

## **God Times V.22. Ecclesiastes bible study & 1969 trivia & more.**

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God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way?

Let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others.

We cannot know if today will be hard, or not, but we can make sure that it isn't bad, as hard & bad are not the same & we can give the bad to God, as He walks through the hard with us.

## **Gather together for some weekly trivia & memory fun of 1969.**

01. This NY field concert attracts more than 350,000 rock-n-roll fans?
02. The Beatles record this final album together on the roof of Apple records?
03. Apollo 11 mission with Neil Armstrong & Ed 'Buzz' Aldrin accomplishes this?
04. U.S. Air Force closed Project Blue Book concluding this?
05. Golda Meir of Milwaukee, Wisconsin becomes this?
06. At Chappaquiddick Affair this man drives a car into a pond?
07. this pride of the American muscle cars introduced
08. Members of a cult led by this man go on an infamous murder spree?
09. The muppets can tell you how to get, how to get to this street?
10. This new U.S. MLB team was the 1<sup>st</sup> established outside of the U.S.?
11. This Major league baseball legend retires from knee injuries?
12. James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to this crime on this person?
13. This last Chevy "death trap" came off the assembly line?

What was life like, for you & your family in '69.

What memories do you have of social activities with family & friends in late 60's?

Did you have children & if so, did you raise them by the standards you were raised by, or did you ease up with the changing world?

What is the biggest differences that you see between family life then & now?

What's some things that you were glad to see change, or invented to make life easier, or better, or happier from late 60's & now?

So did you enjoy or have any memories, or fun facts from any hobbies, social activities, work, vacations etc.

How about music, what was your favorite genre, or your familie's choices, what about any of the top entertainers, tv shows or singers & songs of the era?

Trivia answers. 1- woodstock. 2- abbey road. 3- 1st man on the moon. 4- no evidence of ufo's. 5- prime minister of israel. 6- senator kennedy. 7- pontiac firebird trans am. 8- charles manson. 9- sesame street. 10- montreal expos? 11- mickey mantle. 12- murder of martin luther king jr. 13. Chevrolet Corvaire.

## **Book of Ecclesiastes**

Ecclesiastes is a book of wisdom that reflects on the meaning & purpose of life \* poses the question of how to live joyfully & contentedly under God's rule. It explores aspects of life, e.g. wisdom, pleasure & work & finds them all to be vain & fleeting. He concludes that the only way to live a meaningful life is to fear God & keep his commandments. In line with true wisdom the perspective is limited to what happens under the sun, as life is considered that which is found between birth & death, as we cannot understand the phenomenon of death, beyond life.

The book spells out what is good for people to do & follows a devout wisdom, of life in the world being under God, with what begins as meaningless, Ecc.1:2, ends with; remember & fear your creator, Ecc.12:1, 13.

With a mature wisdom, the author has discovered that human wisdom, even when grown from the fear of the Lord, has limits to its powers, as it cannot see the larger purposes of God, nor the ultimate meaning of human existence, as he sees a busy human society in mad pursuit of many things, laboring away as if we could master the world & its deepest secrets, or change its fundamental structures, or work through the bounds of human limitations & controlling destiny, or achieving a state of secure & lasting happiness. It looks at people laboring at life with an overblown conception of human powers & pursuing unrealistic hopes & aspirations. He takes a hard look & concludes that human life in this mode is meaningless, its efforts all futile. So, what, then, does wisdom teach?

Humans cannot by all their striving achieve anything of ultimate, or enduring significance. Nothing appears to be going anywhere & people cannot break out of this cycle, they cannot change anything. Hence they often toil foolishly. All their striving under the sun after unreal goals leads only to disillusionment.

Wisdom is better than folly it is God's gift to those who please him Ecc.2:26. But to expect that human wisdom is capable of solving all problems is futile, 1:16-18.

Experience confronts humans with many apparent disharmonies & anomalies that wisdom cannot unravel, such as human life comes to the same end, for all, as all animals, Ecc. 2:15; 3:16-17; 7:15; 8:14; 9:1-3; 10:5-7.

Although God made man upright, people still seek out schemes, to get ahead, by taking advantage of others. So even humans are a disappointment 7:24-29.

People cannot know or control what will come after them, or even what lies in the more immediate future & so all their efforts remain balanced in uncertainty.

God keeps humans in their place, Ecc. 3:16-22.

God has ordered all things & man cannot change God's appointments, nor fully understand them, or anticipate them, Ecc.3:1;7;11:1-6, but the world is not fundamentally chaotic, or irrational, it is ordered by God & it is for humans to accept matters, as they are, by God's appointments, including their own limitations. Everything has its time & is good in its time.

Accept the human state as it is shaped by God's appointments and enjoy the life you have been given as fully as you can. Don't trouble yourself with unrealistic goals, be prudent, follow wisdom's leading. Ecclesiastes provides instruction on how to live meaningfully, purposefully & joyfully within the theocratic entity, by placing God at the center of one's life, work & activities, by contentedly accepting one's divinely appointed lot in life & by reverently trusting in & obeying God.

Ecc. 3. To all things there is an appointed time & a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born, a time to die: a time to plant, a time to pluck: A time to slay & to heal: a time to break down, a time to build: a time to weep, a time to laugh: a time to mourn, a time to dance: A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones: a time to embrace & a time not to: A time to seek & a time to let go: a time to keep & a time to cast away: A time to plant & a time to sow: a time to be silent & a time to speak: A time to love & a time to hate: a time of war & a time of peace:

God has made everything beautiful in His time & He has set the world in mens hearts, yet cannot man find out the work that God has wrought from the start, even to the end, as there is nothing good in them, but to rejoice & to do good in life.

Every man eats, drink & sees the commodity of his labor, this is the gift of God. I know that whatever God shall do, it shall be forever & can no man add & from it can none diminish, for God has done it, that they should fear before him.

What is that which has been? that is now & that which shall be, has now been: for God requires that which is past & moreover, I have seen under the sun the place of judgment, where was wickedness & the place of justice, where was iniquity.

I thought in my heart, God will judge the just & the wicked, the condition of the children & of beasts are even, as they both die & there is no difference of man above beast, for all go to one place & all was of the dust & all shall return to the dust.

God has given man a desire & affection to seek out the things of this world & to work with them & all things with sobriety & in the fear of God, forasmuch as He gives not His gifts to the intent that they should be abused. Man by reason can comprehend nothing better in this life, than to use the gifts of God soberly & comfortably: for to know further, is a special gift of God through His Spirit.

### **Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.**

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says prove all things, 1Thes.5:21, as there are evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4.

So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1.

The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory. So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.