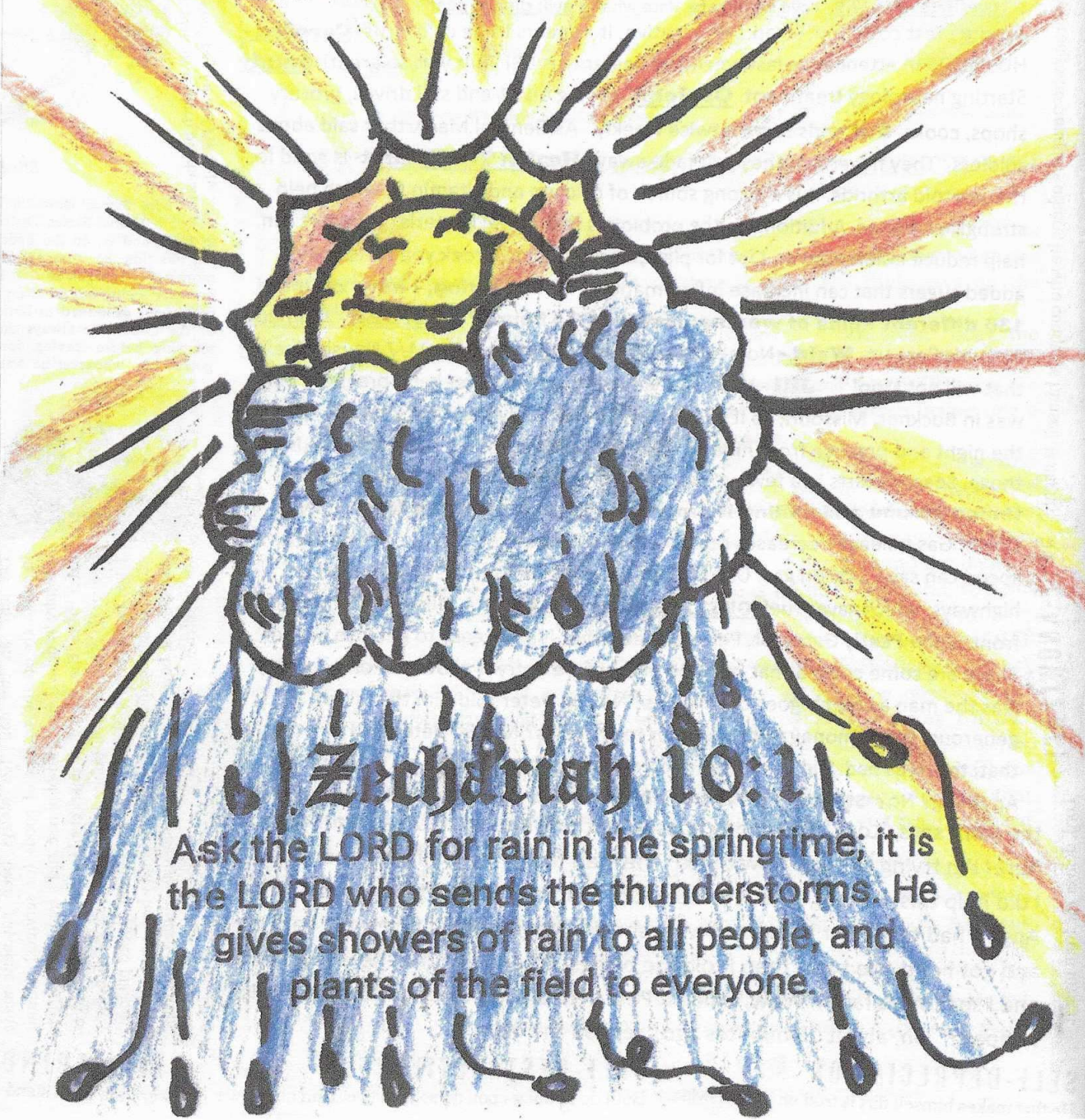


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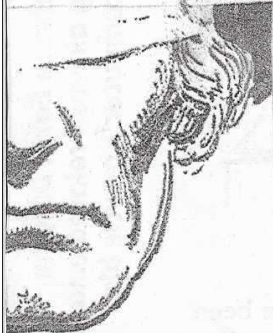


**Zechariah 10:1**

Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.



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"Our small son Drew, who had been recently porty-  
trained, made this request during his bedtime prayers:  
'God, please make my legs longer so I can get to the  
bathroom on time.'"

There is no use whatever trying to help people who do not  
help themselves. You cannot push anyone up a ladder  
unless he be willing to climb himself.

### SELF-IMPROVEMENT



**SELF-CONFIDENCE**  
Be always sure you're right, then go ahead.

The history of the world is full of men who rose to leader-  
ship, by sheer force of self-confidence, bravery, and  
tenacity.

"This is a new stress test. We just put on the news."

"Don't you just love these heated seats?"



### SELF-DOUBT

It is easy—terribly easy—to shake a man's faith in himself.  
To take advantage of that to break a man's spirit is devil's  
work.

## HOW DOES ONE BECOME A NEW CREATURE?

In order to become a "new creature," one must follow the Word of God. It doesn't matter what you or I think about it. It doesn't matter what one may think he experiences. What matters is what the Bible says on the subject.

To become a new creature - a new creation - one must "obey the gospel." Two passages speak of the condemnation that comes upon those who "obey not the gospel" (I Peter 4:17; II Thessalonians 1:7-9). Obeying the Gospel is synonymous with becoming a new creature, which makes one a Christian - one having the forgiveness of his sins.

