CCC iNOTES

September 18th, 2024

1st day of Fall Sunday Sept. 22nd

News and Views of Clearwater Christian Church
Wayne Richardson - pastor
#250-674-7073

Church Website: clearwatercc.ca

9:15-9:45 - Prayer service
10:00am - Communion
Short break
10:30 - 11:30 service continues

FYI - mark your calendars

Women's Bible study - tomorrow Thursday, Sept 19th. Starts together at 12:30 for social time. Study begins @1pm.

Good News Club
Who - ages 5 - 12

What - weekly after school activity

Where - Star Lake Ministry Centre

When - begins Tuesday Sept 24th from 3:30pm - 5:15pm

Why - to learn about Jesus and God's Word, The Bible

How - through music, stories, crafts, games & snacks

Treasures in the Trunk yard sale - encore this Sat. Sept 21st @SLMC from 10-2.

People from CCC, as well as the public, are invited to reserve a spot to sell items. Each vendor will pay $20 (until Sept 20th) or $25 on Sept 21st for their space. Each vendor will provide their own display table/tailgate for their allotted area.

CCC also has items in the gym designated for this sale. If you wish to donate items but not have a table, please contact Laura Pickering by Sept 18th to arrange pick-up or delivery. I will need help, please, to "stage" these items to facilitate their sale.

Funds will be raised from fees paid, items sold from the gym, a concession area, and from donations from the vendors at their discretion. We plan to sell hot dogs, chips, pop, and water bottles. **It would be wonderful if congregants would make treats (eg. cookies, Rice Krispy squares, brownies, fudge, etc.) for us to sell, too.**

Our **goal is to raise $10,000** CA dollars to provide a farm-and-family truck for a missionary couple with roots in Clearwater. Sipho and Amanda (nee Jordan) and

their 4 children in Zimbabwe operate a farm which supplies their livelihood and also trains others to become missionaries. Great news – **we already raised $7163!** Willing to share your testimony?
Laura Pickering can help you organize, etc. if you need help

SUNDAY SERVICE: SUNDAY SEPT 22ND 10:00AM

COMMUNION - SALLAH ALEXANDERS
PREACHING - JOHN HARWOOD -
THE SONGS THAT MAKE GOD SING OVER YOU - MATTHEW 26:30
PSALMS 116:1-9

Join us on Facebook live & YouTube @ 10:00am
LIVE STREAMING LINKS
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/290385076713
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWONkmyLRlDbY751Qg_hUw
Please hit the subscribe button :).
Please feel free to hit the share button and comment as you watch :).

Last week's service: Sept 15th
https://youtu.be/BmKtoB85eUE

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES FROM THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY
Year B
First Reading - Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalms - Psalm 1
New Testament - James 3:13-4:3
Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

Quotation: "Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth." **- Lysa Terkeurst**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CCC Financials as of Sept. 15th, 2024

		Ministry Faith Goal	Actual Income
Ministry Fund	Last Week	$ 2,475.04	$ N/A

Ministry Fund	Month to Date	$ 10,359.00	$ 11,925.00
	Year to Date	$ 76,183.67	$ 100,718.65
Reno Fund	Last Week		$ 0.00
	To Date		$ 26,268.90
	Spent to date		$ 20,374.08
	Balance		$ 5,894.82

1. E-Transfer to Clearwater Christian Church: ccctreasurer250@gmail.com
2. Through CCC's Website clearwatercc.ca by clicking the giving link. It will take you to the tithe.ly page where you can sign up for online giving.
3. Mail cheque to
Clearwater Christian Church,
1010 School Road.
Clearwater BC V0E 1N2
4. Sunday Service: offering drop off is at the front information table.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

*__AL-ANON MEETING:__ -friends and family of alcoholics and addicts at library. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, side door.

