

Deuteronomy 14-15

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Deuteronomy 14

Self Mutilation, Tattoos, Piercings, falcon

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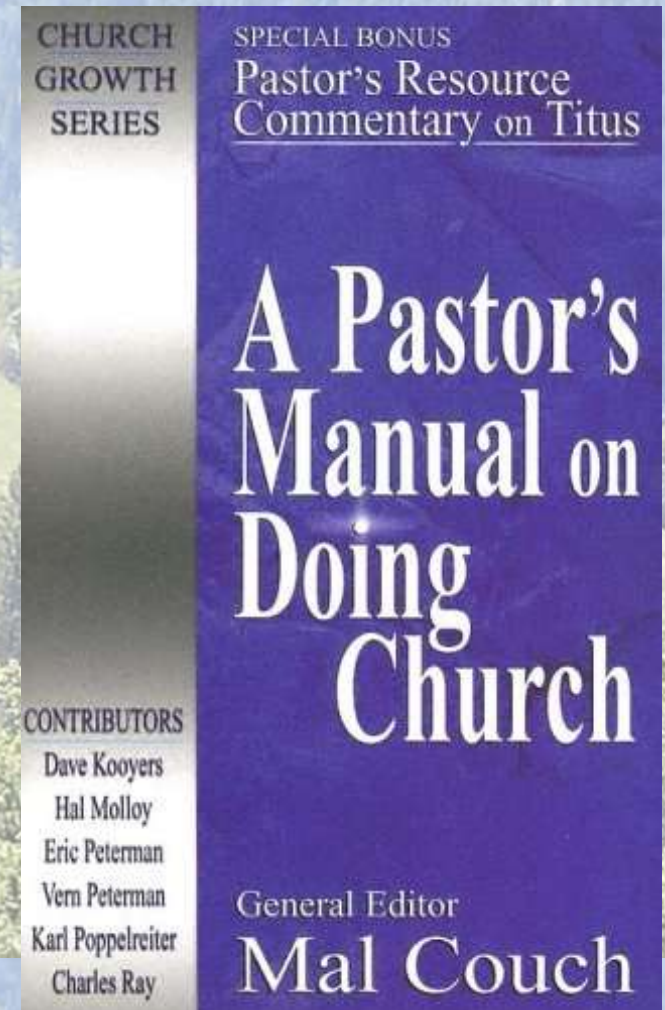
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Matthew 10:8 ...Freely you received, freely give.



Deuteronomy 14:1, Self Mutilation, Tattoos, Piercings

- Deuteronomy 14:1 "You are the sons of the LORD your God; you **shall not cut yourselves** nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.
- NAU Leviticus 19:28 'You **shall not make any cuts** in your body for the dead nor make any **tattoo marks** on yourselves: I am the LORD.
- God forbids these practices because they're repeatedly associated with idol worship, false religion, paganism, and God's judgment.
- NAU Jeremiah 16:6 "Both great men and small will die in this land; they will not be buried, they will not be lamented, nor will anyone gash himself or shave his head for them. [Jeremiah 48:37, Jeremiah 16:6, 1 Kings 18:28]
- NAU Jeremiah 47:5 "Baldness has come upon Gaza; Ashkelon has been ruined...How long will you gash yourself?

Deuteronomy 14:1, Self Mutilation, Tattoos, Piercings

- Deuteronomy 14:1 “You... shall not cut yourselves ...
- NAU Leviticus 19:28 'You shall not make any cuts in your body... any tattoo marks...
- NAU Leviticus 21:5 'They shall not make any baldness on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts in their flesh.
- It possible that the popularity of tattoos is setting the stage for the mark that everyone will be forced to receive in the future?

Everyone having to receive a mark in their body a generation ago would have been unthinkable!

- NAU Revelation 13:16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.
- NAU Revelation 14:9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Deuteronomy 14:1, Self Mutilation, Tattoos, Piercings

- All will be “...given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead...”
Revelation 13:16
- **This individual says he needs government assistance because he cannot get a job. Any suggestions?**



You Are Not Your Own

- NAU 1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- NAU 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that **you are not your own**?...20 For **you have been bought** with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body**.
- To a first century Jew like Paul, what do you think he would've said about someone permanently chiseling some graffiti into Solomon's temple, which was a physical representative of God's presence?

You Are Not Your Own

NAU 1 Corinthians 6:19... **you are not your own?**...

You have no right to deface God's beautiful, unique creation, something that He made for a purpose, in His own image, for the world to behold, a public treasure.



Deuteronomy 14:1, Defacing God's Image

- NAU Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."
- Do you think the devil might want to deface that image of God?
- NAU 1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God...
- NAU 1 Corinthians 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly. [2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:10]
- NAU 1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

What About Christian/Crosses Tattoos?

