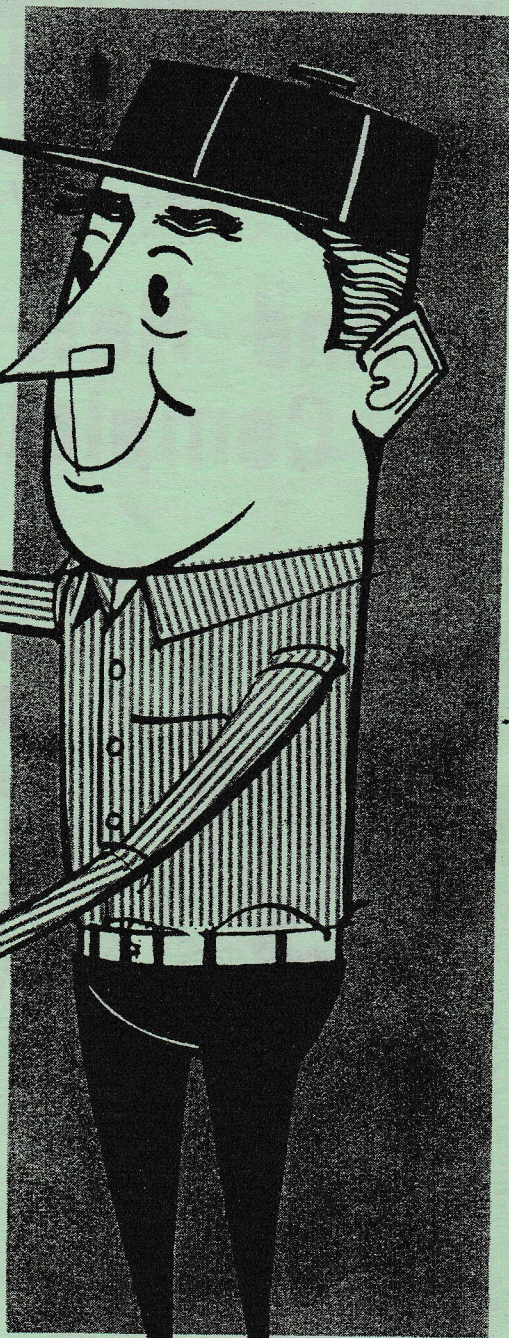


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loody Religion

The word 'blood' appears 378 times in the King James Version of the Bible. (The word 'love' appears 286 times.) Long before Jesus came, blood sacrifices were performed in the Old Testament to cover people's sins, paving a way to communicate with God, their Creator. God is perfect and Holy, whereas we are less than perfect. In looking at the history of bloodshed in the Bible, we are really looking at the path of salvation.

One of the first references to blood in the Bible happens in Genesis 9:4, "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." God wanted us to know how important blood would be in later years. Both Noah and Abraham offered animal sacrifices to God prior to Moses and the Mosaic Law. At the time of Moses, one of the plagues God brought against Egypt and the Pharaoh was the plague of blood (Exodus 7:17-25). Moses told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free but he refused, so God turned all the water in the Egyptian's homes to blood. The traditional Passover feast was begun shortly after this; the first Passover being the last of the plagues of Egypt and the final act of God that persuaded Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to be free. Exodus 12:23, "For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."

The Lord destroyed the firstborn of every household, which did not have the blood on the door, as He had required. It was the blood, which saved their lives. This act foreshadowed the coming of Jesus Christ and his blood poured out on the cross to pay for our sins and to give us life. From this point on, the Jewish people were told by God to celebrate the first Passover every year and to remember that God freed them from slavery in Egypt.

When God gave the guidelines for animal sacrifice in the Old Testament, He repeated the fact many times that the animals needed to be without blemish or defect. The sacrifices had to be perfect because of the promised sacrifice (the Messiah) Jesus, would be the perfect sacrifice for all mankind. 1 Peter 1:18-19, "The blood of Christ set you free from an empty way of life. That way of life was handed down to you by your own people long ago. You know you were not bought by things that can pass away, like silver or gold. Instead, you were bought by the priceless blood of Christ. He is a perfect lamb. He doesn't have any flaws at all."

Due to our sin, we are separated from God. They were in the Old Testament and we still are today. Back then, God required the sacrifice of a spotless animal to cover their sin. Today we look back to what Jesus did on the cross and know that He paid the final debt for sin. Chuck Smith explains reconciliation well; "Through Jesus Christ I can come back into fellowship with God. All I have to do is exercise my free choice and say, 'Jesus, I take you as my Lord and Savior.' The moment I do, I come through Jesus Christ into glorious fellowship with God, the King of light and life. Once again I can return to the beautiful sense of fulfillment, purpose, and meaning of life, because I'm walking in fellowship with God. This is what God created me for." (*Answers For Today* by Chuck Smith).

Further on, the Bible speaks of sacrifices and offerings with some distaste. Why would God command that the people sacrifice animals and then later on express His displeasure with their following His commands? This is not a contradiction, as it may at first appear to be. The whole purpose for the sacrifices was for people to be brought into communion with God. After awhile, the sacrifices became ritualistic and the people forgot the original reason for why they were sacrificing and they no longer cared about getting to know who God was, but rather only to appease the bare requirements. Isaiah 1:11, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? Saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats." Basically the Lord is saying that all their rituals are getting in the way

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Feeling down in the mud? See John 9:11