***JESUS BIBLE CLUB** - @Clearwater Public Library @ 5:30-6:30 for Ages 9-18 - every other Tues. - next one Sept 24th

***PRAYER MEETING:** Wed evenings 7:00pm @Melands

***LEADERSHIP MEETING** – 2nd Tuesdays – 5:30pm. Next meeting Oct. 8th

***LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - Wednesdays @ 12:30pm @Tim Hortons

***LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - starting Thurs. @1:00pm - come @12:30 to socialize

***EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - starting Sept 26th @ 7:00 @John's

***AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** - starting Sept 24th @2:00 @John's

***FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Men, this study starts at precisely 9:30. Come at 9:00 to visit before hand.

***MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Saturdays 8:00am @ Wells Grey Hotel

***PRAYER SERVICE** – Sunday 9:15 -9:45am

***POTLUCK LUNCH** – Sept 29th

If you have any thoughts, ramblings, testimony, favourite passage of scripture, or share something you've read, please send it along to Judy.

Ramblings:

10 Marks of the Holy Spirit in a Believer by J.C. Ryle

Bishop J.C. Ryle shared the following in the sermon Having the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit always produces one general kind of effects. Shades and varieties there are no doubt in the experience of those on whose hearts He works—but the general outline of their faith and life is always the same.

What then are these general effects which the Spirit always produces on those who really have Him? What are the marks of His presence in the soul? This is the question which now remains to be considered.

Let us try to set down these marks in order:

1. All who have the Spirit are made spiritually alive.

He is called in Scripture, "The Spirit of life." (Rom. 8:3.) "It is the Spirit," says our Lord Jesus Christ, "who quickens." (John 6:63.) We are all by nature dead in trespasses and sins. We have neither feeling nor interest about true religion. We have neither faith, nor hope, nor fear, nor love. Our hearts are in a state of torpor; they are compared in Scripture to a stone. We may be alive about money, learning, politics, or pleasure—but we are dead towards God. All this is changed when the Spirit comes into the heart. He raises us from this state of death, and makes us new creatures. He awakens the conscience, and inclines the will towards God. He causes old things to pass away, and all things to become new. He gives us a new heart; He makes us put off the old man, and put on the new. He blows the trumpet in the ear of our slumbering faculties, and sends us forth to walk the world as if we were new beings.

How unlike was Lazarus shut up in the silent tomb, to Lazarus coming forth at our Lord's command! How unlike was Jairus' daughter lying cold on her bed amidst weeping friends, to Jairus' daughter rising and speaking to her mother as she was accustomed to do! Just as unlike is the man in whom the Spirit dwells to what he was before the Spirit came into him.

I appeal to every thinking reader. Can he whose heart is manifestly full of everything but God–hard, cold, and insensible—can he be said to "have the Spirit"? Judge for yourself.

2. All who have the Spirit are taught by Him.

He is called in Scripture, "The Spirit of wisdom and revelation." (Eph. 1:17.) It was the promise of the Lord Jesus, "He shall teach you all things." "He shall guide you into all truth." (John 14:26; 16:13.)

We are all by nature ignorant of spiritual truth. "The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God—they are foolishness to him." (1 Cor. 2:14.) Our eyes are blinded. We neither know God, nor Christ, nor ourselves, nor the world, nor sin, nor heaven, nor hell, as we ought. We see everything under false colours. The Spirit alters entirely this state of things. He opens the eyes of our understandings. He illumines us; He calls us out of darkness into marvellous light. He takes away the veil. He shines into our hearts, and makes us see things as they really are! No wonder that all true Christians are so remarkably agreed upon the essentials of true religion! The reason is that they have all learned in one school—the school of the Holy Spirit. No wonder that true Christians can understand each other at once, and find common ground of fellowship! They have been taught the same language, by One whose lessons are never forgotten.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can he who is ignorant of the leading doctrines of the Gospel, and blind to his own state—can he be said to "have the Spirit "? Judge for yourself.

