but would you want to live in any other country? Besides, we Christians, have the inside story, we have read the book and know how this thing will turn out. Have a safe and great 4th of July! " In God, whose word I praise, In god I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?" *Psalm 56:4 (NIV).*

Biblical Treasure

The following are clues to a bible verse. (book, chapter, verse)

Solve the clues to find the verse:

2nd Law

Atomic Gallium

Manly creation

If you have some church type items for donations; want to advertise a church position; or have something that the Association would benefit from, then let us now and we may be able to put it in the newsletter. We usually are able to place items within 1 or 2 weeks. As a result of advertising in the Central Connection several positions have been filled. What really is a great deal, is the low cost to advertise. For any advertisements, the cost to have it published is \$0.00, free, nada, ziltch, nothing. All it takes is for you to let us know.



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