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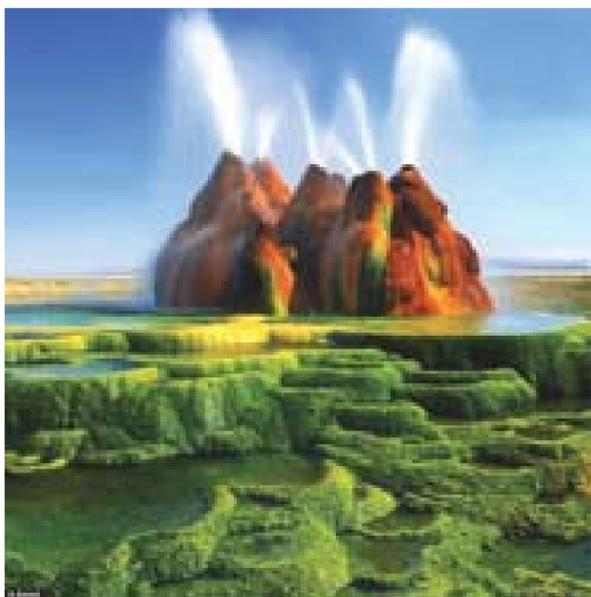
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The Peoples Voice

Fly Geyser Private Attraction in Nevada

Not open to the public. Shared by Professor Joe Gaut



These could be pictures of another planet or the set of a science fiction movie. But it is in fact an amazing phenomenon created by accident in the middle of the Nevada Desert.

The otherworldly images show Fly Geyser, a little-known attraction described as one of the most beautiful sights in the state.

Located 20 miles north of Gerlach, in Washoe County, it was accidentally created in 1916 during well drilling.

The geothermally heated pack of water found a weak spot in the wall in the 1960's and began escaping, creating a geyser. Over the years, dissolved minerals created the mound that water now spews up to five metres from.

The geyser contains several terraces discharging water into 30 to 40 pools over an area of 74 acres.

Multi-colored: The rainbow effect is created by minerals in the water reacting with oxygen in the air.

These ponds are forming an ecosystem, with small fish and birds such as swans and mallards enjoying the geyser.

David Jamison, who gives tours to the geyser said: 'I'd like to see more people be able to enjoy it. 'When I saw it for the first time it wasn't this big.

This whole area is kind of magic, there's no airplanes here or cars. It's just peaceful and quiet, all these beautiful mountains around. And the sound of the water.'

Fly Geyser is located on private land and is locked behind a closed gate and a fence topped with barbed wire. It is rarely open to the public but can be viewed from the road.



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America's Independent News Network

Big danger: Gun-free zones

Hero of attack on church: 'To create a safe nation, arm the population'

He may have been outnumbered, but he certainly wasn't ungunned, and his actions, the experts agree, probably saved hundreds, maybe even a thousand lives.

Now St. James Massacre hero Charl van Wyk is reaffirming his belief that there is a biblical obligation for self-defense with a warning to Americans of the perils of gun control.

"In Africa, gun-free zones have always been the most dangerous places to be. Rwanda was a gun-free zone - 800,000 people were murdered there," he said.

"In Uganda we had Idi Amin, who was a Muslim, murdering 600,000 Christians and also passed gun-control laws before that. We have 4 million people murdered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, also a gun-free zone."

He emphasized that in gun-free zones in Africa, the rebel soldiers, the police and the army are armed.

See van Wyk's own story of savings lives - with a gun!

"Shooting Back The Right and Duty of Self-Defense."

"We've had pastors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo being buried alive. And I said to one of the pastors there, 'Why didn't the whole congregation bring out their firearms when the rebels came along and say, 'Go ahead make our day? How can they just walk in and take the pastor?' He said, 'No, we've been completely disarmed. We can't protect ourselves at all.'"

He noted that when "both groups that are fighting are armed we call it a war."

"Massacres happen when one group is armed - normally the government - and the rest have absolutely nothing to defend themselves," he said. "That's when genocide takes place. So gun-free zones are the most dangerous place in Africa."

In America, most of the worst shootings have happened where firearms are banned or at least severely restricted. Thirty-two died on the Virginia Tech campus in 2007, 27 at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012, 18 at the University of Texas, 13 at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2009, the same number at Columbine High in Colorado in 1999 and eight were killed at Red Lake High in Minnesota in 2005.

Van Wyk is warning all Americans "to fight for and keep their rights to bear arms."

"Once this is taken away it's almost impossible to get it back again, so you need to be vigilant," he said.

"We've had a real struggle in Africa with many different countries and the chaos that comes along when people can't defend themselves is absolutely horrific."

His story has been chronicled in the book "Shooting Back: The Right and Duty of Self-Defense" and also a video documentary, the first ever produced by WND Films.

See van Wyk's own story of savings lives - with a gun! in "Shooting Back The Right and Duty of Self-Defense."

In 1993, with his .38 special revolver, van Wyk



shot back at a group of terrorists who later confessed their plan was to kill possibly 1,000 or more worshippers.

The Sunday evening service in Cape Town, South Africa, was under way when the attack happened. Eleven churchgoers were killed and 53 were wounded, but the terrorists who entered with mayhem on their minds quickly fled to a waiting car when van Wyk crouched down behind a pew, took aim and fired.

Since the St. James Massacre, van Wyk has been attacked by armed robbers three times. Each time his firearm has helped to save him. The most recent attack was when he was held by assailants who attempted to hijack his vehicle. When the opportunity arose, he fired on the attackers and drove them away.

"We are on the brink of global change," van Wyk said in an earlier exclusive interview with WND marking the 15-year anniversary of the St. James Massacre. "The United Nations has a disarmament program to remove private firearms from all nations. Hundreds of millions of people throughout the world suffer hideously through political systems, which have imposed a disarmament program based on oppression and lies."

That account also has now been translated into a video documentary - produced by WND's video division.

In the years that have passed, van Wyk has been working, through his ministry with Frontline Fellowship, in regions that could be called "war-torn" sections of Africa.

Though van Wyk admits that there are disadvantages to having firearms in a society, he says lawmakers should consider the advantages.

"When last did you hear of a multiple-victim shooting taking place on a firearm range, in a police station or at a gun show, or wherever many firearms are found anywhere in the world? You haven't. That's because criminals prefer unarmed victims, or soft targets," van Wyk says. "No wonder they love gun control - it makes their work so much easier and their working environment much safer."

In Christian circles, van Wyk concludes, there is an additional imperative to be armed for self-defense.

"The Apostle Paul wrote in a letter to Timothy, 'But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially of those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever,'" noted van Wyk. "Provision includes providing security.

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My career as weightlifter

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I needed just one credit to finish my physical education requirements for college. Unfortunately, the only classes open were "Weight-Lifting 101" and "Basket Weaving." So, at 115 pounds, soaking wet (see pic), I signed up for weight-lifting.

To say the least, it was a painful and humiliating experience. Everyone else in the class seemed to be steroid-stoked

Olympians. While they were "cleaning and jerking" hundreds of pounds, I was struggling to hoist the bar. One muscle-bound brute delighted in coming up behind me and lifting me up by my gym shorts. Painful and humiliating!

But, even though I looked like the "before" picture in Muscle magazine, I kept showing up for class, kept working with the ever-increasing weights, and kept being picked up by my shorts.

However, the class was graded on "improvement," not on the amount of weight lifted, so I earned the same grade as the guy lifting my weight!

That summer I worked at the Kellogg's cereal company lifting fifty-pound boxes of raisins into the chute that dropped to the lower floor's Raisin Bran packing room. (Sorry, but no smiling sun putting in two scoops!) After weight-lifting, I could crack open the boxes like a raw egg with just one hand.

After I had suffered a little while, I was now strong, firm and steadfast. In the same way, "the God of all grace . . . will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast" (1 Peter 5:10).

So now, sixty pounds later, when I encounter a painful, humiliating experience, I'm reminded that I'm simply being prepared for the next challenge. I couldn't have survived working in a factory without weightlifting!

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Illegals 'bigger invasion than Normandy' But congressman has solution for border crisis

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by Garth Kant

Garth Kant is WND Washington news editor. Previously, he spent five years writing, copy-editing and producing at "CNN Headline News," three years writing, copy-editing and training writers at MSNBC, and also served several local TV newsrooms as producer, executive producer and assistant news director. He is the author of the McGraw-Hill textbook, "How to Write Television News."

