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Here we are ready to have Feast of Tabernacles! Where did the year go? I wish we were in a place where everyone could join us in person. I do know many are going to various groups and homes and this is wonderful! Remember wherever you are, you can find us via our website, Roku, YouTube, even on Satellite in Africa! We will be live (zoom) during our meetings again this year (see attached schedule). The titles look great and I know it will be an exciting week of learning and study. He is coming soon and we do need to BE ready!

To get this out in time, we made it "early" for October, and will be a bit shorter than usual. We will get the next one out for November.

Interesting things going on in the world. October 4 the pope will release his second *Laudato Si'*. In the Vatican News, they wrote:

"Pope Francis' appeal from the Paul VI Hall on Wednesday looked ahead to the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which takes place each year on 1 September. The theme of this year's observance is "Let

Justice and Peace Flow." The Pope recalled that this day marks the beginning of the Season of Creation that will last until 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

"As he had announced on 21 August when he received a delegation of lawyers from member countries of the Council of Europe, the Pope revealed that the second part of his encyclical *Laudato si'* will be published on 4 October.

"Siding with the victims of environmental injustice 'On that date, I plan on publishing an exhortation, a second *Laudato si'*," the Pope said. 'Let us join our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to care for creation as a sacred gift from the Creator.'

"The Pope's remarks on Wednesday summarized the core of his Message for the World Day, which was made public in May:

"It is necessary to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, striving to end the senseless war on our common home which is a terrible world war. I urge all of you to work and pray for it to abound with life once again.'

"In the Message, the Pope says we must resolve 'to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.'

"He also returned to the topic of ecological conversion and the need to no longer consider creation as an object to be

exploited, but as a reality to be safeguarded ‘as a sacred gift from our Creator.’

“The Pope's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation insisted on the need to ‘transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow.’

“Pope Francis emphasized the importance of synodality and expressed his hopes that ‘in this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, we may live, work, and pray so that our common home will teem with life once again.’”

The above says a lot really. What is going to happen? What is the pope wanting? What is he really saying? Is there something in this letter that will change things? Is there a “common good” day coming? I believe it’s very possible. There are lots of thoughts going around today regarding the end times. I do think we are near the door, if not at the door. Be Ready!

I hope you will be able to watch the speakers we have lined up. Look at the titles on the schedule and join us!

THE WORLD – WEATHER

A 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit Morocco September 8. The official death toll has gone up to nearly 3,000 people. I’m sure there are more, just listed as “missing” now. Many in the High Atlas Mountains are greatly in need of clean water, food, shelter, the very basics we take for granted. Please pray for these dear people.

Deadly rainfall which caused catastrophic flooding and destruction in Libya, as well as other parts of the Mediterranean, this month has left 11,300 dead and another 10,000 missing!

September 3 Spain saw huge amounts of rain over the course of just a few hours, leading to floods which killed at least six people. Then Storm Daniel formed causing severe flooding over 4 days in Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. At least 17 people died in Greece and large stretches of farmland in the central part of the country were left under water, causing damage that could take years to recover from. Also at least 7 deaths in Turkey and 4 in Bulgaria.



Hurricane Idalia which slammed Big Bend region of Florida became the 23rd “billion dollar” weather disaster to strike the United States this year, eclipsing the previous

record of 22 set in 2020, and there are still four months left in this year with potential for devastating weather ahead. (WP)

AGAINST GOD’S LAWS!

It is really sad and ugly watching the news today. Every day something new comes up, a new law, something the other side is trying to force us to comply with. The schools and what they want to teach the kids! It is all against God’s laws! They have left our Father and you can see the depravity and immorality everywhere and becoming so normal you almost aren’t surprised or shocked! The devil is having his day and he knows he has to work hard. The best way to do this is to go after the children. We need to be in constant prayer for strength and courage and discernment in all we see and hear. Pray for the children in the world. Pray for the parents and teachers. Many states and judges are fighting back against the gender affirming treatments and books and laws regarding this. Keep them in prayer so they can continue to fight.

Something I found on the internet caused my stomach to turn. Many have heard where they try to make Jesus gay, etc., but now they are saying there are people in the Bible who were transgender and Jesus used and affirmed them.

One was Joseph and his “princess robe.” They go to quite the length to say his robe was for virgin women, his “lack of attraction to women” and so on. Then they put in little things like well, it is inconclusive if the term refers to a gendered garment or was merely a colorful robe worn by royalty. Wow, pretty sick.

Then they have in Mark and Luke the “queer water carrier.” Where do they get this? Because when He sent 2 of his disciples He said to go into the city and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. ... Why did they make this assumption? “Because in ancient Israel, fetching water was a woman’s job! It is not clear if this person was transgender, gender nonconforming or temporarily taking on a gender atypical duty for some reason. Either way, God worked through this water carrier...master of the household – someone who evidently accepted his male servant or relative doing women’s work...at no point does Jesus comment or criticize this behavior for subverting the gender roles of the day.” Wow again, sick.