- Many see tattoos as a form of rebellion.
- NAU 1 Samuel 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination..."
- Christians should be ambassadors, not rebels.
- We must show the grace of God to all, tattooed or not, and we are not to judge.
- NAU Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Some See A Dark Side To Tattoos

- **People Are Undergoing Extreme Body Modifications In Order To Look More Like The Devil?**

In recent years, the popularity of tattoos and body piercings has soared, but now there are thousands of people around the globe that are taking body modification to ridiculous extremes. For example, would you be willing to have your tongue split in two so that you could have a forked tongue? What about getting eyeball tattoos or having titanium horns implanted in your head? To most people, doing such things would be unimaginable, but there is a growing subculture of individuals out there that truly seem to enjoy “pushing the envelope” and seeing what is possible.

- **3D Tattoos: The Bizarre Body Art Trend That Is Spreading Across America Like Wildfire**

Would you like to have a picture of a 3D demon exploding out of your chest? Would you like to make it look like an exquisite piece of art was carved out of your right leg? Would you like to see the shock on people’s faces when they think that a real scorpion is sitting on your shoulder or a real snake is crawling down your back?

Some See A Dark Side To Tattoos



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- The Old Testament explicitly forbids God's people from getting tattooed. It might be argued that believers in God have refused to get tattooed because they view the body as the Holy Spirit's temple. But research conducted in 1999 is beginning to suggest that there is more to the issue. Latin Kings gang member showing his gang tattooDr. William Cardasis, a Michigan criminal psychiatrist, sees a possible link between criminal behavior and tattoos. In his study of 55 patients at a maximum security hospital, Dr. Cardasis found statistical links between sociopathic behavior and the tendency to wear tattoos. He found that patients with tattoos were much more likely to have no regard for the rights of others, behave impulsively and lie and steal with no remorse. Another study of cadavers in New York City showed that the bodies of teen drug addicts had twice the number of tattoos compared to the general population. One tattoo artist told the press that he refuses to tattoo the face, neck or hands. He pointed out that some people consider tattoos in these places to be "serial killer territory." Dr. Cardasis adds that simply having a tattoo doesn't mean one is a criminal – that depends on what the tattoo means to the person wearing it.
- Getting a tattoo is a permanent commitment to the symbol represented by the tattoo. Believers should have a permanent commitment only to Jesus Christ....”

Deuteronomy 14:3-21

Ceremonially Clean And Unclean Foods

- Deuteronomy 14:3 "You shall not eat any detestable thing.
- NAU Galatians 2:12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.
- NAU Acts 10:10 But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; 11 and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, 12 and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. 13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" 15 ... "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy."

Deuteronomy 14:7, Camel



Mark 10:25
"It is easier
for a camel to
go through
the eye of a
needle than
for a rich man
to enter the
kingdom of
God."

Deuteronomy 14:8

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:8 "The pig, because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud, it is unclean for you. You shall not eat any of their flesh nor touch their carcasses.
- Leviticus 11:7 and the pig... is unclean to you.
- Archie Bunker in one of his episodes had to do the eulogy for his friend Cunningham. When, in the synagogue, Edith says to Archie's surprise that, Cunningham must've been a Jew, Archie says that's impossible his name is Cunningham...
- Jews aren't allowed to have any ham in their name.

Deuteronomy 14:8, A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest at the The Picnic

- A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town`s annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. "This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it`s against your religion, but I can`t understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don`t know what you`re missing. You just haven`t lived until you`ve tried Mrs. Hall`s prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"
- The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."

Deuteronomy 14:9, Fins And Scales

- Leviticus 11:9 'These you may eat, whatever is in the water: all that have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.
- So, is a hogfish kosher?

Deuteronomy 14:9, Fins And Scales

- So, is a hogfish kosher?



Deuteronomy 14:13, Falcon



GUIDE TO ANIMALS

**Did you
know?**

During a dive, the
peregrine falcon can reach
speeds over 260 mph!





Deuteronomy 14:18, *Hesed*, storks, God's love and The Stork

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:18 the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe and the bat.
- 1st. Use in Leviticus 11:19
- Dallas Theological Seminary's magazine had an article by Ronald B. Allen explaining the Hebrew word "stork." He noted that before we had electronic devices, people used to observed nature and came up with phrases like "sly is a fox, wise as an owl", etc..

Deuteronomy 14:18 Storks And God's Love

Kindred Spirit, Autumn
2014 volume 38, number
two. Dallas Theological
Seminary magazine, page
15, By Ronald B. Alan

by Ronald B. Allen

And Then We Saw the Storks

GOD'S LOYAL LOVE AND DTS

THE ANCIENT CITY OF EPHEBUS is like the Disneyland of archaeological sites from the Roman world. The first thing a visitor is likely to see at this ancient magical kingdom, however, is a big disappointment, like finding a great ride in Disney's world out of order. At one time, the Temple of

Artemis (see Acts 19:21-41) was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Today one views only a huge hole in the ground marking its ancient footprint and a lonely pillar pieced together from mismatched stone drums in 1973. It shows only something of the size and height of one of the 121 ancient magnificent columns—but little of their beauty. The solitary column rises forty-five feet (originally sixty feet)—both helpful in suggesting ancient grandeur and disappointing at the same time.