The Answer

I just wanted you to know
 I used to be like you
 I worried a lot
 I felt guilty even more
 I regretted the most
 I didn't know where we all went after we died
 I thought I was a good person
 I thought heaven would be my abode if such a thing existed
 I thought that life was meaningless if we just lived 80 years
 and died
 I became hopeless
 I saw no purpose to all this
 I tried to distract myself
 I didn't want to face what life was all about
 I had a foggy brain
 I didn't know there was an answer
 I was told the answer one day
 I was given a reason to live
 I was given a promise: eternal life in heaven
 I found out I was loved by One much greater than man
 He saw I was miserable
 He offered me a free gift
 He said, 'Believe in me and you shall be saved'
 He told me it wasn't about me doing good things
 He told me that being nice wouldn't get me to heaven
 He told me I was created to hang out with Him
 He told me that men didn't naturally want a relationship
 with God
 He showed me that He loved me
 He showed me I am a sinner
 He said that this sin separates me from Him
 He showed me sin is only fun for a while
 He revealed that after all the men and earthly gain
 I was still empty
 He told me He didn't come to impose a bunch of rules on us
 He only wants a relationship with us
 His death on the cross was the biggest act of love ever
 He did it to pay for all of our sins
 He did it so we would believe He loves us
 He did it so we could be friends with Him once again
 He forgave me and is still forgiving my sins
 He washed away my guilt
 He allowed me to start all over.
 He healed and is still healing my heart.
 He said I didn't have to be the same person anymore
 He listens to me and knows my every thought
 He holds me when I'm scared and lonely
 He makes me complete
 I asked Him to fill me
 I have a new heart and a new life
 I know He wants this for you
 I know He can save anyone
 I know if you ask
 He will hear you
 He will make Himself real to you
 He will answer

Jesus is the Answer

IDA'S STORY

This is a brief story of events in my life. It's about Jesus Christ making a difference in my life. He turned my hopelessness and despair into joy. He changed my life into one of purpose and filled me with hope for the future. I sure needed that, we all do.

Before Jesus, my life was a total disaster filled with drugs, alcohol, and depression. Many times I wished death would come and take me from my misery and at times my wish almost came to pass. But God had plans for me and by His love and grace my life was spared and I began to see His hand upon it. I came to the point where I knew that He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I had believed so many lies about myself...that I was a mistake, I should not be here on this planet, and so on. It is a long sad story. I am glad that it's not my end.



Jesus Christ reached down into the pit I was in. He brought me His Love and Light. A journey of healing began, a wonderful time in my life. With all the past behind me...I now have a new heart, purpose, and eternal destination. I now know true, pure love; not the kind the world gives, but the kind from heaven. The healing process began in a Youth With A Mission Discipleship Training School for Native Americans. God worked in my life and gave me a desire to share what He had done for me. Upon graduating from the school I joined the staff. I am dedicated to the call of God, which is in working to raise Christian Native American Leaders and Missionaries to His glory! I have never been so fulfilled in my whole life. I am now thirty-four years old. Looking back, I regret the many wasted years of not walking with God. I rejoice today that I am alive and enjoying it! Thank You, Jesus!

The ministry through which God has changed this woman's life is Eden Youth With a Mission (or Eden YWAM). Dave In-nerebner, the president of Eden YWAM and director of the First Nations Discipleship Training School, began working in this area

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Reason to Believe

If you look at creation and nature with its complexities and say there is no God you are a fool. Everyday that I go out into the world I realize that it is one great big design. Where there is a design there is a designer. If that were not the case, buildings and cars would just materialize in enough given time. They would not have to be manufactured.

You might be thinking that things in this world just happened to fall into place and we just got lucky that the conditions were right for life. Do not be deceived; the chances are greater that a tornado would tear through a junkyard and produce in its wake a fully functioning 747, than for simple bacteria to be produced through spontaneous generation. The fact is that it requires less faith to believe in the Creator of creators than it does to believe in evolution.



There is an odd view around that faith is a matter of shutting one's eyes, gritting one's teeth, and believing impossible things because some unquestionable authority tells you that you have to.

Not at all!

The leap of faith is a leap into the light and not into the dark. The search for religious truth is similar to the search for scientific truth. If you want to understand nature, you have to let the physical world tell you what it is like. You have to start at the bottom, with actual behavior, and work your way up to an

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2000 Rainbow Gathering

of true religion. They are the modern day equivalent to a "pew-warmer;" someone who goes through the motions without their heart being in it. Of course, we see falseness in the Christian church today; it has always existed and always will. However, we are not responsible for anyone else's soul but our own.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the most important sacrifice of all. In Isaiah 53:7, it says, "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before it's shearers, so He did not open His mouth." This is a prophecy about Jesus that He would be silent as He went to His death, and would not resist but rather would lay His own life down for us willingly. The fulfillment of this prophecy can be found in Matthew 26:62-63 {at Jesus' trial} "And the High Priest stood up and said to Him, 'Do you make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against you?' But Jesus kept silent. And the High Priest said to Him, 'I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.'" Jesus could have perhaps saved His own life by denying the fact that He claimed to be the Jewish Messiah, but He never denied it and he took it to His death. (As did also nearly all his apostles—almost all martyred—a truly bloody religion).

Fortunately, Jesus did not remain in His grave. Psalms 16:10 says, "For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Sheol (hell); neither wilt thou allow thy Holy One to undergo decay." "Thy Holy One" refers to Jesus. Since Jesus demonstrated His power over death this way that means that He has the power to raise us from the dead as well. All those who believe on Jesus will live forever with Him, triumphing over the grave as He did.

As we approached the site of this year's Rainbow Family Gathering, the view took my breath away. Western Montana is a beautiful area to visit. Sixteen of us took a school bus to the Gathering this year.

The Gathering is an annual peaceable assembly of people in a National forest for the purpose of pursuing spiritual enlightenment and seeking ways to restore Mother Earth. These Gatherings have been held on a National level for almost thirty years. They move from one forest to another to allow the land to rest from the effects of having thirty thousand people trample the ground. The long dirt road on the way up the huge hill introduced us to this year's gathering; it was littered with people camping along the side of the road, waving and smiling, shouting "Welcome Home!" We parked, and packed in all of our personal and kitchen gear. Our kitchen is one of many at the Gathering, and it is called the Jesus Kitchen. We serve a concoction made of rice, soy (textured vegetable protein—T.V.P.), veggies, and spices. Our food is vegan, which is highly important at the Gathering as many of the people have boycotted all animal products. All the food at the Gathering is free, and if you want to "purchase" a souvenir, you must go to the trade circle and barter and trade for it. We were set up to serve food the second day we were there, and people immediately began coming to see us. Serving food is not the primary reason we go the Gathering, however. We go to tell people about the awesome news of Jesus.