3. All who have the Spirit are led by Him to the Scriptures.

This is the instrument by which He specially works on the soul. The Word is called "the sword of the Spirit." Those who are born again are said to be "born by the Word." (Eph. 6:17; 1 Peter 1:23.) All Scripture was written under His inspiration—He never teaches anything which is not therein written. He causes the man in whom He dwells to "delight in the law of the Lord." (Psalm 1:2.) Just as the infant desires the milk which nature has provided for it, and refuses all other food-so does the soul which has the Spirit desire the sincere milk of the Word. Just as the Israelites fed on the manna in the wilderness, so are the children of God taught by the Holy Spirit to feed on the contents of the Bible.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can he who never reads the Bible, or only reads it formally—can he be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

4. All who have the Spirit are convinced by Him of sin.

This is an especial office which the Lord Jesus promised He should fulfill. "When He has come, He shall reprove the world of sin." (John 16:8.) He alone can open a

man's eyes to the real extent of his guilt and corruption before God. He always does this when He comes into the soul. He puts us in our right place. He shows us the vileness of our own hearts, and makes us cry with the publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" He pulls down those proud, self-righteous, self-justifying notions with which we are all born, and makes us feel as we ought to feel, "I am a sinful man, and I deserve to be in hell!" Ministers may alarm us for a little season; sickness may break the ice on our hearts; but the ice will soon freeze again if it is not thawed by the breath of the Spirit! Convictions not wrought by Him will pass away like the morning dew.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can the man who never feels the burden of his sins, and knows not what it is to be humbled by the thought of them—can he have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

5. All who have the Spirit are led by Him to Christ for salvation.

It is one special part of His office to "testify of Christ," to "take of the things of Christ, and to show them to us." (John 15:26; 16:15.) By nature we all think to work our own way to heaven—we fancy in our blindness that we can make our peace with God. From this miserable blindness the Spirit delivers us. He shows us that in ourselves we are lost and hopeless, and that Christ is the only door by which we can enter heaven and be saved. He teaches us that nothing but the blood of Jesus can atone for sin, and that through His mediation alone God can be just and the justifier of the ungodly. He reveals to us the exquisite fitness and suitableness to our souls of Christ's salvation. He unfolds to us the beauty of the glorious doctrine of justification by simple faith. He sheds abroad in our hearts that mighty love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Just as the dove flies to the well-known cleft of the rock, so does the soul of him who has the Spirit flee to Christ and rest on Him. (Rom. 5:5.)

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can he who knows nothing of faith in Christ, be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

6. All who have the Spirit are by Him made Holy.

He is the "Spirit of holiness" (Romans 1:4). When He dwells in people, He makes them follow after love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, faith, patience, temperance. He makes it natural to them, through their new "Divine nature," to count all God's precepts concerning all things to be right, and to "hate every false way." (2 Pet 1:4; Ps. 119:128.) Sin is no more pleasant to them—it is

their sorrow when tempted by it; it is their shame when they are overtaken by it. Their desire is to be free from it altogether. Their happiest times are when they are enabled to walk most closely with God—their saddest times are when they are furthest off from Him.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can those who do not even pretend to live strictly according to God's will, be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

7. All who have the Spirit are Spiritually Minded.

To use the words of the Apostle Paul, "those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit." (Rom. 8:5.) The general tone, tenor, and bias of their minds is in favour of spiritual things. They do not serve God by fits and starts—but habitually. They may be drawn aside by strong temptations; but the general tendency of their lives, ways, tastes, thoughts and habits, is spiritual. You see it in the way they spend their leisure time, the company they love to keep, and their conduct in their own homes. And all is the result of the spiritual nature implanted in them by the Holy Spirit. Just as the caterpillar when it becomes a butterfly can no longer be content to crawl on earth—but will fly upwards and use its wings, so will the affections of the man who has the Spirit be ever reaching upwards toward God.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can those whose minds are wholly intent on the things of this world be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