WASHINGTON—President Obama said he won't go to the border because he doesn't want to do a "photo-op."

But a Texas congressman who just returned from the U.S. border with Mexico said the right presidential photo-op could actually solve the humanitarian crisis there, and stop the flood of illegal immigrants crossing into the country.

Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, said the head of the border guard union told him, "If President Obama stood by an airplane and returned the people to Guatemala, that, overnight, it would stop the flow."

The numbers are astounding.

The New York Times reports an estimated 290,000 illegal immigrants, including 52,000 unaccompanied children, have crossed the border illegally in the Rio Grande Valley to cities around the county, just in recent months.

"There are more people coming across the border than we sent to invade France in World War II," marveled Stockman. That is an invasion of our nation, and most of them are coming into Texas. We need to take quick action."

Stockman and Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, were the first members of Congress to gain access inside one of the overcrowded border facilities where

immigrants have been detained.

The lawmakers arrived as the detainees were served lunch: a burrito, apple and water.

"I think the most shocking thing I saw was kids giving themselves up to the border guards. I had thought more border guards would help, but not at all."

The congressman said even if there were "a million" border guards, it wouldn't help, because the immigrants "were not running from us, they were running to the guards."

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DON OMEY SHARES!

by Don Omey

Former Leader of Otero County Tea Party



THE TEA PARTY AND THE CONSTITUTION

The present day Tea Party is another revolution that was begun over the infamous Obamacare and the one party bull dozer passage of the worst legislation passed in America since the IRS and the income tax.

It is seen as a threat to our functioning medical system and indirectly to upset and change our form of government by never before seen regulations and requirements.

The relationship between citizens and government will be completely changed for the worse. Reason being the people who passed the law will also be the type of heavy handed partisans enforcing and intruding in our lives, bank accounts, which ruins our medical care system and subverts our form of government and way of life.

Now those liberals are impatient with opponents saying they don't have a right to overturn it, saying "There's no turning back the clock."

They seem to forget the law was passed against the desire of most Americans and was passed by Democrats only.

Not only was it passed with a party line vote, their desperation to get it passed required many side deals and exemptions that make it patently illegal in most of the public's eye. Those desperate politicians who passed it are some of the groups that are exempt from the unsavory effects of Obamacare.

Most of the public would say the Tea Party diagnosis is correct. Obamacare's performance and acceptance at this point proves the writers of the bill had no idea what they were doing and proves the well-known and oft repeated statement that bureaucrats are the last people you want making important decisions.

The Supreme Court is complicit in this debacle and it should have ended there with no chance of becoming the law of the land.

The liberals have called Tea Partiers every derogatory name they can think of. I'll quote a short statement from a businessman from California. "We aren't racists or bigots, we aren't Astroturf Puppets and we aren't fringe right-wing zealots. We're just ordinary hardworking Americans who love our country but are mad as hell."

The state controlled media is critical of the Tea Party, saying, 'They don't have a strategy or clear plan to accomplish anything, much like a dog in a manger that doesn't

want the hay but won't let the horse or cow eat it either.'

The Tea Party has only one method to turn the nation back to the rule of law and the Constitution and that is to oppose all candidates and legislators that depart from their populist movement of common sense and the law.

Their voting bloc is huge and must be considered by any candidate running for public office. That's why liberals attempt to depict the Tea Party as enemies of all the voting blocs they target and tell whoppers about them standing between all the good things they can have if the congress supported by the TeaParty will just shut up and go away.

The Tea Party has to live by the Reagan statement; "If you can't make politicians see the light you can at least make them feel the heat."

In short, the Tea Party has been proven right regarding the threat to the fabric of the Constitution by Obamacare.

One of the most egregious aspects of Obamacare is the INDEPENDENT PAYMENTS ADVISORY BOARD.

The IPAB is unconstitutional, therefore illegal, as it consists of 15 members who are not elected but are appointees.

They have the enormous and therefore dangerous job of making recommendations to limit Medicare's budget by reducing reimbursements to doctors.

If both houses fail to overrule IPAB and pass their own cuts to Medicare, the IPAB proposal becomes the law automatically.

Even worse, Obamacare intends to make IPAB permanent, in that, no resolution to repeal it can be introduced before Jan. 1, 2017, or after Feb. 1, 2017.

The repeal has to be passed by Aug. 15, 2017 in order to be valid. Even so, it couldn't take effect until the year 2020. So congress has only one month to repeal this monstrosity and then it wouldn't take effect for 3 years.

In 2010 John Dingell told Paul Smith at WJR radio, "It takes a long time to do the necessary administrative steps that have to be taken to put the legislation together to control the people."

If the American people don't understand where the Tea Party is coming from, then we must continue to live by the admonition, VOTE AGAINST ALL INCUMBENTS!
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Since refugees are usually running from something rather than toward something, WND asked: Were these immigrants refugees, as Democrats have claimed?

"No, there are many U.S. cities that have a higher murder rate than Guatemala," Stockman observed, adding, "Does that mean we're going to get refugees from Chicago?"

With Obama apparently unwilling to stop what Stockman called an invasion, WND asked him what Congress could do to stem the sudden surge of immigrants, especially those from Central America.

The congressman noted that we faced a similar crisis in 2005 when a large number of immigrants from Brazil started streaming into the country, but President George W. Bush solved the problem and deported them by using one of Obama's favorite tools, the executive order.

Stockman said it would be much more humane to stop the flow than to allow it to continue, with so many left vulnerable to kidnapping, rape and murder during 30-day, thousand-mile long trips.

"We need to return the families back home so we send a message, 'You come up here, you're going to be sent home quickly.'"

Why not build the fence right now?

The Texan noted Congress has already allocated money for the fence, but no one has built it.

"Now, the president says the fence won't work. I would challenge him to remove the fence from around the White House, if it doesn't work. Fences work. It works in Israel. It would work here."

Stockman also believes the National Guard should be deployed on the border because, "Right now, the border guards are so busy feeding and taking care of the children, they can't do their regular responsibilities."

If the president will neither build the fence nor deport the illegal immigrants, what can Congress do to stem the tide?

Stockman senses the president wants to make a deal.

He said the House won't agree to the \$3.7 billion Obama wants to put the underage immigrants through a long legal process, but it will fund emergency priorities.

"I don't think House Republicans want to fund a bunch of trial attorneys so they can give contributions to his coffers. The money should be directed at building a wall, completing a wall and helping the children directly, in terms of food and aid."

He also believes Congress could modify a 2008 law that was designed to protect minors

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**Don't Fail Your Child Before School Starts
 Schedule A Back-To-School Eye Examination**

Almost 80% of what a child learns in school is presented visually. It stands to reason then, that good vision is essential to learning. Yet studies show only 31% of children between the ages of 6 and 16 have an annual eye exam, according to Dr. Terry Marquardt, Therapeutic Optometrist. And 70% of children under 6 years, the age at which most vision problems can be treated before permanent damage occurs, have never had an eye exam.

"Some 20 million children will go back to school this year with a vision problem that may interfere with their ability to learn and contribute to disciplinary problems," Dr. Terry Marquardt said.

But what about "Vision Screenings" performed by a school nurse or a pediatrician? Won't they detect vision problems? Only partially, according to Dr. Terry Marquardt

"According to a study by the National Institutes of Health, vision-screening methods detected only 40 - 65% of children with vision problems," Dr. Terry Marquardt said.

"Every child should have a comprehensive eye health examination." Dr. Terry Marquardt said. "Even if a child has passed a vision screening, a comprehensive exam can reveal problems that would go undetected in a screening. And if a vision problem is detected, your family eye doctor can begin treatment immediately."

Dr. Marquardt owns and practices at Marquardt Eye Associates located at 903 New York Ave in Alamogordo and is a member of Vision Source, the nation's number one network of private practice optometrists. Founded in 1991, The Vision Source network includes more than 2,400 offices in all 50 states and in Canada.

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LA Mayor Exemplifies America's Decline

Tuesday, Jun 24, 2014

Last week, during the official celebration of the Los Angeles Kings winning the Stanley Cup, the mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti, told a jammed Staples Center that "there are two long-standing rules for politicians . . . They say never, ever be pictured with a drink in your hand and never swear. But this is a big f—g day," he said, holding up a bottle of Bud Light.

You read that right. In front of 18,000 people at Staples and hundreds of thousands of others watching on television — many of them, of course, children — the mayor of the second-largest city in America held up a beer bottle and used the F-word.

