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What did Jesus Say?

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 James 1:19 

The Benefits of a "Tangible God"

Last month, we were introduced to a poor soul named Woody Carver. He wrote a convincing missive on the benefits of a "tangible God," in his case, this was a carved, wooden God, who, he insisted, was indeed the true Creator of the universe. Whether you agree or not is up to you, whether you condemn him – well... is up to me. At least, I will only allow those who do not have his same problem to do so.

Our Apostle Paul said, "... [are you] confident that [you are] a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes...[you] therefore who teaches another... [Let's see if you can teach yourself something...] You who preach a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? **You who abhor idols, do you commit sacrilege?**" (Ref: Romans 2)

Paul asked great questions. In particular, that last question needs not be answered too quickly. How about you? Are you quick to condemn? Will you be quick to judge and banish our brother, Woody Carver? Or, will you instead take some good advice as given in James 1:19, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:" and again in Proverbs 14:29, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty [may end up looking foolish]."

Ok, good questions need answers and good advice for keeping us on track! Let's look at Woody's second letter.

*I Carved a God
 Out of Wood...
 Part 2*

In my first letter, I told you about an old oak tree that was in my back yard. It was great in size, and I thought it would yield a beautiful wood. It did! I cut it down and took from its stock a large portion of the most beautifully grained wood I had ever seen. The wood's grain was so lovely and wondrous to the eye that it was an inspiration to me. It spoke to me of the wonderful Creator's power and matchless ability. So in remembrance and memorial of His inspiring creation I carved this into an image of God Himself (at least what I thought He would look like) and placed it in my home. Almost immediately I found this practice was causing grief to my Christian, Muslim and Jewish friends.

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I Carved a God
Out of Wood...
Part 2



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"I Figured It Out...!"

I figured it out and was able to fix this problem! I found the answer! Albert, a Jewish friend, came to see YAH-wood, my new carved God. (Although, he would not say YAH-wood's name for some reason he wouldn't explain.) Albert merely held up his hand to me, shook his head insistently, and protested it was offensive. I said, "How will we talk about Him if we can't say the name?" Albert was insistent, so for the rest of his visit, we called YAH-wood "The Name" (He said there was some Jewish precedence for it).

Albert agreed the wood was indeed beautiful, but insisted that doing what I did was a blatant violation of the second Commandment. He said we are not to engrave images of God, (but he saw nothing wrong with an image of Jesus. I can only suppose he didn't care about blasphemy of a God in whom he had no faith). I didn't want to offend my friend nor the Commandments, so I carved a little more, changed the facial features a little, made His beard black instead of white, and called it "Jesus" instead of YAH-wood. (Albert also was willing to say the name "Jesus.")

I was enjoying my new God of wood when another friend, Bob, a reformed Catholic, told me, "We are not to have statues of Jesus around the house. God looks severely on persons having statues of Christ."

Again, to avoid offending my friend, I carved more of the image. I changed the facial features a little and made the beard white again. It now became a statue of Moses.

Still this offended some of my other friends like Carl. Carl said we should have no religious statues at all. What was I to do? I didn't want to sacrifice the lovely piece of wood; so, this time I carved my God into a statue of Apollo, the sun god of Roman mythology. Surely the mythical pagan gods wouldn't object.

Then, I found that other friends, like Dave, complained about paganism. I still had plenty of wood, so I conceded to his suggestion and carved it into a cross. For a long time, this carving satisfied many of my friends until the day Earl saw

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me looking at my cross (*too admiringly, I suppose*). I was telling Earl about the day God created the world as I held the cross in my lap. I told him of YAH-wood's wonderful works. When Earl saw adoration rise within me as I looked at the cross, he condemned it as an idol.

"Now What Am I To Do?"

I was at a loss to know how to continue to please my friends, but I had to try again. Finally, I carved my beautiful cross into a common walking stick. It wasn't beautiful anymore, and I didn't like it as much; but, I carried it with me wherever I went. From then on my walking stick and I were inseparable. With love and admiration, I once again spoke of my God's creation to everyone I met. (*Sometimes, I could see a remnant of YAH-wood's lovely grain and it would conjure adoration in my heart.*)

My joy was short-lived, however, because Fuahd, my Muslim friend, pointed out, "Although, the stick has meaning to you, it is not apparent to others. Something must be printed upon it to tell the story... maybe a verse from the Koran... and use a lot of gaudy colors... and gold leaf!"

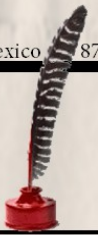
I wasn't familiar with the Koran, so I printed some benign modern verses of encouragement. They might have been sayings by Mohammed, Confucius or even Mark Twain, but I don't remember; they were just sentiments designed to create happiness. In addition, I took the leaves of the oak tree from which my carving was originally made along with some of its bark, and I boiled an ink to imprint on the sides of the stick the wonderful works of God. (*"Finally," I thought, "THIS will make all people and all religions happy. I have created the perfect God!"*)

One day, I was feeling blue, so I went to my new God to gain strength and comfort. As I read the words on the side of the walking stick for encouragement, I noticed it wasn't working. I was not encouraged! I called my Christian friend, George, asking for advice. He said, "It is not right for a man to violate the first Commandment, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before Me'."

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"Inspiration At Last!"

Still depressed and discouraged, I overreacted. I took my God and ground it into fine shreds along with all of the shavings from the carvings before and put them in a caldron to boil them to a pulp. Then the inspiration came to me! I took the pulp and made paper. With the ink I had made from its leaves and bark, I printed the words of the Bible upon the paper. I even included a picture of God.

