



Not long ago a Hindu woman was converted chiefly by hearing the Word of God read. She suffered much persecution from her husband. One day a missionary asked her, "When your husband is angry and persecutes you, what do you do?" She replied, "Well, sir, I cook his food better; when he complains, I sweep the floor cleaner; and when he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly. I try, sir, to show him that when I became a Christian I became a better wife and a better mother." Indeed, like Job, this woman could say, "But he [God] knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10

HERBAL SALVE (for External Use)

Note: I have done a side-by-side comparison between this herbal salve and the Easy Beeswax Lotion recipe,* and every time the portion of skin coated with the herbal salve heals faster. However, because this contains comfrey, you probably do not want to use it on a puncture wound. (Comfrey can cause very rapid healing and may heal surface tissue too fast, blocking necessary oxygen to the inside of a puncture wound.)



First, assemble ingredients ¾ cup olive oil

Dried herbs--4 parts comfrey, 3 parts plantain leaves, 2 parts red clover blossoms, 1 part burdock leaf, 1 part chamomile flowers -You will need enough to fill the oil (*The comfrey and plantain are pretty special, but the other herbs you may be able to alter for herbs found in your area. However, I know comfrey is available in some places in Africa, and a lady who flew to Germany recently told me she saw plantain growing there.*)

Later, you will need: ½ cup beeswax grated, packed into cup, and 2 tsp frankincense powder

First, infuse herbs into the oil by filling the oil with the herbs until full, but not overflowing. Cook oil and herbs for 3 hours in a double boiler over **very** low heat. (The oil should not boil). Strain herbs out. Next, place the strained oil in a short glass jar or jars. Place the lower portion of the jar into water in a pot (be careful not to get water in your oil). Add beeswax and frankincense powder, cooking until beeswax is melted. Remove to cool, stirring every 15 minutes until firmed.

*<https://www.swiftrunministries.com/replacement-chemicals.php>

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"All self-effort is but sinking sand. Christ alone is the Rock of our salvation."
--Henry Allen Ironside

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"God forbid that I should travel with anybody a quarter of an hour without speaking of Christ to them."--George Whitefield

Think through your typical week and the strangers or friends you may meet. Consider simple ways to turn their thoughts heavenward. I always think of a lady who, as she met people hiking, would just briefly say "Hi" and ask them where they were from. Then she would say, **"It matters less where you've come from than where you are going to."** Indeed, **"A...word spoken in due season, how good is it!"** Proverbs 15:23



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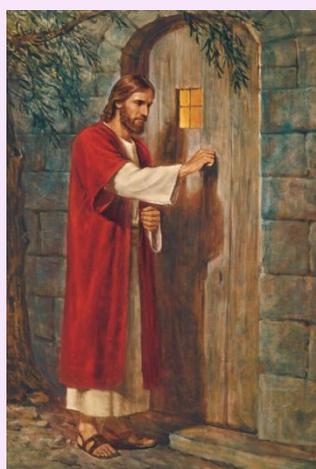


An Airplane-Level Gold Standard

Editor's Note and Study to Show Thyself Approved

It wasn't an expected phone call, nor really a happy one. It was a call from the son of a missionary pilot who had just died when his plane crashed. The call concerned a plane that Dallas had helped build.¹ It was being investigated for manufacturing defects. I'm not sure what the final outcome was, but the fact is, **when you are going to fly, you want 100% engineering accuracy, 100% manufacturing accuracy, 100% maintenance accuracy, and 100% pilot accuracy. Anything less may be fatal.**

Perhaps, some people look at the message to Laodicean church in Revelation 3:14-22 as a little harsh. Laodiceans are called, "*wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.*" Indeed, it says any unrepentant, lukewarm Laodiceans God will "*spue... out.*" Isn't there anything good in God's last day church? Most of the other of the seven churches God has had at least something good to say about them. Why not Laodicea? I believe part of the reason is because Laodicea is the church that is to "fly." Many of its people, just like Enoch and Elijah, will be translated to heaven without seeing death. Therefore, the standard for Laodicea is a gold standard that requires airplane-level accuracy (Rev. 14:1-5). Because it is a life or death situation, tough love is in order.



When Dallas built Kodiak airplanes, the location for each rivet placed was measured down to a hundredth of an inch or a quarter of a millimeter. Each rivet received individualized attention. Each person in the Laodicean church receives individual attention and is measured too. In fact, the job of getting Laodiceans to repent is so important that the Amen, Jesus Christ, is himself going door to door knocking on each man's heart. He says, "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*" Each person's eternal destiny depends on their answer to His knock. Habakkuk 2:1,4 remind us how the process goes. "*I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.... Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*" In other words, if you answer meekly and humbly and change your ways, all is well and good. But if you are prideful and continue to be "*rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing,*" you will not be up to the gold standard for "flight."