This was not a whisper overheard by reporters. This was not an accidental loss of self-control. This was a planned use of obscene language in a public forum.

The question is: Does it matter?

According to the Los Angeles Times report, to the vast majority of people who heard it, it didn't.

"The audience roared. Players stood up to applaud.

"Outside Staples Center and L.A. Live, the remarks were a hit. Lake Forest resident Jeff Ottinger, who attended Monday's rally, said . . . 'I think a lot of times politicians are uppity and stuffy and for him to actually be a fan is cool.'"

"It makes me have much more respect for him," said Jason Werntz, 45, of Burbank.

Not only was the mayor not apologetic, he repeated his comment on Facebook and Twitter.

"Soon afterward," the Times reported, "Garcetti had similar, PG-rated messages on Facebook and his official Twitter feed. 'There are a few rules in politics, one is never swear, but this is a BFD. @ericgarcetti welcomes the #StanleyCup to LA.'"

There are those of us who believe that this is an example of a civilization in decline (or even in free fall). And there are those who think that this is either no "BFD" (as Garcetti and his admirers might say) or actually a good thing. Here are two typical comments on the Los Angeles Times website:

Bruuce: "I love him even more!"

MarkRomero: "I thought the comment was very humorous!! I laughed out loud when I heard it. You no sense of humor haters will never get it. That's exactly why you are the way you are — humorless and republican, most likely. Go KINGS!"

(He is right about "Republican" — which tells you a lot about both the Republican and Democratic Parties.)

Nor was support confined to anonymous commenters and thousands of fans. Not one member of the Los Angeles City Council condemned the mayor. At least one, Councilman Mike Bonin, "said he agreed

with the mayor's vivid description of the day."

Support for the mayor must have overwhelmed objection. As reported by the Times, "A day after using the F-word in televised remarks at an L.A. Kings victory party," Garcetti told those who found it offensive to "lighten up."

"I think I was just being myself for a moment there," Garcetti told reporters . . .

"Look, I think people should be kind of light about this," Garcetti said. 'It's something that plenty of people have heard in their lives for sure.'

"KNBC-TV reporter Conan Nolan asked the mayor if his cussing contributed to the coarsening of society.

"We micro-analyze everything,' he added. 'We ought to let people be people. I was just being a person yesterday.'"

So, who are those who think this reflects serious social decay?

They probably fall into two categories: those over, let's say, 55 years of age and religious individuals of all ages.

Older Americans grew up in a religious America, and religions draw a strong distinction between the holy and the profane. That explains why even some non-religious older Americans will find this objectionable.

But the secular and left-wing tsunami of the last half century has all but extinguished the concept of the holy, and thereby extinguished the concept of the profane. If nothing is holy, nothing is profane.

Teachers tell us how common it has become for students to curse in class — including cursing teachers. Fifty years ago students were allowed to mention God in class prayer. But in 1962, Supreme Court justices considered it progressive to outlaw all school prayer. And school prayer was shortly thereafter replaced by school cursing.

To appreciate just how perverse our moral standards have become, imagine if Garcetti, instead of celebrating with a bottle of beer and the f-word, had lit up a cigar. He would have been excoriated by every liberal medium in the country. And many millions of Americans would have expressed horror at what a poor model he was for America's children.

A society that is horrified by a mayor publicly smoking a cigar, and either apathetic or enthusiastic about that mayor publicly holding up a beer bottle and cursing, is in deep trouble.

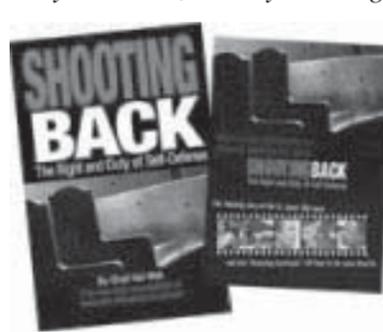
One is tempted to dismiss Eric Garcetti as either a fool or a bad guy. Based on what he did, and his continuing defense of it, he may well be the former. But he is not the latter. Above all, he is a man of the left, a Democrat, and a product of a secularized culture.

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In fact, our Lord Jesus taught, 'If you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.'"

Quoting Jesus again, van Wyk added, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"



Are we loving our neighbor when we stand by and do nothing when he is being murdered or a woman is being raped?"

On the 20th anniversary

of the church attack, he told WND that when the terrorists broke into the church, lobbed grenades and started shooting, for a second he thought it was a play.

"Boy was I wrong!" he said. "I dropped to my knees and drew my .38 special revolver from my ankle holster. Taking aim, I fired two rounds at the attackers. Being in the fourth row from the back of the large sanctuary made accuracy difficult, especially with the revolver's two-inch barrel, designed for close combat."

He crawled to an aisle and ran for a back door, planning to get behind the attackers and close in. He rounded the building and saw the attackers already fleeing in a getaway car.

In his book "Shooting Back" van Wyk not only documents the notorious and bloody attack, but offers the first in-depth exploration of the biblical case for armed self-defense.

That account also has now been translated into a video documentary — produced by WND's video division.

You can also purchase the book and the video together for a reduced bundle price.

"This book is the single best work of its kind, combining a dramatic, real-life story with an in-depth Bible study on armed self-defense," says Joseph Farah, editor and chief executive officer of WND. "We're living in increasingly dangerous times in America in the 21st century. We need to learn the lessons other Jews and Christians have learned the hard way through criminal victimization and state-sponsored genocides. There is no substitute to preparedness — and that means spiritual preparedness as well as physical."

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Editor's Comments: Whether you are a believer in gun control or not truly makes no difference. Wouldn't it be great if all we had to do to end all killing was to destroy all of the guns? But, statistics reveal just the opposite. It has proven true in New York that crime and death by shooting increases the minute guns are made illegal. The same in Chicago; and, as revealed in this very accurate and scriptural book by Charl van Wyk, it has proven to be true that killings and mass murders increase exponentially wherever gun free zones are created any where in the world.



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Incredibly, the Homosexual Lobby now says the law -- formally called the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (S. 815/H.R. 1755) -- doesn't go far enough.

You see, the Supreme Court recently granted Christian-owned Hobby Lobby a religious exemption to the ObamaCare birth control mandate.

And the Homosexual Lobby is furious this ruling could weaken the current Gay Bill of Special Rights, giving Christians and other pro-Family Americans too much freedom to resist their radical agenda.

So you can bet they're scheming to impose a new version that can end-run the Hobby Lobby decision and eliminate any chance for religious exemptions.

Make no mistake -- the next law they try to ram down our throats will in no way allow for pro-Family Christians like you and me to escape its grasp.

That means you and I have to be extra vigilant from now on.

The current form of the Gay Bill of Special Rights has already passed in the Senate, and Obama signed his own version into law with an Executive Order

vote on the House floor.

Public Advocate has held the line for months thanks to pro-Family Americans like you.

And you and I must redouble our efforts to fight the next assault on our Religious Liberties that is sure to come.

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from Central America from falling prey to sex-traffickers by allowing them to stay in the country during a lengthy legal process involving hearings before immigration judges. Stockman said that law, ironically and sadly, has backfired, by luring unaccompanied and unprotected minors onto American streets.

Obama has signaled his willingness to water down the law, but some Democrats are fiercely opposed to a bill proposed Monday by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, which is designed to do that.

Stockman said, it wasn't really the 2008 law that triggered the sudden flow of minor immigrants; it was Obama's decision, after Congress refused to pass the DREAM Act, to unilaterally implement the bill's key provision and not deport minors in the country illegally.

"Look at the numbers," he said. "As soon as Obama announced the DREAM Act, the numbers shot through the roof."

Will protests of illegals by U.S. cities make a difference? Sound off in the WND Poll.

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ASIAN FOODS WE ALL LIKE SO MUCH

By Rhonda Parkinson

Bamboo Shoots

Gourd With an Attitude

As the name implies, bamboo shoots are the edible shoots of the bamboo plant, which is native to Asia. Fresh bamboo shoots are available at Asian/Chinese markets, or you can find canned bamboo shoots at most local grocery stores



Winter Bamboo Shoots

The shoots of the bamboo plant, native to Asia, are popular item in Chinese cooking. Edible bamboo shoots fall into two broad categories, winter and spring shoots. Spring shoots are larger and tougher than winter shoots, which are considered to be a delicacy.