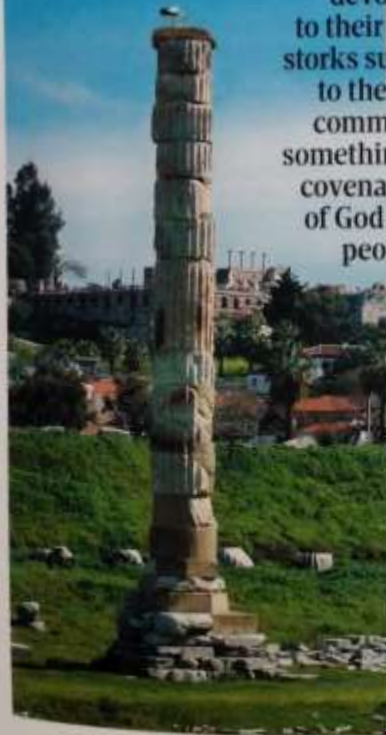
Because of observed devotion to their young, storks suggested to the faith community something of the covenant love of God for his people.

But on my last visit, just a few months ago, something happened that amazed us: a nest of storks perched atop the column, with a bird hovering above, something like the Spirit of God hovering over the waters of primordial earth, as recorded in Genesis 1:2.

In ancient times peoples devoid of video games and other thumbing devices took time to observe animal behavior. Ideas such as "sly as a fox," "wise as an owl," "regal as a lion," and "stupid as a donkey" were shared impressions of people in many cultures. And of all the animals that the Hebrews observed, none was believed to be as constant in care for their young as were storks.

This ancient memory explains the tie of storks to human babies even in our own time—well, at least to my time. Our grandchildren, I have discovered, are more physiologically and anatomically informed than children were when I was a boy. "Where do babies come from?" a child used to ask. In more

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Storks, *hasidot*! These unlikely “unclean” birds, because of observed devotion to their young, mysteriously suggested to the faith community of Israel something of the deep, lasting, covenant love of God for his people, his loyal love—his *hesed*.

The Hebrew word for “stork” is *hasidah*, a word related to *hesed*, the principal term describing the kindness, love, mercy, and goodness of Yahweh, the name for Israel’s covenant-keeping God. The stork was regarded as unusually kind to its young; Yahweh is indescribably kind to his people. His *hesed* kindness is abundant in depth (Num. 14:18), great in range (Num. 14:19), everlasting in extent (Jer. 33:11), and good in essence (Ps. 69:16).

After “Yah

Deut 14:18+Numbers 14:18, The Stork And God's Lovingkindness

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:18 the stork...
- <02624> חַסִּידָה chasidah)339d(
• Meaning: stork... Usage: stork(5).
- <02617a> טוֹבָה tobacheshed)338c(
• Meaning: goodness, kindness...
• Usage: deeds of devotion(2), devotion(1), devout(1), faithfulness(1), favor(2), good(1), kindly(7), kindness(32), kindnesses(1), loveliness(1), lovingkindness(176),...

Deuteronomy 14:18, Hoopoe, Israel's National Bird

- Only 2 NAU uses of “hoopoe” , 1st. Use in Leviticus 11:19.
- Did you know that the Hoopoe (דּוּכִּיפַּת, dukhifat) is Israel's national bird? This peculiar-looking bird encapsulates a typical Israeli: although it has a crown, it doesn't act like a snob, you can find it everywhere and people refer to it as a symbol of wisdom. The hoopoe is a beautiful bird with a crown or crest on top of its head. It has a peculiar call of “hood hood hood” which is why it is named “Hood” in Arabic and “UpupaEpops” in Latin. It has no housing problems - it nests on walls and cracks and gender equality is on its agenda; male and female are equally pretty and take similar responsibilities over their offspring. Next time you visit Israel, look for the hoopoe – you will find it walking or flying in couples almost everywhere, decorating nature with its beautiful colors, shapes and unique crown.
- Hebrew Teacher @ eTeacherHebrew

Deuteronomy 14:18,
Hoopoe, Israel's National
Bird



Deuteronomy 14:21, Milk And Meat In Jewish Law

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:21...You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
- From Wikipedia,... Milk and meat in Jewish law...
- Torah: Exodus 23:19, Exodus 34:26, Deuteronomy 14:21
- Babylonian Talmud: Hullin 113b, 115b
- Mixtures of milk and meat (Hebrew: בשר בחלב, basar bechalav, literally "meat in milk") are prohibited according to Jewish law. This dietary law, basic to kashrut, is based on two verses in the Book of Exodus, which forbid "boiling a (kid) goat in its mother's milk"[1][2] and a third repetition of this prohibition in Deuteronomy.[3]
- According to the Talmud, these three almost identical references are the basis for three distinct dietary laws:[4]
 - the prohibition against cooking a mixture of milk and meat
 - the prohibition against eating a cooked mixture of milk and meat
 - the prohibition against deriving any benefit from a cooked mixture of milk and meat.

Deuteronomy 14:21, Milk And Meat In Jewish Law

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:21...You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
- A cheeseburger is not kosher

Neither was getting
cream to put in my
coffee at
dinnertime!



