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Apprehending God

O taste and see.--Psa. 34:8

It was Canon Holmes, of India, who more than twenty-five years ago called attention to the inferential character of the average man's faith in God. To most people, God is an inference, not a reality. He is a deduction from evidence which they consider adequate; but He remains personally unknown to the individual. "He must be," they say, "therefore we believe He is." Others do not go even so far as this; they know of Him only by hearsay. They have never bothered to think the matter out for themselves, but have heard about Him from others and have put belief in Him into the back of their minds along with the various odds and ends that make up their total creed. To many others, God is but an ideal, another name for goodness or beauty or truth; or He is law or life or the creative impulse back of the phenomena of existence.

These notions about God are many and varied, but they who hold them have one thing in common: they do not know God in personal experience. The possibility of intimate acquaintance with Him has not entered their minds. While admitting His existence, they do not think of Him as knowable in the sense that we know things or people.

Christians, to be sure, go further than this at least in theory. Their creed requires them to believe in the personality of God, and they have been taught to pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven." Now personality and fatherhood carry with them the idea of the possibility of personal acquaintance. This is admitted, I say, in theory, but for millions of Christians, nevertheless, God is no more real than He is to the non-Christian. They go through life trying to love an ideal and be loyal to a mere principle.

Over against all this cloudy vagueness stands the clear scriptural doctrine that God can be known in personal experience. A loving Personality dominates the Bible, walking among the trees of the garden and breathing fragrance over every scene. Always a living Person is present, speaking, pleading, loving, working and manifesting Himself whenever and wherever His people have the receptivity necessary to receive the manifestation.

The Bible assumes as a self-evident fact that men can know God with at least the same degree of immediacy as they know any other person or thing that comes within the field of their experience. The same terms are used to express the knowledge of God as are used to express knowledge of physical things. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." "All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces." "My sheep hear my voice." "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." These are but four of countless such passages from the Word of God. And more important than any proof text is the fact that the whole import of the Scripture is toward this belief.

What can all this mean except that we have in our hearts organs by means of which we can know God as certainly as we know material things through our familiar five senses? We apprehend the physical world by exercising the faculties given us for the purpose, and we possess spiritual faculties by means of which we can know God and the spiritual world if we will obey the Spirit's urge and begin to use them.

That a saving work must first be done in the heart is taken for granted here. The spiritual faculties of the unregenerate man lie asleep in his nature, unused and for every purpose dead; that is the stroke which has fallen upon us by sin. They may be quickened to active life again by the operation of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; that is one of the immeasurable benefits which come to us through Christ's atoning work on the cross.

But the very ransomed children of God themselves: why do they know so little of that habitual conscious communion with God which the Scriptures seem to offer? The answer is our chronic unbelief. Faith enables our spiritual sense to function. Where faith is defective the result will be inward insensibility and numbness toward spiritual things. This is the condition of vast numbers of Christians today. No proof is necessary to support that statement. We have but to converse with the first Christian we meet or enter the first church we find open to acquire all the proof we need.

A spiritual kingdom lies all about us, enclosing us, embracing us, altogether within reach of our inner selves, waiting for us to recognize it. God, Himself, is here waiting our response to His Presence. This eternal world will come alive to us the moment we begin to reckon upon its reality.

I have just now used two words which demand definition; or if definition is impossible, I must at least make clear what I mean when I use them. They are "reckon" and "reality."

What do I mean by reality? I mean that which has existence apart from any idea any mind may have of it, and which would exist if there were no mind anywhere to entertain a thought of it. That which is real has being in itself. It does not depend upon the observer for its validity.

I am aware that there are those who love to poke fun at the plain man's idea of reality. They are the idealists who spin endless proofs that nothing is real outside of the mind. They are the relativists who like to show that there are no fixed points in the universe from which we can measure anything. They smile down upon us from their lofty intellectual peaks and settle us to their own satisfaction by fastening upon us the reproachful term "absolutist." The Christian is not put out of countenance by this show of contempt. He can smile right back at them, for he knows that there is only One who is Absolute, that is God. But he knows also that the Absolute One has made this world for man's uses, and, while there is nothing fixed or real in the last meaning of the words (the meaning as applied to God) for every purpose of human life we are permitted to act as if there were. And every man does act thus except the mentally sick. These unfortunates also have trouble with reality, but they are consistent; they insist upon living in accordance with their ideas of things. They are honest, and it is their very honesty that constitutes them a social problem.

