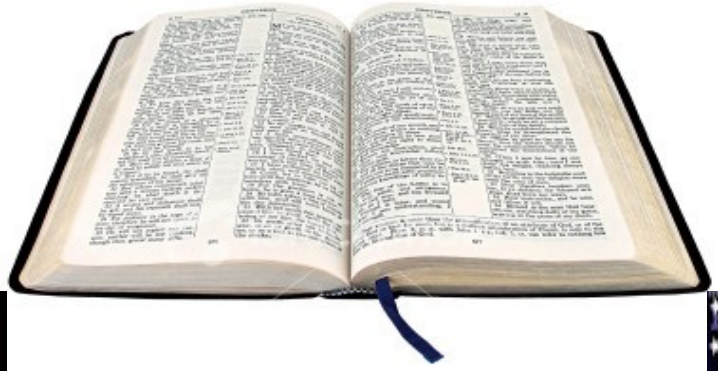
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1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Inside story
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CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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There are the names of all the books of the Bible in these paragraphs (<u>not counting 1's and 2's</u>) See how many of the 59 you can find.

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My name is Samuel Levit. I customized my name because people made remarks about me being related to the furniture company Sam Levitz. My son is named Odus. Don't ask me to explain his name the story is too complex. Odus likes music. The other day he told me he had written the song of songs. He acts like it's the next big hit, but it left me only lukewarm. I hope he finds something else to do. I also have a daughter named Diana. She is looking so hard for a job. A Diahann Brewster called yesterday to interview my daughter. Two women, with basically the same first name, talking together on the phone, that was a most confusing conversation let me tell you! The Brewsters own a tax preparation service next door to the Francophile Monastery. Father Eugene, Sister Mary Francis, and Johnson & Johnson are clients of theirs. Father Eugene is from Romanshire, Northern Ireland. He said he studied Greek in Corinth. I answered that he is a real pro! Verbs and nouns in the Greek are difficult to learn.

I asked Mr. Brewster for tax advice. He said that tips, alms, and donations were deductible, I just need a receipt. My brother Philipp asked if travel expenses were deductible. He just came back from the Holy land. He toured Judea. The tour guide, Timothy, said that it usually costs a lot of money to take side trips unexpectedly. The tour group had asked if they could see the historic sites of the Galatians, Colossians, and the Thessalonians. The tour guide said no, but the Ephesian site is open. Philipp said a hag gained access to his travel bag. "Philipp," I answered, "did she get your camera?" He said he had it with him or she would have. Philipp said he would be in a jam, especially with mom, if that lady had taken the camera. That's because it belongs to her.

Philipp told me about a souvenir shop he visited. He said he saw a pez, rabbi candy dispenser. Imagine that! The woman at the counter was named Lisa. I, ah, think that was her name. Anyway, she told my brother those aren't the ones she ordered. She had ordered a rabbi statue along with pez dispensers, but the manager, Joe, let the stock boy practice ordering that day. "Do you like them," she asked. "The company said I can reorder any number should the need arise." Lisa said the rabbi pez dispenser was endemic; a holy man designed them. I believe the holy man is legitimate, she explained. He has a very mild persona, humble from head to toe.

The souvenir shop has books about the different battles of the Holy Land. One particular book was about Jere, MIA. He went missing about 586 BC. Lamentations over his disappearance could be heard for miles, or so the story goes. I heard it straight from a Lachish citizen. One hemi-Ahmadiyan Muslim was there and he verified the story of Jere. Jerusalem, at the world's most fought over section of land in human history, has a violent past. According to prophecy, the future doesn't look good either. My brother Philipp said he had a revelation and everything will turn out fine in the end. He asked me if I believed him. I said, "nope, terminate this charade right now!" He said "It's the truth, read it for yourself!"

