

# THOUGHTS

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## **MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER WORLD (See the ICR.org website)**

A member recently pointed me toward new research on the Institute for Creation Research website, in this instance, a return to the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. I remember visiting that site about ten years after the eruption. A decade later the place still looked like lunar landscape, except it was being repopulated by flora of various kinds. Small trees poked through the ashen colored soil, an amazing sight! I feel privileged to have seen that “living laboratory” as it is now called, because it has single handedly *forced a change of opinion of many scientists as regards Uniformitarianism*. That principle led to acceptance of the “deep time” theory that the universe and planets have been changing slowly and consistently over billions of years. St. Helens blew that out of the water, literally! It radically and quickly reoriented the entire landscape, proving that soil, clay and rock layers could form in a blink compared to the dismally slow time periods (unproven) claimed by the Evolutionists.

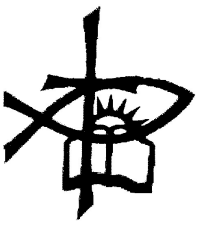
While I am at it, I will mention another finding that proves Evolutionists practice willful denial of the facts. From the article “Ancient Rivers on Mars” at ICR.org, I read that geologists and planetary scientists studying Mars insist that there were at one time rivers on that planet, and *that Mars even shows signs of catastrophic flooding!* Further, they believe that massive canyons on Mars were carved rapidly by water. It is accepted even though there is no liquid water to be found anywhere on the planet. Yet, they deny that catastrophic flooding occurred on Earth – despite the following evidence:

- Over 70% of the Earth’s surface is covered by water
- Most of Earth’s land surface is covered by water-deposited sedimentary rocks that contain billions of fossilized plants and animals.
- Cultures throughout the world have flood accounts similar to the Bible
- Scientists have observed water rapidly carve canyons on Earth
- Field evidence strongly favors the Grand Canyon being formed by rapid water movement

Do not for a moment think that secular scientists are not biased!

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

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### **DIDN'T WORK AS HE ENVISIONED!**

I do not follow social media sensations, but when I caught the headline that Jason Derulo attempted to eat corn on the cob using a power drill I had to watch! As might be expected, the outcome was not good; he broke off his two middle teeth! Who among us has not done something that to the majority would seem stupid, but we envisioned a far better outcome? The tendency of the human brain to become seduced into foolishness is an endlessly fascinating phenomenon.

Just as people can become ultra-violent when angry, it seems that when prideful humans can become over-confident and consequently do foolish things. Sometimes they escape unscathed, which tends to pump up their ego, and set them up for future failure. Sometimes they become a classic video clip of thoughtless behavior. As I reiterate to my sons occasionally, just when you think you are genius, you may do something stupid.

### **"FAILURE TO LAUNCH"**

2020 high school graduates who were feeling self-pity referred to themselves as feeling like a case of failure to launch. There are two kinds of people who will reveal themselves long term; those who rise above, and those who sink. A dismal start is no indication of long term success or failure. As with marriage, so much of life is what you make of it. To graduates I say one of the several barriers, or storms, you will face in life may have come at the onset of college, but it will certainly not be your last. This is what faith is for, going forward with encouragement and confidence in the Lord to represent Him in the best and worst of times! The fewer self-pity trips you allow yourself, the more happiness you will experience.

By the way, a successful "launch" in terms of congratulations upon achievement has little to do with living a productive, meaningful life.

### **PREPARE TO BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST**

The full page chart is entitled, "Monitoring the Rise of Hate", sent to me from my mother Sylvia in The Villages, Florida, as it appeared in the retirement community's newspaper. Who is included along with KKK, Nation of Islam, Proud Boys and United Skinhead Nation? No less than D. James Kennedy Ministries, American College of Pediatricians, and Liberty Council (Christian pro bono lawyers)! The reason why is our Christian anti-LGBTQ stance. *To secularists, that defines us as a hate group.* How's that for damning conservative Christians? This kind of tarring and feathering will continue and escalate over time. Due to the Great American Apostasy real persecution is coming.

Prepare to be discriminated against, hated, mocked, marginalized. Atheists are trying to suppress all public Christian activity, and Millennials are literally forming anti-religious churches in an effort to feel good. Harden yourself for serious anti-Christian bias. Know how to defend your faith verbally (not physically, because we are NOT a hate group)!

Guess what group is missing from the list? ANTIFA, the violent anarchist group!

Blessings!  
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