The idealists and relativists are not mentally sick. They prove their soundness by living their lives according to the very notions of reality which they in theory repudiate and by counting upon the very fixed points which they prove are not there. They could earn a lot more respect for their notions if they were willing to live by them; but this they are careful not to do. Their ideas are brain-deep, not life-deep. Wherever life touches them, they repudiate their theories and live like other men.

The Christian is too sincere to play with ideas for their own sake. He takes no pleasure in the mere spinning of gossamer webs for display. All his beliefs are practical. They are geared into his life. By them he lives or dies, stands or falls for this world and for all time to come. From the insincere man he turns away.

The sincere plain man knows that the world is real. He finds it here when he wakes to consciousness, and he knows that he did not think it into being. It was here waiting for him when he came, and he knows that when he prepares to leave this earthly scene it will be here still to bid him good-bye as he departs. By the deep wisdom of life he is wiser than a thousand men who doubt. He stands upon the earth and feels the wind and rain in his face and he knows that they are real. He sees the sun by day and the stars by night. He sees the hot lightning play out of the dark thundercloud. He hears the sounds of nature and the cries of human joy and pain. These he knows are real. He lies down on the cool earth at night and has no fear that it will prove illusory or fail him while he sleeps. In the morning the firm ground will be under him, the blue sky above him and the rocks and trees around him as when he closed his eyes the night before. So he lives and rejoices in a world of reality.

With his five senses he engages this real world. All things necessary to his physical existence he apprehends by the faculties with which he has been equiped by the God who created him and placed him in such a world as this.

Now, by our definition also God is real. He is real in the absolute and final sense that nothing else is. All other reality is contingent upon His. The great Reality is God who is the Author of that lower and dependent reality which makes up the sum of created things, including ourselves. God has objective existence independent of and apart from any notions which we may have concerning Him. The worshipping heart does not create its Object. It finds Him here when it wakes from its moral slumber in the morning of its regeneration.

Another word that must be cleared up is the word reckon. This does not mean to visualize or imagine. Imagination is not faith. The two are not only different from, but stand in sharp opposition to, each other. Imagination projects unreal images out of the mind and seeks to attach reality to them. Faith creates nothing; it simply reckons upon that which is already there.

God and the spiritual world are real. We can reckon upon them with as much assurance as we reckon upon the familiar world around us. Spiritual things are there (or rather we should say here) inviting our attention and challenging our trust.

Our trouble is that we have established bad thought habits. We habitually think of the visible world as real and doubt the reality of any other. We do not deny the existence of the spiritual world but we doubt that it is real in the accepted meaning of the word.

The world of sense intrudes upon our attention day and night for the whole of our lifetime. It is clamorous, insistent and self-demonstrating. It does not appeal to our faith; it is here, assaulting our five senses, demanding to be accepted as real and final. But sin has so clouded the lenses of our hearts that we cannot see that other reality, the City of God, shining around us. The world of sense triumphs. The visible becomes the enemy of the invisible; the temporal, of the eternal. That is the curse inherited by every member of Adam's tragic race.

At the root of the Christian life lies belief in the invisible. The object of the Christian's faith is unseen reality.

Our uncorrected thinking, influenced by the blindness of our natural hearts and the intrusive ubiquity of visible things, tends to draw a contrast between the spiritual and the real; but actually no such contrast exists. The antithesis lies elsewhere: between the real and the imaginary, between the spiritual and the material, between the temporal and the eternal; but between the spiritual and the real, never. The spiritual is real.

If we would rise into that region of light and power plainly beckoning us through the Scriptures of truth we must break the evil habit of ignoring the spiritual. We must shift our interest from the seen to the unseen. For the great unseen Reality is God. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." This is basic in the life of faith. From there we can rise to unlimited heights. "Ye believe in God," said our Lord Jesus Christ, "believe also in me." Without the first there can be no second.

If we truly want to follow God we must seek to be otherworldly. This I say knowing well that that word has been used with scorn by the sons of this world and applied to the Christian as a badge of reproach. So be it. Every man must choose his world. If we who follow Christ, with all the facts before us and knowing what we are about, deliberately choose the Kingdom of God as our sphere of interest, I see no reason why anyone should object. If we lose by it, the loss is our own; if we gain, we rob no one by so doing. The "other world," which is the object of this world's disdain and the subject of the drunkard's mocking song, is our carefully chosen goal and the object of our holiest longing.