Lisa, the souvenir shop attendant, has a sister who works for the chronicle. She is a photojournalist. Her name is Jo. Nahant, Massechusetts is where she lives, but she travels a lot for the newspaper. Egypt had a big story break last month. The editor wanted the best her paper could send, so they sent Jo. Shu, an Egyptian god of the air, was up in arms over smog in Cairo. All they got was a picture of a dust storm. I think it was a hoax. I told my friend Dan, I eliminated Cairo from my travel itinerary. Philipp wanted to take a cruise from Finland to Scotland, over Christmas. I protested, "We'll, freeze!" "Kiel Canal is the way through Denmark," he said. "It will be fun and I can catch up on my physics paper while we are at sea," he said. "Now, lets see where did I leave off? Oh yes, the deuteron." "O, my Philipp. You're a sick man. A crowd of judges wouldn't convict me if I tossed you overboard." Well, we went on the cruise and just like I said, I froze! "Chari! Ahoy, Chari! Wait for me," a voice said. It was the cruiseline dance instructor. She was late to port and almost missed the ship. The ship's chef happened to be a college friend of mine, Gilliam Eccles. I, as tester of food, got half price on my cruise tickets for my services. That made the trip more worthwhile. Ship security was provided by the National Intelligence Authority. Zeph, a NIA hand-picked agent, was head of security. H.A. Bakk, Ukrainian composer and conductor, personally headed a shipboard concert on the final day of the cruise. It was the highlight of the trip! Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

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<u>RIDDLE #1</u>

One where none should be,
or maybe where two should be,
seeking out purity,
in the king's trees.
What am I? Answer:
connaiur _ _ _ _ _ _

<u>RIDDLE #2</u>

He who makes it does not keep it.
He who takes it does not know it.
He who knows it does not want it.
He who gathers it must destroy it.
What am I?
Answer: fitteenoucr nymoe

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<u>RIDDLE #3</u>

Forward I am heavy, backward I am not. What am I?
Answer: _ _ _ _ ntao

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<u>RIDDLE #4</u>

There was a green round house. Inside the green round house was a smaller white house. In the white house was a red house. And living in the red house were lots of little black babies.
Answer: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ anowemlreat

YMCA

What did the blonde say when she saw the YMCA sign?? LOOK!!! They spelled MACY's wrong!

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For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12



John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Philippians *3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: {21} Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.* Every year on July 4th America remembers its freedom from British rule, but as citizens of heaven who are only incidentally American citizens, we daily have a more significant liberty to celebrate. What freedom do citizens of heaven have to celebrate?

We have freedom from bondage. *Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, {19} To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* We need to share this freedom with others. We live in a sin-filled world. They need to be healed of their sins. The Lord has called us to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and to recover sight to the blind. On July 4, 1982, I was set free, I got deliverance from my sins.

We are free by Christ. *John 8:32-36 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. {33} They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? {34} Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. {35} And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. {36} If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

Freedom is universally desired. *2 Peter 2:19-22 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. {20} For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. {21} For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. {22} But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.*

We are free from the law of sin and death. *Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.* (**If you get a chance, read *Romans 8.***)

We are free from our sins by His blood. *Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

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HARD RIDDLES #1

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Four Wise Words

A long, long time ago, two Egyptian camel drivers were fighting for the hand of the daughter of the sheik of Abbudzjabbu. The sheik, who didn't want either of these men to become the future husband of his daughter, came up with a clever plan: a race would determine which of the two men would be allowed to marry his daughter. So the sheik organized a camel race. Both camel drivers had to travel from Cairo to Abbudzjabbu, and the one whose camel would arrive *last* in Abbudzjabbu, would be allowed to marry the sheik's daughter. The two camel drivers, realizing that this could become a rather lengthy expedition, finally decided to consult the Wise Man of their village. Arriving there, they explained to him the situation, upon which the Wise Man raised his cane and spoke four wise words. Relieved, the two camel drivers left his tent: they were ready for the contest!

The Question: Which 4 wise words did the Wise Man speak?

RIDDLE #2

Four Fruits

In a contest, four fruits (an apple, a banana, an orange, and a pear) were placed in four closed boxes (one fruit per box). People guessed which fruit was in which box. 123 people participated in the contest. When the boxes were opened, 43 people guessed none of the fruits correctly, 39 people guessed one fruit correctly, and 31 people guessed two fruits correctly.

The Question: How many people guessed three fruits correctly, and how many people guessed four fruits correctly?

RIDDLE #3

The equation shown below is not correct.

5+5+5=550

The Question: Can you make the equation correct by placing just one stroke? (putting a stroke through the equal sign is an inventive solution, but not the one we are looking for!)

RIDDLE #4

Yet Another Question: The equation shown below is not correct:

26-63=1

Can you make the equation correct by moving just one symbol?

