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YEAR 2020 SUMMER PARABLES IN LIFE

July 1 · 2:04 PM

I've found many-a Parable for articles & songs while weeding the Wild World. This summer's battle = one of the Best-Ever-Named plants: Devil's Walking Stick. Cute little green sprigs turn into forest of Long-thorned thick stalks that break off from a deep root that runs underground... Looks like you won, but it pops up more & more sprigs that... Just like trying to beat sins without God's help as Weedkiller Sin-stopper.... Reminds me: Time to go put more antiseptic on the cuts I got from weeding a stand this AM...

July 1 · 8:41 PM

Pleasant reminders of friends... gifts from God....

DianaDee Osborne shared a memory.

July 1, 2019 · PHOTO from when I was leading the huge church praise band:

Interesting photo selections FB chooses... The first one is our praise band playing at the high school for RELAY FOR LIFE awhile back... that's me on guitar on the right. My studio producer Claxton Sticks Wilson and his wife Michelle are two of profile circles near end-- KEY people for DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com website, serving God with New Songs

July 1 ·

One of my favorite PARABLE ideas from God: MATH evidence that He is Real.... is the Creator. Romans 1 end, it requires foolishness to defend Science teachings on Entropy (all things deteriorate) while simultaneously defending Evolution (all things have grown/ developed out of something more simple). Especially when their Key claim ignores even recent changes in world climate & requires "SAME" for millions of years in order to guess at age based on today's decay rates... MATH calls that uncertain (guessing) method EXTRAPOLATION.

July 2 · 12:13 AM

Each night my husband's & my prayers include a request to God about ending this coronavirus: But it just might be God's GIFT (again) as a WARNING to drive people to turn BACK to Him.... So we sadly pray for His Will (Plan) to be done... but not for Him to end a plague that might save some people from choosing hell... ALL thru the 39 older Bible books, God repeatedly sadly warned people NOT wanting them to choose to reject Him, to choose Death. From Deut. 30:19 w samples like Jer. 38:20 to 2nd Peter 3:8-9: God IS patient, DOES give Grace of Time... but His Holiness + Right-eousness requires an eventual Day of Judging to be Just.

July 2 · 8:50 PM

Sometimes I wonder if God *really* wants me to do Facebook as the Ministry that I pray it will be for Him. Perhaps this one FB comment is a Key way of serving Him by helping someone else-- for I have college experience in something few people have, and can write honestly: Occult fortune telling: I understand, <Name>... Have been praying for you at least a year, since I learned of your type of enjoyment, because I've "been there" & was terrified by what happened during a "session" I had long ago... absolute evidence that Satan was real and really there... God WILL ALWAYS protect you, if you really want Him to...

James 4:7 and 8 are your easy 2-step key that Satan the Liar (John 8:44, 10:10) is going to try to get you to forget: When you reject your thoughts of wishing for old things God disapproves of (calls sin) AND OUT LOUD CALL To God, God WILL run to you just like that Prodigal Son's Father... God has All power to beat off Satan, but he won't take your free will to wish for old times until you decide against God to try them again... It was hard: I was good; I drew "friends" by "entertaining" them; I remember God filling the EMPTY-ness left when I left behind the occult things I'd been "good" at, with Satan's help. With my prayers, still, <Name>. with deep caring.

COMMENT later: 2 key sentences: James 4:7 and 8 are your easy 2-step key that Satan the Liar (John 8:44, 10:10) is going to try to get you to forget: ... **OUT LOUD CALL To God, God WILL run to you just like that Prodigal Son's Father...**

July 7 · 12:03 PM

PHOTO: **The Probability of getting FIVE royal flushes in a row is**

0. [27 zeroes] 86357881435247595067029089939491%

If that happened, you would reasonably conclude that the game is somehow **RIGGED**.... The probability of a functional SIMPLE CELL to arise WITHOUT INTELLIGENT DESIGN, **GIVEN** all the ingredients, is 1 in 10 to the 57800th.

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When people ask why I believe in a God who cannot be seen, my reply= "STATISTICS." Theirs= "Huh?". Then = interesting talk re (1) THE MATH: Begin at probability of a SINGLE Royal flush (0.000001539); THEN must use FACTORIAL to find chance of FIVE royal flushes in row... Answer is FAR lower because you can't just

ADD 4 more of the single number. (2) How God NEVER gives "PROOF" of Himself-- only *Evidences*. Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to have faith, per Logic & what God says in Hebrews 11:1... Verse 11:3 = "By faith we understand that the *WORLDS* were framed by the WORD of God..." The Greek "aion" means more than "universe"... it means Times... ALL Time thru the end of the Ages. >>

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm...> ... (3) Related: CHANCE of SO many "evolution" presumptions. (4) To calculate POKER MATH: See fun math website > <https://www.intmath.com/counting-probability/poker.php> (CLICK on provided other link when error message comes up.)

July 7 · 2:53 PM

What makes a sad song sad usually depends on how its lyrics affect us on THAT day... On another day, it might be "just another song"... The Tone & chords are the road that guide our thoughts, but they're just pretty (or not) more than emotional... Sample: "Say something, I'm giving up on you - I'm sorry that I couldn't get to you" isn't so sad if you're in a Joyful time with your Dearest... and then..... There are so many psalms & verses where God Sings to us thru a writer of His LOVE so DEEP that He will never EVER "Give up" on us. Though it's a SAD song whenever anyone He loves rejects HIM. Malachi 3 & Zephaniah 3:17 God DOES sing over us with JOYFUL songs...

July 7 · 9:41 PM

Scriptures support the Camper's Guide to when you're lost: Get into an open space (no trees & huge weeds surrounding you) and Wait there... someone WILL be looking for you & WILL find you. Psalm 46:10, Be Still and the Good Shepherd who IS there will be found by you... when the trees & weeds no longer distract you. In His Parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus clearly showed He is indeed God-- Ezekiel 34 the ONLY Good Shepherd & SEEKS His lost sheep. John 10:10 re Satan wanting to Destroy us is followed by 11: Our Shepherd IS seeking us to save us-- even when we're dumb & wandering toward cliffs.

July 8 · 12:14 PM

I like my parable from 2 years ago on my "Birthday"-- July 8th 8:30 PM yrs ago = when I accepted Jesus as Savior, though I'd *always* BELIEVED IN God... Logic looking at Nature. YET James 2:19, Even Demons Believe.... As we watch this Plague progress-- and that's what God inspired it to be called thru scriptures-- people have chance to BELIEVE God's warnings like thru His Prophet Jeremiah. In 36:1, God gives His Loving REASON for things like plagues >> "Perhaps the people of Judah will repent when they hear again all the terrible things I have planned for them. Then I will be able to forgive their sins and wrongdoings." ... But will Americans listen? And the rest of this World also watching COVID-19 statistics? LOVE in Jeremiah 36.

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DianaDee Osborne shared a memory. July 8, 2018 ·
Sometimes we work hard, like cleaning around the church without anyone knowing. It gives pleasure: But Satan often tempts us to wish other people knew what we did....//.... Wonder what Baruch thought: As pictured, he wrote out *42,000 words* in the longest Bible book-- yet is barely mentioned for credit! NO ONE (hardly) knows who is this guy (see Jer. 36)... Yet we can thank him for this service: Writing out all God's warnings thru His Prophet Jeremiah for God's reason HE gave >> "Perhaps the people of Judah will repent when they hear again all the terrible things I have planned for them. Then I will be able to forgive their sins and wrongdoings." Isn't it WORTH it to get NO CREDIT as part of God's Plan of Salvation: TELLING of it?... >>
https://www.blueletterbible.org/nlt/jer/36/1/s_781001

July 8 · 9:40 PM Re people fighting about having to wear masks during COVID-19.

I heard it again, and it's a dumb statement that has people mocking or ignoring God because of fighting among Christians on this topic: 2 dumb things about saying "If you wear masks you don't have faith in God to protect you" >> (1) No logic, since no firm evidence that masks DON'T help, else there' be no questions; (2) Jesus quoted scriptures that "You shall NOT put the Lord your God to the test", to Satan re reckless life endangerment jumping. Matthew 4:7 & Deut. 6:16. It's people's rights to choose to wear a mask; but not to judge anyone's "trust in God" in light of Jesus's words: 2 Tim 2:23, "Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights."