But, we must avoid the common fault of pushing the "other world" into the future. It is not future, but present. It parallels our familiar physical world, and the doors between the two worlds are open. "Ye are come," says the writer to the Hebrews (and the tense is plainly present), "unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." All these things are contrasted with "the mount that might be touched" and "the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words" that might be heard. May we not safely conclude that, as the realities of Mount Sinai were apprehended by the senses, so the realities of Mount Zion are to be grasped by the soul? And this not by any trick of the imagination, but in downright actuality. The soul has eyes with which to see and ears with which to hear. Feeble they may be from long disuse, but by the life-giving touch of Christ alive now and capable of sharpest sight and most sensitive hearing.

As we begin to focus upon God, the things of the spirit will take shape before our inner eyes. Obedience to the word of Christ will bring an inward revelation of the Godhead (John 14:21-23). It will give acute perception enabling us to see God even as is promised to the pure in heart. A new God consciousness will seize upon us, and we shall begin to taste and hear and inwardly feel the God who is our life and our all. There will be seen the constant shining of the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. More and more, as our

faculties grow sharper and more sure, God will become to us the great All, and His Presence the glory and wonder of our lives.

O God, quicken to life every power within me, that I may lay hold on eternal things. Open my eyes that I may see; give me acute spiritual perception; enable me to taste Thee and know that Thou art good. Make heaven more real to me than any earthly thing has ever been. Amen.

A.W. Tozer

What puzzles me is the fact that if one is given the choice of choosing the above truth over Communism, why would any one place all the faith that they can muster in Communism, the only truly atheistic religion? When all reality tells us that the faith needed to find The Almighty God through Jesus Christ is a gift, given freely to those who seek him in humble honesty.

~Comment by AWD

I had rather exercise faith than know the definition thereof.

~Thomas a Kempis, (paraphrased)

Executive Order 11110

June 4, 1963

On June 4, 1963, a little known attempt was made to strip the Federal Reserve Bank of its power to loan money to the government at interest. On that day President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order No. 11110 that returned to the U.S. government the power to issue currency, without going through the Federal Reserve. Mr. Kennedy's order gave the Treasury the power "to issue silver certificates against any silver bullion, silver, or standard silver dollars in the Treasury." This meant that for every ounce of silver in the U.S. Treasury's vault, the government could introduce new money into circulation. In all, Kennedy brought nearly \$4.3 billion in U.S. notes into circulation. The ramifications of this bill are enormous.

With the stroke of a pen, Mr. Kennedy was on his way to putting the Federal Reserve Bank of New York out of business. If enough of these silver certificates were to come into circulation they would have eliminated the demand for Federal Reserve notes. This is because the silver certificates are backed by silver and the Federal Reserve notes are not backed by anything. Executive Order 11110 could have prevented the national debt from reaching its current level, because it would have given the government the ability to repay its debt without going to the Federal Reserve and being charged interest in order to create the new money. Executive Order 11110 gave the U.S. the ability to create its own money backed by silver.

After Mr. Kennedy was assassinated just five months later, no more silver certificates were issued. The Final Call has learned that the Executive Order was never repealed by any U.S. President through an Executive Order and is still valid. Why then has no president utilized it? Virtually all of the nearly \$6 trillion in debt has been created since 1963, and if a U.S. president had utilized Executive Order 11110 the debt would be nowhere near the current level. Perhaps the assassination of JFK was a warning to future presidents who would think to eliminate the U.S. debt by eliminating the Federal Reserve's control over the creation of money. Mr. Kennedy challenged the government of money by challenging the two most successful vehicles that have ever been used to drive up debt - war and the creation of money by a privately owned central bank. His efforts to have all troops out of Vietnam by 1965 and Executive Order 11110 would have severely cut into the profits and control of the New York banking establishment. As America's debt reaches unbearable levels and a conflict emerges in Bosnia that will further increase America's debt, one is force to ask, will President Clinton have the courage to consider utilizing Executive Order 11110 and, if so, is he willing to pay the ultimate price for doing so? Executive Order 11110 amendment of executive order no. 10289.