RIDDLE #5

Climbing Snail: A snail is at the bottom of a 20 meter deep pit. Every day the snail climbs 5 meters upwards, but at night it slides 4 meters back downwards.

The Question: How many days does it take before the snail reaches the top of the pit?

RIDDLE #6

Abracadabra with Apple

In Miss Miranda's class are eleven children. Miss Miranda has a bowl with eleven apples. Miss Miranda wants to divide the eleven apples among the children of her class, in such a way that each child in the end has an apple, but one apple still remains in the bowl!

The Question: Can you help Miss Miranda?

Bible Quiz

1. Name the four Gospels.
2. What is the longest book in the Bible?
3. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?
4. Which book says, "The wages of sin is death"?
5. How many people were on Noah's Ark?
6. What is the Golden Rule?
7. Put in chronological order: Daniel, Noah, Paul, Moses and David.
8. How many books are there in the Bible?
9. Who were the first two people?
10. Name the Ten Commandments.
11. Angels are: ghosts of dead people, children who died in infancy, genies, or invisible beings created by God?
12. Who was the brother of Jacob?
13. Who wrote Psalm 23?
14. Name three of Jesus' parables.
15. How many epistles were written by John?
16. Was Luke: a fisherman, an apostle, a doctor, or a shepherd?
17. Which tribe did Moses belong to?
18. Is Daniel in the Old or the New Testament?
19. In what language was the New Testament written?
20. Faith is: a leap into the dark, trust in what God says, believing in something you know isn't true, or a religious feeling?

Answers on page 4

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always-and above all-the truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff,
To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.
To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.
To those who are tossed about by the storms of life,
I am a steadfast anchor.
To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.
I am the Bible, God's wonderful gift to mankind.

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TONGUE TWISTER

Repeat these a few times!

Betty Botter had some butter,
"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.
If I bake this bitter butter,
It would make my batter bitter.
But a bit of better butter,
That would make my batter better."
So she bought a bit of butter
Better than her bitter butter -
And she baked it in her batter;
And the batter was not bitter.
So 'twas better Betty Botter
Bought a bit of better butter.



**A flea and a fly in a flue,
Said the fly, "Oh, what should we do?"
Said the flea, "Let us fly."
Said the fly, "Let us flee."
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.**

CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
1 Peter 1:19-21 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: {20} Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, {21} Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
We are free from the power of sin. *Romans 6:7 For he that is dead is free from sin.*
Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Caution: Do not think your freedom gives you permission to sin.
1 Peter 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
We are free to approach God with confidence.
Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
Ephesians 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; You can approach the Lord with boldness.
Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. {15} For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. {16} Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. There are many more freedoms we have when we get saved. On July 4, 1982, I got my Independence day. I was freed—I was under bondage and the Lord Jesus broke the chains. Jesus gave me a new beginning and a new end. I was on my way to hell but now I am on my way to heaven. The Devil was my father. *John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.* Now I am a child of the King of kings and Lord of lords, I was born into the family of God.
John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: I became a new creation.
2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. I can come to the throne of grace and confess my sins. *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* **Trust the Lord today, and let the Lord break the chains that bind you and He will free you.**

BLONDE GEEK

A blonde was telling a brunette that her computer broke. So the brunette said she would check the blonde's e-mail for her.
The blonde said, "Cool! E-mail me and tell me what I got."

AN OBEDIENT BEETLE

One day, a blonde was left alone in a lab with a beetle. She examined it and decided to do an experiment. She pulled off one of it's legs, then asked it to run. The beetle obeyed her command. Then, she pulled off a second leg and asked it to run. It did, but with a lot of difficulty. Finally, she pulled the remaining legs off and asked it to run. It couldn't. "I have made a new discovery!" the blonde cried. "When you pull all of a beetle's legs off, it becomes deaf!!"

A BLONDE IN A PICKUP

A blonde, a redhead, and a brunette are driving in a truck. The brunette and redhead are in the cab and the blonde is in the back. They accidentally drive off a bridge into water. The brunette and redhead get out and swim to the surface and wait for the blonde. After a few minutes the blonde surfaces and the other two ask, "What took so long?" The blonde replies, "I couldn't get the tailgate down."

FOOD, FAMILY, FOURTH OF JULY, AND FIREWORKS. THE FOUR BEST "F" WORDS EVER!