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LIVE FROM SUDAN

John, so young at 16 years, holding an AK-47 machine gun smiled at me as we rode in a packed Hino to Jabalin, the frontlines of the conflict in Sudan. There has been fighting here since 1983, when the Muslim Arabs of the north instituted Islamic law. This law fundamentally and practically removes all rights from any people who are not Muslim in religious practice and in fact pronounces death sentences to any who will not become Muslim. For this primary reason the population of the south (in addition to the Nubian population in the north) have been in a civil war with the people of the north - known as the Government of Sudan, or GOS.

To a former aerospace engineer from Midwestern America, riding into a contention location in the Hino with about a hundred of the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) soldiers - most of whom have no shoes and tattered clothing - all singing and marveling at a Kawaja (white man) seemed very surreal. The spirit of these men and their determination in such adverse physical conditions struck me. This impression was magnified when we arrived in Jabalin and toured the frontlines. What would encourage and sustain such men - some of whom have been here for years - under conditions of gathering drinking water from Hino potholes and shell crater holes, which had the look and consistency of rusty radiator fluid.

All the weapons I saw were Chinese in origin and were acquired primarily from the GOS conflicts in which the SPLA had pushed their enemies farther north. From the trenches it is a mere two minutes walking to the enemy position of the GOS in Juba - a primary training location of the terrorist group known as the LRA. The LRA are sponsored by the GOS to damage the Ugandan government, a sovereign country just to the south of Sudan in Africa.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

John 8:36



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adequate theory.

Commonsense thinking by itself won't be adequate to tell us what God is like. We will have to try to find out from how he has actually made himself known.

The Bible is the most important record of religious experience that we have to help us in that search for truth. The Bible is the source of evidence for how God has acted in history. Jesus Christ was the ultimate example of what god is like. Examining the Gospels is a natural strategy for a bottom-up thinker to pursue.

The search for truth concerning creation is linked to the religious quest for truth. We will never have God neatly packaged up. He will always exceed our expectations and prove himself to be full of surprises. There is always more to learn. You cannot believe in god, however, without knowing that you must be obedient to his will for your life as it becomes known to you. God is not there just to satisfy your intellectual curiosity; he's there to be respected as your Creator and Savior

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Left on 240th Ave (2 miles)

Right on 610th St Larabee road

210th St (river road) right way takes you to Upper

Dunnville Bottoms A left takes you to Pasture Island

Devil's Punchbowl

Hwy 29

Left on Hoffman Rd after Red Cedar Outfitters

Left onto 410th St

Two ravines with streams empty into the Red Cedar

This one is close to Menomonie and you can gain access from the Red Cedar Trail

Summer Music Festivals

Music festivals usually mean sex, drugs, and rock n' roll getting together and being rowdy. I lost track of how many concerts I went to where this was the case. I was convinced that it was my right to do drugs, and sex was something to be cherished. It wasn't until after I accepted Jesus as my Savior that I admitted that these behaviors were sin. I had behaved in a selfish way, chasing after sensual pleasure. Now I realize that I was in bondage and I had no choice, I had to sin. Being set free is far more wonderful a sensation than you can imagine if you don't know Jesus.

This summer I visited two summer festivals that were not all about selfish pleasure. Worshiping the Savior of our souls was on the line up at CELEBRATION 2000. Mitch McVicker, Catalyst, Sonic Flood, and others played there. A guy named Jake was into throwing house parties. He got saved and decided to throw a Christian house party in his backyard. Celebration 2000 is just that same party on a more grand scale.

The great thing about this gathering was that it wasn't about the audience being entertained. It was about the Lord as an audience of one being entertained. The crowd was singing praises and dancing before him. The headlining bands just acted as cues for the audience to worship the Lord.

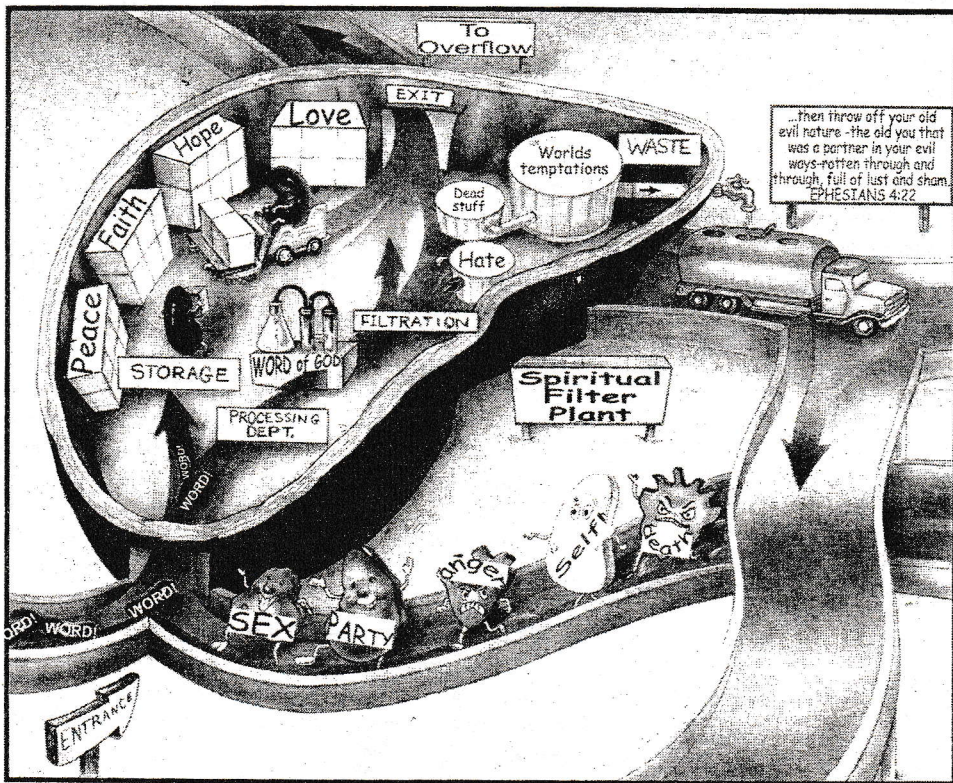
Another excellent festival was the HIS OASIS 18. This was basically a Woodstock for people excited about Jesus. There was camping for 3 days, music, and fellowship. Started by the Calvary Chapel of Plainfield, this festival has been carried on year after year on a donation basis. All of the Profits from this festival go to funding evangelism in India. Glen Kaiser and his blues band played excellently. Pegtop put on a very good performance. Mitch McVicker, Jason Gay, Satellite Soul, and others were also there. My favorite part of both nights was the praise and worship. If you're not a child of god, you can't understand the peace and joy there is when you commune with your creator.