Next, I made a wooden cover with some of the oak branches and carved into them a picture of Jesus, complete with a halo from the sun god Apollo behind His head. I even carved Him holding my walking stick in His hand! To finish, I carved a cross on the back cover and the words "Holy Bible" on the front.

Now, I carry my God with me wherever I go. I take it to Al's house, to Bob's place, to Carl's church, to prayer meeting with Dave, to Earl's prayer breakfast, to Fuahd's Country Club, and to George's soul-winning classes. I finally found the form that satisfies everyone - a Bible! After all, don't we all - Christian, Muslim, and Jew - have this in common? We are all "People of the Book!" Everyone admires my God. My Friends are no longer offended. My God is intact. No commandments are violated. Some even comment on how beautiful He is. No one even minds my admiring glances.

Your friend,
Woody Carver

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*"...the words that I
speak unto you,
they are spirit, and
they are life.*

Mark 3:35

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Everything I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark

- ✓ Don't miss the boat.
- ✓ Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- ✓ Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- ✓ Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- ✓ Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- ✓ Build your future on high ground.
- ✓ For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- ✓ Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- ✓ When you're stressed, float awhile.
- ✓ Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- ✓ No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



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Don & Pam

I have downloaded most of the mp3s and put them on my iPod, and then I am able to listen to them when I'm working in the yard, or in the garage, or washing the car or windows or even on my bicycle ride every day. It's a good way to redeem the time. Thank you for your consideration. Don has opened my eyes to many things. (CA)

Greetings Don & Pam - I continue to profit from your ministry and teachings. My 'bone pile' is high but my 'meat pile' is MUCH higher!! Thank you for your faithfulness. While reading Luke's account of the sower and the Word, I noticed that the parable was closely followed by this verse... Luke 8:18, **Then take heed how you hear; for whoever may have, it will be given to him; and whoever may not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.**

I had overlooked before the close connection between this verse and the parable. The understanding of what Yahshua was saying jumped off the page when I read it as ...**Then take heed how you hear and do the Word of Yahweh; for whoever may have hearing and doing of the Word of Yahweh, (it) [more] hearing the Word of Yahweh will be given to him; and whoever may not have hearing and doing the Word of Yahweh, even the hearing and doing of the Word of Yahweh that (what) he seems to have will be taken from him.**

Thank you for continuing to stress so much in your ministry the importance of hearing and doing the Word of Yahweh. I wanted to share this nugget with you. Shalom (AZ)

Hello Don and Pam, I hope all is well. I appreciate your message and your cause. Thx for being such a reliable resource of the most valuable information available to the general population. :) God Bless (FACEBOOK – NEW – OREGON)

Hi Don, I have started reading your book "The Questions of Jesus." So far it is very insightful. Thank you for your labors to feed others. Blessings (ONTARIO, CANADA)



Please send me On Paul TV programs 9-12 and On Faith TV programs 1-8. I have so much more understanding. I thank you so very much! (NM)

I was totally bummed this morning when I realized we can't call them "Sword Drills" anymore! Our next family meeting I wanted to have *sword drills* with the kids... and then "OH NO! that comes from ...Bible= 'Word of God'= sharper than any two-edged sword!" That was one of my favorite pastimes! Oh well. We'll have to come up with another cool name for Bible drills. Those Baptists did well with dual-marketing the Sword with the Full-Armor, so ours has to be just as snappy! Hahaha (OH)

Hello Pam & Don, Love the signature melody- "Amazing Grace" (strings, classical guitar and i think piano) very soothing and spiritually romantic! Thank you for the first of 3 DVDs on Manna - one of three. Part four of the first DVD is faulty and I was so disappointed because you had built up the teaching to such a crescendo!!! then felt extremely let down due to a fault on the DVD! But, it is OK! Hope to receive the others in the post in the near future. Many thanks for your generosity and know that I share your teachings with others less fortunate - believers coming into the faith and searching for truth. YHWH continue to richly bless Think Red Ink Ministries. Sincerely (WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA) [NOTE: TRI WILL BE SENDING THIS THINKER A REPLACEMENT DVD!]

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(Registration for the Feast of Tabernacles now underway! Click Here for Details!)



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“The carpenter stretches out his rule; he marks it out with a line; he fits it with planes, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty

of a man; that it may remain in the house. He hews him down cedars, and takes the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest: he plants an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he burns it, and bakes bread; yea, he makes a god, and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and falls down thereto... and worships it, and prays unto it, and says, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

They have not known nor understood: for He hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

And none considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? ...shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?”

Isaiah 44


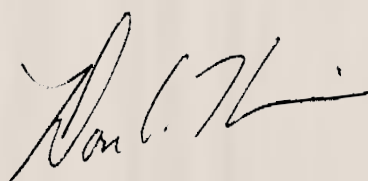
Yep. Isaiah had it right. None considers in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, “*I have placed my faith in paper and ink, I have forsaken the author. I worship what was said to the neglect of what He is saying or who it was that had spoken. It’s just paper and ink! Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?*” Isaiah 44

It’s NOT That Simple!

You’re right. It’s not simple! It is so complex many don’t even know the simple difference between the creation and the Creator. Many do not make any distinction between their God and the book He gave as a gift.

***If what you believe is not true...
do you want to know it?***

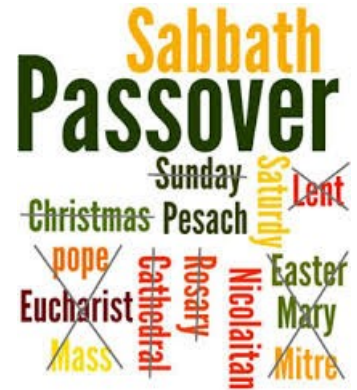
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