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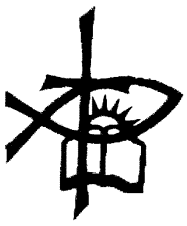
We already have a lot of interest in the October, 2018 ten-day trip to the Holy Land! I have ten people on my "interested list". It's from October 9-18th and is about \$3,800/person. I do not think I can get enough people to go every year, perhaps only every 3 or 4 years, so *now* is the time to plan for it! I would love to have you join us on this trip of a lifetime!

THE EPIGENOME, AN ASTOUNDING REALM

Our body's DNA may not be as much "in control" of our development or health as we thought. Over the past two decades researchers are discovering additional layers and structures in the cell which seem to be directing DNA (termed the epigenome)! If so, biology texts will have to be rewritten. The complexity and beauty of DNA (the genome) alone, much less the beauty and complexity of the universe, is enough to falsify Darwinian theory. Now, it seems there are even more amazing systems of information being exhibited in microtubules, ribosomes, centrioles and other parts of the Zygote, the first developing cell during reproduction. When much more is known about these structures and their interaction with DNA, it may be concluded that *they* are the true information bearing (i.e. decision making) parts of the cell and DNA more of an informational toolbox utilized by them! The Bible credits the Lord for the beauty of human life, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... (Psalm 139:14a)."

One incredible aspect of this being investigated is that the sperm of the male may not only supply the female egg the expected 23 chromosomes to combine with the female's, but it also might supply the vitally important centrosome, a central anchoring point for microtubules extending outward toward the cell wall. A straightforward conclusion drawn on both the biological and moral levels would be that homosexuality is aberrant to normal human sexual relationships, even at the cellular level.

Another epigenetic process occurring beyond DNA, but influencing is called "Methyl-C tagging". It seems to have a direct influence upon our cells, and also seems open to the influence of factors such as diet, having influence over the development of offspring up to two generations! The phrase, "You are what you eat," may someday be revised to, "You, your child, and your grandchild, are what you eat!" As a young man in my 20's when I studied Intelligent Design science I thought, "Someday people will think of Darwinism, 'How could we have been so foolish as to believe that?'" It seems that day is drawing closer!



*The Bible is God's Word . . . Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh . . .
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

ASSORTED THOUGHTS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE HARVEY

"I need to do something... something in addition to praying," is often my first reaction. It is easy for Christians to say they will pray. What are you doing in addition about the situation? The apostle James, the brother of Christ has harsh words for those who say they pray and don't lift a finger to help, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (2:14-17)."

Imagine how warped a person's mind is who would donate to save animals, but would not lift a finger or part with a penny to aid a human.

A congregation member told me on the first day of the catastrophe that their granddaughter, who lives in Houston, had just a few days prior closed on her first home. Headlines suggest that half of owners in Houston do not have flood insurance. Even the flotillas of fire ants and threat of alligators escaping fenced habitats add to the misery!

Expect at least one or two major disasters, personal or collective, in your lifetime. That is not negativity, it's statistical probability and sensibility. Also, expect that the disaster could come at your own hand, i.e. where you chose to live (as in the case with Hurricane Harvey) or through someone you know.

The theft of Connie's purse several weeks ago now looks to be a rather trivial thing (aside from the emotional toll on Connie) in comparison to the suffering of the many in Houston! We suffered a loss in excess of \$1000 because of the necessity of securing our cars, home and replacing belongings. Many in Texas will lose nearly everything earthly they possessed. We are often tempted to think our hardships are beyond what God should give us; then we see the calamities visited upon others and we must repent of our disparagement of God!

There will be opportunists, people so scummy that they would steal and cheat others on the pretext of aiding them. A man from the health club recently told me of a situation in which a Christian man lost his wife and two of the four children in their family in a car accident; then it was discovered that the wife was pregnant. Oh, the sorrow! A fund raiser was setup for the family, *and two bogus fund raisers appeared online*. It has gotten to the point that similar to unknown phone calls, I won't deal with any internet entity which cannot be verified. There will likely be tens of millions of dollars stolen through fraud associated with Hurricane Harvey. If such people do not repent and receive Christ, they will face Judgment and the fires of Hell. Join me in praying that they do repent!

Blessings!
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