The lifestyle that I used to live left me feeling empty inside. Attending music festivals like Lollapalooza, Grateful Dead, Allman brothers were just part that. The Drugs and Alcohol left me feeling hung over and spaced out. Sex left me broken hearted and alone. The music doesn't appeal to me anymore, either. I have not been giving up a thing doing this. I have been given freedom not to sin and a relationship with my Creator. I would like to invite you to seek a relationship with him also. If you would like to see a great Christian music festival, come to Yeshuapalooza on September 18th in Wilson Park Menomonie.



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- * "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." PROVERBS 23:7
- * "But those things which proceed from the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man" MATTHEW 15:18
- * "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth

*.Feed

Jer-15:16

your words were found and i ate them.

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Ezekiel's Nukes

Ancient Nukes?

A major part of history has been that of war. Wars have been fought with spears, bow and arrows, cross-bows, guns, and now nukes. But a certain writing from around 595 B.C., a time of bows and arrows no doubt, seems to allude to a battle with unique characteristics. Interestingly, this is a war that seems to have all the makings of a nuclear war. I'm speaking of the battle written by the ancient prophet, Ezekiel which is depicted in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

A man with a vision.

"And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The ancient Hebrew writer, Ezekiel,

had been given a message that was too profound for his mind to comprehend. It was a battle that spoke of things like "leapers", "launchers", "projectiles" and detailed out specific care for the removal of human remains reminiscent to a scene from a Mad Max movie. It seems as though he had been given an outline to a future battle that placed several allied nations against their single enemy, Israel. This battle, as translated in our modern Bibles, speaks of normal weapons of war for the time such as bows and arrows. When looked at more closely, we find the original words used in Hebrew to describe the weapons of this war seem to be more generic in description. The word used for "bow" in Hebrew is, "launcher". The word used for "arrow" is actually "projectile". The word used for "horse" is actually "leaper". When the King James Version Bible was translated from Hebrew and Greek in 1611 AD, the only way they could describe these weapons were as bows and arrows according to their frame of reference. It's quite intriguing that we find the original words used in this text to be words we are all familiar with in modern day warfare.

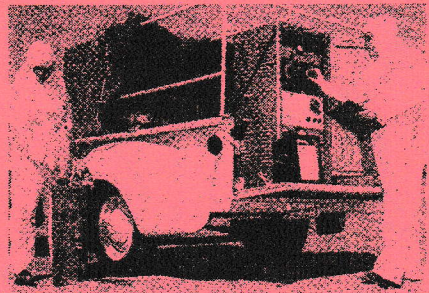
Who are the players?

Ezekiel identifies the enemies of Israel as being Magog (with their leader, Gog), Meshach, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah. Most of the names of these countries/areas have changed over time. For example, the capitol city of the ancient world, Byzantine, had its name changed to Constantinople and then later to Istanbul. We like to change the names of places. Most historians in agreement with the "Father of History", Herodotus of Halicarnassus, point out that those who dwell in the area of Gog were descendants of the Scythians, a group of highly skilled marksmen unsurpassed in all of history (1). It was known that a Scythian warrior could accu-

rately hit the most impossible targets while traveling on horseback at full speed. The settlers of Magog lived in modern day Russia and the former Soviet Union region comprised of southern states of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan. Meshach refers to the Mushki people; descendants of the Assyrians which settled around Moscow. The people of Tubal, according to ancient historian Josephus, were north of the Black Sea. Persia is modern day Iran. Ethiopia and Libya have never changed names. Gomer refers to the area of the Balken States. Finally, Togarmah refers to modern day Poland.(2) All of these countries are set against Israel...a country the size of Rode Island!

When will this battle occur?

"[In] the **latter years** thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste:" (Ezekiel 38:8) Many Bible scholars believe that this battle occurred long ago. Yet we read that this battle will happen in the *latter years* and is nowhere near the time of this writing (595 BC). When are the latter years? Fortunately, we have somewhat of a timeline to steer us closer to that answer. Bible teacher, Larry Taylor, states, "In the context [of this battle] that we have had in previous chapter's, we have had prophecies of the Jews rejecting Messiah and being scattered...fulfilled in 70 AD. In chapter 37 we see the prophecy of the Nation of Israel coming back to life again...which happened in 1948. Chapters 38 and 39 are in chronological order. The vision that is given in chapters 38 and 39 couldn't have happened before 1948."(3) We have come close to a battle such as this in 1967 and 1973 but these battles lacked details presented in Ezekiel 38 and 39. It is also important to note that this battle is not to be confused with the Battle of Armageddon. This battle will be fought in the valley of Jehosophat., Armageddon will be fought in a different valley, Meggido,



with different nations fighting against Israel. The battle of Armageddon will occur during the time known as the Tribulation, the last 7 years of history on earth as we know it.