The article goes on, but I’ll leave it off. This was enough to show you how many in the world think.

There are so many things going on in the world today, it seems it will just explode any minute! We MUST

stand strong and have our armor on at all times. Be watchful! Stand for Him and He will protect you!

GOD'S LAW A HEDGE AGAINST EVIL

Reflecting Christ by Ellen G. White

[His commandments] stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. [Psalm 111:8](#).

He who willfully breaks one commandment, does not, in spirit and truth, keep any of them. “Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” ([James 2:10](#)).



It is not the greatness of the act of disobedience that constitutes sin, but the fact of variance from God's expressed will in the least particular; for this shows that there is yet communion between the soul and sin. The heart is divided in its service. There is a virtual denial of God, a rebellion against the laws of His government.

Were men free to depart from the Lord's requirements and to set up a standard of duty for themselves, there would be a variety of standards to suit different minds and the government would be taken out of the Lord's hands. The will of man would be made supreme, and the high and holy will of God—His purpose of love toward His creatures—would be dishonored, disrespected.

Whenever men choose their own way, they place themselves in controversy with God. They will have no place in the kingdom of heaven, for they are at war with the very principles of heaven. In disregarding the will of God, they are placing themselves on the side of Satan, the enemy of God and man. Not by one word, not by many words, but by every word that God has spoken, shall man live. We cannot disregard one word, however trifling it may seem to us, and be safe. There is not a commandment of the law that is not for the good and happiness of man, both in this life and in the life to come.

In obedience to God's law, man is surrounded as with a hedge and kept from the evil. He who breaks down this divinely erected barrier at one point has destroyed its power to protect him; for he has opened a way by which the enemy can enter to waste and ruin.

By venturing to disregard the will of God upon one point, our first parents opened the floodgates of woe upon the world. And every individual who follows their example will reap a similar result. The love of God underlies every precept of His law, and he who departs from the commandment is working his own unhappiness and ruin....

A legal religion is insufficient to bring the soul into harmony with God.... The only true faith is that which “worketh by love” ([Galatians 5:6](#)) to purify the soul. It is as leaven that transforms the character.... Jesus proceeded to show His hearers what it means to keep the commandments of God—that it is a reproduction in themselves of the character of Christ. For in Him, God was daily made manifest before them.

HAVE LOVE AND KINDNESS FOR OTHERS

The spirit of hatred and revenge originated with Satan, and it led him to put to death the Son of God. Whoever cherishes malice or unkindness is cherishing the same spirit, and its fruit will be unto death. In the revengeful thought the evil deed lies enfolded, as the plant in the seed. “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” [1 John 3:15](#)



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VEGAN KITCHEN CORNER

PUMPKIN STUFFED CHICKPEAS SALAD

The Green Creator.com

INGREDIENTS:

500g (3 cups) cooked
a few tablespoons pomegranate seeds
8–10 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped
2 small sugar pumpkin
2 tablespoon hempseeds
2 garlic clove, minced
pepper and salt to taste
2 tablespoon apple cider vinegar and/or juice from a lemon
2 teaspoon dried basil

INSTRUCTIONS:

Wash the small pumpkin and cut in half. Scoop out the seeds and place (inside facing down) in a preheated oven. On 360°F (180 °C) roast the pumpkin for about 20 minutes (depending on your oven). When the outside changes color (dark orange) the pumpkin should be ready. Meanwhile cook or rinse and drain your chickpeas and combine this with the other ingredients in a bowl.

When the pumpkin is done let it cool of and scrape (not all) the puree out of the pumpkin. If you scrape too much out of it you will not be able to serve the salad in the pumpkin since the skin will be too thin and tear. Mix the salad and pumpkin pieces/puree and serve in the pumpkin. Should make 4 servings.

SAVORY VEGAN CHEESY ZUCCHINI AND CARROT MUFFINS (VegNews)

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups chickpea flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ cup nutritional yeast
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 tablespoon mixed dried herbs
1 tablespoon chia seeds
2 tablespoons water

2/3 cup unsweetened soy milk
¼ cup olive oil, plus 1 tablespoon for greasing
2 medium carrots, finely grated
1 medium zucchini, finely grated
¾ cup pumpkin seeds, divided

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease a muffin tray. In a large bowl, add chickpea flour, baking powder, nutritional yeast, salt, turmeric, and mixed herbs and whisk to remove any lumps.

In a small bowl, mix chia seeds with water to form a gel. Make a well in middle of dry ingredients and pour in milk, oil, and chia mixture. Stir with a fork to combine, then add grated carrots, zucchini, and ½ cup of pumpkin seeds. Fold to combine, being sure not to overmix.

Into muffin tray, evenly divide batter. Sprinkle with remaining pumpkin seeds and bake for 25 minutes, until golden and a butter knife comes out clean. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes before removing from tray.

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