Deuteronomy 14:21, Milk And Meat In Jewish Law

- What does the Scripture say about it?
- NAU Deuteronomy 14:21...You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.
- Father Abraham fed milk and meat to Ha Shem (YHWH, LORD) and two angels in the same meal.
- NAU Genesis 18:8 He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.

Deuteronomy 14:22, Various Tithes

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:22 "You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field **every year**.
- NAU Deuteronomy 14:23 "You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

Deuteronomy 14:25, Various Tithes

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:25 then you shall exchange it for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. 26 "You may spend the money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

Deuteronomy 14:26, Tithes = Alcohol?

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:26 "You may spend the money for whatever your heart desires:...wine, or strong drink..."
- Won't find Deuteronomy 14:26 emphasized in many sermons on tithing. It is also largely skipped over in sermons concerning alcohol.

Deuteronomy 14:27, Various Tithes

- NAU Deuteronomy 14:27 "Also you shall **not neglect the Levite** who is in your town, for he has no portion or inheritance among you. 28 "At the end of **every third year** you shall bring out **all the tithe of your produce in that year**, and shall deposit it in your town. 29 "The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Deuteronomy 14:22+ 28, Many Various Tithes= 30% approx

- The MacArthur Study Bible notes on page 271 say, “The time specified in these verses was only that of the agricultural produce which the land would provide. This was a second tithe to be used for the celebration of convocations of worship at the sanctuary (vv.23-25), in addition to the first tithe mentioned, known as the Levitical tithe which went to support priests Levites who served the people. Cf. Lev. 27:30 and Num. 18:21-32. A third welfare tithe was also offered every three years (see notes on 14:28; 26:12).”



Deuteronomy 15

Let's read Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Deuteronomy 15:6

The Strong Shekel Dilemma

- www.reuters.com, 6 April 2014, had an article entitled “**The Strong Shekel Dilemma.**” Discussing the effects of the strong Israeli Shekel; “The deterioration of the value of the dollar versus the shekel has contributed to...” higher import prices.

Arno's Commentary in the Midnight Call newsletter said, “Strong currency has been a problem for the super-rich European countries in the past. A strong currency will buy more products from other nations. In the U.S., for example, every president has solemnly declared, “We believe in a strong US dollar,” and every president for the last hundred years has experienced the opposite—the decline of the dollar.

The increase of value of the Israeli shekel shows that individual nations, properly guided and well educated, can overcome virtually any obstacle. We must point out, however, that Israel is different, not only because of their high-tech industries and currency success, but because Israel is being prepared for the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 15:6, “For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.”

Deuteronomy 15:9, God Knows Our Hearts And Thoughts

- Deuteronomy 15:9 "Beware that there is no base thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and your eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he may cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you.
- Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- *Patrick Morley said, "Each of us leads a secret thought life, an invisible life known only to us- it is not known to others. This secret life is usually very different from the visible you- the you that is known by others. Yet it is the real you, the you that is known by our God."*
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Deuteronomy 15:1–11,

Seventh-year Sabbatical, wikipedia

- “Sabbath Year or Shmita (Hebrew: שמיטה, Strong's 8059 as shemittah, literally "release"), also called Sabbatical Year, is the seventh (שביעי, Strong's 7637 as shebiy'iy) year of the seven-year agricultural cycle mandated by Torah for the Land of Israel, relatively little observed in Biblical tradition, but still observed in contemporary Judaism. During Shmita, the land is left to lie fallow and all agricultural activity—including plowing, planting, pruning and harvesting—is forbidden by Torah and Jewish law. By tradition, other cultivation techniques (such as watering, fertilizing, weeding, spraying, trimming and mowing) may be performed as preventative measures only, not to improve the growth of trees or plants; additionally, whatever ...

Deuteronomy 15:1–11,

Seventh-year Sabbatical, wikipedia

- fruits grow of their own accord during that year are deemed hefker (ownerless), not for the landowner but for the poor, the stranger, and the beasts of the field; these fruits may be picked by anyone. A variety of laws also apply to the sale, consumption and disposal of Shmita produce. When the year ended, all debts, except those of foreigners, were to be remitted (Deuteronomy 15:1–11); in similar fashion, Torah requires a slave who had worked for six years to go free in the seventh year. Leviticus 25 promises bountiful harvests to those who observe Shmita, and describes its observance as a test of religious faith. The term Shmita is translated "release" five times in the Book of Deuteronomy (from the root שָׁמַט, shamat, "desist, remit", 8058).

Deuteronomy 15:11

- NAU Deuteronomy 15:11 "For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'
- NAU Matthew 26:11 "For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me.
- NAU Mark 14:7 "For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me.
- Luke uses the word "poor" 11 X's in the NAU

Deuteronomy 15:11

Jerusalem Daily Photo,

Today's photograph taken by Shoshana Margulis depicts the kindness of a man who is trying to support a crestfallen elder who seems to be in dire need. The writing on the wall in the background of the picture reflects the image with the statement: 'acts of kindness come prior to Torah learning'.