Does the Bible really speak of future events?

Most people place the Bible in the category of fictional literature...perhaps the tradition of man with some history mixed in. Rarely, they declare, is the Bible to be understood "literally". Yet, every time a spade hits the dirt in the Middle East we discover some archeological evidence to back up the historical statements of the Bible. With the prophecies of modern day tabloids and fortune tellers, we often smirk when someone is wrong...you know, the familiar, "end of the world" prophecies in those cheesy newsstand papers!, It's interesting that if a Prophet spoke in the Old Testament times and it turned out he was wrong, he would be stoned to death. The God of the Bible did not allow for any mistakes! Concerning prophecy, the Bible claims to be right all the time.

A few years ago, Larry Taylor, was teaching these passages to his church in Colorado Springs, a city known for it's various military bases. During the study, he made a special point to explain the uniqueness of the battle spoken of in Ezekiel 38 and 39. He pointed out that nowhere in history is a battle such as this recorded. He spoke of the details on how the remains of those killed were to be dealt with, "And they shall sever [hire] out men of continual employment [specialists], passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that

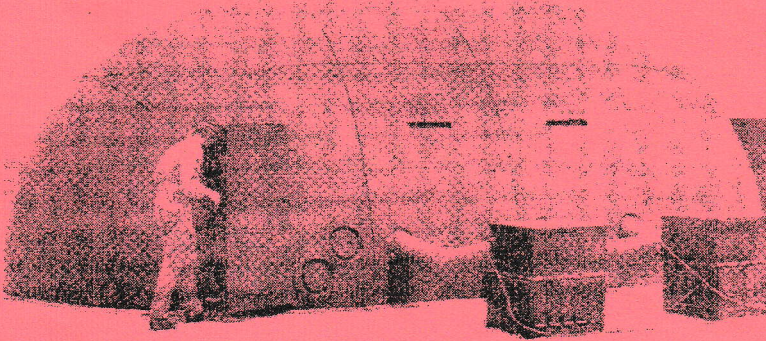
remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any see a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog." He described how the bodies were to be handled after a period of 7 months by specialists (men of continual employment) and that signs [markers] were to be placed by the bodies that need to be buried. Why all the fuss with disposing of these bodies in such a special way? It had never been done this way in any other wars known to man!

After the study, Larry had a very interesting conversation with a man who served in the military...not uncommon in Colorado Springs with it's many military bases. Yet this man had something to share with Larry that revolutionized his understanding of Ezekiel 38 and 39.

This man explained that his job was to properly coordinate the removal of radioactively contaminated human remains in the event of a nuclear exchange. He explained that he was to wait for a period of time before they handled the bones. He was to wait 7 months. In other parts of the world the time may have been 6 or 9 months...but in the Middle East, it was to be no sooner than 7 months before it was safe to handle the bones. If that wasn't enough he went on to explain that he also put up little markers or signs by the bodies so that later they would be properly buried. To his amazement, his job description was laid out in

the Bible!

We truly live in a time of unrest. Though the Cold War is supposedly over, countries around the world are prepping for possible nuclear, biological and chemical war. The Middle East is the hottest spot on earth at this time. This may seem quite frightening. But for the born-again believer there is peace. Times are tough and are getting worse. If you know Jesus you will know a peace you have never had before. Hey, if the nukes don't get you something will. We just hope you will decide to get on the "Jesus Wagon". It's not too late if your reading this... the Bible says BELIEVE and you will be SAVED. Like a guy being saved from drowning in the ocean you will find forgiveness for your sins that you have done, do and will do. Jesus not only loves you but He likes you too!



NEWS RELEASE:

PALM BEACH, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 15, 1999-- Applied Digital Solutions, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADSX - news) today announced that it has acquired the patent rights to a miniature digital transceiver -- which it has named "Digital Angel" -- that can be used for a variety of purposes,

such as providing a tamper-proof means of identification for enhanced e-business security, locating lost or missing individuals, tracking the location of valuable property and monitoring the medical conditions of at-risk patients...The implantable transceiver sends and receives data and can be continuously tracked by GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) technology. The transceiver's power supply and actuation system are unlike anything ever created. When implanted within a body, the device is powered electromechanically through the movement of muscles, and it can be activated either by the "wearer" or by the monitoring facility. A novel sensation feedback feature will even allow the wearer to control the device to some degree. The "smart" device is also small enough to be hidden inconspicuously on or within valuable personal belongings and priceless works of art.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Revelation 13:16-17)

In more recent years we have experienced phenomenal advances in technology. From the beginnings of ancient recorded history until 1900's, man traveled at the speed of horse. Mail was not sent on a wire...it was sent on a horse. We have seen an exponential advance in technology. We now travel at the speed of sound and send messages at the speed of light. We seem to get de-

sensitized to this but when you step back and take a look it looks like we are living in a Sci-Fi thriller of 20 years ago. We are experiencing a time that could have never been foretold...or could've it?

This "Digital Angel" chip mentioned in the above news clip is small enough to implant under your skin without any noticeable sign that it is even there. Interesting, previous chips developed functioned the best if placed under the skin of your wrist or on the forehead!

Over 2,000 years ago, the Apostle John, while he was recording what Jesus had to tell of the future, in the book of Revelation, had to have been absolutely clueless as to how a mark could enable or disable someone's spending freedom. Even 100 years ago, commentators on the book of Revelation had no clue what this "mark" could refer to. Perhaps we are ready for the "mark" technology mentioned in Revelation with the advent of the new "Digital Angel". Time WILL tell.

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in 1991. He began by answering an invitation to work with youth on Lac Court Oreilles reservation in Northern Wisconsin. On the drive back the Lord gave him two foundations: 1) To be as Nehemiah who, when he heard the condition of Jerusalem, prayed for forgiveness of his sins. He also prayed for forgiveness of his father's sins and his nation's sins. 2) Esteem the Native Americans higher than himself because they'd not been esteemed in the past. He says, "Combined, these spoke to me of walking in repentance, reconciliation, servanthood, and restoration."

