

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read...” – Isaiah 34:16

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Introduction

Merry Christmas! (But this issue is not about Christmas.)

Science Snippet

1 Timothy 6:20

The book of Genesis is all about the general creation...

...the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the heavens and the earth (Genesis 2:4).

Though I could save this for the “Numbers” section, I’ll point it out here: The Word, who is the 2nd person of the Godhead, is JESUS, who was born on the 4th “day” as “the Sun of righteousness” (Malachi 4:2). Recall...

...that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day (2 Peter 3:8)

Jesus was born in the 4000th year of the world, which is the end of the 4th “day”... “when the fulness of the time was come” (Galatians 4:4).

...and the generation of man...

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; (Genesis 5:1)

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. (Genesis 5:2)

To generate, as defined in these verses, is to create and to make. A generation is a creation – a making. In Genesis chapter 5, Adam is mentioned 5 times in verses 1 through 5. Adam is the first man, from whom all men, male and female, have been generated. Overall, the 5th mention of the first man Adam (Genesis 2:21) is when God took one of his ribs and made the first woman. It is interesting that “generation(s)” occurs in the King James Bible 225 times (= 5x5x5x3). In Genesis 5:3 we find the first mention of Adam (and Eve) begetting a son in his own likeness, after his image (which we know to be a generation of a new person by the operation of genetics using genes).

God’s original creation of man (both Adam and Eve) was perfect. There was no genetic imperfection or mutation or corruption present in their genes. And they would

have continued that way for ever, had they never lost access to the tree of life: had they not taken of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But, alas, they partook, and the corruption began. And we now know what God’s word has always told us... that the genome of man is in a continual state of degeneration. It is like as how God refers to Israel...

... I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? (Jeremiah 2:21)

Indeed, we read that...

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. (Genesis 6:11)

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. (Genesis 6:12)

We know, from true science (as opposed to science falsely so called) that the degenerative genetic mutational load on the genome of the population of mankind is continually increasing, and that the genome is thereby in a state of continual degeneration. We also know from true science that this degeneration cannot go on for very much longer... it will not be many more generations before the irreversible degradation of the genome of the population as a whole reaches a final stage whereby it can no longer sustain any further degenerative loading. At that point, there will be what population-geneticists call “mutational meltdown” ... resulting in extinction of the population. THAT is what the WORLD would have to look forward to, if God was to just let it happen.

Yet, we have this promise... that there will be a
...regeneration (Titus 3:5)

And though Titus speaks of salvation, it speaks in the same context also of the hope of eternal life, which includes the resurrection of the dead (Matthew 19:28, Acts 23:6 & 24:15, & 1 Peter 1:3) – the regeneration of our bodies in a new uncorrupted (and incorruptible) state...

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. (Job 14:14)

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (1 Corinthians 15:51)

Critics' Corner

Jeremiah 23:36, 2 Corinthians 2:17

In Proverbs, we read that...

They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them. (Proverbs 28:4)

It is very telling how the wicked Westcott & Hort (the "fathers" of modern bible corruption) are praised by those that forsake the KJB (the law of the LORD). Those of us that keep the law (the KJB) do indeed contend with those that forsake it, and with the wicked whom they praise. And we very well should so-contend; for in Jude 1:3, God has exhorted us to do just that, and that we should do so earnestly. To "keep" the law includes rejecting any and all corruption of it ... keeping it pure and undefiled... refusing to allow anything to be added unto it, or to be diminished from it (Deuteronomy 4:2).

What might the LORD say, about how the text critics have treated his law?

...they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: (Amos 2:4)

...this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: (Isaiah 30:9)

...they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 5:24)

On the other hand, let us consider what the LORD has to say about his law, and about us that keep it...

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul... (Psalm 19:7)

ALEPH. **Blessed** are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. (Psalm 119:1)

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (Psalms 1:1)

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalms 1:2)

If we are ever ...criticized... for contending against text critics and their modern version corruptions, let us be sure to remember that it is the LORD himself who has exhorted us to so-contend against the critics. We are not defending our own selves... we are defending the law of the LORD – the KJB.

And, lest a text critic tries to use warnings in Proverbs against contentions, to criticize us for contending for the faith (the KJB) and against their modern versions, just beware that context determines meaning; and the contexts of "contentions" in Proverbs is quite different from the context in Jude. Yet there are some contexts

in Proverbs (13:10, 18:6, 18:19, 22:10) which speak directly against the contentions of the text critics ... and one especially against their "fathers" Westcott & Hort (Proverbs 23:29-35), whose wicked work was done under the influence of what that Proverb speaks of.)

It is good and right to contend for the faith (which is, that which is written – the KJB – and thus I at least will continue to do so. Who is with me? Or more appropriately, who with the LORD? (Exodus 32:26, Deuteronomy 18:13, 1 Kings 8:61)

Numbers

Psalms 71:15

As noted in previous newsletters, the number **11** in the book of the LORD seems to be related very strongly to **understanding**. We saw that it is the poor of the flock that waited upon the LORD that **know** what is the word of the LORD. Knowledge and understanding are closely related, occurring together 59 times in the same verse in the KJB (in various combinations of their word forms).

