

Faith and Funnies

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(See Exodus 14)

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I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH ISSUES

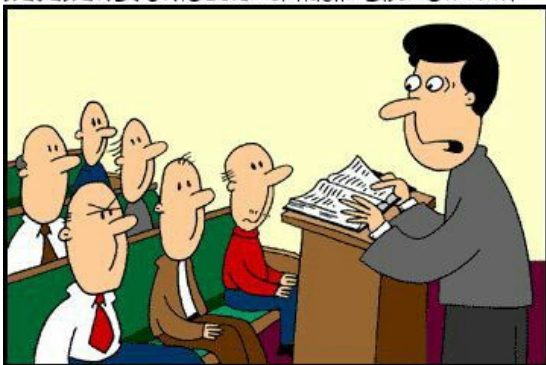
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"Why does Mom say your driving made her a praying woman?"

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Matthew 10:29-31) 12-02-1999

TODAY'S READING IS MATTHEW 10:30 ...

"BUT THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL ... ER ... NUMBERED"

This Month in History

- **June 15, 1215** - King John set his seal to Magna Carta, the first charter of British liberties, guaranteeing basic rights that have since become the foundation of modern democracies around the world.
- **June 14, 1922** - Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message over the radio. The event was the dedication of the Francis Scott Key Memorial in Baltimore.
- **June 12, 1963** - Civil rights leader Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi, by a rifle bullet from an ambush. He had been active in seeking integration of schools and voter registration for African Americans in the South. Widespread public outrage following his death led President John F. Kennedy to propose a comprehensive Civil Rights law.

Mushroom Lessons

written by Marla Carter

All this rain has led to some problems in my yard and garden. I'm already seeing powdery mildew on my zucchini leaves. The weeds are about to overtake my zinnias because I can't get in there to pull them out. The grass grows faster than we can mow it. And mushrooms keep popping up in the yard.

Mushrooms are fascinating. They appear so quickly! It's like they sprout up overnight. In fact, some types of mushrooms can double in size in less than 24 hours! While the part of the mushroom that lives underground- the part we can't see- can live for a long time, the part on the surface has a life cycle of only a few days to a few weeks. The ones that are currently in my yard start out looking like little umbrellas and then, as if by magic, they quickly expand to look like pancakes.

It made me think about the verse in the Bible that says "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." That verse is part of a larger warning about boasting in our confidence of tomorrow. "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." James 4:13-17

We humans are often short sighted; often we can't see past

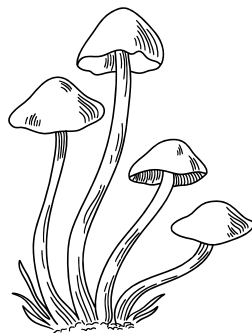
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ourselves in the here and now. We think we have all the time in the world, yet we are only a little dot on the timeline of history. God warns us to see ourselves properly in light of this. Life is fleeting. We are only a vapor...or a *mushroom*.

Psalm 90:10 says, “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Remembering that we are finite beings, here today and gone tomorrow, helps us gain a heart of wisdom as it helps us to properly align our priorities. We become less focused on our selfish desires and more aware of what God wants to do with our lives while we are here on earth. Obeying God and telling others about Him takes on much more urgency. It also helps us see our afflictions and trials as far less important in the grand scheme of eternity. “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Corinthians 4:17

Though the mushroom has a very short lifespan, it certainly is a thing of wonder if you really look at it. It’s a tiny yet amazing piece of God’s handiwork. That too, is a reminder for us: let God do His work in and through you. He creates amazing things! Let Him use you for the short time you are on this earth.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10



Mushroom Mixup

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