Historically, the Church sought to 'civilize' these people. In the process, the culture of the Native American was eroded and demonized. Along with the breaking of hundreds of treaties, a view of Christianity developed. After all, wasn't the United States a 'Christian Nation'? After 500 years of Christian influence and missions, only 3 percent of Native Americans know Jesus authentically! Then begins the process of repentance (taking responsibility for the sins of our nation, our fathers and our own personal sins); reconciliation (walking in a new way that esteems Native Americans with the dignity of being created in the image of God); servanthood (demonstrating the authentic nature of Jesus vs. the religious view of Jesus); restoration (deals with salvation and the Church walking in a right relationship with Native people and seeing Native Americans as needed brothers and leaders in the Church universally).

The discipleship school is not academic in nature. "Our students have encountered incredible hardships that we, as average middle class Americans or westerners, have a difficult time understanding as average middle class Americans or westerners. With that in mind, we must deal with many personal and emotional issues along the way." The goal is personal growth. This includes training believers, strengthening families, communities and churches, exposing the students to world missions and evangelism, and sharing the Gospel with other Native American and Indigenous peoples via Native students. "Some come to us and are not saved. We are simply trying to make Jesus real and allow that to transform our students' lives."

Some of the school's subjects include The Nature of Jesus, The Nature of the Father, Prayer and Intercession, Spiritual Warfare and the Spirit Realm, and Basic Bible Teaching. These are just a few. They also incorporate many artistic expressions with teaching, learning, and presentation. This allows students to share what they have learned and to share the Gospel of Christ in culturally relevant ways. The main focus is on evangelism, training, and mercy ministry. Their place on the reservation is a "sending, receiving and training" facility. Part of the school's mission statement is "Natives reaching Natives" and "To know God and make Him known". Dave has found that if he ministers in kindness, mercy, and compassion that the people receive him. He says, "We need to walk in the Nature of Jesus, not in a religious, pious, or self-righteous way."

Staffing for the school includes Native Elders and pastors, which gives people a chance to teach their own people. This also serves to give Native elders more opportunity to have a place in the young Christians' lives. It gives them a chance to see their people raised up and gives the students the chance to learn by example of the elders who have been faithful and have great testimony of how the Lord works in their lives. Some staff is long term, some short term.

The school is a twenty-week program and averages about 15 students at a time. They hold 10-week sessions starting every January. They also run the Eagle's Nest Christian School for the students' children as well as a daycare. The next school is not scheduled because they are relocating permanently to Lac Court Oreilles.

Dave sees his role as pastoral to the staff and students. He says, "I hope that we will continue to be a multiplying ministry and raise up healthy believers who will take the Gospel to all Nations, especially the First Nations Peoples". He feels responsible for seeing them grow and caring for their needs. "I also provide leadership by example and I am a visionary leader. Therefore, I continue to trumpet the call of the Lord in our ministry." Our challenge is to meet (people) in a relevant way to communicate the Gospel and show them (within their own understanding) why they need Jesus.

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The book *Love Won Out* is an autobiographical love story of two people brought together by a miracle—a miracle that is almost unheard of in society today. John and Anne Paulk shared the same burden. They shared a burden that was ripping their hearts and their lives apart, one that was too much for either of them to bear. John and Anne both struggled with their identities as they embraced homosexuality. *Love Won Out* gives an account of each of their lives, beginning with early childhood to the victory God gave them after years of darkness.

Like so many children today, John grew up in a broken home. His parents were divorced. John grew up with his mother and did not excel in typical male activities, therefore, never receiving the acceptance of his father. John never fit in with his peers at school and was often called a "fag" even though he didn't have such thoughts. John was also exposed to pornography at an early age and quickly became addicted to it. After years of rejection and ridicule by both his family and peers, he decided to just become what people had told him he was throughout his life—a homosexual.

John's wife, Anne, was also exposed to pornography early on and was molested at the age of four by a young man. Because of this experience, she began to think that being a girl meant being vulnerable; therefore she discarded her own femininity. This also made her afraid of men and drew her to confident women. As she got older, a college counselor encouraged her to pursue her lesbian feelings.

Both John and Anne embraced their newfound sexual identities wholeheartedly and plunged into the homosexual lifestyle, looking for fulfillment with each new relationship. The further they dived into the homosexual lifestyle, the emptier their lives became. Darkness surrounded them at every turn. Eventually, each of them yielded to God's voice in their hearts telling them that what they were involved in was leaving them empty and lifeless. Jesus met each of them right where they were at, calling them to a free and victorious life from the bondage they were in. They each separately joined a program called "Love in Action," a ministry of Exodus International*, where they learned that homosexuality is a sin and not God's design for us as humans. They received encouragement and support as God's unconditional love enabled them to come out of the lifestyle that had left them so unfulfilled and hopeless. Eventually, God's healing brought them together as husband and wife.

The book explores many of the issues surrounding homosexuality, and it is careful to point out that homosexuality is not according to God's will. God says in the Bible that homosexuality is a sin, but He gives the grace (free unmerited favor) and strength to do what He asks. The reason why He doesn't want us to get involved in these things is because He loves us so much that He wants the best for us. John and Anne discovered that the sin of homosexuality left them with a hole in their hearts that only Jesus could fill with His perfect love and His amazing grace. *Love Won Out* is an amazing account of the transformation of lives brought about by God's wonderful healing. It speaks of God's desire to draw and save people from the darkest burdens they may bear and give them an abundant, victorious life in Jesus.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are tired and carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest. Become my servant and learn from me. I am gentle and free of pride. You will find rest for your souls. Serving me is easy, and my load is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

If you are interested in reading this book or others on the topic of homosexuality, please contact:

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Deep end

I like to take my son swimming. He likes wearing goggles, but doesn't like to go underwater. I took him to a pool without a children's wading area, but since the water was too deep for him to touch bottom, he could only cling on to the side. So I held him and carried him around the pool. I had to hold his head above water cause it scares him to have his head under water because he is afraid to have his head under water and he inhales water because he hasn't learned to hold his breath yet.

