

January 3, 2016

# *Insight...*

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
2 Corinthians 5:17***

- **An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert...**in Israel and came upon a sarcophagus containing some ancient bones. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum and said, "*I've just discovered a 3,000 year-old remains of a man who died of heart failure!*" To which the curator replied, "*Bring him in. We'd like to see.*" A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "*You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death, but how did you know?*" "*Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath'.*"
- **When opportunity knocks...**Why volunteer to work with our children and youth at Walnut Hill? Because, "Qui docet discit" or "Who teaches learns."
- **Did you know that 46%** of nonreligious Americans believe that since the universe has organization, a creator must have designed it. [Lifeway Research]
- **A little good news** – Recent studies indicate that the abortion rates may be declining for babies diagnosed before birth with Down syndrome. Historical estimates put the previous rate around 90%...although exact numbers are not available, recent estimates suspect that the current rate may be as low as 67%. Even at 67%, the fatality rate is horrendous. Researchers assume the decline is due to changing attitudes about Down syndrome people. [American Journal of Medical Genetics]
- **Reaching Your Hindu Neighbor with the Love of Jesus** - There are over 2 million Hindu people living in the U.S. How can we effectively help them come to know Jesus?
  - Live a Christ-like life before them. Be living proof that Jesus died for them.
  - Hinduism is a large and segmented religion. Do not assume you understand what they believe until you've carefully listened to them and questioned them.
  - Look for common ground between beliefs.
  - Come to a mutual understanding of reincarnation (many cycles of live and death in order to achieve ultimate peace) and incarnation (where God took on flesh so that we could be born again and have peace with Him. John 3:3).

- Explain God's economy for the value of people...the love and value of everyone, very different from the caste system where a person's value is determined by the caste into which they are born. All are born in His image. All are in need of repentance and faith, God's gift of grace freely given.

A. **Trivia Question:** How many "kinds " do researchers claim Noah brought on the Ark?      A. 1000      B. 1500      C. 2000      D. 2500

### For Prayer...

...For those who were baptized on New Year's Eve: Ken, Austin and Gracie.

...This evening's Elder Board Meeting.

...Guest Homes for Moody Symphonic Band and the outreach surrounding this concert.

...Fred - having an operation to repair forearm and wrist.

...Missionaries in need of support...

...Youth Pastor search committee and the man they will call...

...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Dale (Connie)

Tom (Barb)

Christy (Mike)

Cheryl (Deane)

Ken & Judy

Dave (Jean)

...Jill and Dale are rejoicing in the birth of their new daughter, Catherine Noel, Monday AM, 8 lbs., 13 oz., 19.5 inches.

...Our Expectant Mothers:

Coty (Steve)

Amber (Keenan)

Johanna (Joshua)

Sara (Drew)

Sarah (Nathan)

Katie (Kyle)

Angela (Ryan)

Nocole (Jonathan)

*"I can't imagine a man  
really enjoying a book  
and reading it only once."*

*C. S. Lewis*

**Trivia Answer:** B. 1500 [Although precise numbers cannot be determined because so many animals have gone extinct, looking at all known animals, an estimated 1500 kinds would have brought the total to about 7,000 creatures.]