COMMENT LATER July 9th 1w - On Any Topic >> All my life I've heard Bible studies that MOCKED Pilate for asking Jesus "What is Truth?" in a rhetorical question-- he didn't expect or WANT an answer. And now Technology SHOULD have us constantly asking: "Is it Truth?" Yet many people don't WANT an answer so they can keep believing whichever answer they want. >> see post re fake videos >>

July 9 · 2020 1:14 PM

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

PHOTO LIST of a "NEVER HAVE I" set of about 10 activities including

Slept outside	Foraged for wild berries	Kissed a horse
Ate fruit off a tree	Made bread from scratch	Caught fish <+ a crab!>
Cooked over a fire	Gathered a warm egg	Squished bug in fingers

I find myself pleasantly pleased with evidence that I haven't exaggerated to myself that I was raised a "country girl". Never milked a goat, & "hauling" a hay bale to a stall isn't quite what the list means ;) . Haven't swum in a stock tank but maybe a creek full of snipping little fish counts! And no forgotten eggs thankfully. But I remember the feeling-stupid of cutting my hand on barbed wire-- and touching a fence wire with a slight charge on it (oww!)... the Joy of looking up at stars from a sleeping bag, & at clouds when awakening from a nap on blanket... The privacy of hanging wet clothes on

a line while in my gown-- because Mom too far away to notice!... and The Bit of sweetness of a honeysuckle's "honey".... Children miss so much these days. Wish I'd taught my children more than sucking on vine flowers!

July 9 · 2020 1:53 PM

Some cool discoveries watching the July 9th weekly Thursday 1 PM Planetarium show: (1) ORION telescopes for only about \$100 are both good AND it is the brand that the Planetarium's employees use for their own fun casual use at home; and (2) STELLARIUM is an app to help us figure out what stars are in the sky above us on any given day, plus added photos. <https://stellarium.org/screenshots.html> - and (3) In America, you CAN'T see your own "constellation" on your birthday because the Sun is in the way and blocking view of it. JULY 16th at 1 PM = The Mars Show. Today's topic was >> Travel to Uranus, Neptune, and how Pluto got "demoted" as a Planet but NOW is "promoted" as the largest Dwarf; plus other dwarf planets that were discovered only in this century (such as Haumea, Makemake, and Eris).

July 9 · 2020 2:25 PM TOPIC = How EASY it is to FAKE a video based on just a few sample clips, to make former President Obama look like he was saying what he had not. a TED TALK from [December 12, 2019](#) · "We can now create videos of people saying things they never said. This is how you can spot them. Watch the full TED Talk here: <http://t.ted.com/3QRYWQY> "

POST: The 3-minute summary clip on "Facebook Watch" videos...at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2490479137833015> -- That's 3 minutes of Terror if you Dare to think of foreign countries convincing us that their leaders are saying This or That-- or died & a fake video denies that others are in control. 3 minutes of Terror imagining what could be done in America, with so many people ready to believe ANYTHING. 3 minutes of thinking along with Pilate's words to Jesus "WHAT IS TRUTH?" before we turn away to less frightening thoughts....

10 July 2020 3:38 PM · [6d](#) ·

I'd love to ask Eve whether she believed that dumb pretty snake the FIRST time she saw it-- or if Adam left her bored all day for months so the snake snuck in to her confidence by pretending to be a caring friend... Every Bible study I've seen (a LOT) assumes it was "Oh-- One day a snake showed up...." // But that's NOT how it is with Temptation. First come the mild thought of "Maybe that's not so bad." Then "Other people think it's OK". Then "God is Forgiving." Then.... "FULL GROWN" appears twice in Bible: James 1:15. Both, about Temptation... It's a PROCESS. John 10:10, a sin that Satan wants us to "die for". "When desire has conceived it gives birth to sin; & sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth DEATH."

PHOTO: **1st Corinthians 10:13** (KJV) - "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted

above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*."

10 July 2020 8:09 PM . 6d .

PHOTO of pocket watch almost to midnight: We are no longer in the LAST DAYS. We are in the Last SECONDS. Isaiah 55:6-7 - Zechariah 2:3

HISTORY LINK: **"1619 - the Year that Shaped America"**

In 20 days, America will be at the End of our 400th year.... 400 years. People who deeply study scriptures know how significant that number has been to God-Named-YHWH (Isaiah 42:6, 8 Hebrew actual name given) -- all thru scriptural history.... On July 30, 1619 in Jamestown, Virginia, the first English-speaking representative assembly in the Americas, the House of Burgesses, convened: American govt Began. >> <https://www.americanheritage.com/1619-year-shaped-america> - TIMING is up to God, but 2nd Peter 3:8-9 makes clear: He WILL END Time to repent of sins one day. He doesn't specify when so we will prepare NOW. Incl. amid a plague.

11 July 2020 10:41 AM 6d .

PHOTO: Jeremiah 16:19, "In the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto Thee... and shall say **"Surely our fathers have inherited lies'."**

A huge % of United Methodist Church members deeply study scriptures. They're sorrowfully seeking "where to go?!" after Worldwide Bishops do final vote to REJECT God's scriptures that aren't "politically correct". Many denominations already have. A WRONG word I keep hearing asked is "What church is still orthodox?... But "orthodox" means "straight saying" with PEOPLE: Not God. Jeremiah 16:19 = God's prophecy= People will one day learn some TRADITIONS ("orthodox" beliefs) they were taught thru church/ religious leaders & parents etc... were LIES: "O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You... & say, "SURELY our fathers have inherited LIES...." NKJV

COMMENT 1 on 17 July 8m - to someone who changed denominations because he moved a lot & realized "how variable Methodism was as I moved around". ME: -- Not quite like McDonald's, hey <NAME>?! .. That became my parable in last decade: Used to be you KNEW what was believed at any UMC you went to, just as you KNOW what your food choices & its taste will be at any McD's in world.... but now there are even UMC pastors teaching Genesis 1-6 as "useful myths to teach lessons". (

COMMENT 2 on 17 July 5m - to another reader whose long good comment included "SOUND AN ALARM IN ZION!! It's time to awaken and align your soul temple with scripture and not with a false prophet, Rabbi, Pastor, Reformer, church organization who may have SOME truth but .." ME (with a Thank You): Never a sermon have I heard about Acts 17 that mentioned-- Paul PRAISED the Bereans for refusing to immediately believe what HE taught! These days most pastors feel insulted

if listeners doubt them until they've verified the sermons/ class teachings against scriptures.

12 July 2020 9:26 AM 5d ·

What is a doughnut? Your first A= "a round sweet food in many flavors with a hole in middle- spelled Donut." 😊;) ... But I just learned: Also a HARD RING that's slid onto a baseball bat. WHY? We've NEVER seen one on the bat of a batter swinging at a pitch. Baseball bats avg 33 oz, & doughnuts = up to 28. WHO in their right mind would try to win a Tournament with DOUBLE weight on their bat?... The weight is for Training, to build muscles & hone "form" while swinging. But players "throw off" that weight for the Real Game. AND GOD CALLS US to Throw Off weight for our Game of Life. Whatever that added "weight" may be-- even if in Moderation, it's fine & natural & not "sin"... God's done SO MUCH for us. Is He worth giving up bad weights? Hebrews 12:1. **["Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us."]**

12 July 2020 12:24 PM 5d ·

One of funniest movie lines Ever ("hidden" message requires you know its history) is in WHAT'S UP, DOC?... At end, Barbra Streisand bats her long lashes flirtishly at Ryan O'Neal & declares "Love Means Never Having to Say You're Sorry"... LONG pause.... Then he retorts, "That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard!" 😊;) ! ..//.. Many CHURCH LEADERS are teaching Love Means Never Saying you need to be Sorry for Biblically defined sins-- "God understands & will forgive all". Foolish Evil Jesus NEVER said! To woman at the well, He said Go & Sin no more. It became used so much it's called trite & yet is still a true Q: "WWJD - What would Jesus Do?" Ezekiel 33, NOT letting people barrel toward Hell without warning them! THAT's not love!.... PS: O'Neal was making fun of quote said to him at end of LOVE STORY, 15 months earlier (1970).

12 July 2020 10:02 PM (first published on date in earlier year) 4d ·

PHOTOs of Chessboard: **"God Always Wins. Genesis 45"**

Just minutes into #Stargate re-run, a 2-mile wide alien ship was coming, shooting a wall of fire onto the land's distant fields. Our heroes were frozen, in horror-- BUT people they'd come to save stood beside them, waiting for Encouragement. Even my husband (who remembers about everything!) admitted a blank on HOW IN THE WORLD they'd defeat a 2-mile wide spaceship. But then we started laughing-- NO IDEA HOW they'd ever win... but Colonel Jack's crew ALWAYS wins... //... Wonderful parable: As world news becomes more horrifying: We've read the end of the book. *GOD WINS*. Thus, *IF* we choose to be in His crew: WE win. Deuteronomy 8.. A REAL "If" that we canNOT ignore when sharing the HOPE IN US (1 Peter 3:15 COMMAND). >> https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/1pe/3/12/p0/s_1154012

13 July 2020 9:13 AM 4d ·

PHOTO: QUOTE of A.W. Tozer -- "Sometimes I think the Church would be better off if we would call a moratorium on activity for about 6 weeks and just wait on God to see what He is waiting to do for us. **That's what they did before Pentecost.**"

Amid Separation now because of COVID's danger... What of lonely people whose joy were few hours each week being "in church"? What of the desperate people who had turned to addictions like drink, gambling, even food or computer games for comfort so much that they joined AA or GA or OA & needed to see FACES SMILING to support & love them as they are? We sing "the church is not a building... WE are the church.".... But I confess-- I didn't want to go sit alone in a church parking lot yest looking at others alone in their cars hearing words that didn't apply to my daily life-- or "mild" addictions that need to hear others care & encourage me "God will help you fight this ___" (1st Corinthians 10:13). May God guide us on how to guide & help others-- which gives US a purpose, as a church, a caring family.