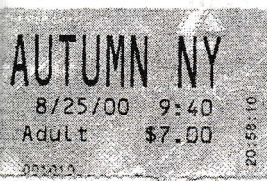
One side of the pool had a deep end with a diving board. The pool gradually gets deeper as you go from the shallow side to the deeper side. At one point there is a drop off where the diving board is. I was holding my son when I came to this point wading backwards. It was hard to push off that slanted edge with my feet and I started to kick with my feet. Holding the extra weight, it was harder to tread water. Instead of letting him go under, I held him up above my head as I sank under the water. I quickly got the situation under control and got back to the shallow end.

When Jesus died on the cross He became sin for us. Because of this, He was separated from God for three days. He lifts us up so we don't have to experience separation from God also. If you are not saved you don't understand this: He died separated from God, conquered death and sin, and came back to life. Crazyness is what it sounds like. We believe that Jesus quickly got the situation under control. He rose from the dead and loves you with a love that makes the type I have for my son seem like hate in comparison.

After talking with one of my friends, I found out that part of lifeguard certification is that you have to hold a heavy weight and tread water for a certain amount of time. He said that he saw applicants get tired out and have to pull the same trick I did to keep the weight above water. The simple fact is that Jesus is our lifeguard and He is the only applicant who has ever had the correct qualifications. He has power over sin and death and wants to pull you out of the deep end. Is there anyone else waiting in line to be your lifeguard?



Autumn in New York



This is your typical great love story, but surprisingly unique. The breathtaking colors of autumn and warm background greatly enhanced this story. Richard Gere plays Will,

a charming middle-aged playboy and New York restaurateur who likes as many different women as he does entrees. Until one night when he comes across Charlotte, a beautiful, confident, free-spirited woman half his age who is celebrating her 22nd birthday at his restaurant. Will does the typical: lies to her to get her to go out with him and dazzles her with expensive dresses and dancing. This does not seem to faze Charlotte; her fresh charm at being real and different throws Will for a spin. She is crazy, fun, warm, and compassionate. And she is dying.

Funny how it changes someone to know that they are going to die. It is an impossible romance at best, but they go ahead and fall in love. There are a lot of crazy ups and downs, including a twist about her mom's death and the daughter he never knew.

Will gives her his heart and she gives him the rest of her life. She lived real and loud with no regrets and had a great impact on his life before she left.

The saddening part is that she only changed his outlook on loving others here on earth, which is great, but doesn't do a whole lot for him in the long run. This kind of love unfortunately does not go beyond the grave. If she would have told him about Jesus and the real love He offers, real love bought with the price of his life that gives eternal life in heaven, he would have been changed forever.





Official Logo

WHO ARE WE?

Street Level is a campus organization that is cutting-edge in style, laid back in attitude and hardcore when it comes to a personal friendship with our creator, Jesus Christ.

"The Gathering" is on Mondays at 8:00pm in the Memorial Student Center. For more info please call our info line at 235-9300.

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- 2) Wednesday Underground Study** - 7pm
At The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse-(See #7)
- 3) Yeshuapolooza 2000** - Sat. Sept. 16th
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- 4) Word on the Street**
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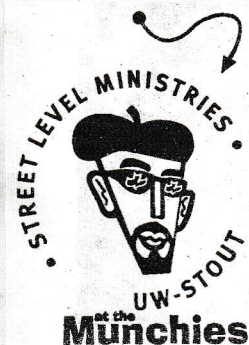
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Campus Event Logo

Blind Munchies Event Logo

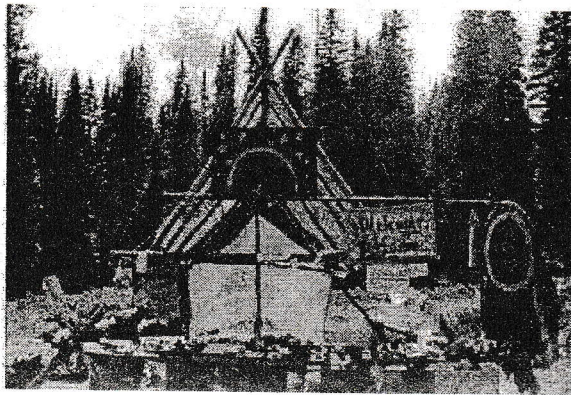


Unfortunately, many of the people at the Rainbow Gathering (like many of us) have had bad experiences with Christianity that left such a sour taste in their mouth that they don't want to ever step foot in a church again. What we're there to tell them is that Jesus isn't about church; He isn't about religion either. In fact, He hated religion. The place to find Jesus is in His written Word to mankind, the Bible. One of the things God has asked me to do at the Gathering is to pass out Bibles at main circle. Main circle is a meeting where the various kitchens feed everyone, where first we all hold hands in a huge circle and OHM for awhile. I go down to main circle every evening that I can with a pot full of Bibles with a sign taped to the pot that says "Free Bibles, Ask and you will receive." I walk around the circle at the same time that the rest of the kitchens are passing out food using similar pots to mine (others from our kitchen pass out rice while I'm doing this too). Some people joke with me and ask if they can eat the Bibles, but I just say that I'm giving out food for the soul. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he [Jesus] answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The beautiful thing about passing out the Bibles this way is that I don't say a word (unless someone asks me something) and everyone who wants a Bible must ask for them. Every time I went to main circle to give out Bibles, I went back to camp with an empty pot. The people at the Rainbow Gathering are hungry for spiritual food!

