

# THOUGHTS

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## SPEAKERS ON THE WORD TODAY

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The New Testament is filled with numerous mentions (over 200) of Christ's return to earth! These are not only promises, but also warnings.

It's important to remember that with god there is no time. A thousand years are the same as a day and vice versa; a reminder that He could come at any moment.

His coming will be met with great joy by His believers. For those who reject Him and do not serve Him—it will be sheer disaster and eternal punishment.

We are told to count the days and recognize the "signs" of His coming.

I believe the world is offering many "signs" of God's displeasure with His creation's rebellion (homosexuality abortion, immorality, drugs, decay of family life, alcoholism, pornography, etc.)

We have precious little time left to reach the world for Christ! We have the truth. We have the means to spread the word through The Word Today. So, it's a matter of how many we can reach. The number of people we reach is in direct proportion to the expense we pay for "broadcast" time. The greater the offerings the more people we reach!

*If we see a rise in giving we can add more languages!*

### FIRST QUARTER OF 2010

Last year we experienced the first "drop" in offerings—as I reported last January.

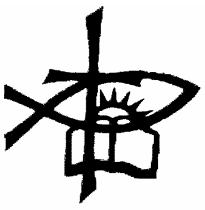
At the time several of our major donors told us their giving would be less this year of necessity and that has proven true. We are behind by over \$2600.00 for the first quarter. We don't believe this is a lack of faith or commitment—it is the economic downturn and the lack of blessings.

Keep praying! God will be faithful. As God chooses, very soon we may see God blessing abundantly again. In His time, in His will!

Sincerely,  
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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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### **DISSECTING DARWINISM DEPARTMENT**

A recent Wall St. Journal "Health Journal" article showed images of supposed changes to the body yielding benefits as well as problems to be blamed for human evolution.

Supposedly humans have shrinking teeth, smaller brains than 5,000 years ago, thinning body hair and changing amounts of skin tone. Adjusting for comparisons to poor candidates for "ancestors" and the variety afforded by human DNA there is *nothing* surprising about such variances in appearance.

Remember, evolutionary theory stands or falls on the DNA. Remember also that despite how proponents try to make it *look like* mutations add information and thus propel evolution of a species forward, *there has never been a mutation which as added new information*. All mutations are the result of broken genes, mistakes in the copying of the code, resulting in a true *loss* of information. Consequently, it is impossible for such a system to create new creatures! Variation occurs within parameters set by the genes themselves. DNA preserves the current creature in reproduction; it does not morph it into a different creature!

God is the one who made the system by which the information of the human is copied to produce a new life. The Scriptures accurately praise such incredible knowledge and wisdom when it states, "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)."

### **THE ONE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS DIES SAD! DOH!**

In case you weren't aware of it, new research shows that Happiness comes through experiences, not "Stuff"! A Yahoo news article (Study: Happiness is Experiences, Not Stuff) mentioned that eight studies correlated the finding that "experience-related buys," tend to bring more happiness than material objects. It seems to be harder for us covetous humans to covet when the thing which we might covet is more or less invisible.

Tangible objects remind us that someone may have gotten their thingy at less cost, or ours may break, leaving us without. I wonder if collectors are the most unhappy and social butterflies are the most happy? The article does not highlight it, but I would think that the social dimension of the experiences purchased (i.e. a trip, a concert, etc.) loom largely in the mind of the satisfied participant. Of course, one can rack up debt from indulging too frequently in excursions and trips, something at which our culture excels. We almost think we are *owed* our getaways. Previous generations would have considered people today to have a mental impediment for charging vacations and paying them off with interest over time! Indeed, the admonition of Paul to Timothy is sound advice, a good recipe for happiness, "But godliness with contentment is great gain... If we have food and clothing we will be content with that (I Timothy 6:6a, 8)." Ah, but even wardrobe and fine dining can be a stumbling block! Best to not treat ourselves as royalty, except in the spiritual sense of being children of the King.

Blessings!  
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