8. All who have the Spirit feel a conflict within them, between the old nature and the new.

The words of Paul are true, more or less, of all the children of God: "The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh–so that you cannot do the things that you would." (Gal. 5:17.) They feel a holy principle within their bosoms, which makes them delight in the law of God—but they feel another principle within, striving hard for the mastery, and struggling to drag them downwards and backwards. Some feel this conflict more than others—but all who have the Spirit are acquainted with it; and it is a token for good. It is a proof that the 'strong man armed' no longer reigns within, as he once did, with undisputed sway. The presence of the Holy Spirit may be known by inward warfare as well as by inward peace. He who has been taught to rest and hope in Christ, will always be one who fights and wars with sin.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can he who knows nothing of inward conflict, and is a servant to sin, the world, and his own self-will, can he be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

9. All who have the Spirit love others who have the Spirit.

It is written of them by John, "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:14.) The more they see of the Holy Spirit in anyone, the more dear he is to them. They regard him as a member of the same family, a child of the same Father, a subject of the same King, and a fellow-traveler with themselves in a foreign country towards the same father-land. It is the glory of the Spirit to bring back something of that brotherly love, which sin has so miserably chased out of the world. He makes people love one another for reasons which to the natural man are foolishness—for the sake of a common Savior, a common faith, a common service on earth, and the hope of a common home. He raises up friendships independent of blood, marriage, interest, business, or any worldly motive. He unites people by making them feel they are united to one great center, Jesus Christ.

I appeal again to every thinking reader. Can he who finds no pleasure in the company of spiritually-minded people, or even sneers at them as saints—can he be said to have the Spirit? Judge for yourself.

10. Finally, all who have the Spirit are taught by Him to pray.

He is called in Scripture, "The Spirit of grace and supplication." (Zechariah 12:10.) The elect of God are said to "cry to Him night and day." (Luke 18:7.) They cannot help it—their prayers may be poor, and weak, and wandering—but pray they must; something within them tells them they must speak with God and lay their needs before Him. Just as the infant will cry when it feels pain or hunger, because it is its nature, so will the new nature implanted by the Holy Spirit oblige a man to pray. He has the Spirit of adoption, and he must cry, "Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6.)

Once more I appeal to every thinking reader. Can the man who never prays at all, or is content with saying a few formal heartless words, can he be said to have the Spirit? For the last time I say, Judge for yourself.

Such are the marks and signs by which I believe the presence of the Holy Spirit in a man may be discerned. I have set them down fairly as they appear to me to be

laid before us in the Scriptures. I have endeavored to exaggerate nothing, and to keep back nothing. I believe there are no true Christians in whom these marks may not be found. Some of them, no doubt, stand out more prominently in some, and others in others. My own experience is distinct and decided—that I never saw a truly godly person, even of the poorest and humblest classes, in whom, on close observation, these marks might not be discovered.

Recommended Resource: **Walking in the Power of the Holy Spirit: Ten Classic Sermons** by Charles Spurgeon

Pray For

*First Responders, Drs., nurses and victim support teams called out for emergencies
*Our nation, including each level of Government. Pray that the leaders will turn back to God and seek His guidance in governing and leading our country & provinces.
*Pray for caregivers
*Local Churches – All Local churches
*Pray for Wayne, and other Pastors of the valley serving & ministering within the communities
*Pray for CCC Sunday School Program
*Pray for the persecuted Global Church - the Global church is alive and continues to spread.
*Pray for the courageous believers (many spending time behind bars).
***Pray for Wayne & Tracy -** they have a burden of concern for each member of our congregation, our health care system & hospital. Let us be kind and show love towards and for each other.

***THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER: - Pray for strength, wisdom & healing as they seek treatment.**
*Nick's sister Ethelyn - cancer is now Stage 4 in her vertebrae
*Tara Carter (neighbour of Judy's) - diagnosed with liver cancer - undergoing chemo & immunotherapy
*Donna Coleman - doing well
*Joanne VanEngelen - surgery for new stent went well
*Rick (Adrienne's nephew). - update - He is still hanging in. Some days he doesn't eat anything, other days he eats a good meal.

***OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS:**
*The Benoit's - continue to travel back and forth to Children's Hospital

*Roy Tattersall -at home with some family support
*Claudette Shaw (a friend of Barb Pelton's) - going through some serious health concerns
*Donna Meehan - experiencing some heart issues
*Church friends who are dealing with serious & not-so-serious health issues. They wish to stay anonymous but would like prayer.
*Dan Dyck - knee healing well and improved mobility
*Joan Smith - continuing to heal
*Isabel Palacios' granddaughter, Leylani, is doing better. Her medications for her lupus and heart issue are improving her health. Thanks for the prayers snd please continue to uphold the family in prayer.
*Katrina Paquette (Tim's wife) - dealing with a liver condition but God is with her and she is feeling okay
*Ron Hanson - update - Ron is living in a senior's home in AB near family. His health has improved somewhat due to medications.
*Liam Stockton – mobility still not what it should be. Pray for the family.

***SPIRITUAL PRAYER:**
*God's will for CCC's Finances - we continue to be amazed with God's answer to our prayers although we should not be surprised.
**Kingdom Ministry Opportunities. (See list on bulletin board).
* Prayer for activities during the school year for children

***BEREAVEMENT:**
***MISSIONS:**
*Bill & Linda Brierly - HoP- see changes in method of support. Now under the Great Commission Foundation
- there will be a change in how support is sent to support the Hope of the Pokomchi
New - donations/support to HoP -will be changing from CCC to

The Great Commission Foundation
PO Box 14006
Abbotsford, BC
V2T OB4

By Mail - Make a cheque out to **Hope of the Pokomchi**, put **Fund #1500 in the memo line** plus what programme you are supporting
By Phone, credit card, PAD: 1-855-488-7020 ext. 425

We praise God for the following answered prayer:

- Toddler Adrian had a surgery as the first step to correct his birth defect.
  Please continue to pray for good recovery and stable health so that he can have the second, and hopefully final, surgery.
- One of the projects on DonorSee for BMH Child Sponsorship has been fully funded. Please pray for funding for five more projects for sponsorship of BMH children on DonorSee.
- Our ministry's new system with The Great Commission Foundation and Friends of the Great Commission, is up and running.

Prayer requests:

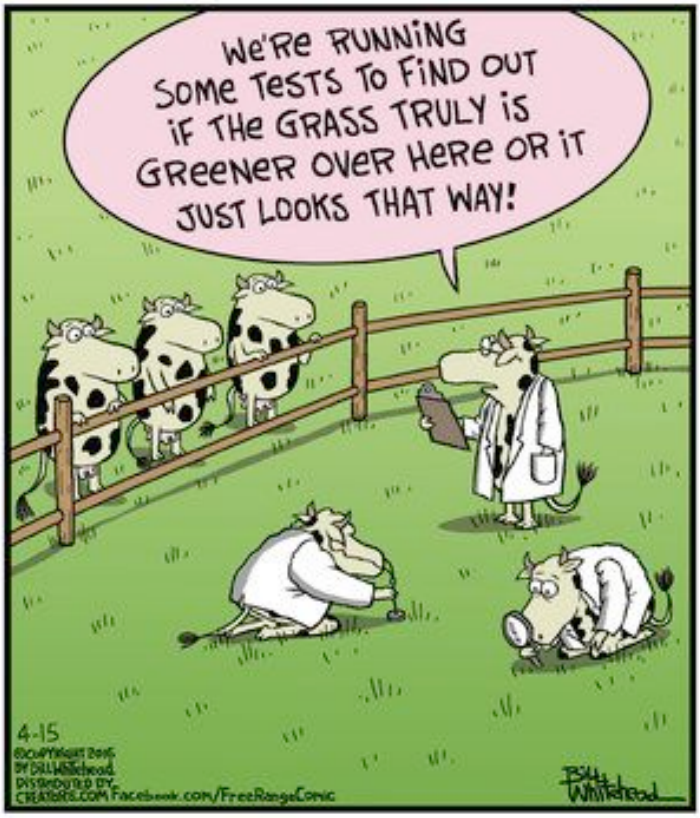
- Funding for ASOSAP programs in 2025, currently we have an estimated shortfall of $70,000 US.
- New connections with individuals and churches.
- Provision of a volunteer to assist us with periodic updates to the Hope of the Pokomchi website.
- Safety and strength for Alvaro and Sebastian as they deliver and build construction projects in the villages.