13 July 2020 12:19 PM DianaDee Osborne shared a memory. 4d

PHOTO: Psalm 4: 6-8, "Many are asking, "Who can show us anything good?" Let the light of your face shine on us, LORD. 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and new wine abound. 8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, LORD, make me live in safety." (CSV)

Appropriate post: Who'd'a guessed the world changes 12 months later. Keys in post: May you find COMFORT knowing that it's OK to feel down and pamper yourself with Just Resting for awhile.... Then you can deal with the "what to DO" prayers incl re checking your body's minerals for deficiencies, and finding someone who'll just listen... I understand what it feels like when people try to "fix you" after you've dared to be honest.... May you find Peace. Psalm 4 is so great a comfort too-- "STORM SLEEPING"...Our loving God understands & still won't zap you for "lack of faith" (see 1 Kings 19!) Faith = trusting God does not lie & is Kind.

https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/1ki/19/1/s_310001

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July 13, 2019 · Depression. It's real. And it DOESN'T need any "You should do THIS" answers from anyone but a doctor... That's even more depressing, isn't it? It's like accusations that "You wouldn't be depressed if you'd just [do what I advise] / [change your lifestyle] / [Have Faith in God]" etc. answers that people think they're helping with, but really just make you feel guilty as if it's all your fault..... So what do you DO when it just WON'T go away (even if you've checked with a doctor-- especially about hormone & chemical physical imbalances) and Yet You Keep hearing thoughts of "Why should I feel like this when my life's not as bad as many other people's??

When you have the time & energy to do so, you will find a lot of COMFORT from GOD in First Kings 19. Just hours earlier-- Chapter 18-- God proved without question to

Elijah how He would come thru & take care of 100s of enemies by a Huge Miracle... and Now, already, Here's Elijah whining & hopeless after Jezebel sends one little note to him.... Did God ZAP Elijah or at least SCOLD him for lack of faith after all God had done?.... NOPE!.... God gave water, food, REST for awhile, and then a simple job / GOAL to do (go to the town to see a widow).

May you find COMFORT knowing that it's OK to feel down and pamper yourself with Just Resting for awhile.... Then you can deal with the "what to DO" prayers incl re checking your body's minerals for deficiencies, and finding someone who'll just listen... I understand what it feels like when people try to "fix you" after you've dared to be honest.... May you find Peace. Psalm 4 is so great a comfort too-- "STORM SLEEPING"... And if you do NOT FEEL that "Joy comes in the morning" like God promised (Psalm 30) If you wonder if God "didn't mean for me" Well, that's OK... our loving God understands & still won't zap you for "lack of faith" as some people wrongly accuse. Faith = trusting God does not lie & is Kind & will make things come thru for us who don't accuse Him of being a liar-- the Worst Sin, since Genesis 3 and that "Snake" who's still lying to us & taking advantage of hurt ... excruciating... ways we feel in thoughts at times. -DianaDee Osborne

Psalm 4 & 30 and over 100 other original SONGS of COMFORT at this location... Free downloads of MP3s, music sheets & lyrics; no cookies stored off your device. >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php>

Romans 8:26, God's Holy Spirit will pray FOR you (if you ask), so you don't have to know all the "right words" to pray! Romans 8:28, Yes, God who does NOT lie, WILL work out some good out of whatever is happening to you... Including helping you one day get a Joy out of helping other people who feel depressed & accused of lack of faith.... Because they'll be comforted just that you truly understand how they feel....

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14 July 2020 10:52AM 3d ·

Yesterday's sad news from Indiana... With its reminder that NO UMC Denomination decision re leaders who teach contrary to God's Bible was made by Bishops this year because COVID kept them from holding Conference.... "Granger Community, under [Pastor Mark] Beeson, [is] a pioneer in contemporary worship and in creating innovative, appealing Sunday school programs." "Beeson's picture-painting style of preaching helped attract people who had little if any church background." "He has a passion for spreading the good news of God's amazing grace for all people."

Reminder: God does indeed offer His amazing Grace to ALL people... but still is Holy & describes clear consequences for any who reject His grace by rejecting His commands....

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14 July 2020 10:52AM 3d

In case you haven't heard: **The UMC is considering removing flame from its emblem.** I *do* understand & empathize with reason [**to not stir up bad memories**]. I grew up with it>> My dad didn't tell us til 30 years later that when we were very little, he'd refuse to stay late for rural VA church meetings >> He'd rush home to be with us soon after nightfall-- because he, a white man in 30s, was threatened that he'd find a burning cross at his house for all his angry preaching on the streets as well as to church people against Evil of Racism..//..

AND YET millions of church members like 1,000s of preachers Delightedly Approved when the Methodist Church added the Emblem of the Holy Spirit, a Flame- in 1968 AMID politics-- its Reminder of what EVERY Church needs: John 14:26, Eph. 3:20 empowering to remember what Jesus taught & do FAR more than we can even think to pray for..

BUT, perhaps now removing the Flame is indeed appropriate... Something God might WANT..., Would The Holy Spirit even WANT to be associated with the UMC if its leaders complete plans to re-write or throw out scriptures they don't like??

.From the beginning, the Cross was emblem of John 15:20-style Suffering for Standing for God's TRUTH-- any topic incl. Evil of Racism. Removing the emblem of Holy Spirit- the Flames at Pentecost- (1) removes our Visual Reminder that any church is weak without Him and (2) removes the emblem that opens discussions for us to witness about Him (as the cross does). And, OHHHH, how Satan rejoices & mocks at God like at the beginning of the Book of Job when we forget God's Holiness & Goodness....

LINK to article, "Has the UMC Always had a Symbol like the cross and the flame?" -- by **OFFICIAL WEBSITE UMC.org** >>> <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-has-the-united-methodist-church-always-had-an-official-symbol>

COMMENT LATER: John 15:20, Jesus warning with Truth: "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."

15 July 2020 7:18 AM 1d

Still scared by a moment considering a book I read 2 yrs ago: Good-sounding book had scripture guidelines for winning over demons... BUT also this SCARY, HORRIFYING advice called "fact" >> That sometimes we should TALK to demons to learn the hidden cause of someone's illness...

NO WAY! James 4:7, RUN FROM them, 4:8, let GOD do any talking to them! Matthew 25:41, demons are a type of angels & we're not supposed to talk to them, but to God > Colossians 2:18. JUDE 1:9, even an archangel did not "rebuke Satan" but let GOD do it!

PS: Book is now in trash... DON'T give away evil writings (lest someone see the book, rescue & read it)-- not even to Goodwill!

16 July 2020 6:18 PM 23h ·

An example of how Journaling can be used to SERVE the Lord... Remembering the 'lessons' He taught 4 years ago so I can share the parable again, of a heavy plastic bottle falling on my toe, and the excruciating pain of Jesus on the cross... CRUCifix... key root word of God's excruciating pain when we who use His name reject His Way & think other so called gods just have another name for Him-- "YHWH is my Name" God says clearly in Isaiah 42: 6 and 8; and 6,000 places His Hebrew name YHWH is translated as "LORD" in Old Testament.

MEMORY SHARED by: DianaDee Osborne July 16, 2016 ·

(1) This AM, a heavy plastic bottle slipped thru my hand as I took it out of the 'frig. It landed hard on top of my bare foot, and for about 3 minutes, I suffered that kind of pain that makes you dizzy & nauseous... But Then I was fine... And Then I started thinking of the excruciating pain far more than 180 seconds that so many are suffering out of the EVIL being done against them.....

(2) This month is the 3rd anniv since the Presby. Church rejected hymn IN CHRIST ALONE because 3rd verse says Christ saved us from the WRATH of God against sins.....

(3) I AM THANKFUL that we have such a Compassionate LORD YHWH (Exodus.3:14) God who DOES have WRATH against people who hurt others! (4) We should ALL be NAUSEATED at the LIE that 'allah' the guiding principle of so much evil has been called "Just another name" for our Holy LOVING God....