In general, canned bamboo shoots are easier to obtain than fresh shoots. After opening the can, you can rinse them in hot water to get rid of any “tinny” taste. Another option is to briefly blanch them. Unused bamboo shoots should be stored in the refrigerator in a jar of water, with the water changed daily.

Bitter Melon

Blood Sugar Optimizer

Bitter melon is known for its unusual appearance and taste. This Chinese gourd resembles a cucumber with a dark green, pockmarked skin.

As the name implies, it has a rather bitter taste. However, this can be lessened by blanching or degorging the melon with salt.

Bitter melon is a popular ingredient in stir-fries, where it is frequently paired with other strong flavors (such as Chinese salted black beans).



Bok Choy

The “white cabbage”

Cultivated in China since ancient times, bok choy is found in soups and stir-fries, appetizers and main dishes. Bok choy’s popularity comes from its light, sweet flavor, crisp texture and nutritional value. Not only is bok choy high in Vitamin A, Vitamin C and calcium, but it is low in calories.

Bok choy, or *brassica chinensis* to use its scientific name, is classified as a cabbage. Nonetheless, bok choy bears little resemblance to the round European cabbages found in western supermarkets, or to Napa Cabbage for that matter.

Its white stalks resemble celery without the stringiness, while the dark green, crinkly leaves of the most common variety is similar to Romaine lettuce. The Chinese commonly refer to bok choy as pak choi or “white vegetable.” Another common name is white cabbage.

Bok choy around the world

Although bok choy was introduced to Europe in the 1800’s, and is now readily available in supermarkets throughout North America, other cuisines have been slow to embrace it. Bok choy is widely popular in the Philippines, where large numbers of Chinese immigrated following Spain’s conquest of the islands in the 1500’s.

You’ll sometimes find bok choy replacing cabbage in pancit, a Philippine noodle dish, and in kimchi, a Korean hot pickle made with garlic and red peppers. Bok choy or pak kwahng toong also appears in Thai recipes.

However, you’re unlikely to see a piece of bok choy enlivening your Greek or Italian salad anytime in the near future. Ditto for ordering bok choy soups or salads at the local fast food restaurant. While bok choy is grown in the United States and several Canadian provinces, it remains firmly associated with Chinese cooking.

Types of Bok Choy

Mention the word bok choy, and most of us think of the plant with dark green leaves; however, in Hong Kong over twenty varieties are available. You can also find Shanghai or baby bok choy, a miniaturized version of bok choy, at Asian markets.

Cookbook author and television show host Martin Yan notes that westerners have a “bigger is better” philosophy when it comes to Chinese vegetables. The opposite holds true in China, where the smaller varieties are valued for their tenderness. An added benefit is that recipes often call for them to be cooked whole, reducing preparation time.

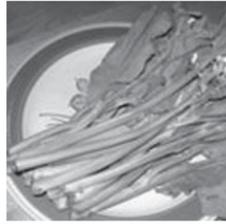
Yet another member of the bok choy family is choy sum or bok choy sum. Distinguishable by its light green leaves and tiny yellow flowers, choy sum - also known as Chinese flowering cabbage - is the cream of the bok choys. Grocers normally sell only the trimmed leaves and stalks of choy sum instead of the whole plant.

Expect to pay more for it, in the same way that celery hearts are more expensive than a celery bunch. You may even find choy sum called bok choy sum hearts; in Asian Vegetables, Bruce Cost notes that the word sum in Cantonese literally means heart.

Chinese Broccoli

This leafy plant has a more pronounced flavor than regular broccoli.

The Chinese version of broccoli is a leafy green plant with small white flowers. Chinese Broccoli (Gai Lan) has a slightly bittersweet flavor that pairs nicely with strong flavored ingredients such as oyster sauce. However, regular broccoli can usually be substituted in recipes calling for Chinese broccoli.



Chinese Celery

Regular celery can seem a little boring once you’ve tried Chinese celery.

Originating from a wild celery native to Asia, Chinese celery has a strong flavor that adds extra taste to soups and stir-fries. (Not salads though; its strong flavor may overpower other ingredients).

It also has a more attractive appearance than regular celery, with thinner stalks and a color ranging from dark green to white.



Chinese Dried Mushrooms

Not to be confused with cloud ears, Chinese dried mushrooms impart a pungent flavor to Chinese dishes. They are also called Chinese black mushrooms, which is a bit misleading as the mushrooms can range in color from grey to light brown. Dried mushrooms need to be reconstituted (soaked in water to soften) before using. The soaking liquid is often used in place of water or chicken broth in a sauce. Practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine believe dried mushrooms can help lower blood pressure.



Chinese Black Mushrooms

These are the dried mushrooms you’ll often find sold in bins in Asian grocery stores. The name is a bit of a misnomer, since Chinese black mushrooms can be light brown, dark brown, and even gray. They are frequently speckled.

Chinese black mushrooms range in price from moderate to quite expensive. The more costly ones are often called “flower mushrooms” as they have a thick cap and nice curl.

However, the cheaper brands are perfectly acceptable for use in soups and stir-fries.

When it comes to cooking, while fresh black mushrooms may be available, it is better to use dried mushrooms, as the drying process gives them a stronger flavor.

At home, store the dried mushrooms in a container at room temperature. Before using, remove the stems and rehydrate them.

The dried mushrooms need to be rehydrated by soaking in warm water until softened. You might also want to strain them through a sieve to remove any sand or dirt.

Vegetarians, take note: the soaking liquid makes a nice alternative to using plain water as a substitute for chicken broth in recipes.

Health Benefits...

Although valued for their rich flavor, black mushrooms are also believed to have numerous health benefits.

Besides helping to reduce cholesterol and lower high blood pressure, they contain polysaccharides that are thought to boost the immune system and inhibit the growth of tumors.

On a lighter note, the Chinese believe black mushrooms are an aphrodisiac.

Nutritionally, they are loaded with protein, and contain vitamins B2 and B12.

Chinese Eggplant

Chinese eggplant is easily recognizable by its long, thin shape

Also called aubergine, Chinese eggplant resembles a purple zucchini, with its long thin shape and purple color that may be streaked with white. Eggplant is native to Asia, and Chinese eggplant is one of hundreds of varieties found there (another type of Southeast Asian eggplant, Thai eggplant, is small, round and green or white in color). Because it is smaller and thinner than the usual oblong shaped eggplant you find in the produce section of local supermarkets, Chinese eggplant is not normally salted and degorged before cooking. Popular Chinese dishes made with eggplant include Szechuan Eggplant Braised in Garlic Sauce.



Silk Squash

This gourd is vaguely related to the luffa brush in your shower

A long thin squash with sharp ridges, silk squash is also called Chinese okra and angled luffa. Only immature silk squash are eaten, as older silk squash have a bitter taste. Like fuzzy melon, silk squash can be stuffed with pork and steamed. However, it is more commonly stir-fried or deep-fried. Feel free to substitute silk squash in recipes calling for cooked zucchini or okra, and to use okra as a substitute if silk squash is unavailable.



When buying Chinese okra, look for young ones that are firm and have an unblemished skin. Despite the sharp ridges, Chinese okra does not need to be peeled before using.

Chinese White Radish (Daikon Radish)

This large white radish adds flavor to everything from salads to stir-fries

Resembling a large white carrot, Chinese white radish has a much stronger flavor than small, round red radishes.

While Daikon is a popular salad ingredient in Japan, in China it is more commonly used in cooking, both in stir-frying and slow cooked dishes. It is also pickled. Turnip cake is a popular cake during Chinese New Year season.

Nutritionally speaking, Chinese white radish is a good source of Vitamin C and is very low in calories.

Flowering Chives

Flowering chives have a more delicate appearance but an even stronger flavor than regular Chinese garlic chives. Flowering chives are more frequently used in stir-fries, both because of their more attractive appearance and stronger flavor.



Chinese Garlic Chives

A flavorful alternative to regular chives

Although both are members of the onion family, Chinese garlic chives are more attractive and more flavorful than regular chives. Regular Chinese garlic chives have a strong “garlicky” flavor, while yellow chives have a mild taste similar to onion. A third variety, flowering chives, have a more delicate appearance but an even stronger flavor than regular Chinese garlic chives.

You’ll find regular Chinese garlic chives lending flavor to soups, stews and other slow cooked dishes. (They’re also a great way to add extra flavor to scrambled eggs). Flowering chives are more frequently used in stir-fries, both because of their more attractive appearance and stronger flavor. Another popular stir-fry combination pairs yellow chives and mung bean sprouts

When is a chive not a chive?