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom and energy for ASOSAP staff as they teach the children attending the Building My Horizon (BMH) after school kids' program.
- Funding for DonorSee projects - especially for 5 children for BMH sponsorship.
- Good health for ASOSAP staff and villagers. Currently there is a large increase of dengue cases and a dengue epidemic has been declared in Guatemala.
- For this time of transition under the new organizations.
- Provision of a volunteer(s) to assist with teaching children at Building My Horizon for 2025.
- New members for the North American Support Team.
- Provision of mission teams for 2025.

*Duane & Dawn Bakken - has a clearer direction for ministry - joined the Great Commission Foundation - headquarters in Abbotsford.
*Sipho & Amanda Moyo - WEC - in Zimbawa

Something to giggle and think about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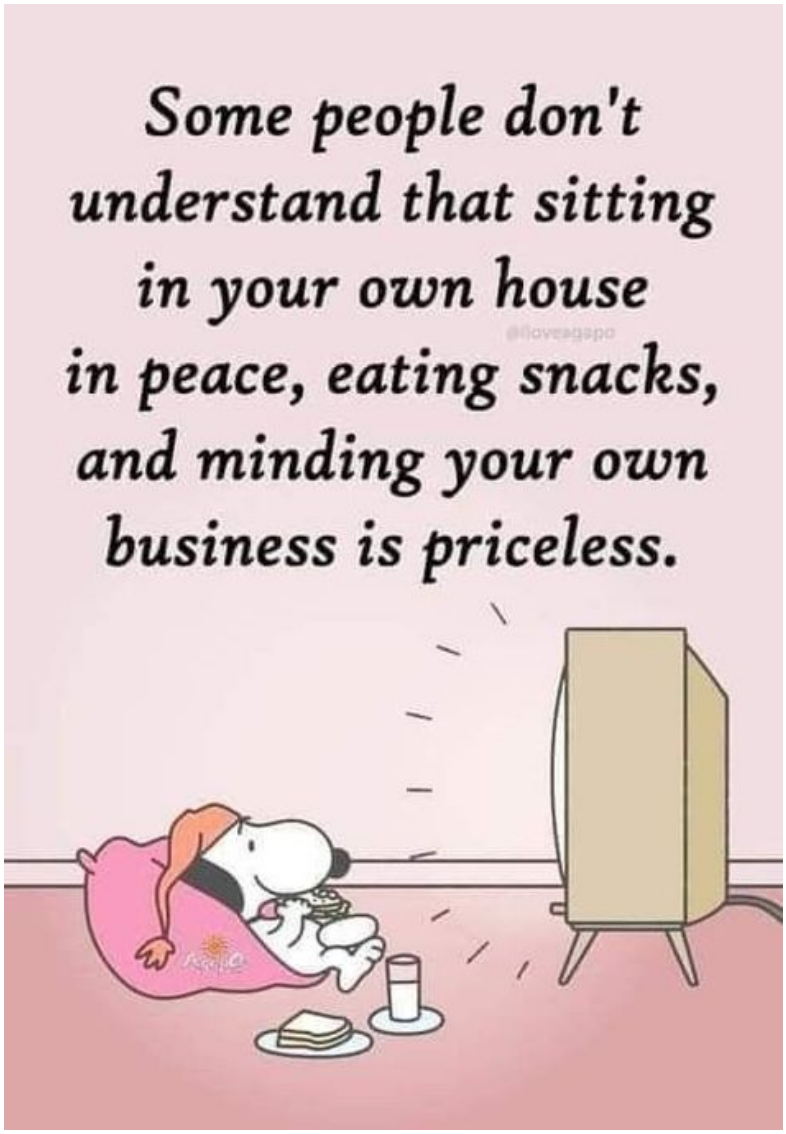
Bill Whitehead
Facebook.com/FreeRangeComic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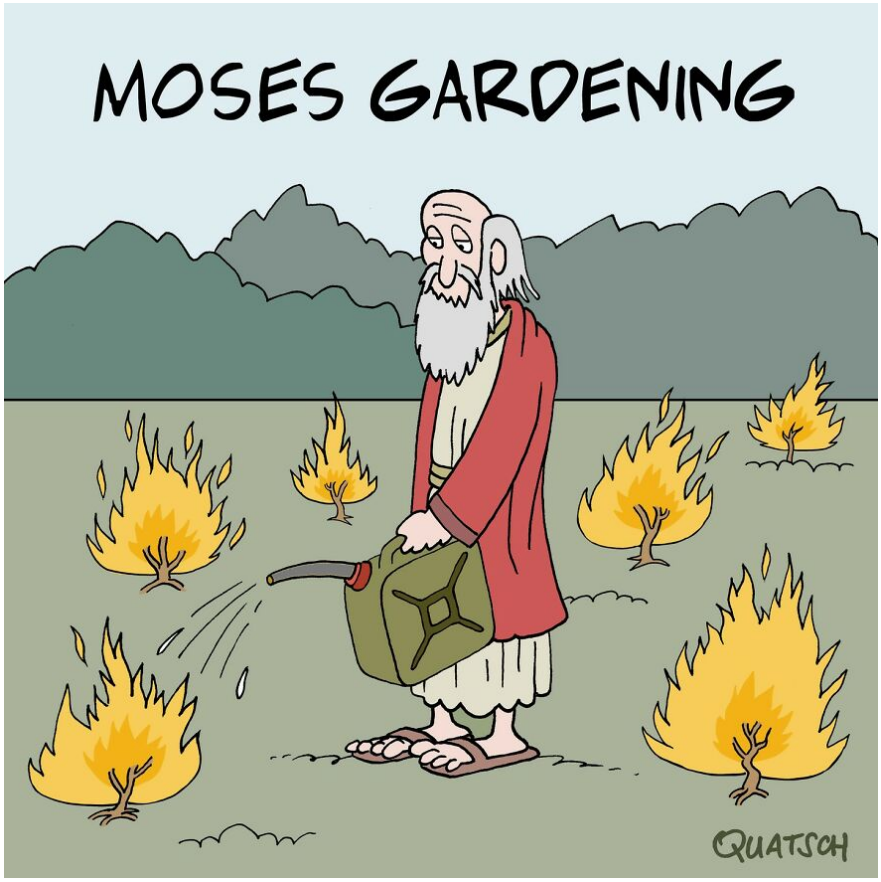