16 July 2020 6:18 PM 16h ·

I know it's silly, trivial, shallow, superficial... But I find it daunting that the Rose Bowl Parade for January 1st just got canceled. No surprise: Each year they talk about how people begin work on the following year's parade by the week after The Parade... Under 6 months to prep now. But it's DAUNTING to realize that what we'd hoped in March would end by August is..... magnifying. Thanking God that He's been with those who honor Him all along & still will be as we wistfully think about parades when 2020 FINALLY ends..... Of course, the way Evil & self centered thinking keep snowballing toward hell... As Grandmom would say: Be careful what you wish for. 2021 might be in God's Plan to be worse..... <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/07/15/pasadena-tournament-of-roses-parade-2021-canceled/?fbclid=IwAR1bYc2TV4llrRdtsHRxSOmt6RKEjXMxZflSBvSFNQbPYG1wPQ3n-kkr5jU>

COMMENT LATER: Info in Entire article link, including:

Since it started in 1891, the annual parade has not taken place only 3 times – the wartime years of 1942, 1943, and 1945. Every year, the parade and the accompanying Rose Bowl football game bring millions of people to Pasadena from around the country & the world, many of whom camp alongside the parade route for days. Organizers say they made the decision reluctantly and with tremendous disappointment. Planning for the annual New Year's Day parade typically begins in February, and construction on the spectacular, flower-laden floats happens throughout

the year.... already months behind on float building, and 12 of the 22 bands — which were selected 18 months in advance — have canceled.

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16 July 2020 7:16 PM [15h](#) ·

Rats. I forgot to watch the Thursday 1 PM Astronomy Lecture on Facebook from Liberty Science Center Planetarium. Re the Q, DOES GOD EXIST?... We learned 2 weeks ago in great lecture series: Astronomers had plenty of evidence that Pluto (at the time un-named) existed by watching the influence of "something unknown" upon celestial bodies known... With so many like discoveries that were known to exist before the tools were invented to find them (including "germs"), it's NOT logical for atheists to demand Immediate Proof... That itself is our Logic to share.
<https://lsc.org/explore/planetarium> - An EASY Parable.

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17 July 2020 10:33 AM [1m](#) ·

TECH INFO: Had to *again* change battery in my mouse. Well, give it credit: I do type a LOT of music etc using it. **FLICKERING SCREEN?** In old days, usually because of MAJOR computer issue. Now: Usually can fix by re-seating your tiny wireless Mouse transmitter- might've gotten jostled, making signal wacky. A fresh battery won't hurt... //... Right now our Whole Life feels flickering with this COVID "ruining" our Normal, our plans. Right now = no cure for the virus-- but IS a cure for Flickering Hope: Reading Psalms, seeing how God YEARNS to help, to comfort. After all, His Spirit who guided Handel to write THE MESSIAH's Isaiah 9 incl. vs 6 into music is NAMED "The Comforter". He doesn't zap us for lack of faith (1 Kings 19) but GUIDES us to scripture comforting Truth & PEACE, Jesus said-- John 14:26-27.

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17 July 2020 10:07 PM [July 17](#) ·

Fascinating slide show worth your time whatever your thoughts. Array of statistics - like Arizona has only 150 ICU beds free STATE-wide??.... Some people mock me as I *grieve* the Big CHURCHES Split based on believing Scriptures (or not) that's coming to the UMC, as it already did in other denominations-- with Bishops wearing rainbow stoles & grinning wide-- and I question, "Aren't ANY of these church leaders TERRIFIED that God who has repeatedly used plagues in Bible History to draw people back to Himself might be doing the same AGAIN?"... More than 3 days of missing lunch are needed, but this is a great start in at least recognizing NEED for prayer by ALL major religions, as he notes. May God NOT need to Terrify us even more to get people to Respect, Honor Him our Creator.

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18 July 2020 9:57 AM [July 18](#) ·

A lovely Sabbath and Everyday song: AMAZING GRACE around the world, Joined in Faith in God who clearly says in Isaiah 42:6 & 8 and elsewhere in Hebrew, that His Name is YHWH, usually pronounced Yahweh - 'yaw-way'.... Important to know allahh etc is NOT "just another name" for our God of Amazing Grace who so loves the

World of people EVEN when we are sinners - Romans 5:8. SONG of the People who honor, RESPECT Him: https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=BA7pdABvpnc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR27nmZsMH_jEtBksY4CtD_UeStrgAgJoVR7wJMF6YVzF1I-tOUEHZeM8UA

18 July 2020 11:00 PM July 18 · PHOTO: Flow Chart of church denominations
Often I don't say "I'm a Christian" anymore. I say "I FIRMLY agree with Jesus THE Christ's teachings & prayerfully seek to be a "Christ Follower".... We've all seen how huge groups will ABSCOND with a set of beliefs that received a label and add their own version... Like:

(1) The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost & believers are Pentecostal as an adjective-- but we cannot call ourselves "Pentecostals" because huge groups have grabbed that Label & declared many cult things with it - including rejecting Jesus's teachings that He is not "The Father" (or H.S.), and claiming you're not a Christian if you don't speak in tongues.

(2) Great LABEL evidence Jesus gave in Matthew 25 -- people claiming to be Christ followers & claiming the Label "Christian". Then, now... Jesus says to such, "I know you NOT."

COMMENT 1: Yes we can be "happily" a Christian. But its the LABEL USED by Matthew_25 type people who **USE** Christ's Name & act horribly claiming HE approves that turns SO many people away from God- gets them even to mock GOD instead of just the wrongdoers...

COMMENT 2: FASCINATING STUDY: phrase "For MY Name's sake" (I use BlueLetterBible.org)... like Ezekiel 20:9 God Named YHWH (Isaiah 42:6,8 Hebrew) declares, ""But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be PROFANED before the Gentiles among whom they were..." God cares about HIS rep too, & mourns for those who reject Him based on people using that label "Christian"-- With Matthew 25 action by Him to come.

18 July 2020 11:00 PM July 18 ·

About praying in tongues (in next post when "LABEL" denominations claim "You're not a Christian if you don't") : Someone (who 'does') asked me if I did. I replied: "When I'm praying alone, I'm talking to God. So I'm not listening to me. So I don't know." He didn't ask again.

19 July 2020 9:23 PM July 19 ·

Amazing how much MORE MEANINGFUL this week, month, SUPER-dragging-long year 2020 that just "keeps on giving" as people are muttering--- is a post about fear, written only 12 months ago today ... Repeated fears "make sense" in a way as "normal" == YET, it's been said that there are 365 "DO NOT FEAR" scriptures from God in His Bible. Depends on surrounding meaning, but here are 252 of them incl. Hebrews 13:6 quoting Psalm 118:5 >> "So we may BOLDLY say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will NOT fear. What can man do to me?' >>

MEMORY FACEBOOK POST: July 19, 2019 ·

James's book of words inspired by God 2,000 years ago still comforts & encourages us to PERSEVERE Without Fear "Despite".... Awoke with floods of fearful thoughts. First quoted 2nd Timothy 1:7 a lot as a Prayer ("God has not given us a spirit of Timidity but of power and of love and of a sound mind.") Then played my recordings with music of "Book of James" on Specials tab at <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/SPECIALS.php> (free) which included Johnny Kyle's fantastic guitar for "Failure Waiting Prayer" used in background at 1 minute mark of Jame 5... "Indeed we count them blessed who endure...<SEE> that the Lord is very compassionate & merciful." MUSIC:

AUDIO:

http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/New_Songs_2015/BOOKOFJAMES5a5b5c.mp3

OTHER CHAPTERS can be found at this website tab:

<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/SPECIALS.php>

21 July 2020 11:44 AM July 21 ·

POST describing "memory" I posted from July 19, 2018 >>> I confess: I'm starting to get a bit nervous. It's now been 1-1/2 weeks that my right hand's fingers have been so swollen that it's been impossible or hurting to close them into a fist... a rather big deal for a musician. Had to take ibuprofen (against Dr orders) to play for church last week, and "SOON & VERY SOON" sure didn't have the Power I love to give it with heavy chords all over the piano!... But: Hey, God will work something out. So: A bit nervous yet swatting down fears: God heals in His (right) Time!

2020 POST, only 24 months later....

Do you know that I had *absolutely* forgotten about the Healing Gift that God gave to me 2 years ago... despite probably having recorded it in about Leather Journal #32. (Am now finishing #40). >> Another 24 months of pounding on keyboards & I never thought about the Grace of God ENABLING me to do so. Today my hip joint is hurting after 4 hours of bending to clip all Mom's greenery along sidewalks & Drives. BUT: If I pray for healing, will I remember God's gift even as soon as September??.... AMAZING GRACE: God gives & gives. **May we give Him thanks for Unseen Blessings--** and Un-**REMEMBERED** ones! How kind God is, even through times when He knows it was best to NOT heal.

COMMENT ADDED LATER: A friend of mine said years ago that REMEMBER was one of her favorite words in scriptures.... Here's a list of Reminders to Remember ;) all God's goodnesses... but also His Loving Warnings ! >> LINK: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=remember&t=NLT>

21 July 2020 10:31 PM July 21 ·

If I lived in Chattanooga, I'd go to the huge Aquarium/ IMAX at least 2X a month. If I lived in Chapel Hill, I'd go to the Morehead Planetarium at least that much. Chicago? I might get tired of studying all the art & architecture... one day. Haven't decided on my fav Botanical Gardens, but Sylvan Heights Bird Park in NC entices me with Facebook updates on special birds I'd love to see monthly.... A "Romans 8:28" that God is pulling out of this COVID Interference in Dreams = us learning to use the Internet to explore our world-- and GoogleEarth! ... Daniel 12:4 prophecy of Technology? >> Knowledge will increase exponentially! God answers prayers for wisdom on how to use that which He brings our way... and into our Dreams.