When it’s a Chinese garlic chive.

With their white flowers, long green shoots and lack of a bulb, garlic chives bear a strong resemblance to regular chives. That’s not surprising, since both are members of the onion family. However, in this case appearances are deceiving. While the standard chive has a mild flavor similar to onions, Chinese garlic chives are known for their strong “garlicky” flavor.

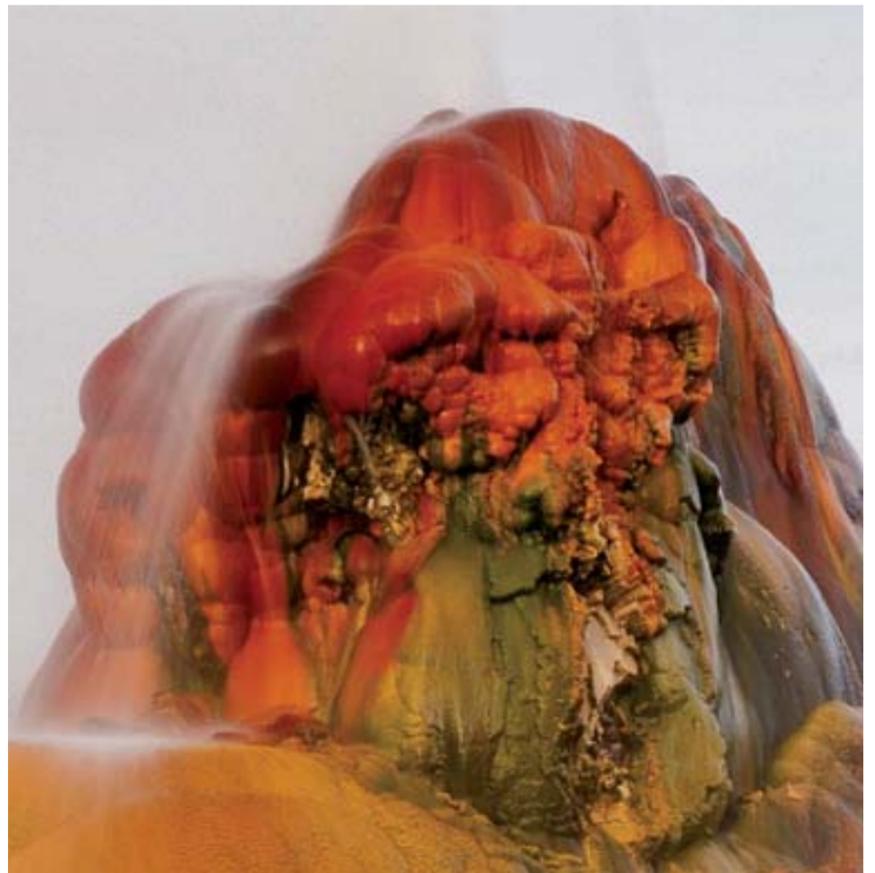
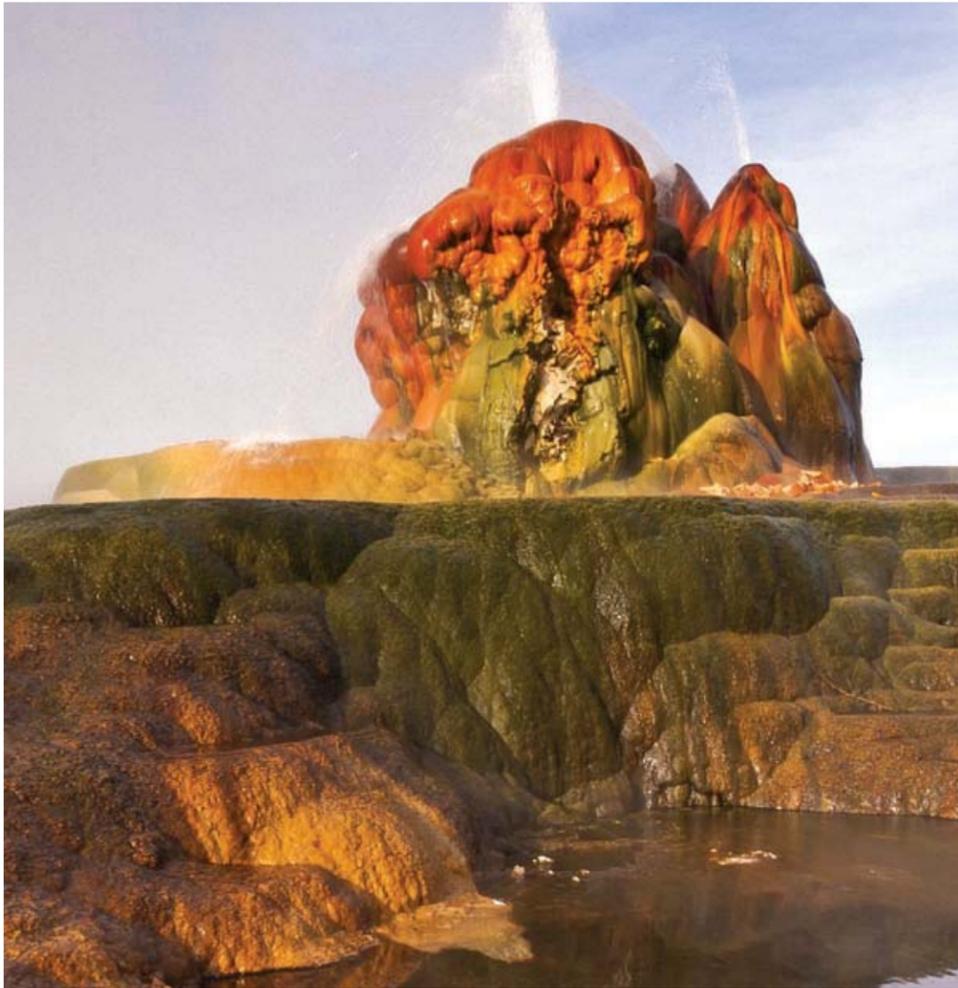
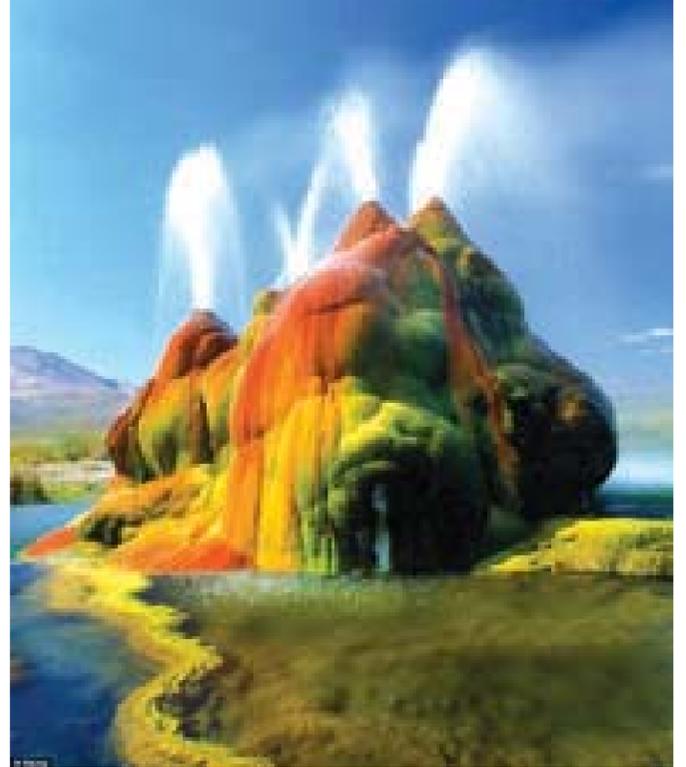
The combination of a chive-like appearance and strong flavor makes garlic chives a popular seasoning. You’ll find chopped chives showing up in Chinese recipes for soups, stews, salads and even meat marinades. But don’t feel you need to get out the wok to enjoy them. Garlic chives make a flavorful alternative to regular chives in non-Asian dishes. Feel free to add a few snips of garlic chives the next time you’re preparing scrambled eggs or an omelette, or substitute them for regular chives in a recipe for herbed bread.

