

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know ... research shows that if you took all the people who fall asleep in church every Sunday and stretched them end-to-end on pews ... they would be a lot more comfortable. (Thanks, Pastor Bob Rooks!)

Did you know... Noah was the best financier in the Bible? He kept his stock afloat while the whole world went into liquidation.

Did you know... Adam and Eve were the first people to skip reading the Apple terms and conditions? And look how that turned out.

Did you know... Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud?

Did you know ... Jesus ran the first auto-less **Uber Eats**? Zero wheels, infinite meals as He delivered fish and bread to 5,000 people ... with no applications or service fees, and unlimited refills. That makes **Jesus a NonProfit Prophet!**

Did you know ... after the US threatened to invade Greenland, NATO sent German troops to the country, marking the first time in history anyone said, *"Good news, the German Troops are on the way!"*

Did you know (if you believe the words of the Bible) ... the ground you are standing on belongs to God and not to any human? *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1).

Did you know ... the Greek word Jesus uses to the nations in Matthew 25 when He says, *"I was a stranger/foreigner and you welcomed me."* is *xenos*?

Did you know ... that's where we get the word *xenophobia* (similar to racism, it is hostility or fear toward foreigners or people from other ethnic groups).

Did you know ... the same word is used in Hebrews 13:2? *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to foreigners, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it."*

Did you know ... Christians are described as *"strangers/foreigners/aliens"* on Earth (Hebrews 11:13)? If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are an immigrant on planet Earth and a citizen of Heaven. You are now a Greek scholar if you deduced it's the same Greek word (*xenos*) Jesus uses in Matthew 25 regarding the judgment of the nations when He emphatically states that the way you treat *foreigners* is the way you treat Him. Since the Earth belongs to God and we are immigrants, it seems arrogant for me (a mere human) to tell another divine image-bearer they cannot step on this piece of dirt that God created and owns.

Did you know ... how many times the Bible tells us we can expel or mistreat foreigners?
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Did you know ... how many times the Bible tells us to welcome, love, protect, and seek justice for foreigners? More than 100.

***"When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not mistreat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God."* Leviticus 19:33-34**

***"You are to have the same law for the foreigner and the native-born."* Leviticus 24:22**

***"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt."* Exodus 22:21**

Did you know ... more than **170 US citizens** have been mistakenly arrested or detained by immigration agents, including ICE, during this current administration?

Many other citizens and even high school students have been pepper-sprayed, tear-gassed, assaulted, or threatened.

Did you know ... as of early January 2026, when I am researching this, there have been **at least 24** documented cases of humans created in the image of God who have been **shot by immigration agents** in the past year? This includes the reckless killing of an unarmed US citizen named Renee Good who was shot point blank in the face/head from the side of her car. (Only 4 days later and the number is already up to 26, including the killing of another American citizen, an ICU nurse.)

Did you know ... Renee Good was a Christian Mother of 3 who lived out her faith by taking part in **mission trips to Europe**? As part of the Presbyterian Church, they honored her as a faithful witness and martyr who was grounded in Christian service and justice. An official statement declared that she joins “*a sacred lineage of faithful witnesses who have risked and lost their lives in defense of human dignity.*” This tragedy left her 6-year-old son an orphan since her veteran husband died in 2023.

Finally, (I am a preacher at heart so you know this “finally” means absolutely nothing!) **did you know** ... Ezekiel 3 and 33 have some stark **warnings** for God's people who know the truth but fail to speak up to warn others of danger in their country?

Did you know ... Bernard Offen is one of the few remaining survivors of the **Holocaust**, at age 96? The San Diego Union newspaper quoted him on Holocaust Remembrance Day (1/27/26) as he warned that he sees “*signs I know too well.*” “*I see hatred resurgent. I see violence beginning to be justified once again. I see people who believe their anger is more valuable than another human life. I say this because I am an old man who has seen where indifference leads. And I say this because I believe that we can choose differently.*”

Did you know ... Adolf Hitler served time in prison for leading a coup in 1923? Yet in spite of the fact that he led an insurrection, 50-60% of the Deutsche Evangelische Kirche (German Evangelical Church) supported the Nazi regime, helping Hitler become Chancellor in 1933 (research from political scientist Jürgen W. Falter). Of course, at that time they had no crystal ball to know the atrocities he would commit, arresting citizens and murdering so many.

Did you know ... Hitler gained support by stating in a speech: “*We tolerate no one in our ranks who attacks the ideas of Christianity ... in fact our movement is Christian.*” Yet on April 8, 1941, Joseph Goebbels (a leading member of the Nazi party) wrote about Hitler: “*He hates Christianity, because it has crippled all that is noble in humanity.*”

Did you know ... in Matthew 4:19 Jesus did not say, “Come, believe in me ... and **Don't Stop Believin**”? (That was the band **Journey**). James 2:19 reminds us that even the demons “*believe.*” But Jesus did say “Come, *follow/imitate me.*”

Did you know ... Goebbels (Hitler's Minister of Propaganda) declared, “*A lie once told remains a lie, but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth*”?

Did you know ... during “**The Apprentice**” years, Donald Trump repeatedly said the show was #1 in the ratings? One of his staff asked why he kept saying they were #1 when he knew they were not. Trump maintained that if you tell people something enough times, they will believe it.

Did you know ... John 8:44 says the devil is a murderer, a liar, and the father of lies? As **Bob Dylan** sang, “*You're gonna have to serve somebody. It may be the devil or it may be the Lord.*” Our words and our actions reflect whose child we are.

Did you know ... more than 6,000 clergymen in Germany were imprisoned or executed on the charge of “treasonable activity” as these Catholic Priests and Protestant Pastors “protested” and resisted the horrible Nazi atrocities?

Did you know ... **more than 100 clergy** and faith leaders have been arrested so far this month (Jan.) in MN for protesting unjust and harmful treatment of immigrants?

Did you know ... our president notoriously declared on 1/23/16, *"I could stand in the middle of 5th Ave. and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose any voters"*? If his leadership is responsible for innocent American citizens being murdered in broad daylight in the middle of the street, will some Evangelical Christians still choose to support him?

Did you remember ... I have reiterated numerous times in past Perihelions that **I am advocating FOR the Kingdom of God** above any particular political party policies/politicians. I have been largely a-political most of my life, believing prayer is more valuable than campaigning. As I have stated, both parties have policies that are good and also some that are ungodly. Support any policies/politicians you wish, just **don't do so in the name of God calling it CHRISTian if they disregard the teachings of Christ**, such as Christian Nationalism (see next article).

Did you know ... **God loves you passionately**, as well as every single person, from every race, culture, and nation with that same passion (see John 3:16)?