- [Jerusalem Inspiration](#), Today's verse calls for us to be proactive in giving to others, using a double verb in Hebrew (literally, "you shall open and open your hand") to tell us to give to others again and again. Sounds good, but not so easy, right? The Israel Defense Forces has taken up the challenge of fulfilling this command, again and again, setting up emergency field hospitals to care for wounded civilians on the Israeli-Syrian border, and around the globe wherever needed.
- [Jerusalem Daily Photo](#), Today's photo features the pediatric unit of the IDF's field hospital in the Philippines. The IDF set up the very first and most comprehensive humanitarian relief to the country after it was stricken by a devastating typhoon.



Deuteronomy 15:12,

- NAU Deuteronomy 15:12 "If your kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, is sold to you, then he shall serve you six years, but in the seventh year you shall set him free.
- The word "Hebrew" is only used once in Deuteronomy, and 26 X's in the NAU.

What does Hebrew mean in Hebrew?

(Insight from Dr. Eli)

- “**W**ay before we called the people of Israel “Jews” (which happened long after the Babylonian exile was over), the Bible called them “Hebrews”. The very first “Hebrew” was Abraham – the father of all those who believe.... The word “hebrew” comes from the verb La**AVoR**, which means “to cross over.” On the one hand, Abraham crossed over from Mesopotamia (Modern Iraq) into Canaan, which is modern-day Israel. On the other hand, he crossed over from the world of idol worship that was familiar to him and his family to a new realm, one in which one true God was worshiped instead. In both senses Abraham became forever an **IVRi** (a Hebrew) – one who has crossed over...”

Dr. Eli, Eli.Lizorkin@eteachergroup.com

Deuteronomy 15:12-18, Bondservants In The Bible

- NAU Deuteronomy 15:13 "When you set him free, you shall not send him away empty-handed.
- When you read about slavery in the Bible, Please don't confuse that with the stereotypical TV representation of slavery an our south last century. This is radically different.

Deuteronomy 15:16

Bondservants In The Bible

- NAU Deuteronomy 15:16 "It shall come about if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he fares well with you;
- This reminds me of Christians, who although not deserving, chose to become permanent members of the House, sealed in blood by piercing, given a gold ring, and then doubly blessed and provision.