Despite the apparent harshness of the message to Laodicea, if one looks carefully, mercy and love can be found. Jesus says "*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.*" In addition, in Revelation 3:18, the Heavenly Merchantman supplies the things necessary for success, saying, "*I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*"

For our blindness, the Great Physician is happy to supply the eyesalve of the Holy Spirit to guide us into truth (John 16:13) and give us discernment. But many reject the eyesalve of the Holy Spirit because it stings when applied, since "*when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin...*" John 16:8 A "*do what thou wilt*" Babylonian variety of eye medicine with accompanying pain killer is preferred by many. And thus unrepentant Laodicea becomes one with Babylon. "*We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.*" Jeremiah 51:9

For our poverty, the King of heaven recommends, "*buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.*" How are God's chosen people made rich? James 2:5 tells us, "*Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*" Indeed, this is a golden faith tried in the fire for 1 Peter 1:7 says, "*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.*" So the gold represents faith, but that is not all. In Romans 10:17 it says, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Faith comes by truth or the word of God which is also represented as gold in Psalm 19:7-10. "*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they*

than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” The gold represents faith in the truth of God’s law, his statutes (the health message--Psalm 119:71) and the testimony (the Bible), etc. Although, according to Romans 12:3, *“God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith,”* for faith to really work there must be love, because *“faith... worketh by love.”* Galatians 5:6 Love is also represented as gold in Song of Solomon 3:9,10. Indeed, *“the counsel of the True Witness is full of encouragement and comfort. The churches may yet obtain the gold of truth, faith, and love, and be rich in heavenly treasure.”* {RH, July 24, 1888 par. 3} However, Proverbs 17:3 reminds us *“The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.”* King Saul failed the heart test while King David, despite seemingly more heinous sins, passed the heart test. It was all about how they answered when they were reproved. Saul’s downward path began with rejecting to “buy” the gold of faith in God’s word. *“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”* 1 Samuel 15:22,23 Saul’s disobedience showed he lacked the gold of love too, for it is written, *“this is love, that we walk after his commandments.”* 2 John 6 Laodiceans who, through lack of faith and love, rebel and reject God’s word will also become one with Babylon, for remember *“rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.”* Like Saul visiting the witch of Endor, those in rebellion will by default link up with *“the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.”* Nahum 3:4

But to Laodiceans who repent, the heavenly Merchantman offers one more merciful remedy. To cover their nakedness, He gives them white raiment, His robe of righteousness. Revelation 19:8 expounds, *“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”* But it is not their righteousness, but Christ’s righteousness. Revelation 7:13, 14 explains, *“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”* Praise God, we can choose NOT to be part of Babylon because Christ’s righteousness covers all the sins Laodiceans have repented of, *“And they overcame him [the dragon] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...”* Revelation 12:11 When, by the grace of God, we will do our very best, and put on the wedding garment supplied, divine power connected with human effort can bring Laodicea up to an airplane-level gold standard. If you want to “fly” tomorrow, buy of Him gold, today!



1-- <https://daerah.sindonews.com/berita/853039/26/pilot-pesawat-advent-bob-roberts-dimakamkan-di-jayapura> English -- “Adventist Aircraft Pilot Bob Roberts Buried in Jayapura”



Hidden Gender Benders

“Well, I’m not taking that!” I said. “That’s terrible!” Twenty-eight years ago, while Dallas and I were still in our first year of marriage, I had been having some repeated heartburn. So one day after work, Dallas and I went to a Christian doctor to find out what was wrong. Sadly, the doctor simply prescribed a drug, and amazingly did not even figure out or suggest that I was simply pregnant with our first child. Thankfully, before heading to the pharmacy, we stopped at the local library and looked up the drug in the Physician’s Desk Reference to see what the listed side effects were. Both of us were very wary of one of the side effects. It said, *“May cause female characteristics in a male fetus.”* Although I didn’t yet realize I was pregnant, I recognized I could be and this was not a side effect I was willing to risk for a little pain relief from heartburn.

That was my first introduction into the fact that pharmaceuticals can mess with a person’s gender. Revelation 18:24 declares that *“in her [Babylon] was found the blood.. of all that were slain upon earth.”* Beside school shootings, murders, and suicides being traced back to pharmaceuticals, I believe some of the other evils in the world today may also be traced back to Pharma. Because Revelation 18:23 states, *“for by thy sorceries [Greek--phamakeia] were all nations deceived.”* The word “deceived” here could also be translated “led astray.”