<https://www.facebook.com/SylvanHeightsWaterfowl/>

23 July 2020 6:07 AM July 23 ·

Horrendous nightmare soon after "end" of 90 min insomnia 3-4:30. Flipped on Mom's TV praying for distraction. Joseph Prince: Some people say If you climb Mt Everest, then climb the Himalayas, then climb Mt Fuji-- THEN you'll be saved. You'll get a certificate that says you completed reqts for Heaven. SOME people would *rather* God did that so we'd have something to proudly DO to Earn it.//..

Good parable with sad conclusion: Some preachers draw many to God while warning against this-- yet people gossip against them for not being This or That or... Galatians 6:1-4, These aren't "spiritual" people by God's def.//... That WAS my nightmare. Our minds weirdly reflect sad memories in a unique way.

COMMENT added later on photo of TOXIC CHURCHES, quote by Shannon Thomas, *"There has been a trend towards some church leaders & congregation members using "shunning" as a form of punishment toward individuals, couples and even families. WHY? The scripture about not associating with the unrepentant is being TWISTED.... Rather than being restoration focused, these toxic leaders & members are primarily concerned with maintaining CONTROL and their public image."*

I would've preferred to clip the photo to quote **only** the last sentence... about church pastors who allow CHARISMATIC church leaders to control everyone under them-- and approve only those who "like them" -- Best way to keep great "public image" and be praised. These leaders smile a lot to the pastor & "right people" -- & **actually DO help pastors** (who need help-- entire point of God's Deacon system, Acts 6 & 1st Tim 3).

23 July 2020 8:48 AM July 23 ·

PRIMITIVE CAMPING brings Q's we'd like to ask God. Like... WHY MOSQUITOES?? Can't frogs eat something else like cute little LADYBUGS? :) As I tried to sleep in the heat, a HUGE bug came at me in Dark. ANGRY buzzing: It was caught between the extra layers of mosquito netting I'd put over the opening!. For 1/2 hr, I hoped I'd prepared well, didn't "miss a spot" for the net... //..

We must WORK to **prepare for Invaders Of The Night** when camping, to avoid misery. We must WORK **to prepare for Invaders In Our Life that Jesus warned of** in John 10:10 >> Not putting ON a mere net, but God's **FULL ARMOR**. Ephesians 6:10-18. To avoid misery AND anger Satan at his failure to get us!

24 July 2020 9:10 AM 6d · PHOTO: Child on Jesus's back with his hands over Jesus's eyes, asking in Spanish:

"GUESS WHO!" If we ask Jesus "amid all this", "Do you remember me?" > He ALWAYS puts into our minds His Answer: "I've known you since before you were born." COMFORT in Jeremiah 1, Psalm 139, Isaiah 46:3. LOVE from our Creator. Photo via Jorge Cota on FB July 19, 2014.

24 July 2020 9:24 AM 5d ·

It's irksome that so many people are whining about wearing masks on the streets, when people in China & elsewhere consider it God's Romans 8:28 *blessing* >> Masks make it less likely that they'll be recognized when (not if) caught on the ever-present cameras in streets or stores while sharing about Jesus as LORD -- and then being persecuted for their faith. [This was a radio report on WAVA 105.1 last week.]

24 July 2020 9:35 AM 5d · PHOTO: 24 WORD puzzles AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Hit REPLY under 1 number for an answer.... I can "hear" my Dad singing #18 now. He wired record player speakers thru the 2 story house & would go around singing. When I became first person in family on either side to play any instrument-- age 12 piano -- people asked him if HE played anything. Dad always answered, "Oh yes! I play the Radio." ;) ... Feel free to "reply" to ONE puzzle with the answer if you'd like! Word puzzles, like music & of course prayers & cloud watching, can be so calming....

25 July 2020 9:53 AM 5d · PHOTO = YET GOD scriptures

Luke 12:6 JESUS -- "What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? **Yet God does not forget a single one** of them."

Romans 3:24 "**Yet God**, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. (NLT for both)

For ALL who seek to follow & serve our LORD God:

When anguish grows amid sorrows, YET GOD.

When struggles come, your strength is gone, YET GOD.

When feelings rage, may our hearts still say, "YET GOD!"

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25 July 2020 9:57 AM 5d ·

Amid other heartbreaking things... but 1 of the GREATEST 2-word phrases: "YET GOD!" ... Psalm 2, He mocks those who think they can control. Yesterday:

ARTICLE: Justice Samuel Alito wrote in a dissent that Nevada was discriminating against religious groups in favor of **casinos**, which under Governor Steve Sisolak's reopening plans **do NOT face the same 50-person limit on indoor gatherings**. "That Nevada would discriminate in favor of the powerful gaming industry and its employees may not come as a surprise, but this Court's willingness to ALLOW such discrimination is disappointing." **Sisolak's plans allow 1,000s to gather in casinos.**

26 July 2020 2:30 PM 4d

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

PHOTO: only #17, 18, `19 of word puzzles published yesterday:

A bit of yesterday's Puzzles Post: #19 **[THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX]** is related to one of my favorite "Philosophy of Life" lines>> Color outside the lines.... Each of the high school youth I taught in Sunday School gave me a weird look the first time they heard me say how much I loved to do that... Funny how HARD it was for them to do that parable assignment at the start of the lesson for that day on using God's talents in unique ways even if people thought they were weird! ... P.S. Any ideas on what #21 means are welcome!

26 July 2020 5:25 PM 3d ·

Photo of child hugging stuffed animal. AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Christmas movie reminded me of large realistic bunny I got in 6th grade (age 12!) & hung onto.. literally.. all thru H.S., into COLLEGE... Hugging it was weirdly comforting. In 1670, Blaise Pascal described a GOD SHAPED HOLE that we try "in vain to fill with everything around.. though NONE can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite + immutable object; in other words by GOD himself." -- Pensées VII(425) ..//.. I hope that, in heaven, we get to 'Hug' God. {2017}

26 July 2020 5:51 PM 3d ·

Written after repeatedly seeing people posting a photo of row of NASCAR drivers kneeling at a painted line on track.... claiming they're now required to pray Muslim prayers to Allah... POST:

It's bad enough to have TRUE bad news... but *infuriating* that people won't factcheck articles before they post them as if true-- even adding comments of "I wouldn't have believed it".... SO why didn't they take 10 seconds to type the phrase into a Search block on the internet? That's how long it took me to prove the Obvious-- that NO, the NASCAR drivers were not doing a prayer as they lined up on knees-- It was a WELL-known NASCAR tradition at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Yard of Bricks-- started by driver Dale Jarrett 24 years ago. BTW: I only respond to FB friends' posts if I especially care about the person; otherwise I just shake my head & ignore them...

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26 July 2020 8:34 PM 3d · PHOTO: Butterfly for old song IN YOUR TIME.

Another day of apologizing to God for whining that I haven't met some music Goals I wanted to do for Him... People say "Be patient, Moses waited 40 yrs to hear from God." And THAT's supposed to be comforting?!... But, really: Faith isn't just waiting but eagerly knowing God is prepping "behind the scenes" for some gift, some Opportunity, He'll give when the Time is right... An advantage of aging (& journaling so we don't forget): We get more & more evidences that God keeps "coming thru" with surprises. "IN HIS TIME" = 1 of oldest "modern" praise songs (1978, Diane Ball). It's still true. NATURE video with lyrics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtcBURtm5Aw&fbclid=IwAR28K4bmFbB_yYjh5hUkmeoRIRcwwwa7c7XYw9gTN8GKcS8EuAB4KXI9Gh0

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27 July 2020 10:35 AM 3d · PHOTO: THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD.... Ephesians 6:17

Dad sharpened kitchen knives often, always saying "Dull knives are far more dangerous than sharp ones." I confess:: I thought "That's crazy". Until, as a newlywed struggling with a dull knife, I got careless in my efforts to cut apart a whole chicken. Good PARABLE to go with Ephesians 6:10-end. When we STOP being careful to keep sharp & at Readiness with the weapons God so lovingly & freely offers, Satan has a huge advantage. 1st Corinthians 10:13's promise that NO one is overtaken with temptations isn't for Lazy people who ignore God's Word. Pretty cool when Bible Memory "games" in church are called SWORD DRILLS. Sharpening requires time to prepare before it's needed.

One comment: Love this. Wonderful analogy DianaDee. Your Dad was a very wise man indeed!