As amended, relating to the performance of certain functions affecting the Department of the Treasury. By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, it is ordered as follows:

Section 1. Executive Order No. 10289 of September 19, 1951, as amended, is hereby further amended-By adding at the end of paragraph 1 thereof the following subparagraph (j):

- (j) The authority vested in the President by paragraph (b) of section 43 of the Act of May 12,1933, as amended (31 U.S.C.821(b)), to issue silver certificates against any silver bullion, silver, or standard silver dollars in the Treasury not then held for redemption of any outstanding silver certificates, to prescribe the denomination of such silver certificates, and to coin standard silver dollars and subsidiary silver currency for their redemption and by revoking subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 2 thereof.
- Sec. 2. The amendments made by this Order shall not affect any act done, or any right accruing or accrued or any suit or proceeding had or commenced in any civil or criminal cause prior to the date of this order but all such liabilities shall continue and may be enforced as if said amendments had not been made.

~John F. Kennedy The White House, June 4, 1963. http://www.john-f-kennedy.net/executiveorder11110.htm

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The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

FAITH

A Biblical definition, Hebrews 11.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of _things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith, we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith, Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith, Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found because God had taken him. Now, before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists, and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith, he went to live in _the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has _foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith _Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered _him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and _having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith, Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two,

and they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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The moment we make up our minds that we are going on with this determination to exalt God over all we step out of the world's parade. ~A.W. Toger

Intellectual Faith?

Many questions arise when thoughts of our own mortality appear. Where do we go when we die? Are we just dead, as if we never existed? Or, is there a life after death?

Logically, we believe what we have been taught; sometimes these beliefs are buried deep within our being and seldom thought about ever again, but they are still there. As children some of us have heard that the Boogieman will have control over all the evil ones when they die, and if they are good little boys and girls they will go to Heaven. Others have been taught or lead to believe that there is no Hell and that they are not to worry about that. Some have been taught the Christian truth as opposed to all other truths. The Christian Truth is of course that we believe on the only begotten Son of God, and we are saved which I believe is true, but this is only a part of the story.

Death is inevitable and unavoidable; it comes to each and everyone of us sooner or later. Shouldn't we give death some thought, sense it is our one and only entry into eternity?

There are beliefs common to many who profess to be Christians that are just not true. Sometimes the whole truth is never mentioned, and it is often deliberately hidden.

For an example; our churches are filled with intellectual Christians. Many people believe that because of their knowledge of the scripture, and their verbally professed proclamations, that they are Heaven bound. A sort of following the rules from step 'A' though step 'Z' religion. They believe that this intellectual and mechanical faith will get inside the Pearly Gates? For their sake, I hope they are right.

The words of John Newton, author of the great hymn 'Amazing Grace,' comes to mind, and he said: "When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people who I did expect to see; the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there."

Dr. Charles Stanley speaks of several kinds of faith. One is 'Intellectual Faith,' another is 'Little Faith,' another is 'Great Faith,' and still another is 'No Faith.' I believe that there is hope for all people to arrive inside the Pearly Gates. However, Intellectual Faith, is the most deceptive, therefore, the most misleading and dangerous belief. Saving Faith is the Faith required in order for us to have our name written in the Lamb's book of life.

What makes intellectual faith so dangerous? Almost everyone in America has this kind of faith especially many of those who have grown up going to church. If we just know that Jesus is or was a real person, and if we depend on this knowledge alone to secure us a place in Heaven we are treading on very thin ice.

A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is evidence of saving faith. Saving faith causes within us a desire to repent for all our sins, a newfound desire to search the scriptures and find out what obedience to Him is all about, and a deep burning desire to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to Him, these are only a few of the evidences that we can truly rely upon. Can we conjure up these feelings? No. The profound spiritual understanding that He sacrificially loves us; to realize that He loved us first is a gift of faith from Him to us. Suddenly, out of deep gratitude we love and adore Him, we do our best to walk in a way that is pleasing to Him and seek him more and more everyday.

As we apply the saving faith it will grow from little faith to great faith. Faith used and re-used will grow in strength and magnitude.

My name is in the Lamb's Book of Life. It is not there because I have been baptized nor because I have made a public profession of faith, although I have done these things, but my name is written there because of saving faith. I know that I have this gift of saving faith because I have a personal relationship with Christ Jesus my Lord and because He makes His presence known to me in a personal way. The Saving Faith that I have is a gift from Him to me. All that I ever did was accept this wonderful gift of faith. And, you know what? My little faith has grown and continues to grow every day. He created me, He drew me to Himself, and He saved me. He did it all for me. And, I thank Him daily!