Zechariah **11:11** ...the poor of the flock that waited upon me **knew** that it was the word of the LORD.

The "rich" (in worldly wisdom) have no candle that can shed any light upon the understanding of the poor (in worldly wisdom) who they afflict. It is indeed those of us who are "poor" in the wisdom of the world but who **know** what the word of the LORD is (in English, the King James Bible) that the "rich" will afflict with corrupted and perverted words; with oppositions of science falsely so called; through philosophy and vain deceit; with feigned words...

(Jeremiah 23:36, 2 Corinthians 2:17, 1 Timothy 6:20, Colossians 2:8, 2 Peter 2:3,).

However,

Proverbs 28:**11** The **rich** man is wise in his own **conceit**; but the **poor** that hath **understanding** searcheth him out.

So,

Proverbs 24:19 Fret not thyself because of **evil** men, neither be thou envious at the **wicked**;

Proverbs 24:20 For there shall be no reward to the **evil** man; the **candle** of the **wicked** shall be put out.

Psalms 18:27 For thou wilt save the **afflicted** people; but wilt bring down **high looks**.

Psalms 18:28 For thou wilt light **my candle**: the LORD my God will enlighten **my** darkness.

Proverbs 20:27 The **spirit** of man is the **candle** of the LORD...

Job 32:8 ...there is a **spirit** in man: and the **inspiration** of the Almighty giveth them **understanding**.

I hope you were able to follow along with that. By his Spirit, the LORD inspires understanding into our spirit (which is the LORD's candle), and thus the LORD lights the candle of understanding (of his word) in our heart; and with his candle thus in us, the LORD will put out the candle of those that have high looks due to their own conceit.

Quote to Note

I think this statement from the book of Acts pretty much sums up Calendar Year 2020...

We ought to obey God rather than men.
(Acts 5:29b)

It is not the purpose of this newsletter to delve into politics. Suffice it for me to say that men's edicts and decrees ... *claiming* to be "following the science" (but which in reality were following science falsely so called) ... have simply led to mayhem and destruction.

Recipe Share

Seeing that the pestilence we have been enduring has been referred to as "the **China** virus" ... I figured that for this newsletter I would offer the recipe for my second-favorite Christmas cookie

Chinese Almond Cookies

Blanche ~2 cups of almonds by boiling for 10 minutes.
Finely chop and toast 1 cup of worth.
Cut 2/3 cup worth in halves for top of cookies.

Thoroughly mix the following eight ingredients:

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| 1-1/3 cup sugar | 2 egg yolks |
| 1-1/3 cup brown sugar | 4 tablespoons milk |
| 1 teaspoon almond extract | 2 tablespoon vinegar |
| 1 stick butter | 1 stick margarine |

Save the egg whites.

Blend the following into the above:

- 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup finely chopped toasted almonds

Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place on un-greased baking sheet. Flatten each cookie slightly with bottom of floured glass. Brush cookies with slightly beaten egg whites. Press an almond half onto center of each cookie. Bake in quick moderate oven at 350° for 6-7 minutes.

(Yield: 8 dozen cookies)

Wrap-up

With the ongoing concerns regarding the pestilence this year (2020) and the elevated risks it poses, our in-person King James Bible Study has been temporarily suspended. When we resume, I am considering the idea of moving the location to my mom and dad's house, which neighbors my own but is just down the hill and accessed from a different road. It is clean and uncluttered well-lit, with a nice kitchen table, and requires only one modest renovation (removal of the majorly-peeling paint from the bathroom ceiling). In fact, I'm thinking about the idea of using the back porch of their house as an office some day. (Or as a kickboxing workout room... since it's nice and solid, sitting on top of a cement cistern...when I jump up and down, there is zero vibration!) Anyway, more to come. Moving the bible study location is not a definite, considering that the parking would be a little less convenient down there. I will take the advice from those of you that will be resuming (or joining) the in-person studies once it is deemed safe enough to do so.

In closing, snipping a couple ...snippets... from the "Science Snippet" section of this ...snipped... (one-page shorter than usual) newsletter...

Let each of us be "grafted" into the "olive tree" as a "noble" vine/branch (Jeremiah 2:21, Romans 11:17-24, Acts 17:11), and bring with us into the "olive tree" the pure word of God (Psalms 12:6; 119:140, Proverbs 15:26; 30:5).

Let none of us be "grafted" into the "olive tree" as a "degenerate plant of a strange vine" (Jeremiah 2:21), bringing with us into the "olive tree" the corrupted words of men (Daniel 2:9, 2 Corinthians 2:17, 1 Peter 1:23).

God bless you all.