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27 July 2020 7:37 PM 2d ·

Family stories are often funny. One of ours: I'd been playing guitar & recording for 10 yrs when my husband wanted me to go hiking steep hills right after a rain-- autumn leaves would be slick on 4 miles of paths. I said "I don't want to risk breaking my arm falling & being unable to play guitar." He replied-- I kid you not -- "Can't you play with your other arm?" ? ... He's never hung around while I practice (& family joke is I never play electric when he's home), & he went to an old-fashioned church service instead of its service with my praise band. But Love includes the Kindness of not forcing each other to share every interest!

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29 July 2020 10:30 AM 1d · PHOTO: Large outdoor ceramic nativity-- with empty manger and handwritten sign, "PLEASE put Baby Jesus back. Thank you." News headline from Lancaster (PA) Online = "Taking Christ out of Christmas scenes: Baby Jesus stolen."

Searched AND searched in a drawer all wk: I KNEW it was there... Finally gave up. Today: Found it-- in SAME drawer?! Annoying...// .. People ask "Have you found Jesus?" Yrs ago, I'd answer "Is He lost?" Poster I saw in college STILL comforts with

Truth: Jesus the Good Shepherd is always HERE to be found if we truly Look: But We keep looking in WRONG places for Peace-- even tho we KNOW where it: God put that knowledge in our heart- Romans 1's end- How to fill our God Sized Hole of pain, sorrow, HOPELESS-ness.

29 July 2020 10:47 AM [1d](#) · PHOTO: Apple with bite out, green snake, words THE DEVIL MADE me DO IT!

It's time for Christians to stop blaming "the devil"... He only tempts. It's our choice to say "Sounds like a good idea". 1st Corinthians 10:13 > NO temptation can overtake us, and Satan's "tried them all"... James 4:7-8, we CHOOSE whether to run from Satan & TO God (who like the Prodigal Son's father, immediately runs to us when we call!) https://www.blueletterbible.org/nlt/1co/10/13/s_1072013

29 July 2020 9:02 PM [17h](#) ·

Happy memory from 2016 fits SWORD OF THE SPIRIT post yest: I'd been on Alabama veranda all wk watching little wasps flit by my chair... 1 here, 1 there, checking me out but not attacking as they continued past my right. I figured they were flying a shortcut to backyard...

Last nite: Found a HUGE nest within inches of where we walk each day: Dozens ready to attack with FIERY DARTS at any time... Eph. 6:16..//.. We must Watch & Defend against an Enemy's future attacks, too. Thanking God for His weapons & His wisdom to *recognize* dangers-- & know how to Act. James 1:5... Photo: nhm;org

30 July 2020 12:29 PM [1h](#) ·

PHOTO: Man in T-shirt that says "Jesus brings the dead back to life & creates new thins out of nothing" .. holding a sign that says I challenge each of you to re-share this: JESUS HAS THE POER TO BREAK EVERY CHAIN:

POST, considering how often people quote (or sing) this phrase but don't know where to find scriptures that SAY this Truth:

We need SCRIPTURE PROOF!! Here 'tis: Acts 12:6-7 - Peter was sleeping between 2 soldiers, bound with 2 CHAINS.... Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared & a light shone in the cell....: "Quick, get up!" he said, & the chains fell off Peter's wrists.... #2 Psalm 116:16 - "Truly I am your servant, Lord;... You have freed me from my chains."

MORE PROOF: ALL those promises of God freeing YOU & me from YOKES & burdens, if we just honor Him, call to Him. Jer. 2:20 (Sad), Hosea 11:3-4 (more sad words from God our ONLY Good Shepherd-- prophesy of Messiah Jesus in Ezekiel 34).

Psalm 81:6 on-- also sad: People IGNORING their Savior after He's broken their chains...

30 July 2020 12:55 pm 1h ·

CREATION - EVOLUTION

One very real reason why so many Christians believe the Dinosaurs-wiped-out-THEORY = they won't believe Genesis 3 (NO DEATH until after Adam & Eve brought it to world-- *GOD* says so clearly thru Romans 5:12 on: "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone...") is that **schools don't bother teaching students that Reptiles KEEP growing until they die....** So it's easy to imagine a "*dinosaur*" size lizard that's been around only half the normal lifetime of people by the time of Noah's flood (and his great-great-etc Grandfather Methuselah dying at age 969. Just studying the giant tortoise -- many that push 200 years old-- gives an easy idea...

ARTICLE LINK: "The royal tortoise said to have lived to age 344 [Nigeria] -- <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-49934583>

The tortoise, named Alagba, meaning elderly one, lived in the palace of Ogbomoso in Oyo state. BBC Yoruba's Abdulwasiu Hassan said Alagba had at least two personal attendants to see to her needs and would eat only twice a month. She was thought to have healing powers and attracted visitors from far and wide. The revered reptile was apparently brought to the palace by the kingdom's third leader, Isan Okumoyede, who reigned from 1770 to 1797.

31 July 2020 9:40 AM 6m ·

If you're reading this: You'd be **mistaken if thinking you haven't accomplished anything important in life**. I'm very careful in FB friends I accept-- who encourage thru FB, share Truth about God, seek to help by guiding to News articles & Devotions we might've missed.

So if you're reading this, you most likely ARE touching others' lives. No Diploma for this kind of success. But GOD notices: 2nd Corinthians 1:4, God "comforts us in all our tribulation, that WE may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble.."

Thank you for sharing a bit of Time of your Life thru FB & assuredly many more uncountable ways . -DianaDee:) ... Song YOU CHANGE HISTORY is *true* >> <https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php> music sheets & Free audio.

July 31 · 2020 2:16 PM

To visualize a billion... sort of >>> A dump truck full of sand has 1,000,000,000 grains of sand. (per SciForum Thread 79112). If you're seeking to serve God thru FACEBOOK or your website, your music, etc that HE empowered anyway (Ephesians 3:20-21, James 1:5 wisdom)... What are the chances of anyone FINDING your work for God?.... If God wants it: 100%. Don't fret about statistics & how many LIKES you get! [DianaDee Osborne](#)

August 1 · 2020 9:38 AM

DEAD END ROAD PARABLE: Traveling north on pre-Interstate 95's main road 360, I laughed to see a road near Richmond VA: It seemed to go due EAST-- toward Atlantic Ocean. YET Road's name= NORTH CAROLINA ROAD. Came home, googled it: Sure enough-- Road not only would NOT get me to NC ---- but dead ends within 10 miles of 301...//.. Just because God allows FREEdom to choose any road does NOT mean we should do so... Not all roads lead to Rome or Home just because their name "says so" -- ! John 10:10, Jesus is ONLY road to Life. No matter what Satan who yearns to get you "Destroyed" claims is the name of that nice straight road you see.

August 2 · 2020 8:34 AM

On weary days or glad, Psalm 91 is a JOY to read! God's NAME He declares to us clearly in Isaiah 42:6 & 8 is "YHWH", in Hebrew; to pronounce it (sorta) we add Vowels, "Yahweh". God's Name is NOT "LORD" though that IS His Title, what He Is. (Even though Bibles substitute YHWH with those 4 letters.)... Psalm 91 has His promise He inspired David to write: "Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name."... As 2nd photo shows, "Know" is NOT just reading my 2nd sentence & knowing the fact... but DECLARING it to our Self & people we meet-- as we CLEAVE to Him with love!

Psalm 91:5, "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,..."

August 2 · 2020 9:05 AM

Someone recently said in much sorrow, "It's harder & harder to be a Methodist these days."... I responded quietly >> I believe your wording isn't quite accurate. It's easy & a joy to be Methodist as the Wesleys and Asbury and others before us guided us to be.... It's just hard to keep explaining to people how un-holy, un-scriptural leaders have seized the name "Methodist" & turned it into a mockery of Jesus's Teachings on Holiness Amid Kindness & Love." ... Though, technically, I'm "divorced" from the UMC. I left 10 years ago when, as a state level leader, I could see that nothing we said was convincing Bishops to stop re-interpreting scriptures. I confess: I gave up trying along Formal channels. But then there's Facebook & music ways to share God's Holiness Words... & other churches.

August 2 · 2020 9:08 AM

PHOTO: Weather website swirly emblem for "Wind SSW"

The wind is heavy on a cloudy day, coming from SSW. With the dark swirling emblem, my mind read "SNOW"... in August... Thanking God that He truly DOES use us despite our weaknesses! 2nd Corinthians 12:9, "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

August 3 · 2020 7:31 AM PHOTO: Church Sign "Jesus 6:00 Parking Lot"

Would be interesting if, like for going to check on Lazarus, Jesus arrived late-- just to see who urgently wanted Him enough to wait around. After all, the student rule that you must wait for a college professor is ONLY 15 minutes. Would they give Jesus 30 minutes or EVEN an hour? (PS, 15-minute rule = a myth per James Stanley, Dean of Students)

Some churches just DON'T think about their signs. I've been brusquely told "thanks" (& ignored) after pointing out that in trying to keep a sign Short & Cute-- often with "Christianese"-- the sign presented FALSEhood or deception to those driving by. Feel free to share below other weird signs you've seen.