I remember the lady on pharmaceuticals that was so confused she couldn’t remember which day was the Sabbath. But loss of memory is not the only problem drugs cause. Is it possible that the pharmaceutical industry is also the cause of at least some of the plague of confusion of hormones resulting in the sins of homosexuality and the transgender actions?



Recently, I ran across a drug called spironolactone. The Mayo Clinic states, *“Spironolactone is used in combination with other medicines to treat high blood pressure (hypertension) and heart failure... This medicine may also be used to treat fluid retention (edema) in patients with congestive heart failure, liver cirrhosis, or a kidney disorder called nephrotic syndrome.”*¹

This drug, used for high blood pressure, heart failure, fluid retention, and liver and kidney problems is also used for acne or pimples on the skin. In fact, *“According to a study in JAMA Dermatology, the prescribing rates of spironolactone for acne in women rose by nearly 300% from 2017 to 2020. By 2020, dermatologists were prescribing the blood pressure medication at similar rates to antibiotics.”*²

But the clincher is, this same drug is used for “transgender care” because it blocks testosterone (a hormone that in large amounts causes facial hair, etc.). This drug is part of a cocktail of pharmaceuticals used to make men look like women. The genderkit.org

website states, *“Spironolactone is a type of drug called an anti-androgen. These drugs reduce testosterone levels... Spironolactone is taken as daily pills and the effects stop if the medication is discontinued. Prolonged use may have some effects that are permanent and cannot be reversed.”*

Did you just catch that? You may be prescribed a drug for your blood pressure, heart, kidneys, liver, or acne that will develop female characteristics in a male! If the Bible in Deuteronomy 22:5 says, *“The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.”* taking drugs that literally change your body into looking like the opposite gender is definitely also an abomination. With hidden gender benders, it is no wonder the Greek word *“pharmakeia”* (English KJV--*“witchcraft”*) is listed as a work of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. In fact, it states that, *“they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”* No wonder the all-knowing says, *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues”* Revelation 18:3

1-- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements/spironolactone-oral-route/description/drg-20071534> 2-- <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/spironolactone-acne-drug-what-know-rcna141025> 3-- <https://genderkit.org.uk/article/spironolactone/>

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Why America’s Promised Golden Age Won’t Happen

Prophetic News Notes

The topic of the day seems to be gold. A golden age for America¹, golden domes, gold cards, and even a golden image as released in the president’s Gaza Video.² But the Bible doesn’t promise another golden age. In the prophetic stream of time, shown in the Daniel 2

image representing kingdoms, we are in the feet of iron and clay, NOT the head of gold. And God through Daniel said, *“And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”* Daniel 2:43 The sure word of prophecy does not predict a golden age in America or in the world. Instead, it shows the kingdoms deteriorate in value until God’s kingdom



(the stone) comes. Furthermore, the prophetic pattern of the two desolating abominations shows when paganism (pagan Rome) ceases to hinder (KJV-- “let” meaning hinder or restrain), it is replaced with the mystery of iniquity. (1 Thess. 2:7,8) The dragon (paganism) gives the beast (papalism) *“his power, and his seat, and great authority.”* Revelation 13:2 In like manner, we find that the beast with lamb-like horns that speaks like a dragon gives rise to the **image to the beast**. (Revelation 13:11,14)

The image to the beast has connections in my mind to Nebuchadnezzar who actually lived like a beast (Daniel 4:22,23) when God broke *“the pride of [his] power.”* (Leviticus 26:19)

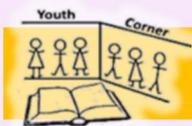
In addition, the presidential post of an AI-video, with all kinds of “music,” featuring a Trump statue in Gaza² reminds me of

Nebuchadnezzar’s image on the plain of Dura. Indeed, we find King Nebuchadnezzar did not always like the way God said things were going to happen. For example, in Daniel 4:30,31 we find *“The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?”* Like some today, Nebuchadnezzar was determined to make his kingdom the greatest in the world. Since Babel, this has been standard Babylonian policy *“Let us make us a name...”* [Genesis 11:4b](#) In Daniel 2:38, Nebuchadnezzar had been told that he was the head of gold. He liked being the gold, and he wanted the gold to continue. So in defiance of the way God said things were to happen, he built the golden image on the plain



