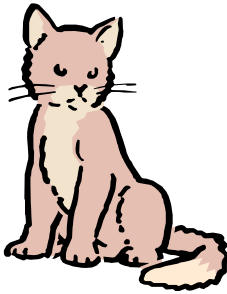


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CREATION CORNER

The Best Kept Secret of Cats!

Down through history it has been known that cats really love the Catnip plant. (Nepeta Cateria or 'Cat Mint') If its leaves are crushed or torn they release a pleasant smelling oil that really turns cats on. They will eat it and roll in it and seem to get 'high' on it. It is not at all harmful to them, however, as the things people too often use for such purposes are.

Wise women and knowing herbalists down through the ages have also held great respect for this lowly member of the mint family, for it is really a 'medicine chest' in a plant. I will try and list just a few of the many uses of 'catnip'.

The fresh leaves are tasty, and were used by the French in salads.

The tea steeped from dried herb in boiling water is good for indigestion and gas. Always cover the cup while steeping with a saucer to keep the oils from escaping. Then strain and drink.

For coughs, colds and flu make a strong tea and add honey and a pinch of ginger. The herb has been shown to fight VIRUSES. A sick cat will always eat catnip if it can find it!

For 'nerves' and insomnia use the tea at bed-

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time.

Catnip can be used in a bath to soothe sore or itchy skin. Steep a strong cupful and strain into the bath.

Catnip tea will soothe sick children and reduce fever. Add a little honey to make it pleasant to take.

Catnip tea is good for Headaches and nervous tension.

A poultice or fomentation of catnip will relieve painful swellings and help heal bruises.

Taken as a tea and also used in baths it is helpful in chicken pox and scarlet fever.

Finally, soak your tired sore feet in warm water with catnip tea in it and use a cup of cooled strong tea as a hair rinse to stop dandruff. There you have it- from head to foot! There are many more uses for this humble plant.

Oh, don't forget to share it with your cat as well.

The old herbalists warn not to eat the root, however; they claim it makes even the nicest person nasty! It is said the old executioners used to take it to assist them in doing their jobs!

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HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 1 'They shall be holpen'

"And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries." Daniel 11:33,34

The Bible Prophecies say so much in only a few words! These verses give us the history of God's true people during the Dark Ages of Papal persecution. Finally it says they shall be 'holpen', the older word for 'helped'. How were they helped? By the God inspired movement of the Reformation in the 1500s. At that time one of the most powerful popes was on the throne and the Papal system had reached an all time low in wickedness. The leaders were doing things too bad for even grownups to read about.

Because the people did not have the Bible and the leaders did not as a rule even read it themselves; they began to do things that Bible Christians would never dream of doing. They sold all kinds of 'holy relics' to the people claiming that if you had these you would be protected and saved- sort of like lucky charms. Anybody could get some old bones and pieces of wood and some ashes together and then lie to the people and tell them they were 'holy relics', such as pieces of Noah's ark; ashes from the fiery furnace; nails from the cross, bones of saints and martyrs; even feathers from the wing of 'St. Michael'. Mostly it was monks and priests who sold these things and made much money.

Or they would have a display of a bunch of these relics and people would pay to see them, and pay even more to be allowed to kiss them. (Or the box they were in). Then somebody got another great money-making idea, sell papers that gave 'forgiveness' for sins! These would 'forgive' past sins or even sins you were planning to do. So all the people had to do is buy one of these papers and then go and kill someone and no one could do anything about it because the person had the paper, called an indulgence. They were not charged by the law either because the law was controlled by Rome.

Now you can just imagine what this did to society!! The rich people who could afford to buy lots of 'forgiveness' – did whatever they

wanted. The priests and monks were mostly very wicked and the Bishops would rather ride out and make war on people they didn't like, than preach in the church. And you don't want to hear about the kind of things the popes did! By the way- last year was a Jubilee year for Rome and you could go and buy those papers again, or you could make a 'pilgrimage' to Rome, pay some money, and have ALL your sins 'forgiven'!! Rome hasn't changed.

Well it was indeed a time of darkness, people didn't have a clue what real Christians were like, except when they met one of the Waldenses who kept trying to share the Bible truth all during those dark ages. One Bishop who was dying and had never in his life read a word from the Bible, decided he should read it on his death bed. A copy was brought to him and he opened it and took a look then threw it across the room swearing. The first thing he saw was that he should not swear and he was always swearing. "This is either not the Gospel," he growled, "or we are not Christians!" I guess he was right about that last part.

