

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

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Your Salvation's Cost

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, 'Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:34-37)

This is the human side of salvation. People sing, *Jesus Paid It All*, and claim to be saved like a thief on the cross, before and without ever surrendering to the cross of Jesus Christ! To follow Jesus, we must deny our claims to be saved, and our self-justifying attitude, with repentance and baptism for remission of sins.

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Forgiveness is With God

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

To realize that God knows every sin of ours is to realize that no one is perfect enough by our self to face God without being forgiven. People can try to hide from God, like Adam and Eve who:

... Hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. (**Genesis 3:8**)

People can act like Pharisees who, Jesus said,

"Are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts." (Luke 16:15)

Neither works! God's forgiveness changes us.

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted,

forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you. (**Ephesians 4:31-32**)

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Work of Creation

Everything on earth had a beginning. Every effect must have an adequate cause. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God (**Hebrews 3:4**), It's an inescapable conclusion of common sense.

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (**Hebrews 11:3**)

What we "see" is material substance, but it was not made from itself! All scientific evidence and fact prove that matter is not eternal and must have had a beginning.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Thus, the Bible begins with one of the strongest proofs possible that there had to have been The Creator: from nothing came something caused by The Power ("God") who is the uncaused First Cause!

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It Is God's World

The first "Earth Day" was April 22, 1970. Its Founder, then- Senator Gaylord Nelson said:

"If we could tap into the environmental concerns of the general public and infuse the student anti-war energy into the environmental cause, we could generate a demonstration that would force this issue onto the political agenda." (http://earthday.envirolink.org/history.html)

In 2000, it became an international campaign, focused on global warming and clean energy alternatives. How arrogant are humans who claim they can "save the world?" The Earth is not ours to save. It was:

... The living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them. (Acts 14:15)

Solomon said,

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. (**Ecclesiastes 1:4**)

The Earth doesn't need saving, but people do! Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16)

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Devolving Evolution

In one passage, by stating scientific facts, the New Testament destroys the false doctrine of Evolution.

All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. (1 Corinthians 15:39-41)

Evolution falsely says "all flesh is the same" without any scientific proof! Evolution falsely says our Earth is no different from celestial bodies, but no observation proves this! The Bible rightly shows the sun, moon and stars are different from each other! Our Creator should know!

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