Becoming a new creature involves being "born again." Jesus told Nicodemus, "...Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ... **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:3-5). This new birth involves two elements: water and Spirit. These elements are the waters of baptism and the instruction of the Holy Spirit. Without either, there is no new birth; and, without the new birth (born again), one cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Becoming a new creature involves being "in Christ." One is either OUT of Christ or IN Christ. Those OUT of Christ are lost (Ephesians 2:1-5,12), while those IN Christ are saved (II Timothy 2:10). How does one get INTO Christ? Romans 6:3 says one is "**baptized INTO Jesus Christ**." Since water baptism is HOW one gets INTO Christ, the next question is, WHEN does one get INTO Christ? Galatians 3:27 says one puts on Christ when he is "**baptized INTO Christ**." These are the only two verses that tell us "how" and "when" one gets "into" Christ. Have you been baptized INTO Christ?

Water baptism is the "new birth" of which Jesus spake with Nicodemus. It is the process wherein one is "born again." One dies to the old way of life and becomes a "new creature" to a new way of life (Romans 6:4). As Jesus died and was buried, a sinner dies to sin and is buried in water baptism. As Jesus was raised from the grave, a new creature in Christ is raised from the watery grave of baptism to a new life. The old man of sin is destroyed (Romans 6:3-6). In baptism, the sinner is made free from sin (Romans 6:17-18).

### SELF-LOVE

Up to a certain point every man is what he thinks he is.

**PICTURE THIS ...**  
For thousands of dollars, you can hire an artist to draw your portrait. Or, if you're in the Chicago area, you can walk up to Jacob Ryan Reno's table at the Logan Square Farmers Market on most Sundays and pay him \$5 for a "monstrously" as blockclubchicago.org put it. Reno named his one-man art stand Terrible Portraits, and clearly lives by this credo: Why use a palette of colors when a black-and-white stick figure will do? His goal is to have fun with his clients, most of whom bust a gut when they see the finished results.



A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.  
Garden Nash

### SELF-IMAGE

Nothing is more depressing than the conviction that one is

### SELF-ESTEEM

Every new adjustment is a crisis in self-esteem.

No man can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Paddle your own canoe.

"WHY DO THEY call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

password, the employee said he was told it had to be at least eight characters long and include at least one capital.

**DURING** a password audit, it was learned that an employee was using "MickeyMinniePluto HueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento." When asked why he created such a long

### NOVEMBER 3, 1957

#### Laika Orbits Earth

Sputnik 2 became the second USSR spacecraft launched into Earth's orbit. The spaceship blasted off with a dog named Laika onboard and reentered the Earth's atmosphere about five months later. Unfortunately, Laika died from overheating just hours after launch, but did provide important data on how living organisms respond to a space environment.



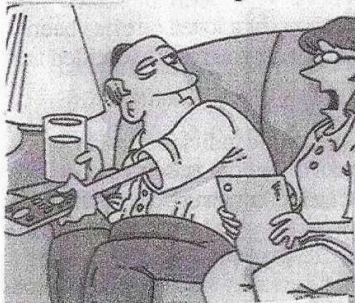
"There doesn't appear to be a note, but it's clear they mean business."

To celebrate Earth Day, I'm putting all work-related emails in my computer's recycle bin.

**ALIEN LIFE AND NASA** The tabloids and some mainstream media have been extolling an announcement by the space agency that "Alien Life Forms Have Been Discovered." As usual, the glitzy headline belies what is actually going on and what it means. A study at Mono Lake in California has found a bacterium that can grow in arsenic-rich environments if phosphorous is present. Robert Sawyer who was on the team that studied the bacterium says "We have found a different life form that uses arsenic in its basic DNA structure." Arsenic is element number 33 in the periodic chart which is in group V along with nitrogen, phosphorous, and antimony. These elements are very active chemically and bond strongly with nearly every element in the periodic chart. Arsenic trioxide is quickly formed when arsenic is heated in air for example. The fact that living things can use these group V materials in the DNA helix is remarkable, but it is not a new alien life form. No one expects to run into arsenic people on some phosphorous planet. It is a remarkable thing that DNA is so well designed that it can function with a wide variety of chemical environments — arsenic and phosphorous complexes mimicking nitrogen phosphorous structures apparently being one. **DAVID AND SOLOMON** The archeological evidence for the biblical account of David and Solomon. The author, Robert Draper, interviewed the major archeologists studying the ruins throughout the Middle East, and asked for their assessment of what the evidence shows. Dr. Lydia Evdoxiadi Verniory on the archeological claims about the historicity of the Bible sheds some interesting light on the conditions that existed during the time of the biblical characters we read about in the Bible, and conclude they are true. **OCEAN NUMBERS.** The study shows that there are roughly 250,000 species of living things in the ocean. Also undiscovered is estimated to be over hundreds of millions. This includes microbes, and if you added up their total weight it would be more than 240 billion African elephants.

I'M GLAD I learned deep-breathing techniques in a childbirth class. I needed them the most when my kid became a teenager.

The Bible tells us to love both our neighbors and our enemies, probably because they are the same people.



"For the fourth time, it's a quiz! Are you a good listener?"



"We love watching you. Your planet is our favorite reality show."



"Congratulations on figuring out which buttons to push to reach a representative!"