Need another reason to try them? They’re a great substitute for garlic on nights when you don’t feel like smashing and peeling cloves. Now, all that’s left is to decide which variety of Chinese garlic chive - all of which come from the same plant - best meets your needs:

Standard garlic chives (Gau Choy) – Garlic chives look similar to chives, but their leaves are broad and flat instead of hollow. Their garlicky flavor enhances cooked dishes, particularly ones where the food is slowly simmered in a sauce, such as red-cooked stews or soups, or in a stuffing. Use them also to add flavor to stir-fries. They go particularly well with eggs and seafood – you’ll often find them paired with scrambled eggs or prawns.

Flowering Chives (Gau Choy Fa) – Flowering chives have hollow, light green stems and yellow buds on the end. But don’t let their delicate appearance fool you: flowering chives have a stronger garlicky flavor than Gau Choy. A popular delicacy in Chinese cuisine, they are used in salads and stir-fried alone. The yellow buds make an attractive garnish and, unlike regular chives, they are edible. Their popularity means that flowering chives are often easier to

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Editor's Comment: I thought that I had seen it all; but, I somehow missed this one. You can bet that if I get the chance I will be there soon. I was unable to discover information for getting a tour but you might try this url for more information: <https://roadtrippers.com/us/washoe-county-nv/nature/fly-geyser>



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find than garlic chives, both in regular supermarkets and Asian groceries. Feel free to use them in place of garlic chives.

Yellow Chives (Gau Wong)



Yellow chives are garlic chives that have been grown under cover, without any exposure to direct sunlight. This prevents the leaves from turning green, as the plant's chlorophyll-absorbing molecules never kick into action.

Yellow chives have thick flat leaves, a yellow color, and a mild, "oniony" flavor. Like flowering chives, they are considered to be a delicacy, and often served alone or paired with another vegetable in a stir-fry. Use them in soups, with noodles, or whenever you want to add chives with a milder flavor than either garlic or flowering chives.

Nutritional Information About Garlic Chives

Garlic chives pack a major nutritional punch for a mere 30 calories per 100 grams. Low in fat and high in dietary fibre and protein, they contain high amounts of Vitamin C and carotene, and are a good source of calcium. They also contain Vitamin B1 and B2. In Chinese medicine, garlic chives are considered to be a yang or warming food.

Garlic Chives

The Ultimate Antiseptic?

Like other members of the garlic and onion family, garlic chives contain a sulphur-rich mustard oil that aids digestion and helps promote the flow of blood. The rejuvenating power of this oil has been known since ancient times, when chives were used to heal wounds. Today, Chinese cooks put garlic chives' antiseptic qualities to good use by combining the chives with pork fat to season a wok.

Leeks

Despite being called a poor man's asparagus, leeks have a sweet mild flavor.



Leeks are a member of the onion family.

Despite sometimes being called "a poor man's asparagus," the thick stalked European leeks commonly found in supermarkets have a mild sweet flavor.

Chinese leeks, on the other hand, are smaller and thinner, resembling a thick scallion. Their more pungent flavor makes Chinese leeks a staple ingredient in northern Chinese cooking.

Chinese leeks generally aren't available in North America - regular leeks can be used as a substitute.

Chinese Longbeans



These Beans Really do Grow Up to a Yard Long

You may have noticed them in the produce section - looped bunches of light or dark green beans.

Believed to have originated in China, long beans come by their name honestly - they can grow up to three feet long.

Other common names for long beans include yard long beans, snake bean and Chinese pea (long beans are a member of the same family as black-eyed peas, also called cowpeas).

In cooking, long beans are the beans traditionally used to make Chinese green beans, a popular dish at Chinese buffets.

They are also popular in Southern China, and in Cantonese cooks frequently pair long beans with salted black beans or fermented bean curd.

Outside of China, long beans are used in Malaysian and Thai cooking.

Lotus Root

A relative of the water lily, the lotus is an aquatic plant that grows in marshes and shallow ponds.



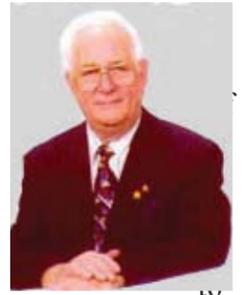
The tuberous root of the plant is found in the mud below the surface.

The exterior of the root is not particularly attractive, resembling a large, buff colored link of sausages, with each link about 8 inches long. However, channels running through the root give cut slices a delicate, lacy appearance.

Lotus root adds a crisp texture and sweet flavor to Chinese stir-fries, soups and salads, where they are often added raw. Deep-fried lotus root is a popular garnish. You'll frequently find candied lotus root in Chinese New Year Trays of Togetherness (also called Harmony Trays), as a symbol of abundance.

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Mung Bean Sprouts

In Chinese cuisine, delicate Mung Bean sprouts are more than a salad food.



While sprouts of all types didn't become popular in North America until the 1960's health food craze, the Chinese have been sprouting mung beans for approximately 3,000 years.

The Chinese name for the silver colored sprouts with the yellowish ends is nga choy or nga choi. Their crisp texture and sweet flavor is used in stir-fries and salads.

Nutritionally, mung bean sprouts are low in calories, fat and carbohydrates, and high in Vitamin C, and a good source of protein.

Stir-frying the sprouts helps reduce the chance of



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food-borne illness. However, to preserve their crunchy texture, mung bean sprouts shouldn't be stir-fried for more than 30 seconds.

By bean sprouts I am referring to mung bean sprouts, the distinctive plump silver sprouts with two yellowish "horns" at one end and a scraggly tail that come from the sprouted seeds of the mung bean plant.

The Chinese have been growing mung bean sprouts (nga choy or nga choi) for approximately 3,000 years. However, the popularity of bean sprouts in the west is a more recent phenomenon.

Many of us first got turned on to sprouts during the health conscious seventies, when we began piling them onto green salads or in tofu burgers. And why not? Not only are bean sprouts high in protein, vitamin C and Folacin, but they are a dieter's dream. According

TRUTH

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Wes Bush

WHILE YOU ARE LIVING



There is nothing like knowing where you are going, what you are to do and how you are to accomplish it while you are at it and all the while in perfect peace.

In the natural that is impossible; but those of us who dwell in the supernatural have all knowledge, all guidance and perfect peace along the way.

Jesus made us a promise:

25 *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

27 *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 14:25-27 (KJV)

Who is this comforter? What is his name? Did He show up? What is his relationship to God, the Father?

Perhaps these verses from the Bible will help us understand:

12 *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

13 *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

15 *But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*

16 *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.*

Here is the beginning of wisdom concerning Jesus promise:

1 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2 *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

3 *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* - Acts 2 (KJV)

All who heard them thought they were drunk on new wine

14 *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*

15 *For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

16 *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

17 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

18 *And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

19 *And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*

20 *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:*

21 *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

1 Corinthians 2 verses 14-21 (KJV)

John the Baptist foretold that Jesus would baptise us with The Holy Ghost And With fire

11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

Matthew 3:11 (KJV)

Jesus warned against blaspheming the Holy Ghost

31 *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

32 *And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

Matthew 12 verses 31-32 (KJV)

After His resurrection Jesus instructed the Deciples what to do with the power that He was giving them

16 *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.*

17 *And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.*

18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

20 *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

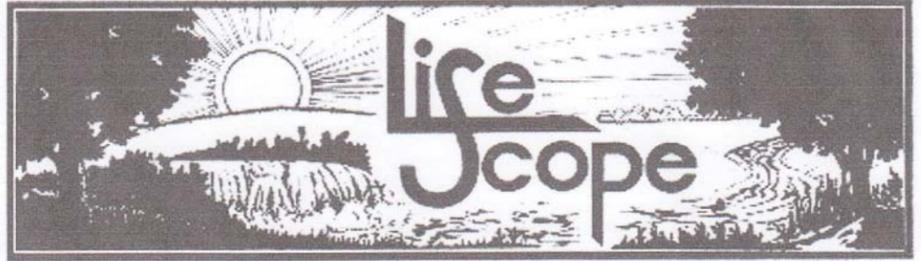
Matthew 28 verses 16-20 (KJV)

Jesus tells us who this promise is for.

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39 *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.* Acts 2:39 (KJV)



Think you've done too many wicked things to be forgiven? Lifescopes shares two stories of hope!

Jesus went on into Jericho and was passing through. There was a chief tax collector there, named Zacchaeus, who was rich. He was trying to see Who Jesus was, but he was a little man and could not see Jesus because of the crowd.