Deuteronomy 15:19-23

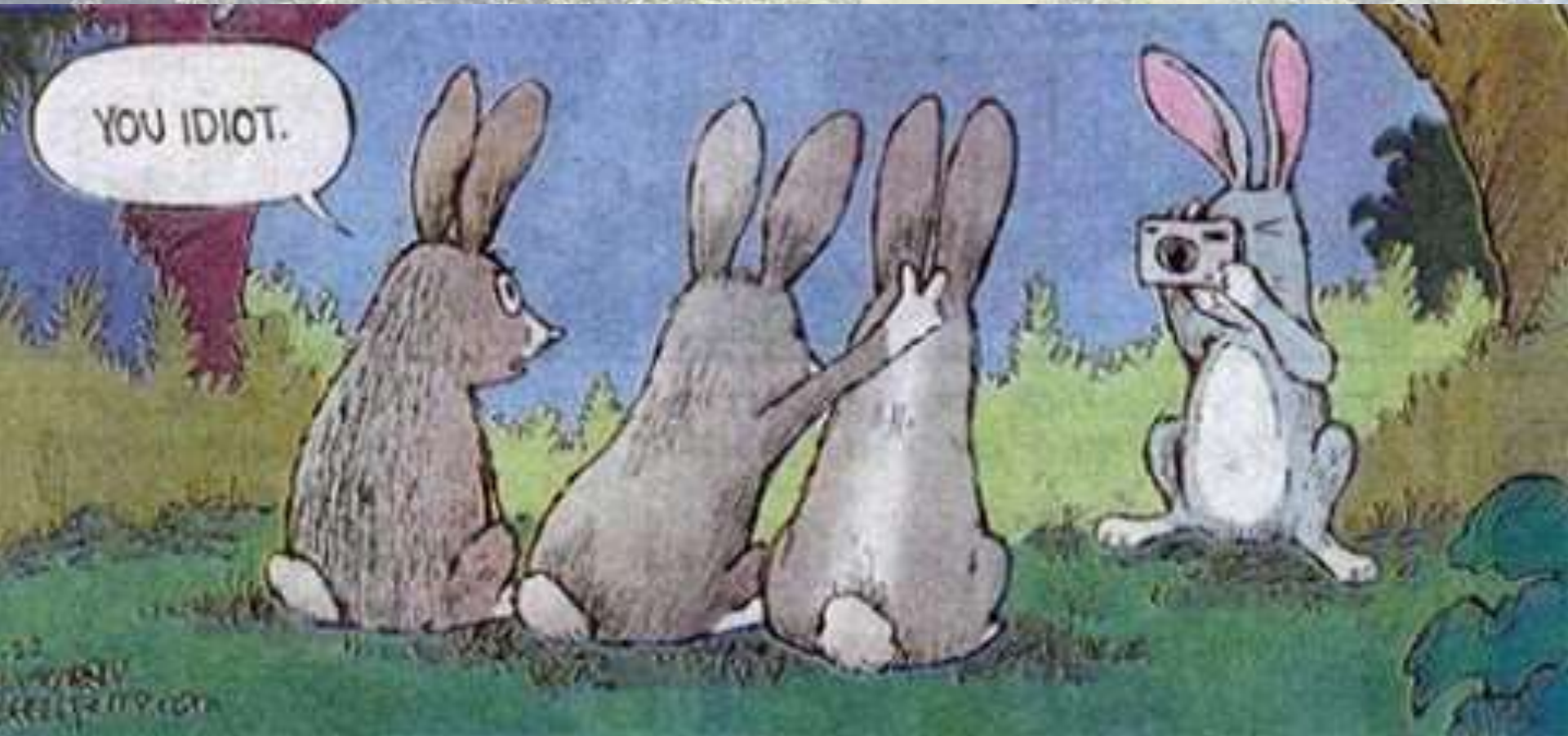
All Firstborn Males Belong To The Lord

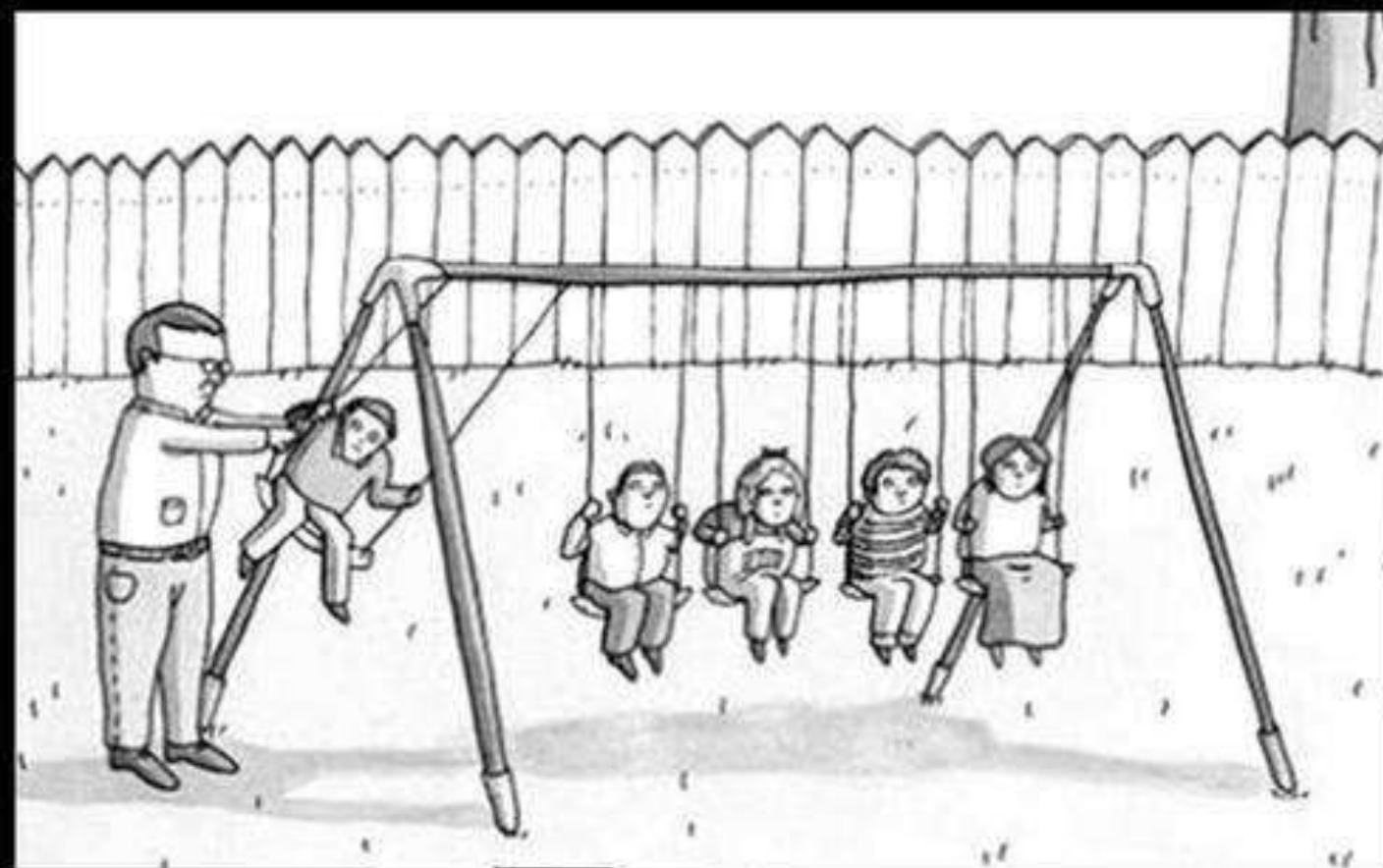
- Firstborn males=consecrated to the LORD
- do no work with the firstborn
- Firstborn males remain unshorn
- Must be partaken of where the Lord chooses
- Must be without defect
- Any person may partake of it
- The blood must be poured out

Firstborn Male Sacrifices Remind Me Of Jesus Christ

- [vs.19] Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son
- [vs.19] vows forbid cutting hair, Numbers 6:5, Acts 18:18
- [vs.20] John 6:57-58... he who eats Me, he also will live...forever...
- [vs.20] the Lord chose the time and place of the crucifixion
- [vs.20] the Lord chooses when and where to save us
- [vs.21] 1 Peter 1:19 ...a lamb unblemished and spotless...
- [vs.22] John 3:15 ...whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.
- [vs.23] Matthew 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

In conclusion





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END*

Why science teachers
should not be given
playground duty.

