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This Weeks Blog

UNITED OR DIVIDED?

Have you ever heard it said that it does not matter which brand of Christian you are or which road you may be taking to heaven? Once the goal is heaven, we will all end up there one day.

Since sin entered the garden, the church has never been unified in its beliefs or dogmas.

According to some estimates, there are over 4000 religions, faiths and groups, and denominations that exist around the world today. Researchers generally classify them into five major categories: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism.

Additionally, Catholicism and Orthodoxy are divided on the validity of papal infallibility (the idea that when the pope speaks ex-cathedra—"from the chair"—he does so infallibly). Case in point: In 1950, Pope Pius XII dogmatized the widely held view that Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Orthodoxy resists such unilateral dogmatization. From the Orthodox perspective, papal infallibility—defined during the first Vatican council in 1870—has no basis in the creeds and confessions of the historic Christian faith—and thus is anathema.

Finally, Orthodoxy considers the Immaculate Conception—defined by Pope Pius IX in the 1854 Bull Ineffabilis Deus—an unwarranted innovation. According to this Catholic dogma, Mary was kept free from the stain of all original sin from conception. While Orthodoxy venerates Mary, they hold that she was born with the same broken nature as all other human beings.

In summary, unlike Protestantism, which shares a common history and geography with Catholicism, Orthodoxy was not a part of the Western narrative. They did not have a Reformation, did not engage in the Crusades, did not participate in the selling of indulgences, or subscribed to such dogmas as limbo or the celibacy of the priesthood. Despite such differences, a growing number of Orthodox and Catholic believers today consider themselves to be two lungs within the same body.

The joining of Catholicism and Protestantism should be no surprise to biblical students, especially if the book of Revelation interests one. We are warned by John the Revelator that the world will wonder after the beast who meets the description of Papal Rome.

Further Study

For further Study regarding how the majority of Christendom will unite with Papal Rome and turn its attention to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus, email us at theblossomingplace@gmail.com



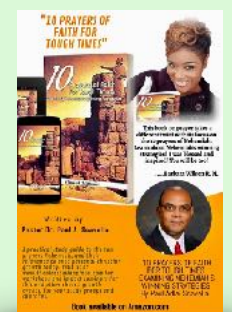
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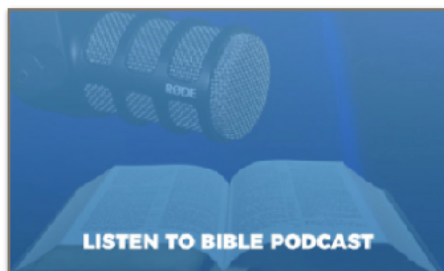
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Fitness Matters

JERK CHICKPEA CUTLETS

Ingredients

- 1 ½ c gluten flour
- ½ tbsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ c onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 tbsp thyme
- ½ c chickpea
- 2 tbsp liquid aminos
- ¾ c water

Jerk seasoning

- 1 tbsp liquid aminos
- 1 tbsp allspice
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 cup BBQ sauce

Directions:

1. In a bowl combine dry ingredients for cutlets and mix well.
2. Blend chickpeas with half the water until smooth.
3. Mix blended chickpea, onion, garlic, thyme, liquid aminos and remaining water together.
4. Make a well in the middle of the flour mixture pour liquid ingredients in the well.
5. Knead into a smooth dough ball. Roll into a log shape. Slice into cutlets.
6. Simmer for 30 minutes in salted water. Let it drain on hand towel.
7. Blend sun-dried tomatoes and water until smooth. Then add remaining ingredients.
8. Sauté onion and celery in ½ tbsp oil. Then add sauce and allow it to simmer.
9. Season with jerk seasoning. Preheat frying pan over medium heat then add 2 tbsp oil.
10. Panfry the cutlets on both sides. Drain on paper towel toss in barbecue sauce.

Receipt by Rachelle Strachan: Used by Permission.

Fundamentals of Education

Coaching Education:

Apostle Paul drew the minds of his idolatrous hearers beyond the limits of their false religion to a true view of the Deity, whom they had styled the "Unknown God." This Being, whom he now declared unto them, was independent of man, needing nothing from human hands to add to His power and glory. The people were carried away with admiration for Paul's earnest and logical presentation of the attributes of the true God—of His creative power and the existence of His overruling providence. With earnest and fervid eloquence, the apostle declared, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." The heavens were not large enough to contain God, how much less were the temples made by human hands!

White, E. G. (1911). The Acts of the Apostles. Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Family Togetherness

Seven Pillars of a happy home.

Pillar 6

Love that is unconditional and freely expressed. John 15:12; Ephesians 5:25, Jeremiah 31:3.

"There are many who regard the expression of love as a weakness, and they maintain a reserve that repels others. This spirit checks the current of sympathy. As the social and generous impulses are repressed, they wither, and the heart becomes desolate and cold. We should beware of this error. Love cannot long exist without expression. Let not the heart of one connected to you starve for the want of kindness and sympathy."

Adventist Home, p 107.

Stay tuned for Pillar # 7



Financial Fitness

Today's financial Principle: theblossomingplace@gmail.com with your story in this goal.

Today we begin a series on **Twelve Money Lessons** from the bible:

Lesson # 1 Be faithful in returning a faithful tithe. A tithe is a tenth of whatever God blesses you with as an increase.

The Bible is clear that in the first place God owns everything. Secondly, He does not need our money or our tithes, but good stewardship requires that we be faithful and obedient as a test and growth product. (*Psalm 24:1*).

Tithing acknowledges that God is the source of our everything.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all things will be added. He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Malachi 3:10 How's your God first mindset?

Chinkee Tan in one of his talks that I attended. He said that God is the only business partner who gives you everything yet only asks for 10%.

Quote of the Day

"Timidity makes one a poor example of the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ since the very essence of its force is TRANSFORMATION. Being timid means easily frightened; lacking self-confidence; shy; hesitant." *Author unknown*

Bible reference: 2 Timothy 1:7-9



Joke of the Day

The First Kiss

At the end of their first date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss.

With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her,

"Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?"

Horried, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"



POWERFUL PRAYERS

Powerful prayers all have what we call bubble words. What are bubble words? Bubble words are key words in a prayer. So, identify the key words in the following prayer. The bubble words are designed to help you remember the key thoughts in each prayer.

2 Chronicles 6:14-16.

14 He said:

"Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. 15 You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today." NIV.



2023 - Upcoming Events

April 28th

Friday night: Discipleship Coaching: on call with Dr. Paul. This week's guest is Dr. Bertram Melbourne
Topic: Discipleship in the book of Acts part 11. Topic: "Slow to Learn"

May 7th

The sixtieth anniversary of the Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Banquet. Save the date!



May 28th

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June 21-28

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