of Dura. Daniel 3:1 states, *“Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.”* Again and again, Nebuchadnezzar’s pride got him into trouble. Even after his apparent changed mind following the three Hebrews who were not burned in the fiery furnace he’d had them thrown into for not bowing to the his image, Nebuchadnezzar again went back to his prideful ways. But pride will get you nowhere good. Matthew Henry declared, *“We should take heed of pride; it is a sin that turned angels into devils.”* And Proverbs 16:18 warns, *“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”* How true we find this to be. However, after his “seven times” Nebuchadnezzar finally learned that God makes the rules, not man, for in Daniel 4:37 we read, *“Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”* Despite Nebuchadnezzar’s repentance, the sure word of prophecy had declared the fall of golden Babylon. And pride came before that fall. We find in Daniel 5:23, right before Babylon fell, Belshazzar pridefully, *“lifted up”* himself *“against the Lord of heaven...and praised the gods of silver, and gold...”* Let us heed the lesson of those *“weighed in the balances, and... found wanting”* ([Daniel 5:27](#)) and repent of our pride. For, *“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD...”* [Jeremiah 9:23, 24](#)

1-<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/the-first-100-hours-historic-action-to-kick-off-americas-golden-age/>
2-<https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/26/world/trump-promotes-gaza-plan-ai-video-intl/index.html>



Telltale Gold

Many years ago some men were panning for gold in Montana, and one of them found an unusual stone. Breaking it open, he was excited to see that it contained gold. Working eagerly, the men soon discovered an abundance of the precious metal. Happily, they began shouting with delight, *“We’ve found it! We’ve found gold! We’re rich!”*

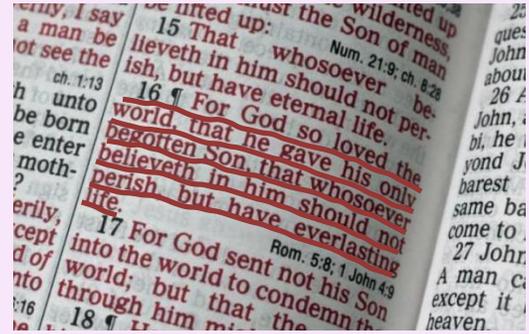


They had to interrupt their celebrating, though, to go into a nearby town and stock up on supplies. Before they left camp, the men agreed not to tell a soul about their find. Indeed, no one breathed a word about it to anyone while they were in town. Much to their dismay, however, when they were about to return, hundreds of men were prepared to follow them. When they asked the crowd to tell who “squealed,” the reply came, *“No one had to. Your faces showed it!”*

The Bible describes something similar. It says, *“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”* [Acts 4:13](#)

The following is a modern example of how this love for Jesus might play out, even among the the unlearned. A missionary to Africa told the story of an elderly woman who was reached with the gospel. Though she was blind and could neither read nor write, she wanted to share her new found faith with others. She went to the missionary and asked for a copy of the Bible in French.

When she got it, she asked the missionary to underline John 3:16 in red and mark the page it was on so she could find it. The missionary wanted to see what she would do, so one day he followed her. In the afternoon, just before school let out, she made her way to the front door. As the boys came out when school was dismissed, she would stop one and ask if he knew how to read French. When he said "Yes" she would ask him to read the verse that was marked in red. Then she would ask, "Do you know what this means?" and tell him about Jesus Christ.



The missionary said that 24 of the school boys this lady led to the Lord became pastors. Indeed, if you've found heavenly treasure and you know it, then your life will surely show it.

Kids' Corner

God's Amazing Creatures

Bioluminescence is made from the word "bio-" meaning "life" and "luminescence" meaning "light." Bioluminescence is the ability of an animal or organism to create light.



Bioluminescence is rare on land, but very common deep in the ocean where 80 percent of the animals that live between 200 and 1,000 meters (656 and 3,280 feet) depth are bio-luminescent. Bioluminescence is most common among fish, squid, and what is called the gelatinous zooplankton – jellyfish, siphonophores (that look like underwater rope lights), comb jellies, and other animals that are mostly made of water. While the light is usually blue in color, because this is the light that travels best through the water, bioluminescence can range from nearly violet to green-yellow (and very occasionally red). You can see bioluminescent "water" from the beach, especially during warmer months, on

dark, moonless nights, and of course, fireflies are also bio-luminescent. Isn't this creation of God's amazing?

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." Proverbs 22:1

The names of people in the Bible often have special meanings. Sometimes they even match the stories of the people. Can you figure out who these Bible people are by the meanings of their names and by unscrambling the letters in their names?



"Drawn out"
SOEMS



"Father of a multitude"
AMABRHA



"Friend"
TURH



"Heard of God"
MLEUSA



"Star"
ERHSET