God looked down on the ignorance and misery, the lies and the way the people were being robbed and cheated and He started to bring in a change. God always works in a certain way-

"First he (God) prepares slowly and from afar that which he designs to accomplish. He has ages in which to work. Then, when the time is come, he effects the greatest results by the smallest means. It is thus he acts in nature and in history. When he wishes to produce a majestic tree, he deposits a small seed in the bosom of the earth; when he wishes to renovate his church, he employs the lowliest instruments to accomplish what emperors and learned and distinguished men in the church could not effect." D'Aubigne

Now many things had come along that made the Reformation possible at this time. Among them, was a man named Erasmus who was a genius of a scholar and had translated the Bible from better Manuscripts than the Papal Bibles (what few there were). His Greek New Testament (1516), based on recently discovered manuscripts brought from the east as people fled from the Mohammedans, with critical notes and a new Latin translation, was a more accurate version than the Latin Vulgate. In the East the church had the true 'received' text. Because

these works influenced religious reformers of the time, Erasmus is sometimes called the father of the Reformation, even though he wasn't a Protestant himself. Also printing was invented around 1455 in Germany which was to be the centre of the Reformation. The first book ever printed was--you guessed it--the Bible! The light was starting to shine! To be continued. = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

A LESSON OF TRUE FORGIVENESS

"Imagine this scene from a recent courtroom trial in South Africa:

A frail black woman stands slowly to her feet. She is something over 70 years of age. Facing her from across the room are several white security police officers, one of whom, a Mr. Van der Broek, has just been tried and found implicated in the murders of both the woman's son and her husband some years before.

"It was indeed Mr. Van der Broek, it has been established, who had come to the woman's home a number of years back, taken her only child; a son, shot him at point-blank range and then burned the young man's body on a fire while he and his officers partied nearby.

"Several years later, Van der Broek and his cohorts had returned to take away her husband as well. For many months she heard nothing of his whereabouts. Then, almost two years after her husband's disappearance, the hate-filled Van der Broek came back to fetch the woman herself. How vividly she remembers that evening, going to a place beside a river where she was shown her husband, bound and beaten, but still strong in spirit, lying on a pile of wood. The last words she heard from his swollen lips as the officers poured gasoline over his body and set him aflame were, "Father, forgive them..."

"And now the elderly widow woman stands in the courtroom and listens to the confession offered by Mr. Van der Broek. A member of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission turns to her and asks, "So, what do you want now? How should justice be done to this man who has so brutally destroyed your loved ones?"

"I want three things," begins the old woman, calmly, but confidently. "I want first to be taken to the place where my husband's body was burned so that I can gather up the dust and give his remains a decent burial." She pauses, then continues. "My husband and son were my only fam-

ily. I want, secondly, therefore, for Mr. Van der Broek to become my adopted son. I would like for him to come twice a month to the ghetto and spend a day with me, so that I can pour out on him whatever love I still have remaining within me, for the rest of my years."

"And, finally," she says with tears welling in her eyes, "I want a third thing. I would like Mr. Van der Broek to know that I offer him my forgiveness because Jesus Christ died to forgive. This was also the wish of my husband. And so I would kindly ask someone to come to my side and lead me across the courtroom so that I can take Mr. Van der Broek in my arms, embrace him, and let him know that he is truly forgiven."

As the court assistants come to lead the elderly woman across the room, Mr. van der Broek, overwhelmed by what he has just heard, faints. And as he does, those in the courtroom, friends, family, neighbors -all victims of decades of oppression and injustice—begin to sing softly, but assuredly, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me...."

This is the powerful forgiveness that God has shown mankind. By adopting us as sons and daughters and pouring out His love and blessings on us, though we rejected, beat, spat upon and finally murdered His beloved and only Son, Jesus. = ^ .. ^ =

ADVENT HISTORY

ELLEN WHITE'S VISIONS & DREAMS: 8

Satan's Snares

One of the main reasons God sent messages for His dear people to Ellen White was to warn us about Satan's tricks and snares in these last days. There are some people who will tell you that we shouldn't talk about Satan and his lies. How nice for our enemy, eh? He has all his tricks to fool us and we aren't even supposed to talk about them? If we are truly belonging to Jesus, we are not to spend our time being afraid or worrying about him, but we certainly need to study and know his tricks!

In the Spirit of Prophecy writings, 'Satan' or satanic is mentioned in 19,292 paragraphs. Why? Because if we know our enemies tricks we can avoid getting fooled! Jesus doesn't want His dear children fooled, but all too many say, "Awe, I don't believe that. Those writings are too 'Old Fashioned'. Things are different today."

Yes, things are different in this way; Satan's lures and traps are all around us more than ever before, except maybe just before the flood. Ellen White was shown Satan's plans, she even got to listen into his words as he commanded his angels how to fool God's people.