3 August 2020 6d ·

MEMORABLE sermon! 2 *decades* ago, our newly ordained pastor read Joshua 3:10> "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites & the Hittites & the Hivites & the Perizzites & the Girgashites & the Amorites, the **copyrights**, the **urbanites**, the **parasites**, and the Jebusites:" ..//.

Did you happen to notice last few words? Walt was miffed because our minds seemed a'wanderin' -- no one laughed! :)

But-- Serious-- It's EASY for anyone to insert "a few personal interpretations" into Bible verses as they read. SO Follow along to be sure it's God's word-- AND fits with verses before & after.

4 August 2020 3:15 PM 6d · PHOTO -- "good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life".....

What "Romans 8:28" will God "pull out of" all this? We ponder How-- BUT TRUST His promise.

For one: Many parents who learned this spring that teaching their children wasn't fun but not impossible either... A blessing as politicians demand that we teach children even in first grade the nauseating ANETHEMA that they can be (or already are) any gender they feel like....

4 August 2020 10:23 PM 5d ·

My sunflowers don't last long.... Little goldfinches sit sideways on the stems & peck at the flowers 'til the petals flutter like snowflakes to the ground. I laugh & thank God for the sight.

5 August 2020 8:50 AM 5d · PARABLE TV SHOW:
22 months ago, YOUNG SHELDON Episode 6 was PROPHETIC. Accidentally of course. For the church's "Hell House" warning against the 7 Deadly Sins, "Satan" was so CHARMING that Mom tearfully slumped her angel wings onto the 'altar' of the Beautiful Heaven side room & mourned, "We're having a party for Heaven & no one wants to come!" MeMaw quipped, "**Your problem is Timing. Now if the world was in a war or a Plague, for example...**" ..//..

So here we are-- and still no one seems racing to God for help amid this COVID. Yeah churches say "Pray". But as Jesus described while saying Noah & Sodom were REAL (Mark 24:37, Luke 17:26 on) > People going on as always-- ignoring God. Even in Israel now, by the way....

5 August 2020 11:32 PM 4d ·

Thanking God for getting me safely thru super dangerous storm today: Took 75 minutes to go 70 miles from recording studio 'up north' to Downtown Richmond (10 miles from destination) -- THEN another 75 minutes to drive final 10 miles: Mostly sitting thru Carwash-Like deluge.

- God guided me off I-95 stopping traffic in Blinding Rain, to nearby uphill parking spot as waters raced by. Not safe area; tried driving in 15 min. In minutes, another deluge.
- God guided me to miss ponds & get to 2nd, safer parking spot- Uphill :) -- where I sat in dark van 30 more minutes.
- AND THANKING God for dear friend Michelle who prayed with me on phone, stayed talking to comfort me, checked radar a long time: My hotspot not working in storm.

7 August 2020 10:06 AM 3d ·

Fun **Parable** from God: It's *SO* cool to have an ALL ACCESS pass around your neck at big music festivals! Huge burly guards see you coming & Quit frowning-- Smile wide as you walk past to go backstage. Tech crew members nod at you. After a band's concert, you can chat with band members in their private lounge/ practice area-- like friends! ..//..

God's stringent Laws Leviticus 16 = Few priests allowed into back area of Tabernacle, & NO one but high priest ONCE a year could go back behind the Curtain into God's Holy Presence.

THEN: God's SON Jesus on the cross He paid the impossible- for- people-to-pay perfect sacrifice price for **an ALL ACCESS PASS to God--** and offers it to **EACH of us.** Promises = Eph 2, 3; Heb 10:9,

7 August 2020 10:55 AM 2d ·

Would you eat a MOUSE? God compares this *nauseating* idea to *HIS* nausea at us eating PORK. Isaiah 66 describes End Times events YET to come... 2nd Timothy 4 is WRONGLY used to claim "If God made it, we can EAT it."
So... how did that work for the Edible Apple that God told Eve to NOT EVER eat? Not to mention simple LOGIC that goes beyond Obedience: After all that God has DONE for us-- what's the Big Deal about just giving up the FEW foods He has forbidden? Satan must be thrilled with all the dumb Bacon! Bacon! commercials on TV for restaurants, knowing it's anathema / NAUSEATING to the True, Holy God that Satan hates along with us.

John 10:10a, Jesus said Satan wants to destroy us.

Getting us to DEFY God is a Sure Way- seen in Isaiah 66.

COMMENT 1 LATER

in answer to person asking about Acts 10 -- Peter's vision of the clean / unclean foods: **My reply:** Good Question, <Name>. In fact a great one. So I'll give YOU a bit of homework before I share some places where you can find more info... along with James 1:5 of course (wisdom promised if we ask openly, humbly)...

(1) Did Peter have an instant understanding of his dream?

(2) What did Peter eventually come to believe God meant his dream mean that he should do?

COMMENT 2 - with photo of God's Commandments NOT as "Fence" but Guardrail:

God's Laws Like Lev 11 & 23 are His KIND Fence to keep us safe & With Him. YES, Romans 7, God's laws show we DO break them sometimes. But Rom 7 *still* points out what all Psalms say-- God's are GOOD laws, so we don't just Stop trying to obey/ show love by honoring Him (**John 14-15 re Friends with Him = obeying**)... They draw us to Run to Him for forgiveness when we fail, and then once again seek to obey out of Love.

8 August 2020 9:38 PM 1d ·

A "loaded Q" I notice that NO one is asking as I sadly think Football that I've loved is getting so political that I won't have that bit of fun anymore, either: People are declaring that they'll boycott Football this year as THEIR protest for not supporting our Nation that been far better to Americans than others in Freedom of Beliefs (incl. Religion) & Speech. SO: Will we boycott the stations who try to DECEIVE & thus keep watchers by refusing to show the National Anthem portion in front of each game (like they did last year)? ... hoping people will "forget" and tune in so the stations can get huge advertising \$\$\$?....Sadly wondrin'

COMMENT later: Of course my hubby & I are still on antenna TV with converter box (since 2006), so whatever we watch isn't a "VOTE" like it is for cable or subscription TV watchers. :)

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Bats, buzzards, bottom-feeding shellfish, & pigs were***never*** defined by God as "foods" that He'd "**created to be received with thanksgiving**"... VERY clear in His Word that **just because He created them doesn't mean they were to be eaten**. 2nd Timothy 4 is taken out of context quite often to claim it applies to anything-in-the-world. **Even that fruit forbidden to Adam & Eve was edible**---- but NOT created to be **received (eaten) with thanksgiving**. No way did Paul's listeners think he ever said "Pork is OK". **LOGIC**: If he HAD-- or if JESUS had, Pharisees wouldn't've needed to hire false witnesses.

COMMENT later -- it's a VERY small list from GOD-- but PEOPLE (Jewish priests) added all the "Kosher" rules that JESUS called "Traditions of men" and BURDENS added to His People. GOD'S law is simple... SIMPLE LIST of forbidden foods = Leviticus 11. Remember that HUMANS added far more rules to God's first 5 books ("Torah") in their COMMENTARY book called the Talmud.

8 August 2020 10:56 PM 1d Interesting timing for this FB MEMORY to pop up -- Just 3 days ago, my professional studio recorded 2 versions of my new song, one for personal prayer & one for Church Worship Service >> "**DEAR God YHWH, We Praise You**"... FREE AUDIO download =

<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/NewSongsList2020/DearGodYHWHWePraiseYou.mp3> ... Great drums by Claxton Sticks Wilson of Valley Worship & Praise Studio.

VERSE 1 = Dear God, Yahweh, we praise You!... for
Who You ARE -- not just what You do WHO You are -- not just what You do!
You, Yahweh, amaze us! We praise You! (2X)

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MUSIC SHEETS free at <https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2020.php>
(with thanks too, to Prayer partner Michelle Wilson)

DIRECT LINK to 2019 post for today's date:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2172359209558461&set=a.238113272983074&type=3>

9 August 2020 4:53 PM 15h -- PHOTO I had made -- Fork in empty paved road through green grass fields, with scripture. Proverbs 3: 5-6 "In ALL your ways, acknowledge Him, and God shall direct your paths." So, surely He's NOT insulted by humble prayers to know the bet Route to take on our trip. Sometimes as I drive with TWO ways that "get there", I pray to pick right way. And I humbly apologize "if that's a dumb prayer to Holy God"... YET - Anything that we care about, God cares about. Nothing too trivial. God DID invite us to seek Him "in ALL your ways", Proverbs 3:5-6

10 August 2020 8:16 AM 8m - America as a nation HAS been repeatedly blessed by God, saved from enemies. After the HORRORS of the Revolutionary & Civil

Wars & so MANY other times when miracles showed God saved the U.S.... AND watching the events leading to World War 1... Woodrow Wilson declared in 1916 that The Star Spangled Banner would be played at EVERY official event. Of course it's a long song-- so people KNEW but didn't sing its powerful Verse 4 that TODAY we need to remember... FOR if God abandons us for abandoning Him..... That's how He taught His people of Israel to finally RETURN to Him....