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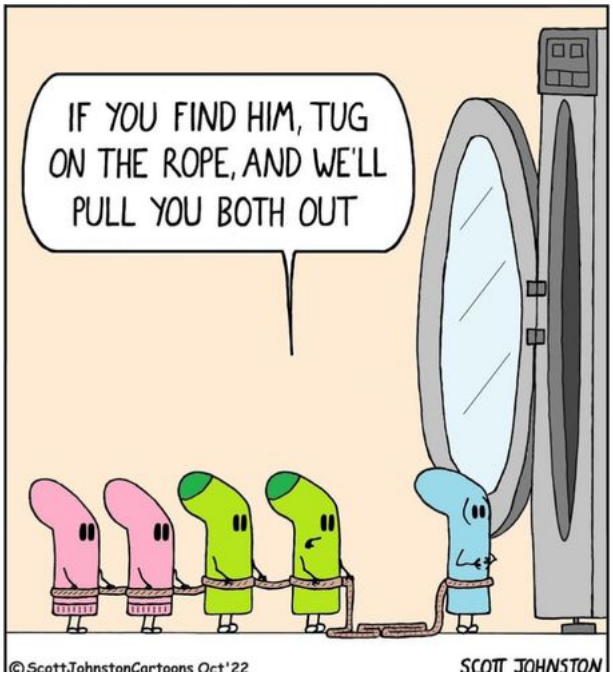
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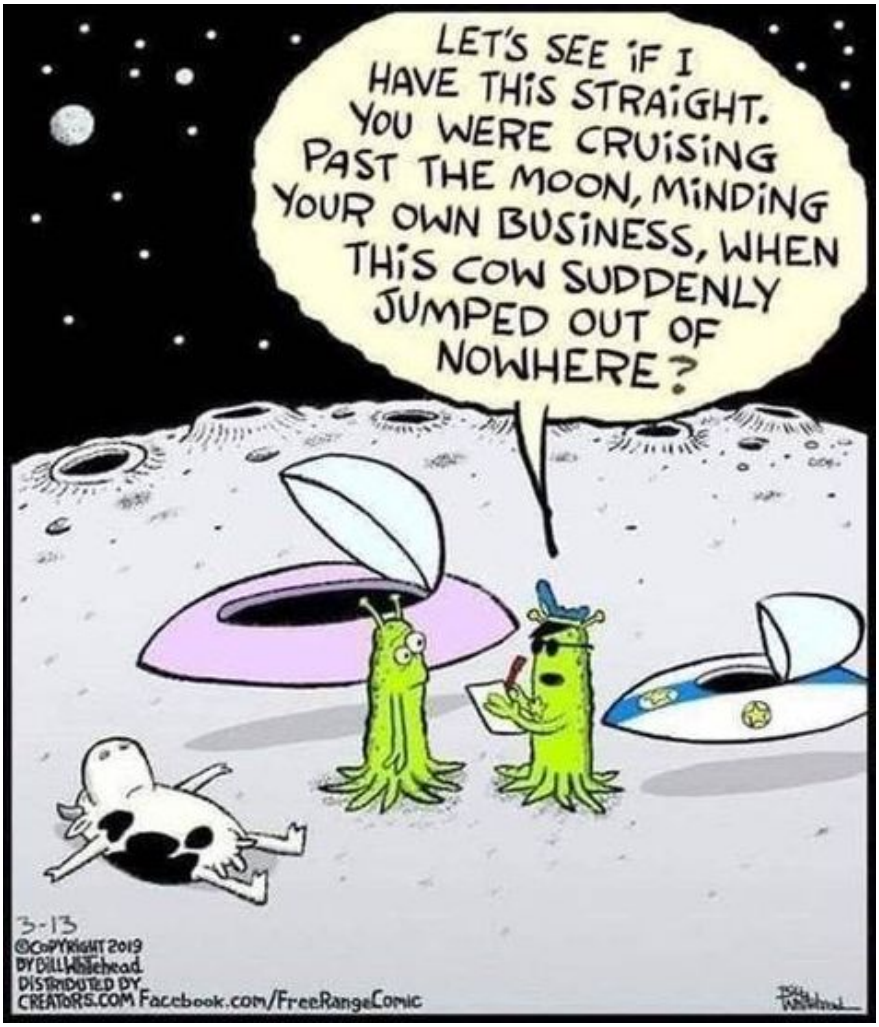
LET'S SEE IF I HAVE THIS STRAIGHT. YOU WERE CRUISING PAST THE MOON, MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS, WHEN THIS COW SUDDENLY JUMPED OUT OF NOWHERE?
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THEY SAID THIS PURCHASE WAS FLAGGED AS "UNUSUAL ACTIVITY"
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