One of the things he uses is to make us greedy and covetous. If we want to have lots of earthly money and pleasure, we don't have time to really get close to Jesus. The missions that are to tell the people all around the world about Jesus, end up failing because the people won't give their money to help the missionaries. They want to keep the money for themselves.

Another thing she saw was that Satan keeps young people busy with holidays and entertainment, shows, parties, socials, sports and even music. They are so busy with these things that they have no time to study and pray and allow Jesus to get their hearts ready for heaven. Even church socials and programs can do this.

We have more of these time wasting tricks today than ever before. With TV, video, computer games and video games, music and entertainment, sports and hobbies everywhere. Take a good look at your life; is Jesus first with you? Pray earnestly and ask Jesus to show you the truth about yourself, if you are ready for heaven, or just fooling yourself.

God's message to the young is that Jesus is soon coming and we must be ready! = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

God Answers Prayer...We Must Trust & Believe

Constance Foster tells of an elderly widow whose husband's death had left her almost destitute. No longer able to meet the heavy expense of maintaining her home, Mrs. Horton asked for prayer that she might by some miracle be able to keep it, together with all her cherished

possessions.

A few months later she wrote: "I prayed, but nothing happened." The house was to be sold at auction the following week. Mrs. Horton was heartbroken. During the next few days Mrs. Horton went through her house with tear-stained eyes, sorting and discarding the accumulation of long years of living there. In the attic she ran across an old stamp collection that had been in her husband's family for years. She almost threw it in a pile of rubbish, for of what use were a lot of old stamps? But somehow, something made her put it aside to save.

A year went by before she thought of it again. The house had been sold. She was bitter. Her prayer had not been answered. Then one day she happened to see in a large city newspaper a list of the values of certain rare stamps. Mrs. Horton made a special trip to see the dealer, carrying the old collection with her, and when she left his office she was dazed, for in her purse she had his check for nearly \$11,000.

The big old house had been much too large anyway for an old woman to care for comfortably. She did not need all that space. Today she realizes it. What she required was smaller living quarters, together with enough money in the bank for her expenses. That's exactly what God gave her in answer to her supposedly unanswered prayer. Sometimes our plans fail that God's plans for us may succeed. By Paul C. Heubach, Signs of the Times, February 1980 = ^ .. ^ =

Whisper a prayer in the morning,
Just at the break of the day;
Why fear the fight, in your battle for right,
When you know He will lead all the way?

Whisper a prayer at the noontime,
Pause in the midst of the throng,
Look unto Him who can conquer all sin,
In thy weakness, in Him thou art strong.

Whisper a prayer at the twilight,
After the day's work is done,
No other friend will prove true to the end,
Like Christ Jesus, the Crucified One.



Year 1: 3rd Quarter:
“DANIEL, THE PROPHET”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4: “THE MAD KING”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways judgement: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.” Daniel 4:37

Read the story in Daniel 4.

Sunday

Text: Daniel 4:1-3 “Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.”

This is an amazing chapter of the Bible. It was written by Nebuchadnezzar himself, and it tells about a lesson that he had to learn the hard way. When he wrote this, he was the richest and most powerful man on earth. He was smart too, and highly educated. He had lots to

be proud about, we would admit. But God changed him from being a proud monarch, boasting about himself, to a humble child of God.

Already God had taught a few important lessons to Nebuchadnezzar. In the dream of the image, God had shown him that God is the one who sets up and brings down kings and kingdoms.

Then the haughty King had tried to defy the dream by making it appear that his kingdom would last forever but God had defeated his plans right in front of the great men from all over the world.

But the lesson had still not completely sunk in. So now we see Nebuchadnezzar awakening from another disturbing dream. He could remember this one so again he sent for the wise men.

Thought - You can understand someone like Nebuchadnezzar being proud, but pride is something that every person has a problem with, even you and me!

Monday

Text: Daniel 4:5,7 “I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.”

It is a fact that if God sends a prophetic dream to a person who is not a follower of God, they will have to find a true worshipper of God to interpret it. The psychics and astrologers will not be able to do it. They do not understand spiritual truths. It was that way back then; and it is that way today.

“The king was greatly troubled by this dream. It was evidently a prediction of adversity. He repeated it to the magicians, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; but although the dream was very explicit, none of the wise men would attempt to interpret it. Those who neither loved nor feared God could not understand the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. They could not approach unto the throne of Him who dwelleth in light unapproachable. To them the things of God must remain mysteries.’ *Youth’s Instructor*,

November 1, 1904.

So again the King sent for Daniel and told him the dream that had made him to feel afraid. Now this King was a mighty warrior, he did not scare easily. But when God chooses to scare someone, even the bravest man trembles!