VERSE 4

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand /
Between their lov'd home & the war's desolation! --
Blest with vict'ry & peace,
May the heav'n rescued land PRAISE the Power
that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, And this be our motto >>>
"IN GOD IS OUR TRUST" !!!
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/key-pens-star-spangled-banner>

10 August 2020 11:32 AM 8h ·

LAUGH for day: In 1995, M.Wheeler robbed 2 banks. Quickly caught because of his science "knowledge" that lemon juice can make invisible ink. So he "knew" his face would be invisible to cameras. Dunning-Kruger Effect: When people are SURE they're smarter than they are!

10 August 2020 3:30 PM 14h ·

In Second Peter 3:16 (easy to remember that 3:16), EVEN PETER says that Paul is sometimes hard to understand.... But he WARNS that twisting Paul's words to say "something else" will lead to destruction. Such as ignoring Romans 7:7 where Paul writes that ALL God's Law is good, and saying that Paul ignored John 14-15 where Jesus-- who is God after all & was there at Mount Sinai-- said to OBEY; Matt 5:18-19!

What do we do to please our God who we dearly love? NOT for Salvation, but to show Him Love? Perhaps a short parable would help >> If you dearly love your mom, you'd do anything she wants that you can. If she asks for a Marigold garden, you won't plant roses because "they're better". But she calls you her child anyway.... God's Laws clearly tell us what HE likes & wants-- and Psalms repeatedly shows how GOOD His desires/ Laws are. From John 14:15 thru Chap 15 Jesus clearly says-- If you love me, you'll obey me. Willingly.

11 August 2020 11:39 AM

Delighted, surrounded by fluttering wings as I dead-head the Butterfly Bushes.
DID YOU KNOW?

The nectar is forever used up from these old blooms, BUT on other plants, the blooms keep making nectar so bees & moths & butterflies can find more food.

EACH DAY BEES FEED & God's Amazing Design provides different ways to take care of His beloved creations.... including US.... SONG audio free >
<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/NewsongsList2013/EachDayBeesFeed.mp3>
... Music sheets free too on website FULL of other Parable songs incl. for children, like "NO TWO NOSE PRINTS" & "LITTLE STARS" (2018 tabs for both). SEE:
<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php>

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TO BE CONTINUED as Summer continues!

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FUTURE

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3d · STILL NEED TO PUBLISH -- Photo of bedraggled wet barn owl IS 2020 OVER YET? .. 2nd photo of news "2019-20 Locust Infestation" (worst in 70 years in Kenya & 25 in other countries including India)
It's been only 4 months? We've barely heard of the locust plagues, & Hurricane season is off to a __ start. 2020 certainly does give some pause for consideration to people who believe only Pre-Trib is possible-- that God will call us up before any of those Birth Pangs that Jesus warned about.... Intriguing to have a long-lasting moving "star" (comet Neowise) amid a plague, reminiscent of the one in the sky before our Messiah came to earth the first time....

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3d · NEED TO PUBLISH AFTER GET mp3 online -
How do you get song ideas?, people ask me.
SAMPLE: Some people hate you because someone lied to them about you. Often "Even after all you've done for them." THAT's the very start of what happened to God-- when Satan convinced Adam & Eve that God didn't have their best interest in mind but selfishly wanted to keep them from knowing everything. Genesis 3 meant so much more after people did that "to me". The sadnesses inspired one of my first recording songs, REPUTATION - Grief at what people STILL LIE about God to drive OTHERS away. Give your Grief to God & He'll pull out a Romans 8:28 good... sometimes even songs. -DdO:) ... Free AUDIO downloads + music sheets for "REPUTATION" at (in ABC order).

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FUTURE POST: **3d · NEEDS DEVELOPMENT**
Even in "normal" years, many of us have lost "real person" friends who won't talk with us unless we agree. At least on Facebook, we can communicate with more people who might "think for themselves" instead of "with the herd"... as some churches have become.

FUTURE POST: **3d · NEEDS DEVELOPMENT**
Some people hate you because someone lied to them about you. Which is the very start of what happened to God-- when Satan convinced Adam & Eve that God didn't have their best interest in mind but selfishly wanted to keep them from knowing everything.

FUTURE POST 5d · NEEDS DEVELOPMENT

That phrase "Pick your battles" is getting nowhere near as much following as it *should* these days. Plenty of arguing fits 2nd Tim 2:23, God's command to avoid "foolish & ignorant disputes" -- For these also ruin our witness to the LORD when we're "quarrelsome" (vs 24).

FUTURE POST 6d · TO BE DEVELOPED

SONG IDEA: "Try This Lists" -- Sometimes impossible situations are easier to deal with... because we tend to try to "fix" things before turning them completely over to God's WILL, if we first create Try This lists.

FUTURE POST - July 18 · when I PUT ONLINE the Draft song for "**MASKS FOR PERSECUTION PROTECTION**" --

Radio reports inform of God's Romans 8:28 That He "pulls out" of this COVID plague... Because govt is requiring masks for Health Safety, Christians in China and other nations that are beginning to use FACIAL RECOGNITION software on CAMERAS in streets & stores to catch people who are speaking openly about faith and Jesus-- can't recognize people wearing masks.

FUTURE: COPY PIECE INTO NEW POST:

Radio this week asked why such a high % of Jewish children grow up to accomplish so much esp in the Science. Answer: EVERY AM & PM, Jewish parents speak blessings over their children; at each Shabbat they place hands on each child & seek God's blessing... GOD BLESSES ALL who honor Him & Fervently PRAY & ASK... incl. with skills, IDEAS, opportunities we never expected! SOURCE: The Times of Israel, Wednesday, August 30, 2017 <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/unlocking-the-code-that-jewish-parents-use-to-bless-their-kids/>

This has been the heartfelt prayer of Jewish parents to their children through the past two centuries of exile:

Have the courage to be proud Jews, **no matter what** your friends say. Stand up for your people **no matter the allure of the world** that surrounds you!

Have you considered offering this blessing to your kids as well? Imagine what would happen if every Friday afternoon you called your kids for a brief moment and blessed them from the bottom of your heart with this timeless blessing:

[For a son:] *May G-d make you like Ephraim and Menasseh.*

[For a daughter:] *May G-d make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.*

*The L-rd spoke to Moses saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: This is how you shall bless the children of Israel, saying to them: 'May the L-rd bless you and watch over you. May the L-rd cause His countenance to shine to you and favor you. **May the L-rd raise His countenance toward you and grant you peace.**' They shall bestow My Name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them." -- Numbers 6:22-end, God-Named-YHWH Promising.*

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use again --- April 20, 2015 at 9:06pm –

Used this HISTORY in my song “Forever is FOREVER” 4/3/2017

FREE Music sheets & MP3 at <https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2016-7.php>

History gives amazing TRUE insight into the "Easter story":

Once / after a king- in MANY countries- made a decree, **no one INCLUDING the king himself** could break it; see Daniel 6:15 bold demand, “Know, O king, that it is the LAW of the Medes and Persians [Iran] that NO decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed.” ...

THUS:

1. King Darius grieved for his careless law but couldn't change it.
AND
2. We see in Esther 8 that King Ahasuerus reigned from India to Ethiopia but couldn't change letters he'd been tricked into signing- SO he created a COUNTER law that allowed Jews to defend themselves.

God's Laws are all GOOD; read Psalms 119 & Romans 7 reminders. They included the Price to be paid for breaking Laws, aka Sins. God THE King doesn't break His Word either. So- as planned from the Foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:20)- God created a COUNTER law: His Son Jesus Yeshua paid that Price for us... rather, for us who accept it (First John).

TO POST FOR MOTHER'S DAY in June: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=868681039926291&set=a.238113272983074.56541.100003532086038&type=3&theater> == Thanks for raisin' me, MoM..... PHOTO of Sunmaid Raisins box

MY BAPTISM: JUNE 2008 at CREATION Music Festival... the start of when God started pouring songs thru me!

FUTURE POST July 19 · and earlier note = - 6d ·

Article: **FIVE THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT PSALM 137:9.**

Publish soon from July 19th :

About the hardest scripture in entire Bible is Psalm 137:9 - Sounds quite like *many* that few people bother to read in the Proverbs-type disorganized verses in the book of a religion that calls itself Peace. 2 KEYS in good article below: (1) Psalmist was NOT begging God to kill babies, but reminding readers who were GRIEVING (Psalm 89:49) of God's own Prophecies of HOW HE would stop evil mocking conquerors (137:3) > Heirs dying; (2) 137:8 shows the Enemy killed Israel's babies, so v9 reminds of Exodus 21:22-25 that God kills those who kill babies. (3) SO Psalm 137 comfortingly says "Wait on GOD to keep HIS Plan-- not begging God to kill...//.. HINT: Press RELOAD to read ANY article from Crosswalk without paying or disabling ads: <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/5-things-you-never-knew-about-psalm-137-9.html>

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