1. What happened as a result of the Stamp Act?
   A. The Americans licked the British!
2. How come there's no knock-knock joke about America?
   A. Because freedom rings.
3. What's red, white, black and blue?
   A. Uncle Sam falling down the stairs.
4. What kind of tea did the American colonists want?
   A. Liberty.
5. What was General Washington's favorite tree?
   A. The infantry.
5. What do you call a redneck bursting into flames?
   A. Fire Cracker!
6. What was the most popular dance in 1776?
   A. Indepen-dance.
7. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?
   A. It can't sit down.
8. Who was the biggest jokester in George Washington's army?
   A. Laughayette
9. Why did the duck say bang?
   A. Because he was a firequacker.
10. What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?
    A. One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill
11. Why were the first Americans like ants?
    A. They lived in colonies.

Answer to: Riddle #1 **A Unicorn** ANSWERS FROM COVER PAGE
Answer to: Riddle #2 **Counterfeit Money**
Answer to: Riddle #3 **A Ton**
Answer to: Riddle #4 **A watermelon.**

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Answers to Bible Quiz

1. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
2. Psalms
3. Luke
4. *Romans (6:23)*
5. Eight - Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives *I Peter 3:20*
6. *Matthew 7:12a Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:*
7. Noah, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul
8. Sixty-six (thirty-nine in the Old Testament, twenty-seven in the New Testament)
9. Adam and Eve
10. You shall have no other gods before me,
    You shall not make any graven images,
    You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,
    Remember the Sabbath day,
    Honor your father and your mother,
    You shall not murder,
    You shall not commit adultery,
    You shall not steal,
    You shall not bear false witness,
    You shall not covet **(abridged wording).**
11. Invisible beings created by God
12. Esau
13. David
14. Prodigal Son, Good Samaritan, the Sower, the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, the Treasure in the Field, the Pearl of Great Price, the Great Feast, etc.
15. Three
16. A doctor *Colossians 4:14*
17. Levi
18. The Old Testament
19. Greek
20. Trust in what God says

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RIDDLE #1

Answer to Riddles

Solution to Four Wise Words: "Take each other's camel."

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RIDDLE #2

Solution to Four Fruits:
It is not possible to guess only three fruits correctly - the fourth fruit is then correct too! So nobody has guessed three fruits correctly, and 123-43-39-31 = 10 people.

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RIDDLE #3

Solution to Simple Sums:
Add a line to make a 4 from the first plus sign.
(545 + 5 = 550**)**

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RIDDLE #4

Solution to yet another question. Change the six to an exponent . $2^6 - 63 = 1$

RIDDLE #5

Solution to Climbing Snail:
On the first day, the snail reaches a height of 5 meters and slides down 4 meters at night, and thus ends at a height of 1 meter.
On the second day, he reaches 6 meters, but slides back to 2 meters.
On the third day, he reaches 7 meters, but slides back to 3 meters.
On the fifteenth day, he reaches 19 meters, but slides back to 15 meters.
On the sixteenth day, he reaches 20 meters, so now he is at the top of the pit!
Conclusion: The snail reaches the top of the pit on the 16th day.

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RIDDLE #6

Solution to Abracadabra with Apples: Ten children get a single apple, and the eleventh gets the bowl with an apple still in it.

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BUS TRIP

Two blondes are waiting at a bus stop.
When a bus pulls up and opens the door, one of the blondes leans inside and asks the bus driver, "Will this bus take me to 5th Avenue?"
The bus driver shakes his head and says, "No, I'm sorry."
Hearing this, the other blonde leans inside, smiles and asks, "Will it take ME?"

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Blonde one liners

Q: What does a Blonde say when you blow in their ear?
A: "Thanks for the refill!"
Q: What is it called when a Blonde blows in another Blonde's ear?
A: Data transfer.
Q: What do you do when a Blonde throws a hand grenade at you?
A: Pull the pin and throw it back.
Q: If a Blonde and a brunette are tossed off a building, who hits the ground first?
A: The brunette. The Blonde has to stop to ask for directions.
Q: How many Blondes does it take to make chocolate-chip cookies?
A: Two...one to make batter and one to peel the M&Ms.
Q: What do you get when you offer a Blonde a penny for her thoughts?
A: Change.
Q: Why does a Blonde change her baby's diapers every month?
A: Because it says right on it "good for up to 20 pounds."

Have a Great 4th of July