Thought - If you are a true follower of Jesus, you can always ask Him for wisdom and understanding and He will give it to you.

Tuesday

Text: Daniel 4:10 "Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great."

'Nebuchadnezzar had another dream, which filled his heart with terror. In a vision of the night he saw a great tree growing in the midst of the earth, towering up to the heavens, and its branches stretching to the ends of the earth. In it the fowls of the air dwelt, and under it the beasts of the field found shelter. As the king gazed upon that lofty tree, he beheld a "watcher, even a holy one," a divine messenger, similar in appearance to the One who walked with the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace. This heavenly being approached the tree, and in a loud voice cried, "Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches; nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass." Second Advent Review & Sabbath Herald, February 1, 1881.

Daniel 4:15-17 "Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

The King told the strange dream to Daniel and then asked him for the meaning. But Daniel didn't answer right away. For 1 hour he was

'astonied'. He didn't know what to say. It was not an easy thing to tell to the king.

Thought - Sometimes God's people have to tell people things that are not easy to say, but they are true and have to be said.

Wednesday

Text: Daniel 4:19 "Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies."

Slowly Daniel explained the dream. 'The great tree that you saw where the birds nested and the beasts found shelter is you and your government.' The tree in the dream making shelter for birds and beasts was what a government is supposed to be.

"Nebuchadnezzar was at one time a superior ruler, a man more compassionate toward his subjects than was the ruler of any other heathen nation, and his rule was symbolized by a lofty tree. But the man who thinks it is his prerogative to command his fellow men and says, "You shall," and "You shall not," is entirely out of his place. He takes upon himself that which was never given him and lords it over God's purchased possession. Every man is accountable to God for his actions. The man in a position of trust who is guided by the spirit of God will always protect the weak, relieve the needy, and look after the widow and the fatherless." Manuscript Releases Volume 12, page 142.

But Daniel continued to tell about the Watcher, the Holy One who commanded the tree to be cut down and only leave the stump. But the stump was to be bound with brass and iron. Solemnly he told the king that he would be driven from men and eat grass like an ox and live with beasts out in the dew and rain for seven 'times'. (years)

Thought - When Daniel said this to the king it seemed impossible that it could ever happen. The king had powerful body guards; who could drive him away?

Thursday

Text: Daniel 4:27 “Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.”

Now Daniel knew that God is very gracious and forgiving, so he advised the King to be humble, kind and gracious and consider the poor. He hoped by this that the terrible judgment would not happen to the King.

The king did this for a while, but he gradually forgot the fear he had felt when he saw the Watcher in the dream. A year later, he was walking in his palace and looking at the beauty and might of what he had built and he started again to boast:

Verse 30-32 “The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?” While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Instantly the King went mad. He began to act like a wild animal. He didn’t know he was even human, much less a king. He didn’t know his own name, and he tore off his clothes and began to live like a beast.

They had no choice but to drive him out to the fields, where for seven years he ate plants and grass like a grazing animal. He even stayed out in the rain. He hair grew shaggy and matted and his nails like bird’s claws. What a change from the rich robes and well-groomed king to this thing, growling in the field!

Thought - Remember, there is a Watcher and an Holy One who sees each one of us, and each word and act is recorded. What record did He write about you today?

Friday

Text: Daniel 4:37 “Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”

Now just imagine this picture; seven years later, here is the King-beast out in the field munching grass, and all of a sudden his mind comes back to normal. He remembers everything that happened before, and he looks at his body, his shaggy, matted hair and bird-claw hands. He is all dirty and scratched up from bushes. Now the truth comes home to him very clear; God is the one who is in charge of kingdoms and kings.

Here is the greatest miracle about this whole happening. When Nebuchadnezzar comes in from the field, gets cleaned up and dressed again. He goes back to his throne, and nobody has any problem with that. They accept him back as king again and he reigns for the rest of his life and his son after him.

This is amazing, because in those days a king had lots of enemies and people would plot to overthrow him and take his throne. But God said in the dream that the stump would be bound with brass and iron and his kingdom would be returned to him, once he knew Who was God and Who really rules in the affairs of men. And so it was, just as God had said it would be.

‘At the end of this time his reason was restored to him, and looking up in humility to the God of heaven, he recognised the divine hand in his chastisement. The transformation had come. The mighty monarch had become the humble child of God, obedient to His will. The despot had been changed into the wise, compassionate ruler.’ Manuscript Releases Volume 7, page 68.

Thought - Because these words honouring God and showing he had learned his lesson are the last recorded from Nebuchadnezzar, we will meet him in heaven if we are faithful. = ^ .. ^ =