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Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.

~John the Revelator, Revelations 14:6-7

How the Fed Rips Off Americans

~By AV Yaw

Of all the numbers that are applied to the economy and to paper money, what do they mean? One might ask; why does it matter? We just have the Fed print up more money if we need it. Right? It's only paper and it spends good.

This is all true, but what if it was not a stockpile of money that the bankers are after? What if it is your effort, your sweat, and the sweat and effort of your children and your grandchildren? After all is said, this sweat and this effort is the only thing that gives the paper dollar any value at all. By your efforts, you accumulate land and property. Real value because it came to you as it should have, via sweat and effort.

Let's just say I loan you a buck, and you pay me back a buck and a quarter at the end of the month. During the month you labor and toil for two and a half bucks so that you can pay me back the buck and a quarter and still have a buck and a quarter for yourself. You think this was a fare deal, but you never realized when you borrowed the buck, it was counterfeit and was worth nothing, but you spent it anyway, and no one found out. By your labor and your effort you acquired the buck and a quarter that you paid me back with. Now it has true value because it represents your effort and sweat.

More and more counterfeit money becomes available to the bankers of the world like me, and things quickly get out of kilter. This is called inflation. You need \$\$\$ so you borrow more.

The dollar has a little value because many are franticly working, sweating, producing for the dollars that they receive, but \$\$\$ are becoming more and more worthless because of all the counterfeiting. Soon things are so out of kilter that you can't pay your property taxes or your mortgage. Your property is repossessed, and all the hours of effort, sweat and labor are lost to me the one who loaned you a buck and a quarter that was counterfeit. Now I own your past sweat and effort, it's mine. I didn't mind taking it. It's just doing business, that's all.

Ron Paul is the smartest, and the most feared. Check him out! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3otk4g4aYiM&feature=player_embedded#!

Our federal tax system is, in short, utterly impossible, utterly unjust and completely counterproductive [it] reeks with injustice and is fundamentally un-American... it has earned a rebellion, and it's time we rebelled.

President Ronald Reagan, May 1983, Williamsburg, VA.

Around the House

~BY Barkley Doudney Schnauzer Dog

I have been looking forward to the Summer weather for the last several months. I have never relished trying to sleep with flashes of bright lightning, earth shaking thunder, hurricane type winds, and torrential rain coming out of low-level clouds. And, to add to the terror of it all—the constant reports on television of the devastation and destruction of tornados inside our county, our state and surrounding states. I won't mince words here, I am scared to death of Thunderstorms. V-DOG Ashley's Pit-Bull has it made there in San Diego where they wouldn't recognize a thunderstorm if they saw one, the sun shines most everyday and the worst weather they ever have is on some mornings they have some coastal fog that socks them in for a few hours. Who cares about that? Dogs don't fly airplanes. They gave up on dogs when the Russians used them for their first Astronauts. It didn't work out, as a matter of fact, I think several dogs perished during the Space Race. Poor things! Dogs were not meant to fly, and that is all there is to it.

There still isn't a lot going on around Mustang. There are more birds landing in the yard lately. I expect a kill or two in the near future. That no-hunting Frenchman is constantly screwing up an ambush that I have carefully planned. I suppose this is one of the burdens of this life during the 21st century.

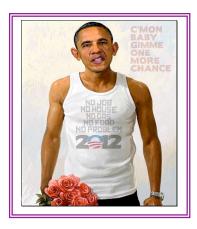
Well I just got this bit of news. A good friend of the Bosses who happens to be the same age as the Boss, just got his medical back, and hopes to start flying again soon. I overheard the phone conversation, and they talked about short landing fields, and airports that they liked and on and on and on. I have to admit it perked up the Boss just a little. He still doesn't think he will ever fly again, but it got up his curiosity. I think he may start looking in to it. He says that he first has to get his weight down in the one seventies before he will ever entertain the idea of seeing a Flight Surgeon again.

Well, I gotta go, as you can see I'm out of room! Keep scanning the horizon and stay pointed into the wind and don't be buzzard bait. ~Bark

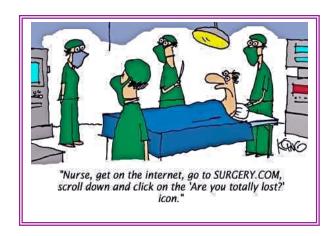
Incompetence is often funny, but the end result can be fatal!











That's All Folks!