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IF CHRIST HAD NOT DIED ON THE CROSS

For those who do not believe that Christ died on the cross.

1. Those people make Christ a liar. Christ spoke concerning His death on the cross before his crucifixion and following his resurrection. It is impossible for the sinless Christ to lie.
2. Those people make the prophecies of the Old Testament false. Prophecies which told thousand of years ago, of his death, and doing so, is denying the accuracy of the Bible, which is the word of the Living God, protected and guarded until the End of Time.
3. Those people make the writers of the New Testament liars, When it is inspired by the Lord himself, "Because no prophecy ever came by the will of man, instead, moved by the Holy Spirit, men spoke from God". (2 Peter 1, 21).
4. Make the history books inaccurate with Roman, Greek, and Christian historians writing of the death of Christ on the cross, therefore doubting the events of history.
5. Those people make the Christian faith a lie, destroying all of its creeds. "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Not even Christ has been raised, our preaching is useless, and so is your faith". (I Corinthians, 15:13-14).
6. If Christ had not die and rose from the dead there is no salvation for mankind. "For God so loved the world That he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him-shall not perish, but have eternal life". (John 3:16). Also "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone believes

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In Him may have eternal life", (John 3: 14-15) and this is one of the most important qualities of Christianity, declaring the Salvation of man

The death of Christ on the cross is not a defeat in need of supporters, but a victory followed by the victory of the resurrection of our Christ from the dead.

This is what Christ's resurrection shows us:

1. Christ's unique prophecy "and who through the spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord". (Roman 1:4).
2. Christ spoke the truth declaring his death and resurrection.
3. He told us of his presence to eternity, informing us that he will come back again to judge the dead and the living. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people. One from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left. Then the King will Say to those on his right, come up, who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the World". (Matthew 25:31-35). "More over, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor The Father, who sent him" (John 5:22-23). "He commended us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed to judge of the living and the dead". (Acts 11:42).

The cross is our symbol and those who do not believe in it, I say to them what our teacher Paul declared "for the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the Power of God" (1 Corinthians 18).

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Resurrection in 2006.

Amid Habib, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.E.

THANK YOU!!

Your donations for 2005 totaled \$38,111.00 and we distributed \$28,790.00 to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East.

If you need a copy of our Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2005, please stop by our office to pick up one or call us to mail or fax one to you.

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TWO ANGELS

A long time ago my Grandfather told me about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, my son, the battle is between two angels, inside us all. One angel is evil. It is jealousy, anger, envy, regret, sorrow, greed, arrogance, guilt, resentment, self-pity, lies, false pride and ego.

The other angel is Godly. It is faith, compassion, generosity, empathy, benevolence, truth, peace, joy, kindness, hope, love, serenity and humility.

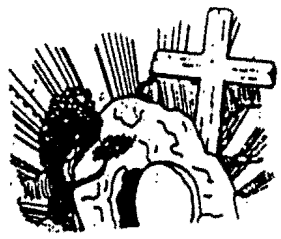
I thought about it, and then asked my Grandfather, Which angel wins? He simply replied, the one you listen to.

My question is, when we think about giving to help our needy Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East, which angel do we listen to?

By Richard Brooks

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Abraham was a citizen of Ur in the Chaldees, Babylon, (identified as modern Tell El Muqayyar, located nine miles west of Nasiriyeh on the Euphrates river in south Iraq). He spoke the original Babylonian language (Aramaic). The Babylonians are Arameans and the Arameans are Syrian. The Hebrew language is a mixture of the Aramaic (Syriac) and Cananite language.
 2. The Syriac alphabet is the first alphabet in the world, invented by God who taught it to Adam and Eve.
 3. The Syriac language is the first spoken language of man, used by Adam to speak with God.
 4. The original inhabitants of Syria were the oldest people on the face of the earth. The term "Aramic" is derived from the pre-Hellenic name of Syria, "Aram". Christ spoke and taught using the Aramaic (Syriac) language. Many believe that Aramaic (Syriac) language is the language of Heavens.
 5. It was an Aramaic speaking Rebekah who Issac married, the same was true of Leah and Rachel, the wives of Jacob. Not all of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. In the book of Ezra most of Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7 are in Aramaic and also all of Daniel 2 through 7. In addition, there is one verse in Jeremiah entirely in Aramaic (10:11).
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فجر القيامة

أحمد شوقي

يا قاهر الموت ذل القبر واندحرا
يا قاهر الموت حقا ما تركت له
دست الجحيم وسلطان الحياة لدن
لما نشرت على أرجائه الظفرا
إلا الفراغ وإلا القبر والحجرا
نيح الخلاص العظيم جرى

هذا الصليب شعار العار من قدم
قد بات رمز الفدا رمز السلام كما
لله جلجلة دقوا بهامته
عود تسمر فيه الحق فانبجست
نور من الآب بالناسوت ملتحف

فجر القيامة في أحضانه وشرى
حيا فنالت رعاياه به الوطرا
يرضى به العدل اذ يفدي به البشرى
إذا تصرفت فيما قلتـه دررا
يوحى لنا سيد السادات والأمرا
من ملهم الشعر بل من ملهم الشعرا
مجد الصليب لدن أنشدت مفتخرا
ليس الصليب حديدا كان بل شجرا
وكيف جاوز في سلطانه العصرا
وأن للحق لا للقوة الظفرا
كنه الاله يفوق السمع والبصرا
لفهم من حير الأبواب والفكرا
قام المسيح وداس الموت وانتصرا
إن الذي قام فادي الأرض والبشرا

فآله الجسد المصلوب حين بدا
السرمدى تناهى في تأنسه
يا موت يسوع يا قربان جبلتنا
عفوا أمير القوافي عن محاولتي
أنت الأمير ولكن كلنا خدام
ما شعرنا غير الهام نفيض به
شوقي ويا طيب إنشاد ذكرت به
يا فاتح القدس خل السيف ناحية
إذا رأيت إلى أين انتهت يده
علمت أن وراء الضعف مقدره
لا تطلبن لكنه الله معرفته
وليدعن العقل فالإيمان يرشده
إن القيامة شمس الحق ساطعة
أن تفرح الأرض طرا في قيامته

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