Deuteronomy 14:18, Hoopoe, Israel's National Bird

- 1st. Use in Leviticus 11:19 and the stork, the heron in its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the bat.
- Israel's National Bird, The Hoopoe - eteacherhebrew Newsletter - August 2013
- Did you know that the Hoopoe (דוכיפת, dukhifat) is Israel's national bird? This peculiar-looking bird even though it doesn't act like a snob, you can find it everywhere and people refer to it as a symbol of wisdom. The top of its head. It has a peculiar call of "hood hood hood" which is why it is named "Hood" in Arabic at problems - it nests on walls and cracks and gender equality is on its agenda; male and female are equal in their offspring.
- Next time you visit Israel, look for the hoopoe – you will find it walking or flying in couples almost everywhere.
- colors, shapes and unique crown.
- לֵהִיטְרָאוֹת! Lehitra'ot!
- See you!
- כהן רגב שירה
- Shira Cohen-Regev
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thers? נוצה ציצת לדוכיפת ענד מי? Mi 'al
Bi'alik נחמן חיים



What Does the Bible Say About Tattoos?

- **Old Testament**

- Some people see this verse as clear evidence that it is wrong to get a tattoo: You shall not make any gashes in your flesh for the dead or tattoo any marks upon you: I am the Lord. (NRSV, Leviticus 19:28)
- However, there are problems with that interpretation. Leviticus 19:25-31 contains a series of laws that prohibit various pagan worship practices. The Israelites were constantly tempted to lapse into the pagan practices of other ancient peoples (Exodus 32:1-6, Numbers 25:1-3, etc.), so they were forbidden to do anything that had even the appearance of a pagan ritual.
- Cutting and marking the flesh were common pagan rites for mourning the dead. So, in context, it was probably not the mark on the skin itself that was offensive, but rather the strong association with pagan worship. Such an association would not likely be made in today's world.

- **New Testament**

- Another verse cited against tattoos was written by the apostle Paul: Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. (NRSV, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- However, in context, it is clear that 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 is about sexual immorality, not about tattoos.
- **Conclusion;** The Bible verses can be interpreted different ways, and it is not clear whether or not getting a tattoo would violate any Bible teaching. A tattoo which portrays hatred or violence or something evil would be more clearly against Bible principles. Another consideration is that at least of a third of people suffer "tattoo regret" after a few months or years, and a tattoo may make a negative impression on future employers and future friends. Tattoo removal is expensive, not always completely effective, and can leave scars.
- http://www.christianbiblereference.org/faq_tattoos.htm

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- QUESTION FOR THE DAY
- Dear Compass,
- I have a close friend who I thought was a Christian. She just got a tattoo that says "Jesus Loves Me" on her right arm. I tried to tell her that tattoos were forbidden by God, but she wouldn't listen. She says I'm legalistic. Doesn't the Bible say somewhere that it is wrong to receive a mark?
- ANSWER:
- The Bible says there will come a time when Satan will demand the world receive his mark on their right hand or forehead before they can buy or sell.
- *And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.* —Revelation 13:16-17 Anyone who takes the mark will be eventually cast into hell—no questions asked. *And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.* —Revelation 14:11 But this happens post-Rapture and should be of no concern to believers today. When believers get to heaven and have new bodies, they will have God's mark on their foreheads. *they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.* —Revelation 22:4 The verse you may be referring to is from the Old Testament, Leviticus 19:28: *You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the Lord.*
See also Leviticus 21:5. But you would have a problem using this verse to justify not having tattoos as it was part of the law and in a different dispensation, or time period—we are living in the Church Age. If you tried to make it part of what Christians should abide with today, then you have other laws to implement also:
- stoning to death rebellious children *So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him* —Deuteronomy 22:18
- stoning to death those caught in adultery *If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.* —Deuteronomy 22:22
- not eating pork *and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, it is unclean to you.* —Leviticus 11:7
- etc.
- However, it is possible that someone could be in sin by tattooing themselves out of rebellion to God-given authority, but then the sin would be rebellion, not the tattoo itself. The tattoo is merely a symptom of a deeper problem.
- So, if you don't want to be tattooed, that's your choice (and we think a sensible choice), but you can't tell her the Bible says it's wrong. Therefore your friend is correct—that indeed would be legalism.