So he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, Who would be going that way.

When Jesus came to that place, He looked up and said to Zacchaeus, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today."

Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Him with great joy. All the people who saw it started grumbling, "This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner!"

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, Sir! I will give half my belongings to the poor; and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today; this man, also, is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Jesus also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves and were confident that they were righteous [that is, that they were upright and in right standing with God], and scorned and made nothing of all the rest of men:

"Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee took his stand ostentatiously, and began to pray thus before and with himself; 'God, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, (robbers), swindlers - unrighteous in heart and life - adulterers, or even like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain.'

"But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven; but, kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am!'

"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified - forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God - rather than the other man; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Taken from Luke 19, 18, Today's English Version, The New American Standard and The Amplified Bible. For free Lifescopes book, write to Box 1575, Carlsbad, NM 88221. Please send \$1.00 for postage and handling.

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A smile is a curve that sets everything straight. - Phyllis Diller

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If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it. - Andy Rooney

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. - George Eliot

Anybody that smiles automatically looks better. - Diane Lane

The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. - John F. Kennedy

A smile is happiness you'll find right under your nose. - Tom Wilson

Laughter is day, and sobriety is night; a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, more bewitching than either. - Henry Ward Beecher

Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower. - Hans Christian Andersen

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.

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Under Sen. Harry Reid's control, the Senate spends virtually no time talking about jobs and economic growth even though that's the number one priority for Americans.

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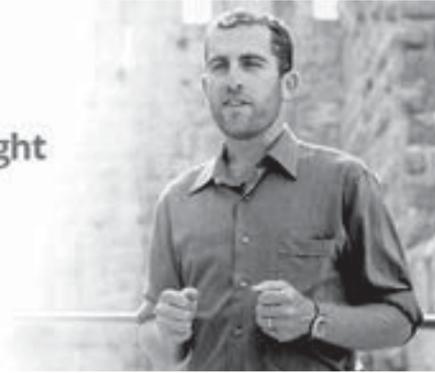
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Weekly Biblical-Greek insight
With Jonathan Lipnick



What does it mean to be reconciled to God?

(An insight by Jonathan A. Lipnick)

What does it mean to be reconciled to God?
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In 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Paul describes how salvation through Christ works by uniquely appealing to the concept of reconciliation. Why does Paul choose this term? In English, the word reconcile means "to bring someone back into friendly relations after a period of estrangement." It comes from the Latin reconciliare which means to "join together again."

Writing in Greek, Paul uses a different word: καταλλάσσω (katallassō). At the heart of this long word is the root ἄλλος (allos) which means "another". So the verb katallassō means "to exchange one thing for another." It is normally used in Classical Greek to refer to exchanging goods or money. Later, it was applied to mending relations between disputing people or nations; the two parties exchange their old feelings of animosity for a new feeling of friendship.

Greek authors never used the term katallassō
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in a religious context. Paul's innovation is to use the diplomatic language of exchanging to explain the Christian message of salvation. He is saying that God heals the rift between himself and mankind by exchanging his own righteousness for humanity's sin. This term, which would have reminded his audience of international relations, is particularly apt because it shows the need for Christ's death on the cross. In this reconciliation scheme, Christ functions as the mediator, the agent who shuttles back and forth between the two parties until the rift has been patched up: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor 5:19). Without Christ as a facilitator of the exchange, reconciliation would be impossible.

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From page 7 - Asian Foods
to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one cup of bean sprouts contains a mere twenty-six calories.

They are low in salicylate, a naturally occurring chemical in plants that some individuals have difficulty tolerating. (Aspirin is acetyl salicylic acid).

In Chinese medicine bean sprouts are considered to be a yin or cooling food.

Both the texture and taste of mung bean sprouts - crunchy with a delicate hint of sweetness - enhances a number of popular Chinese dishes, from Egg Rolls to stir-fries and salads.

In The Oxford Companion to Food, Alan Davidson notes that stir-frying bean sprouts releases a protein that isn't available when they are eaten raw. However, to maintain their crisp texture, they shouldn't be stir-fried for longer than about thirty seconds.

Today, China and India are the main producers of mung beans, not surprising given their popularity in both of these Asian countries.

When it comes to importing, the United States is one of the leading customers. This is good news for consumers since it means that mung bean

sprouts are easily obtainable at western supermarkets.

When purchasing mung bean sprouts, look for plumper ones that are not stringy or discoloured.

If not using them immediately, place in a plastic bag with a few drops of water, seal and keep in the refrigerator. Stored in this manner, they will last for one or two days.

If you need to keep them longer, you can try covering them with cold water and storing in a sealed jar in the refrigerator. If the water is changed every two days, they should last for up to a week.

However, since they are so easy to find, I prefer to wait and purchase them just before using.

Also, mung bean sprouts can be frozen if they are to be used in cooking.

On a health-related note, mung bean sprouts have been linked to incidences of food borne illnesses such as Salmonella.

Government officials in both Canada and the United States are working with growers to implement safer growing methods. In the meantime, you can reduce the risk significantly by cooking the sprouts in soups or stir-fries.

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Hold on Herb!

A long time ago when America was being settled, a group of people headed west in a wagon train from the east coast. The wagon train leader was very inexperienced and soon the people realized they were hopelessly lost. After wandering for weeks and weeks, their food supplies were gone and winter was fast approaching.

As the group came over a hill they saw the first person they had seen for days; an old Jewish man, a Litvak yet, sitting beneath a tree. The leader of the wagon train approached the man.

"Can you help us? We're heading west but we're lost and all our food is gone. We're starving."

The old man replied, "Vell you know, I can see the future... Vait.. I'm getting a vision now." He held one hand to his brow and closed his eyes in concentration. "It's coming. Oh yah, I see, I see." "I know vut you gotado."

Go up dis here hill und down other side. Go through forest und across the stream. Den go up next hill und down to dat valley below. There you vill find ah bacon tree."

"A bacon tree?" asked the wagon tree leader.

"YA, ah bacon tree. Trust me.. for nuttin vud I lie. I can see the future."

The wagon train leader shrugged and headed off. The group followed the strange old man's directions exactly. They went up the hill, down the other side, through the forest, across the stream, up the next hill and down to the valley below.

Nothing. Zip. Zilch. Not a damned thing and especially not a bacon tree.

All of a sudden, out of nowhere, came Indians from all sides. It was a massacre. All but one man was killed, even he was seriously wounded.

He crawled up the hill, crawled across the stream, crawled through the forest, crawled up the hill and crawled down into the valley. There, under the tree was that same old Jewish man, having a glass of tea, right where they had left him.

The injured man crawled up to him and started shouting..... "What were you thinking? You sent us all to our deaths! We followed your instructions to the letter! We went up the hill, down the other side, through the forest, across the stream, up the next hill and down the valley below. NO BACON TREE! Just Indians, thousands of Indians! And the rest of my group? THEY'RE ALL DEAD! "

The man held up his hand and said "Oye, vait A minute, vait A minute... I'm getting anudder vision.... Oyeeee. Ooooh. NOW I get it...G'VALT, I make ah big mistake... It vuz not a bacon tree... It vuz a ham bush!"

Dumb Laws Of Alabama

- It is illegal to impersonate a person of the clergy.
- It is illegal to maim oneself to escape duty.
- Boogers may not be flicked into the wind.
- It is legal to drive the wrong way down a one-way street if you have a lantern attached to the front of your automobile.
- You may not have an ice cream cone in your back pocket at any time.
- It is considered an offense to open an umbrella on a street, for fear of spooking horses.
- Women are able to retain all property they owned prior to marriage in the case of divorce. This provision does not apply to men.
- It is illegal to sell peanuts in Lee County after sundown on Wednesday.
- It is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a vehicle.
- Dominoes may not be played on Sunday.
- It is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
- Putting salt on a railroad track may be punishable by death.

Dumb Laws in Aniston, Alabama

- You may not wear blue jeans down Noble Street.

Dumb Laws In Auburn, Alabama

- No person may spit on the floor of a church.
- It is illegal to bike, roller-skate, skateboard, or inline skate in a commercially zoned area.
- Men who deflower virgins, regardless of age or marital status, may face up to five years in jail.

Dumb Laws in Alaska

- Moose may not be viewed from an airplane.
- While it is legal to shoot bears, waking a sleeping bear for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited.

- It is considered an offense to push a live moose out of a moving airplane.

