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Quotes

PONDERABLE -- "The failure to read good books both enfeebles the vision and strengthens our most fatal tendency --- the belief that the here and now is all there is." - -- Allan Bloom

"Many people today believe that cynicism requires courage. Actually, cynicism is the height of cowardice. It is innocence and open-heartedness that requires the true courage --- however often we are hurt as a result of it." --- Erica Jong



" Think what a better world it would be if we all, the whole world, had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down on our blankets for a nap. "

~Quote by Barbara Jordan

Gratitude

In light of the many things that we modern humans claim as our own, and the many successes we are used to celebrating, it may occasionally occur that we forget to be grateful for these gifts. Not in the sense of fulfilling an obligation to give thanks, or a common courtesy, but because it arises out of an inner urge. But how do we get there? You don't need a secret map or manual. Every still moment is appropriate to recall this gratefulness and to help us looking upon our lives with appreciation – very simple.

Editor's Corner

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The Vine

"I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing."
 John 15:5

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West Valley Church of God -- "Come worship with us..."
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...The **Mighty God**
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace
Lion of Judah
Jesus Christ
Son of God
Son of Man
High Priest Forever
Lamb of God
King of Kings
Lord of Lords...

Friends... In High Places



Proverb:30:4: Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?**

Isa:9:6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.** 👑

Ho:5:14: For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young **lion to the house of Judah:** I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. 👑

Upcoming Events

● Bible Studies, Letters and other Events...see Weekly Bulletin and Bulletin Board.



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M't:1:18: Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. M't:1:21: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS:** for he shall save his people from their sins. M't:1:25: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name **JESUS.** 👑

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"Friends in High Places" Continued

Joh:1:29: The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Joh:1:36: And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith. Behold the Lamb of God! 

Heb:2:6: But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb:2:7: Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Heb:2:8: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

Heb:2:9: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Heb:2:10: For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb:2:11: For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Heb:2:12: Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 



Heb:3:1: Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and **High Priest** of our profession, **Christ Jesus** 

Re:17:14: These shall make war with the **Lamb**, and the **Lamb** shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Re:19:16: And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS** 

Psalms 83:18: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is **JEHOVAH** art the most high over all the earth.

Exodus 3:14: And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** sent me unto you.

Jere 33:15: In those days, and at that time, will I cause the **Branch of righteousness** to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. 16: In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The **LORD** our righteousness.

Re:22:16: I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the **root and the offspring of David**, and the bright and **morning star**. 

If Plants Were People

It was a very strange garden.

It had been planted by the gardener, with each plant lovingly and thoughtfully chosen. The gardener had put a wide variety of plants in his garden—ones of every hue, texture, and height. Some were designed to bear large, showy flowers; others were to provide a restful green backdrop. Some were designed to cover the ground; others to grow high and provide shade. They were all designed to grow strong where they'd been planted, only in different ways.



The silly plants didn't realize that they'd been created and placed where they were placed for a purpose. They were all part of the same garden, and each one needed to do its job.

"But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Now ye are the body of

Christ, and members in particular." **1 Corinthians 12: 20-21, 27 (KJV)**

Choices

Sent in by Jane Hickok

"Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First we make our choices. Then our choices make us." – Anne Frank

The words spoken and actions made each day of our life have formed us into the person we are today. And by making good choices today and tomorrow we gradually form ourselves into the best person that we can be. - Chaim Vegoda