Leviticus 19:28 'You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

- QUESTION FOR THE DAY
- Dear Compass,
- I am shocked by your comments regarding tattoos. I have appreciated your "tell-it-like-it-is" comments in the past, but you were wrong to soft pedal this one—tattooing is wrong and you know it (Leviticus 19:28). Someone there must have a tattoo and is trying to find a way to justify it.
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- ANSWER:
- This is the verse in question:
- *You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves;* —Leviticus 19:28The context of the verse is in reference to God's forbidding using pagan religious customs. The problem was rebellion—following other pagan practices—not tattoos. Consider this verse written some 750 years later where writing on your body is discussed in a positive light:
- . . . *I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants; . . . This one will say, "I am the Lord's"; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, "Belonging to the Lord."* —Isaiah 44:3, 5It is possible that verse could have referred to temporary rather than permanent markings, so it's not a verse to use to support tattooing. Regardless, you can't point to the Old Testament as the reason to avoid tattoos—as shortsighted as you may think they are. The most critical point we made in that GML was that Leviticus is Old Testament law. We are now under Church Age grace. If we were to implement the Old Testament law today, we would have to stone:
- *Adulterers If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.* —Deuteronomy 22:22
- rebellious children
- They shall say to the elders of his city, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard." Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death. —Deuteronomy 21:20-21a
- etc.
- But Jesus freed us from the law. We can think of no biblical reason a Christian should or should not be tattooed. It appears to us that rebellion, culture and/or peer pressure seems to be the driving force in most people. Rebellion and peer pressure is, of course, sin.
- *For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.* —1 Samuel 15:23Believers' bodies are not their own; they belong to God.
- *Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.* —1 Corinthians 6:18-19If you try to stretch the above verses to say someone with a tattoo(s) is not glorifying to God, you would also have to include someone who was overweight, out of shape, had too much or too little sun, had on too much or too little makeup, doesn't go to the doctor enough, doesn't exercise their brain enough . . . the list is endless. The context of 1 Corinthians 6:18-19 is sexual sin, and it would be a stretch to try to apply it to tattoos.
- We think it is, however, worth noting that both God and Satan will mark people in the future.
- *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.* —Revelation 3:12*Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.* —Revelation 14:1
- *And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,* —Revelation 13:16
- FYI, no one at Compass has confessed to having a tattoo. However, one has permanent eye-liners, which might be considered tattoos. :-)
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- About Compass...

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- Scripture's position on tattoos is taboo. Herewith are the references: Leviticus 19:28, 21:5, Deut. 14:1-2, 1 Kings 18:28-29, and Jeremiah 16:6, 47:5.

Deut. 14:18, Stork

- Shabbat Inspiration
- The Bible tells us that a certain bird called a chassidah (a stork) is not kosher, and commentators intuit the reason: it is cruel to birds of other species. Yet if we look more closely, the bird's name "chassidah" comes from the Hebrew word "chessed" which means kindness! This bird does indeed display kindness toward its own species by sharing food with them. But the Bible wants us to learn that the kosher form of chessed is to bestow kindness equally on all people, regardless of how similar they are to us. Israel's national blood bank saves the lives of Jews, Christians and Arabs throughout Israel, without regard to race or religion.

The Strong Shekel Dilemma

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- Arie Levin envisions a time in the not too distant future where his micro electronics company, AVX Corp, may no longer have operations in Israel. Due to a sharp appreciation of the shekel against the dollar, AVX, which was founded in 1972 and makes components for wireless products, has already shifted some of its thin film production from Jerusalem to the Czech Republic.
“The deterioration of the value of the dollar versus the shekel has contributed to a 20 percent increase in our costs, which narrows down the profit margins and forces us to look for other solutions,” said Levin, head of AVX Israel, which is 70 percent owned by Kyocera.
With exports making up as much as 40 percent of economic activity, exporters have been vocal about their diminishing competitiveness, especially as it has coincided with a spike in salaries, food, fuel electricity and petrol prices and other living costs, and economic weakness in Europe and the United States, Israel’s two largest trading partners. The strong shekel has also made imports cheaper, adding to local producers’ woes.
Karnit Flug, Israel’s central bank chief, believes exporters must learn to live with a strong shekel.
“The more basic industries obviously have a harder time competing given the more appreciated exchange rate, and therefore, they really need to adjust and improve their ability to compete,” Flug told Reuters.
She said most of Israel’s exports are concentrated in the high-tech sector and can compete despite the stronger shekel.
“The appreciation of the exchange rate, most of it is actually coming from the fact that the economy is doing relatively well,” Flug said.
www.reuters.com, 6 April 2014
Arno's Commentary
- Strong currency has been a problem for the super-rich European countries in the past. A strong currency will buy more products from other nations. In the U.S., for example, every president has solemnly declared, “We believe in a strong US dollar,” and every president for the last hundred years has experienced the opposite—the decline of the dollar.
The increase of value of the Israeli shekel shows that individual nations, properly guided and well educated, can overcome virtually any obstacle. We must point out, however, that Israel is different, not only because of their high-tech industries and currency success, but because Israel is being prepared for the fulfillment of Deuteronomy 15:6, “For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.”
(For more on Israel’s future, read *Zechariah’s Prophetic Vision for the New World*, Item [1052](#).)
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- NAU Deuteronomy 14:18 the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe and the bat.

- Kindred Spirit, autumn 2014 volume 38, number two. Dallas Theological Seminary magazine, page 15, By Ronald B. Alan