Dumb Laws in Anchorage, Alaska

- No one may tie their pet dog to the roof of a car.
- For all you would-be pranksters out there, it is illegal to string a wire across any road
- Persons may not live in a trailer as it is being hauled across the city.
- Clowns beware!

Dumb Laws in Fairbanks, Alaska

- It is considered an offense to feed alcoholic beverages to a moose.

Dumb Laws in Haines, Alaska

- A person may only carry a concealed slingshot if that person has received the appropriate license.
- It is against the law to attempt to break any law in title 9 of the code (public peace, morals, and welfare).
- Employers of bars may not let their bartenders serve while they are drunk themselves.

Dumb Laws in Juneau, Alaska

- Owners of flamingos may not let their pet into barber shops.
- Buildings that preserve scenic vistas are awarded bonus points by the government.

Dumb Laws in Nome, Alaska

- One may not roam the city with a bow and arrows.

Dumb Laws in Soldotna, Alaska

- Persons may not allow "attractive nuisances" to exist.

Dumb Laws In Arizona

- Hunting camels is prohibited.
- Any misdemeanor committed while wearing a red mask is considered a felony.
- There is a possible 25 years in prison for cutting down a cactus
- Donkeys cannot sleep in bathtubs.
- A class 2 misdemeanor occurs if one places a mark upon a flag which is "likely to provoke physical retaliation".
- It is illegal to manufacture imitation cocaine.
- When being attacked by a criminal or burglar, you may only protect yourself with the same weapon that the other person possesses.
- It is unlawful to refuse a person a glass of water.
- You may not have more than two dildos in a house.

Dumb Laws in Globe, Arizona

- Cards may not be played in the street with a Native American.

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- If you bother the cottontails or bullfrogs, you will be fined.

Dumb Laws in Maricopa County, Arizona

- No more than six girls may live in any house.

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- It is illegal to smoke cigarettes within 15 feet of a public place unless you have a Class 12 liqueur license

Dumb Laws in Mohave County, Arizona

- A decree declares that anyone caught stealing soap must wash himself with it until it is all used up.

Dumb Laws in Nogales, Arizona

- An ordinance prohibits the wearing of suspenders

Dumb Laws in Prescott, Arizona

- No one is permitted to ride their horse up the stairs of the county court house.

Dumb Laws in Tempe, Arizona

- One must be 18 years old to buy spray paint.

Dumb Laws in Tombstone, Arizona

- It is illegal for men and women over the age of 18 to have less than one missing tooth visible when smiling.

Dumb Laws in Tucson, Arizona

- Women may not wear pants.

Dumb Laws in Arkansas

- It's strictly prohibited to pronounce "Arkansas" incorrectly
- The Arkansas River can rise no higher than to the Main Street bridge in Little Rock.
- A law provides that school teachers who bob their hair will not get a raise
- A man can legally beat his wife, but not more than once a month.
- Oral sex is considered to be sodomy.
- Alligators may not be kept in bathtubs.

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I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve immortality through not dying.

-- Woody Allen

My father never lived to see his dream come true of an all-Yiddish-speaking Canada.

-- David Steinberg

Too bad that all the people who know how to run this country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair.

-- George Burns

I once wanted to become an atheist but I gave up. They have no holidays.

-- Henny Youngman

Don't be so humble; you're not that great.

-- Golda Meir

It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it.

-- Sam Levenson

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating, and in fourteen days had lost exactly two weeks.

-- Joe E. Lewis

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something.

-- Jackie Mason

Most Texans think Hanukkah is some sort of duck call.

-- Richard Lewis

The time is at hand when the wearing of a prayer shawl and skullcap will not bar a man from the White House, unless, of course, the man is Jewish.

-- Jules Farber

Even if you are Catholic, if you live in New York you're Jewish. If you live in Butte, Montana, you are going to be goyish even if you are Jewish.

-- Lenny Bruce

The remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served

us nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.

-- Calvin Trillin

Let me tell you the one thing I have against Moses. He took us forty years into the desert in order to bring us to the one place in the Middle East that has no oil!

-- Golda Meir

Even a secret agent can't lie to a Jewish mother.

-- Peter Malkin

Humility is no substitute for a good personality.

-- Fran Lebowitz

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.

-- Benjamin Disraeli

God will pardon me. It's His business.

-- Heinrich Heine

Bankruptcy is a legal proceeding in which you put your money in your pants pocket and give your coat to your creditors.

-- Sam Goldwyn

A spoken contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

-- Sam Goldwyn

Marriage is a wonderful institution. But who wants to live in an institution?

-- Groucho Marx

A politician is a man who will double cross that bridge when he comes to it.

-- Oscar Levant

Liberals feel unworthy of their possessions. Conservatives feel they deserve everything they've stolen.

-- Mort Sahl

I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth, even if it costs them their jobs.

--Sam Goldwyn

Another Matzah Joke

A Jew took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. Shortly thereafter a blind man came by and sat down next to him.

Feeling neighborly, the Jew offered a sheet of matzoh to the blind man.

The blind man ran his fingers over the matzoh for a minute, and exclaimed, "Who writes this crap?"

Jewish Child's Wisdom

"There Goes Another Republican!"



"If he were a Democrat he would be sitting on his ass."

Cooking With The Bible

Newlyweds Kaitlyn and Brandon were having an argument about who should brew the coffee.

Brandon said, "You're in charge of cooking, so you should do it."

Kaitlyn replied, "No, you should do it because it says in the Bible that the man makes the coffee."

Brandon was shocked to hear this and asked his beautiful new blonde wife to show him the passage.

Full of excitement, Kaitlyn ran to the Good Book to prove for the first time how wrong her new husband was. She opened the Bible and pointed to where it said: "HEBREWS"

What goes:

Clip Clop Clip Clop...

Q: What goes: Clip Clop Clip Clop BANG Clipidy Clop Clipidy Clop?

A: An Amish drive-by shooting.



New Preacher

A young preacher was contacted by the local funeral director to hold a grave side committal service at a small local cemetery for someone with no family or friends.

The preacher started early but quickly got himself lost, making several wrong turns.

He arrived a half-hour late, the hearse was nowhere in site, and the workmen were eating lunch.

The pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place.

Taking out his book, he read the service.

As he was returning to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say: "Maybe we'd better tell him it's a septic tank."



Parking Lot Full Of Asses
At A Jewish Democratic Convention Full Of The Same

12 Things You Should Never Say When Pulled Over

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.
2. Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
5. Are You Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer?
7. You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?
8. I pay your salary!
9. Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
10. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
11. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.
12. When the Officer says "Gee Son.... Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee Officer your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"

"Skinny Dipping"

A minister, a priest and a rabbi went for a hike one day. It was very hot. They were sweating and exhausted when they came upon a small lake. Since it was fairly secluded, they took off all their clothes and jumped in the water.

Feeling refreshed, the trio decided to pick a few berries while enjoying their "freedom." As they were crossing an open area, who should come along but a group of ladies from town.

Unable to get to their clothes in time, the minister and the priest covered their privates and the rabbi covered his face while they ran for cover.

After the ladies had left, and the men got their clothes back on, the minister and the priest asked the rabbi why he covered his face rather than his privates.

The rabbi replied, "I don't know about you, but in MY congregation, it's my face they would recognize."



Overloaded Democratic Welfare Programs



THINK PINK
Vote For Me?

The Miracle Show

An old couple were sitting in their living room on a Sunday morning watching a religious program. The preacher on this show would go to all the people in the audience and asking them what they wanted fixed, then he would have them cover the part of their body they wanted fixed. Many of the people were elderly so they were covering their eyes and hearts.

Then the preacher said "Ok now for you at home put your hand on the part of your body you want fixed and say this prayer with me.

"So the little old lady put her hand on her heart, because she had a very bad heart. And the little old man put his hands on his crotch.

The little old lady turned to her husband and said "He said he could heal the sick, not raise the dead!"

Vow of Silence!

A guy joins a monastery and takes a vow of silence. He's allowed to say only two words every 7 years.

After the first 7 years, the elders bring him in and ask him for his 2 words. "Cold floors," he says.

They nod and send him away.

7 more years pass and they bring him in for his 2 words.

He clears his throat and says, "Bad food."

They nod and send him away.

7 more years pass and they bring him in for his 2 words. "I quit," he says.

"That's not surprising," the elders say... "You've done nothing but complain since you've been here!"