The Gathering is a place full of illusions, for their website portrays the event as a utopia of sorts, but in reality it is not. There are definitely some good things about it, such as the lack of finances and law enforcement, but the one thing that shatters the utopian image of the Gathering is that there are people there. Don't get me wrong, I love the people at the Gathering, and most of the time they are kinder and more loving than normal people. However they, like all of us, are plagued with this thing called a sinful nature. The Bible says that everyone is a sinner in their very being and that nothing can change that except Jesus. As we all know, Christians still sin, but Jesus is at work in their hearts to heal their sinfulness. So, at the Gathering, violence still happens, children are still neglected, people still abuse drugs and alcohol, and stealing still occurs. It is not a perfect environment by any stretch of the imagination. Therefore many people there are disillusioned about both mainstream life and Rainbow life. That is exactly where Jesus' love can reach a person.

Stealing was more prevalent at the Gathering this year. In the middle of the week, a man was caught stealing in "A" camp (a camp designated for alcohol use and abuse). He was punished for this crime by being duct-taped to a tree and beaten bloody. His clothes were taken from him and he was forced to walk around in shame with the word "thief" written on his forehead. None of the people at the camp would give him a place to sit around the fire despite the cold temperatures at night (40's) and he was completely shunned. That is how the world treats a thief. Jesus, however, had two thieves as His disciples (Judas was a thief, as was Levi, a tax collector). Jesus ate at their houses, laughed with them. He also willingly went to His death on a cross between two other thieves, one of who accepted Jesus right on his cross and Jesus said that He would be with him in paradise (Luke 23). That is the love that Jesus has to offer. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14: 2-7).

The Rainbow Gathering is a great example of the best peace that humans can come up with. In most cases it is very peaceful there, and people get along amazingly well. However, it is far from perfect. While at the Gathering, our kitchen holds nightly worship services open for anyone to come. Amid the craziness of the rest of the Gathering, the shouting, screaming, laughing, and drums beating, our voices rise up to God to thank Him and praise Him for saving thieves like us. Without Him we are nothing, and we know it. Many people approach our camp, especially during the evening worship service, and tell us what a great "vibe" our kitchen has and how peaceful it feels there. That is spirit that they're feeling and people who love Him or are seeking about the people at the Gathering. Nearly everyone there is aware of themselves. There are here Native American camps, nudist blue robes (actually I only met one else under the sun. So how then reality? All I can tell you is to settle for an illusion. I truly believed until you find Jesus. Luke kingdom of God; and all these things



the vibe of Jesus and His Holy He's anywhere that there are ing Him. One of the things I love is that they are active seekers. of a spiritual reality outside of Krishna camps, a Jerusalem camp, colonies, monks walking around in guy in a blue robe), and everything does a person discover spiritual keep seeking. Don't be content to lieve that you will never be satis- 12:31), "But rather seek ye the shall be added unto you."



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OF WANTING!**

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COMES TO HIM WHO
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HIT A DEAD END**

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FOR LIFE. DO YOU
SUPPOSE IT'S
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The purpose of our trip to this location was to bring chaplains and clothes to the SPLA and local population in the front. The chaplains are a joint effort between the SPLA, New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC), and Far Reaching Ministries (FRM). FRM is an American-formed ministry, whose mission is to train and equip chaplains to carry forth the gospel of Jesus Christ to all - SPLA, local population, and GOS soldiers who are open to listening.

As we spent a few days here, the needs of the people seemed to overwhelm the mind. In this part of the world the children are mostly suffering from malnutrition and worms which cause their stomachs to bloat out, the adults are typically very thin and poorly clothed if at all, and nothing goes to waste - even our discarded tin cans are scavenged up to eat any scraps left and to be used for containers to drink the bad water. On our way to this location, one of the two Hino's overturned (both of which were packed with supplies and about 75 people each) resulting in a man receiving a broken upper arm. Due to the complete lack of medical facilities this man had to wait five (5) days until we were returning to Nimule to get to medical attention and by this time his lower arm was severely swollen. Nimule has a very poorly supplied clinic with no x-ray equipment, no power for that matter, and uses aspirin as the primary pain killer after the completion of surgery when available (there is no anesthetic for surgery).

In the refugee areas, which are primarily populated by pregnant women and children, the essential nature of man is brought into stark focus. Here one can witness the desperate needs and also the self-desire and conniving nature concurrently as we hand out the clothing. You see those who have already received trying again to take more before all the others have had a chance. Even greater shame is seen as the local authorities scheme to take trucks full of grain as their own to be sold elsewhere and not given to the starving needy to which it was directed for by the United Nations.

On the other hand one also sees the grace of God and the joy of the Lord in a way one hardly ever sees in America. The smile on the face of a Christian here is more than just a look. It is really difficult to even put into words as their whole body smiles with the joy that can only come from the Spirit of Christ within them. The warmth and peace is physically felt when one greets a Sudanese Christian. God, speaking through the Apostle Paul, tells us:

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me do; and the God of peace shall be with you. [Philippians 4:4-9]

This is seen in many of the lives I have met here in Sudan; yes there is need, yes they desire to have the education which you take for granted, indeed there is suffering - imprisonment, persecution, and disease, but God has blessed these children of His with His peace.

As you students are now partaking of the benefits of the knowledge available at Stout, I ask that you consider the truth of the words of God:

Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. [Proverbs 4:7]

... Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. [1 Corinthians 1:24]

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. [James 3:17]

It is only through faith in the salvation of Christ, which removes your sins and transgressions before God, that you will find peace, joy, wisdom and lasting knowledge that will make a difference in your life. Finally, I would implore any who profess Jesus Christ to pray for their brothers and sisters not only here in Sudan but for all who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ - for who knows when you may need such prayer for yourself.

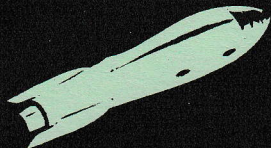




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***It's the fool who has said
in his heart, "there is no
God." Psalm 14:1***